



Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association

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2010 BOATER'S GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

NORTH CHATHAM, MA: Track the tides, connect with local marinas, learn about marine resources and find a bevy of helpful tips in this year's free Boater's Guide to Cape Cod, now available across the Cape and Islands.

The guide, produced by the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association's [Nantucket Soundkeeper program](#), in collaboration with the [Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies](#) and the [Pleasant Bay Alliance](#), provides boaters with all of the information they need to navigate the waters off of Cape Cod and the Islands safely and soundly.

"We are delighted to offer this publication to the boating public of Cape Cod and the Islands," said Sue Nickerson, executive director of the Hook Association. "It's a handy reference manual and a reminder of the important actions boaters can take to protect the precious marine resources around us."

In years past, the guide has focused on Nantucket Sound. But this year, its outreach expanded to include Cape Cod Bay and Pleasant Bay.

"We wanted to expand the guide's reach to provide coverage for as many boaters as we could in the waters around Cape Cod," said Pat Hughes, marine policy coordinator for the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies. "We were also really excited to collaborate with the Nantucket Soundkeeper program, a relationship we hope to continue and broaden."

This year's guide promotes environmentally friendly boating practices and explains the laws and guidelines for recreational boating. It also includes recreational fishing tips, details of what to do in the event of marine mammal entanglement and phone numbers to call in case of emergency.

"The boater's guide is a wonderful way to encourage stewardship of our coastal waters," said Carole Ridley, coordinator of the Pleasant Bay Alliance. "We are delighted to be able to offer this service to Pleasant Bay boaters."

Pick up a copy of the 2010 Boater's Guide to Cape Cod at:

- Harbor master offices
- Your local marina
- Sporting goods stores
- The Massachusetts Environmental Police Boat Registration Bureau in Hyannis
- The Hook Office, 210-E Orleans Road, North Chatham
- The Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies 115 Bradford Street, Provincetown

[Or download a copy here.](#)

About Nantucket Soundkeeper: Designated the official steward of Nantucket Sound by the global [Waterkeeper Alliance](#), the Soundkeeper program is working to protect and preserve local marine waters from pollution and habitat loss. Nantucket Soundkeeper is administered by the [Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association](#), a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the marine environment and the economic interests of our historic fishing community. Soundkeeper initiatives include publishing the Boater's Guide, monitoring water quality at numerous sites throughout Nantucket Sound and helping restore natural habitats.

About the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies: Located at the tip of Cape Cod, the center conducts scientific research on marine mammals and on the coastal and marine habitats and resources of Cape Cod Bay and the greater Gulf of Maine. Their research and educational programs encourage the responsible use and conservation of these ecosystems.

About the Pleasant Bay Alliance: Formed in 1998 by the towns of Orleans, Chatham, Harwich and Brewster to oversee implementation of the resource management plan for the Pleasant Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern and the watershed, the Alliance promotes the health and safe public enjoyment of Pleasant Bay's natural resources. Its program encompasses technical research, policy analysis and public outreach in the areas of coastal processes, watershed planning, navigation, fisheries, wetlands protection and water quality monitoring.

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CAPE COD COMMERCIAL HOOK FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association is a nationally recognized, non-profit organization that aligns protection of the oceans with the interests of our historic fishing community. We support stewardship of coastal ecosystems through education, research, and policy programs. Started in 1991 by the local fishing fleet, the Hook Association is now the leading community fisheries organization in the region. We are taking action now to make sure there are fish for future generations.

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