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Friends of the Waterfront's 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 16, 2014, at Seamen's Church Institute 6:00pm-8:00pm

Guest Speaker Teresa Crean, Sea Grant URI ~ All Invited ~ Light Refreshments Served

Friends of the Waterfront Members

Turn Out in Force to Honor

Late FOW President Jim Perrier

and to Support Local Fishermen

On Friday, August 29th, a ribbon cutting ceremony by state dignitaries took place at the State Pier for the grand opening of the Newport fishermen's co-op, The Lobster Shack. At the ceremony, State Representative Peter Martin also paid tribute to the late president of Friends of the Waterfront (FOW), Jim Perrier. Jim was remembered for all his work on behalf of the organization whose mission is to protect public access and to preserve historical uses of the Newport waterfront.



A proclamation was presented to Jim's wife, Barbara, by Rhode Island State Representative Peter Martin while Newport Mayor Winthrop looked on.



Pictured with Barbara Perrier and granddaughter Emilee are Senator Jack Reed and State Representative Peter Martin

Passing of FOW President

It is with great sadness that we report on the passing of Jim Perrier, the president of FOW for the last 7 years. As the president of FOW, Jim fully embraced the organization's mission to protect the public rights of way (ROWs) to the water and worked tirelessly to advance the cause. On any given day, Jim might be found walking the waterfront monitoring public access issues.



Jim also appeared at City Council meetings, bringing waterfront problems to the attention of the administration. He worked with City officials in posting the FOW Harbor Walk signs and met with property owners who were seeking understanding of a ROW issue.

In his late 70s, Jim guided the monthly Harbor Walk tours for the months of April to October from Long Wharf to King Park for residents and visitors alike. He worked faithfully to advance the Harbor Walk. Jim will surely be missed by his family, friends, and all of us at FOW.

Go to www.newportwaterfront.org to read full FOW tribute

SAVE THE DATE

FOW'S 32ND ANNUAL MEETING

Everyone is invited to attend the 32nd Annual Meeting of Friends of the Waterfront on Thursday, October 16, 2014, from 6:00-8:00pm. The meeting will be held at Seamen's Church Institute, 18 Market Square, Newport, RI.

Vice President Dave Wixted will start the meeting with an overview of last year's activities followed with a question and answer period.

The business portion at this year's annual meeting will be the election of the FOW all-volunteer board. We are openly seeking individuals who have a sincere

interest in helping FOW preserve public access to the waterfront in Newport to join our board. Board members must be able to attend monthly board meetings and to commit a few hours per month to current FOW projects. Volunteers with computer skills are especially needed.

Following our elections, the guest speaker, Teresa Crean from URI, will present the night's program. If you are interested in serving on the board and are unable to attend the meeting email David Wixted (newportwix@yahoo.com)