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THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE
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Unintentional Pirate Parade

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I started in my position as Fisheries Technical Program Manager at Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries (MCCF) at the end of June. The weekend before my first day, some friends and I took a boat ride from Vinalhaven to Stonington and Merchants Row to celebrate a birthday. What better way to celebrate a birthday during the month of June than a theme of “pirates and pride?”

When we landed at the Stonington town dock, my fisherman partner stayed seated. “Don’t you want coffee?” I asked incredulous that he could be appropriately caffeinated from only one previous cup that morning. “I am not walking around downtown Stonington with a bunch of pirates. I fish around some of these guys,” he said. I, on the other hand, was thrilled to thrift and craft a rainbow pirate outfit, complete with a neon pink head scarf and felt it was meant to be seen. There were lots of people milling around the adventure wharf side of the building where MCCF has a touch tank, some interactive learning stations, and incredible local storytellers. While we certainly turned a few heads, it wasn’t until I stepped into 44 North that it dawned on me: I work here now. And I have no idea what my co-workers look like! What will they think if they see me?!

On Thursday when I arrived for my office orientation, I was surprised at how at ease I felt with my new co-workers. My office view could not be beat, people gave me welcome hugs, a gift card to 44 North (which is a two-minute walk away), and MCCF “swag.” Feeling a little more confident, I mentioned my weekend expedition to Stonington and the unintentional pirate parade to my new supervisor. “We would have loved that!”, she said. “My people”, I thought.

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Prices to Harvesters in Stonington, as of 7/22/2024

Lobster (hard): \$5.90/lb.
Lobster (shedder) \$4.50/lb.
Bait (pogies): \$90/box
Fuel (diesel): \$3.45/gal

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6’10”N 68°6’44”W – Frenchboro
Top Temperature (1 meter): 52.39°F 11.33°C
Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 47.25°F 8.47°C
Source: www.neracoos.org