

Annual Tropical Fish Rescue and BBQ

Sunday, August 29th, 2010

9:30am to 4:30PM

Fort Wetherill, Jamestown, RI



This is a great family event, especially for the kids!

We will be seining; which is pulling a fish net through shallow water, up onto the beach, and discover all sorts of marine life, letting the children help gather the fish and marine life collected in the net. There will be a large touch tank set up, for all to enjoy, with lobsters, crabs, starfish, baby tropical fish, etc. As we gather our catch, let our experts teach you about the tropical fish you can observe in our on-site holding aquariums. There will be organized regular scuba diving as well as designated tropical collecting areas. Never caught tropical fish before? Let our experts show you how! Extra collecting nets will be available.

Tom Bergendahl will have kayaks available to use and offers an "introduction to kayaking or kayak diving" There will also be volleyball, music, lots of raffles, and of course diving and a great variety of food.



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All are welcome. Join us for a fun filled day!

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE COTTING SCHOOL

Tropical Fish Collecting

Tropical fish come up the gulf stream as eggs on broken seaweeds, hatch, and make their way into the warm eddies and nooks and crannies of the southern New England coast. The water this time of year can be in the low to mid 70's (yes, not a typo- like Florida in the winter) and you can typically wear 1/2 of a wetsuit, no gloves, and a hood only to allow being in the water for 4 hours plus. Seeing these little waifs is fun, trying to catch them is a challenge. Easy diving - no deeper than 25 feet - often 10-15 feet works; in fact snorkeling at low tide is as successful as diving at high tide! By the way, this is a win-win-win situation - the fish will die if not caught, by late fall because of cold water temps, the aquarium likes the juvenile fish (they don't need to collect as many in the Bahamas), and it's FUN for us!

If you...

- ▶ want to see some fish you don't normally find around here
- ▶ want to dive without a 7mm wetsuit in New England
- ▶ need fish for your own fish tank,
- ▶ want to help the Aquarium,
- ▶ or just want to save the lives of some fish (they'd die when the water turns cold in the Fall)

**For directions or additional information, contact Al Bozza at Programs@neadc.org
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