

# The Maryland Watermen's Association's 51st East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Exposition



**Roland E. Powell Convention Center  
Ocean City, Maryland  
January 16th- 18th, 2026**



## Show Dates and Hours

### Set-up Days

Thursday January 15  
8AM to 8PM

Friday, January 16  
8AM to 11AM

### Public Show Days

Friday, January 16  
11AM to 5PM

Saturday, January 17  
10AM to 5PM

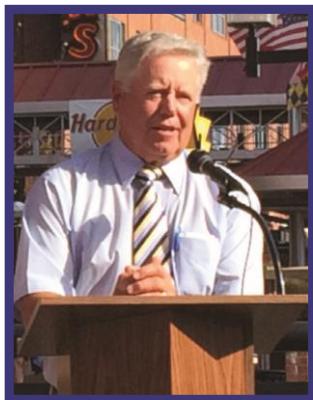
Sunday, January 18  
10AM to 3PM

### Move Out Days

Sunday, January 18  
4:30 to 10PM

Monday, January 19  
8AM to Noon

## Message from the President



The 51st Annual East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Expo will be held on January 16-18, 2026, in Ocean City, Maryland at the Ocean City Convention Center. It promises to be another exciting event. We have already heard from many returning and prospective vendors. There is a lot of great enthusiastic interest in this year's upcoming show. There are many exciting seminars and exhibits, and new products planned for our commercial watermen, charter boat captains, and working aquaculture industry.

We have started the planning process early and already have a number of returning vendors and several first -time exhibitors. Since our last show, many things have transpired through legislation, changes in federal and state

regulations, and quotas to the fisheries. This expo will continue to reconnect the commercial watermen and catch up on the past year so we can prepare for the 2026 legislative session. Let us put together the needs and embrace opportunities to continue to ensure that our industry stays alive and continues to thrive.

Expo 2025 was a great success, and I know that the 51st Expo 2026 will be even bigger and better. We welcome exhibitors with boats, engines, gear, and industry products along with valuable educational seminars and industry updates.

With that said, I would like to invite you to our 51st annual East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Expo. Mark your calendars, make your reservation early to get discounts on hotels and we hope to see you there!

Stay Safe in Your Travels.

Robert T. Brown, Sr.  
President, Maryland Watermen's Association

## 2026 Exhibit Space Rates

(Prices stayed the same)

10x10 Inside

**\$940.00**

## 10x10 Corner

**Booth \$1045.00**

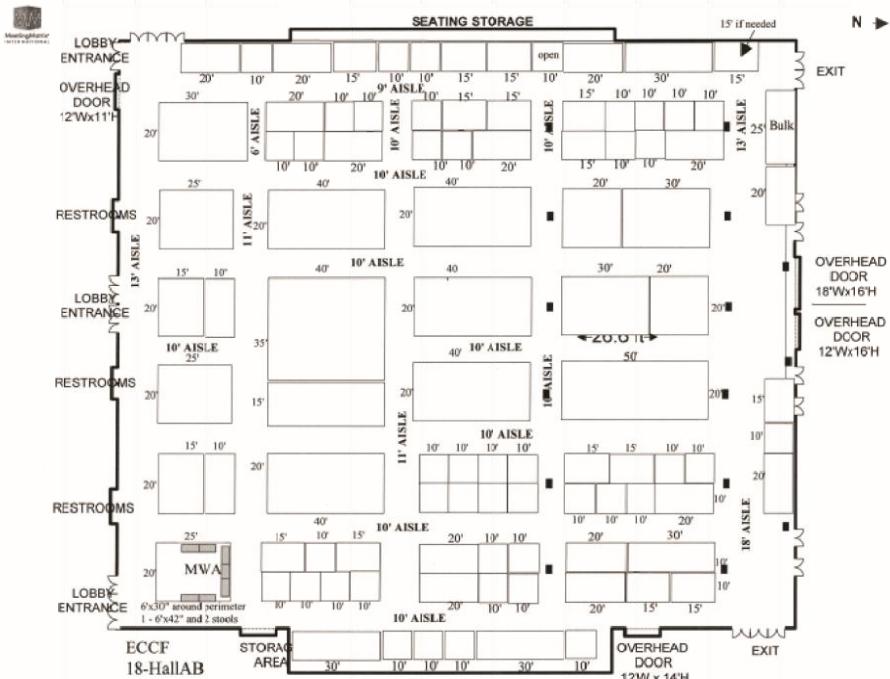
## **Bulk Space Boats/ Booth**

Trucks \$3.75/sq. ft

Booth space rates include an 8 ft. pipe and drape with 3 ft high side rails and one draped 6 ft table. All exhibitors receive, free of charge:

- Sign with company name
- 1 110v electrical outlet
- 2 chairs
- 1 waste basket
- Crate storage
- Security
- Cleaning of aisles

# East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Exposition Layout



**(Floor layout subject to change)**

## Convention Hall

## *Ideal Exhibition Space*

The Convention Center is great! The ground level exhibition space is large enough for the biggest of displays and is an ideal showplace for your products and services. Aisleways are carpeted with color-coordinated draping to provide an attractive and comfortable business atmosphere.

## *A Showcase for Your Products*

Our expo has the reputation as being a trade show “where people come to buy.” You can expect show visitors to be looking to buy all types of gear, equipment and services related to in-shore and off-shore fisheries, as well as all facets of the aquaculture industry. **Call us about first-time exhibition incentives.**

## Accommodations and Hospitality

Holiday Inn Ocean Front has been designated as Expo Headquarters for 2026. Rooms have been reserved and your reservation information will be mailed to you with the set-up bulletin. Please make reservations early as to receive the discounted rate.

We will entertain our exhibitors with a cocktail party and auction featuring seafood hors d'oeuvres on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean City Convention Center.

## Advertising

### ***Publications and Direct Mail***

Advertisements will be placed in *National Fisherman*, the *Watermen's Gazette*, the **Salty Dog and Boats & Harbor**, as well as other newsletters and publications relating to commercial fishing, sportfishing, and aquaculture. More than 10,000 brochures will be mailed directly to licensed watermen, sportfishermen, Aguaculturists and industry-related associations on the East Coast. The promotional brochure will contain detailed show information designed to boost attendance and increase your opportunity for sales.

## Easy Access

Ocean City has excellent  
access...

- Centrally located near most major East Coast cities
- Five hours from New York and Richmond
- Less than three hours from Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia



**Air service includes:**

Baltimore/Washington International and Philadelphia International airports are within a 3-hour drive. The Salisbury-Ocean City/ Wicomico Regional Air- **21842** port (SBY) is just 30 minutes away

The convention center is located at:

**4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD**

**For further information on exhibiting and profiting at the 51st East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Expo contact:**

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