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Buzzards Bay Anglers Club to Host Annual InShore Tournament

Proceeds to benefit Charitable Fund

The Buzzards Bay Anglers Club is seeking fishing families for its 3rd annual Inshore Tournament, scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 26-28 throughout the waters of Buzzards Bay.

Proceeds from the family event will go to the Buzzards Bay Anglers Club Charitable Fund, established in 2007 as a fund of the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts (CFSEMA) with the goal of making small grants to local organizations that need them the most.

For the first time this year, this is a full “kill” tournament, with the top three boat teams and the top three shore anglers winning prizes. Registration will be held Friday night at the Mattapoisett Chowder House; fishing can begin any time after registration and must end by 2 p.m. on Sunday. Weigh-in will be held in the parking lot of the Mattapoisett Chowder House between 3-6 p.m. on Saturday and 2-4:30 p.m. on Sunday.

“As an organization, we’re committed to fundraising so that we will ultimately be able to make charitable donations back to the community,” said President George Fearons. “Proceeds from this annual tournament are one step in that direction, and it is also a great family event for the community.”

Mr. Fearons thanked a number of local businesses for their donations, involvement and support, including Raymarine, local West Marine stores, Cape Air, CMS Enterprises, Clay Trout Pottery, Red Top, AJ Boat Yard, M and D bait, Colonial Air, Hogy Lures, Bob Wing and Electrolux Vacuums, Starbrite, Jiffy Lube, Cameron Supply, Inc and Pro Team Quick Lube in Wareham.

A 3-year-old nonprofit organization, the Anglers Club counts more than 100 members from Falmouth to Fall River who share a passion for fishing on the local waters of Buzzards Bay. The Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Mattapoisett Chowder House on Route 6, and tries to give back to the community through education and social events.

“We shall strive to make a difference by educating the public and expanding our reach,” according to the Club’s mission. “We will plan local tournaments and social events, educate our young anglers, protect our fisheries and give back to the community. Most importantly we will have fun and get out on the water together.”

For more information or a membership application, visit the Anglers Club website at <http://www.buzzardsbayanglersclub.com/>.

About the Community Foundation

Since 1995, area residents have been turning to the Community Foundation to make their philanthropic giving as effective as possible. CFSEMA is a public charity serving thousands of people who share a common concern – improving the quality of life in Southeastern Massachusetts.

While the Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is on the SouthCoast communities of Greater New Bedford, Greater Fall River, and Greater Plymouth County, CFSEMA is a regional foundation serving 41 cities and towns. To date, the Community Foundation has assets of more than \$18. million and has distributed nearly \$6 million from 110 funds to humanitarian, educational and cultural organizations in the region.

To learn more about the Foundation, visit www.cfsema.org.