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July film chronicles lives of five young lobstermen *As part of Dock-U-Mentaries film series*


New Bedford, Mass. — The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Friday, July 19 with *Life by Lobster*. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

Filmmaker Iain McCray Martin's poignant, insightful, and occasionally comic look inside the lives of a small group of 20-somethings in coastal Maine, determined to pursue careers as commercial lobstermen. Facing a myriad of economic and regulatory hurdles, not to mention trying to overcome youthful inexperience in a tough, competitive industry, these young men could be a dying breed. Shot entirely on and in the waters surrounding Martin's native Stonington/Deer Isle, *Life by Lobster* tells it like it is for the filmmaker's friends and high school classmates. Step inside the daily lives of these five young lobstermen who have put everything on the line to pursue a Downeast dream: to own a business, raise a family, and stay true to a proud way of life. The 2009 film, which aired on Maine Public Broadcasting, has been described as "an honest, fascinating glimpse inside the hearts and minds of young Maine lobstermen. *Life By Lobster* casts aside romantic stereotypes, and focuses on the raw emotions and economics guiding the industry today." - James Kaiser, Author, "Acadia: The Complete Guide" and Winner of the Ben Franklin and Independent Publisher Awards. The film screening will be followed by a discussion with young people who work in the New Bedford fishing industry.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The free festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend in September, this year on September 28 and 29. www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

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New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-3 PM. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov, or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>

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