



Salt Ponds Coalition

Presents

A special Paddle on Potter Pond

Saturday June 5th

Fun and recreation. Meet other paddlers, and enjoy paddling on this beautiful and hard to access pond.



Marine biologist Art Ganz will talk about the ecosystem and.



Perry Raso - guided tour of Matuncuk Oyster Farm aquaculture operation.

Potter Pond features hidden woodland coves, historic fish pounds, and a lot of bird activity. Hungry paddlers are encouraged to join us afterwards at Matunuck Oyster Bar for lunch (not included) fresh out of the pond.

Drop boats at Wakamo Park (697 Succotash Rd Wakefield) at 8:30am for a 9:00am launch.

Park next door at Matunuck Oyster Bar.

Paddlers supply their own equipment. Motor escort provided.

No fee, but donations of any size accepted for Abby Auckerman marine-studies scholarship.

More Info at
www.saltpondscoalition.org
or call 401-322-3068





Obviously a different season, but as you can see from these photos, Potter Pond is uncommonly pretty and more wooded than the other salt ponds. The image at right shows one of the historic fish pounds, or “pots” that the old-timers used to catch and hold large schools of perch and herring.

On this paddle we will cover the whole range from sandy over wash and beach grass, to quite and unique woodland coves. Along the way we will peer under the water through view boxes to see healthy eelgrass beds, and we will stop to check out a working oyster farm.

Hungry paddlers are encouraged to join us for lunch afterwards at Matunuck Oyster Bar for tasty fare right from the pond itself. We will run separate tabs to make it equitable for everyone.



Salt Ponds Coalition has made special arrangements to launch at Wakamo Park. This will allow us to avoid the fast waters of the channel and make for a safer trip. There is no parking at Wakamo, so after dropping boats, drivers will be directed to the parking area of Matunuck Oyster Bar, which is just a short distance away.

Wakamo Park is in Wakefield at 697 Succotash Road. If coming from the West (Westerly/Charlestown), it is about half way between Charlestown and Wakefield center and it is the first right after Matunuck Beach Road.

If coming from the East, it will be shortly past Jerry Brown Farm Road, on the south side of Rt. 1. Follow the highway signs to reverse direction on Rt 1. and then exit to the right. Matunuck Oyster Bar has signs on the highway and is right next-door to Wakamo Park. Travel south on Succotash Rd. for about a mile and Wakamo Park and Matunuck Oyster Bar will be on the right; the oyster bar just before the bridge and Wakamo Park just after the bridge.

The paddle could be postponed due to high winds, fog, or lightning. If things look questionable, please call 322-3068, or check www.saltpondscoalition.org. Meet at 8:30 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. launch.

