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Happy Friday, Creekwatchers!

All of you should have received a report card mailing by now. If you have not received yours, please let me know so that I can get you a copy!



All of you are rock stars. So imagine how awful I felt (and still do) when I realized that I had somehow neglected to list one of our five-year rock stars on the report card list of 2011 Creekwatchers. My apologies to Mr. Rob Hutton, one of our long-timers and poster man for the program at our outreach events. Rob has been holding down the fort in Seaford for a long time, and we can't thank him enough for it. Instead of including a new Meet the Monitor in this issue of the Currents, I've included the MtM with Rob we originally ran last year. Thank you, Rob, for your service and for being a champ about my error.

Thanks, and happy Creekwatching!

Best,

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August RSVP Mileage Forms Due Next Week

If you receive a mileage reimbursement from RSVP, please complete and submit your mileage form for August next week. Thanks!

New CCC Member Starts Last Week of August

Tyler Walston, our new Chesapeake Conservation Corps member, will begin his term of service the last week of August. He will be assuming the role that Lisa currently does and will eventually act as your secondary point of contact. As of Sampling Period 13, he will also be dropping off ice in Vienna and Salisbury, picking up samples and data



Upcoming Events:

*Sampling Period 11: August 19-20

*NWA at Western Sussex Farmers' Market in Seaford: August 18

*Sampling Period 12 (Special Labor Day Sampling Period): September 3-4

*Lower Shore Stewardship Institute Service Day at the Hazel Center: September 8

*Coastal Cleanup at Roaring Point: September 15

*Last Summer Concert in Vienna of 2012 (Artist TBA): September 16

sheets, and delivering and checking in your samples at Envirocorp Lab.

You'll be hearing more about Tyler in the coming weeks, and we intend for the transition to be as smooth as possible. Lisa will be assisting with preparing Tyler for his support role.

This doesn't mean that Lisa will be disappearing. She'll still be working for the Alliance, fulfilling her Communications Specialist duties instead of acting as an awesome Programs Assistant. Thanks to Lisa for all of her great work with the Creekwatchers program over the past couple of years.

Sampling Period 12 Reminder: Special Labor Day Schedule

Just a reminder that Sampling Period 12 will occur on Monday, September 3, which is Labor Day, and Tuesday, September 4. Please drop off all samples on Tuesday morning from 7:30 AM-12:00 PM.

This will be the last atypical sampling period of the year. (At least in terms of sampling days.)

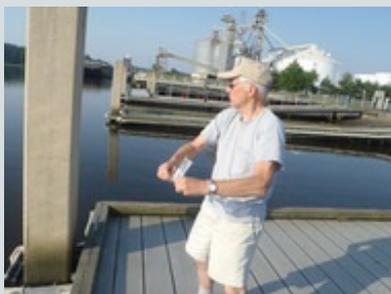
Meet the Monitor: Rob Hutton

Like many of you, Rob Hutton is a busy volunteer. He's also a member of the Seaford Power Squadron, the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, and is on the Blades planning commission. He grew up on the river between Maine and New Hampshire but now calls Seaford and the Nanticoke his home.



How long have you been a Creekwatcher? This is my fourth year. [Beth: This was from last year, so it's Rob's fifth year now.]

I'm also a VOICES grad and was in the first class with Fred (Sponseller, also a Creekwatcher). Creekwatching was a good way to get 40 volunteer hours. I've been monitoring my current sites since my second year.



What's an interesting thing about your site?

They're easy sites to monitor (Seaford Boat Launch and Seaford Canoe Launch)--on floats.

Where's your favorite spot on the Nanticoke or in the Nanticoke watershed, and why?

The Nanticoke River Marine Park in Blades. It's state-owned and leased to the town of Blades. It's a "clean marina" and the boat ramp

and pump-out are free. The marina's the only source of fuel in 50 miles.

What's your favorite Nanticoke-related activity?

Getting out on the river in the morning. It's quiet. Doesn't matter whether the sun is up or if it's raining.

What do you recommend that visitors do on the Nanticoke and where?

On weekends, go up the river to avoid traffic. [Note: Rob is also very big on boater safety--he teaches classes at the Yacht Club--and encourages you to have fun and be safe when on the river.]

Is there anything you'd like to add or share with your fellow Creekwatchers?

It's a well-run program, but I don't want it to become politicized.

Thanks again to Rob for his hard work and to all of our Creekwatchers for their dedication and service.

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