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THE VIEW FROM ATLANTIC AVENUE

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One Community on Land or Sea

The Deer Isle-Stonington community is a unique one that is for certain and one that few of us natives, or those who wish they were, would ever want to change. When a community member hurts, our entire community hurts and it's understood that we all need to dig deep and do whatever we can to help. Perhaps they missed a full day's haul to tow in someone who has broken down, or saved a string of traps that were snarled up from going to the bottom. In my lifetime, I have seen the fiercest of fishing foes on the water, battling for their fishing heritage and grounds, and yet when one of them were down, the other stepped in to render aid. They may not have liked one another, (in fact it's likely that they really didn't) but they respected one another and cared about each other's family and their community.

And when a local fisherman is really sick or sadly, passes, their seafaring family and friends all rally together, take to the shore and help to take up their fishing gear, being sure to give whatever spoils were in the traps to the fisher's significant other - every lobster, every cent - and most likely much more. Yes, they missed a day or two of haul themselves and that's okay. It's understood and the way it

Recently, Aidan Sullivan a young stern man fishing with Gary Eaton was diagnosed with a very rare form of leukemia. You may have noticed the bright orange and white 'Aidan's Army' lawn signs cropping up island wide. These signs are a result of a caring community, unique from any other, jumping in to rally and support the 18-year-old and his family. It's just what we do.

Do you have a question about our fisheries? Send it to info@coastalfisheries.org or call 207.367.2708. Learn more about MCCF by visiting us at www.coastalfisheries.org.

FISHERIES LOG

Prices to Harvesters in Stonington as of 3/10/2025

Lobster (hard): \$9.50/lb. Lobster (shedder) \$8.50/lb. Bait (pogies): \$90/box

Fuel (diesel): \$3.10/gal

Oceanographic Buoy I-01

44°6'10"N 68°6'44"W - Frenchboro

Top Temperature (1 meter): 37.8°F 3.22°C

Bottom Temperature (50 meters): 38.87°F 3.26°C

Source: www.neracoos.org