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# Creekwatcher Currents: August 2015

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## August 2015

August is just about over, and with it, unofficial summer and the worst of the traffic. (Of course, we all know that September is one of the most spectacular months on Delmarva, with many near perfect days marred only by the dwindling light. So I hope we all get out there and enjoy it!)

This past month has really zoomed by, and I want to again thank all of you who've gone above and beyond your normal awesomeness to help me fill big gaps. Your assistance with delivering lab samples, manning booths at outreach events, covering Creekwatcher sites, and helping at homeowner-focused programs has been massive. I couldn't have pulled it off without you.

Since the EcoPaddle fell through and with the demands of the season and circumstances, we haven't gotten together yet. That's no good and is about to change! We'll be gathering on Sunday, September 20 from 1-3PM to socialize, savor great food and drink, and share tales both short and tall about Creekwatchers adventures so far this year. More about the End of Summer Picnic is below.

Hopefully, you all saw the news articles about the shipwreck discovered at the Rt. 50 bridge near Vienna. If not, get the basics in the Star <u>Democrat</u> and then deepen the mystery with a <u>follow-up piece by the Baltimore Sun</u>.

I did manage to get out with Frayser and John in September, and I posted a few <u>photos to Facebook</u>. (Thanks to John for taking some photos!)

Happy Creekwatching!

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#### **End of Summer Picnic**

Join fellow Creekwatchers and NWA staff for the End of Summer Picnic,



#### **Upcoming Events:**

\*August 30-31: Sampling Period 12

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**FINAL BST Sampling Period** 

#### \*\*DO Maintenance\*\*

\*September 12: Woodland Ferry Festival

\*September 13-14: Sampling Period 13

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\*September 19: Coastal Cleanup at Roaring Point, 9-11AM

\*September 20: End of Summer Picnic at Frayser and John Williamson's House

\*September 25-27: Chesapeake Watershed Forum

\*September 26: Laurel Better Block event from 9AM-7PM

\*September 27-28: Sampling Period 14

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which will be held on Sunday, September 20 from 1-3PM at Frayser and John Williamson's house on the Rewastico Creek.

This is a potluck, like our End of Season get-together, so I ask that you please bring an appetizer, side, salad, dessert, or drink to share. We'll provide proteins.

We invite you to bring guests, including spouses and significant others, friends, and family. When you RSVP, please let me know what you'll be bringing and the number of guests you'll be bringing.

## **Coastal Cleanup at Roaring Point**

We're teaming up with Friends of the Nanticoke River once more to take out the trash at one of my favorite places in the Nanticoke River watershed--Roaring Point. Coastal Cleanup will be held on Saturday, September 19 from 9-11AM. FONR will provide gloves and bags.

Let me know if you'd like to volunteer that day. I'm happy to carpool with anyone in the Slower Lower area.

# Reminder: September/October Schedule

A reminder that I will be out of the office from September 1-September 9 and from October 4-October 14. I will also be attending the Chesapeake Watershed Forum in WV from September 25-27 (arriving home early afternoon that day). Although I'll have my cell phone on me in WV, cell phone coverage is pretty awful at the site and email will work better.

If you need site coverage in September or October or are running short on any supplies, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements. Thanks to those of you who have already reached out to me. I appreciate it!

I do not anticipate that there will be many or any changes to the October 11/12 sampling period, as Shelly will be taking care of drop-offs that day. If there are any schedule changes, however, I'll include those in the reminder email.

That's it for this month! Expect to find one Creekwatcher Currents every month in your inbox through November.

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