

Waterfront celebration is set

By Jeff Walls

BAR HARBOR — Festivities celebrating the working waterfront are planned for Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, in Bar Harbor. The Working Waterfront Celebration invites residents and visitors to gather to observe the annual Seafarers' Memorial, remembering those who were lost at sea; participate in the Blessing of the Fleet; and partake of many other fun events for the day.

"It's a great weekend for the locals to come out and support their working waterfronts and visit with friends," said Kelly Corson, co-chairman of the year's festivities.

The kick off celebration begins Saturday, May 31, with a dance at Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Har-

bor. Tickets cost \$20 and include complimentary appetizers and beer from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. A cash bar will be open all evening. The band Jones'n rocks the house with 1970s and 1980s rock.

Tickets for the dance are available at Downeast Fishing Gear, Bar Harbor Chamber of Commerce (Trenton office) and the Bar Harbor harbormaster's office.

The events for Sunday, June 1, begin at noon on the pier in Bar Harbor with the Seafarer's Memorial, organized by the Maine Sea Coast Mission and the harbormaster.

The blessing of the boats will immediately be followed with commercial and pleasure boaters from harbors on Mount Desert Island participating in a blessing by local clergy for fair winds, prosper-

ity, safe harbor and remembrance for those who have lost their lives at sea.

Many activities are planned on the pier including crafts, touch tanks, treasure digging, cotton candy and games. Lunch featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, fish chowder and many more tasty treats also will be available, with all money raised going to the fishermen's fund, which helps fishermen who get injured.

At 1:30 p.m., there will be races for stuffing bait bags and rowing a boat blindfolded.

For general information about the weekend's events or to register your vessel for the blessing call 288-5571.

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The band Jones'n will perform at Kebo Valley Club in Bar Harbor on Saturday evening as part of the town's working waterfront celebration.