August 3, 2013

Sorry this is a few days late, but the July Creekwatcher Currents is finally here! In July, we released the Five Year Report Card (which all of you should have received in your snail mailbox by now), entered the bottom half of the sampling season, and received some great press coverage. Thanks to the following media outlets for helping to promote the report card release:

- Seaford Star
- WDDE
- WMDT
- Delmarva Public Radio

Also, congratulations to Tyler Walston, our now former Chesapeake Conservation Corps Volunteer, who accepted a seasonal ranger position at Elk Neck State Park in North East, Maryland, and left mid-month. A big thanks to Tyler for assisting with a lot of behind the scenes season prep, such as helping to winterize kits late last year, helping to put together kits and volunteer manuals in March, icing up coolers in Salisbury and Vienna, and picking up and delivering your water samples to Envirocorp Labs. We wish him all the best at Elk Neck and in all of his future endeavors.

A new CCC Volunteer will be joining us at the end of August, and hopefully, you’ll get to meet her this autumn. Until then, Lisa will be performing the sample pick up and Envirocorp drop-off duties and ensuring that ice is in the Salisbury and Vienna coolers.

Thanks for your service, and happy Creekwatching!

Best,

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Upcoming Events:

*Sampling Period 11: August 11-12
*Bottling Day at Layton’s Chance Winery: August 22
*Poplar Island Tour: August 23
*Sampling Period 12: August 25-26
*National Hard Crab Derby (Crisfield): August 29-September 1
*Deal Island Skipjack Race: September 2
*West Wicomico Heritage Ride: September 7
*Woodland Ferry Festival: September 14
*Coastal Cleanup: September 21
Coastal Cleanup 2013

The NWA will be partnering up with Friends of the Nanticoke River for this year's Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 21. We'll be picking up trash at Roaring Point Park, a popular Wicomico County Park for swimming, fishing, and walking (solo and with four-legged BFFs).

Please share with any of your friends or family who might be interested in closing off the summer right. To register, please contact me. If Roaring Point seems like too long of a drive for you, Delaware Fish & Wildlife will be hosting an event at Phillips Landing. Contact Lynne Staub at 302.735.3600 for more info.

Coastal Cleanup at Roaring Point
Saturday, September 21, 2013
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

2576 Roaring Point Park Drive
Nanticoke, Maryland 21840

Latitude: 38.261458
Longitude: -75.912819

Join the Friends of the Nanticoke River and the Nanticoke Watershed Alliance at the annual Coastal Cleanup at Roaring Point.

Participants will receive free t-shirts (please register), snacks, drinks, and the thrill of having left nothing but footprints on the beach at Roaring Point.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Beth Vandeweghe at bethvandeweghe@nanticokeriver.org or at 443.361.1775.

Wade In, Riverfest, and Creekwatching Photos

The NWA has posted a number of great photos from our report card launches and a recent Creekwatching excursion with Howard Vandeweghe at the upper Nanticoke at our Facebook page. Please note that you DO NOT have to have a Facebook account to view photos, so anyone can check these out.

Nanticoke Riverfest and Five Year
Do you have photos that you'd like to share with the NWA and fellow Creekwatchers? Please share via our Facebook page or by emailing them to me. I'd love to see them!

That's it for this month. I'll aim to get the August Currents to you before September!