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**WHERE TO WATCH FROM:**

School Street offers a bird's eye view of the harbor, but spectator space and parking are very limited. The fish pier, which is also race headquarters for the day, or the parking lot behind the new Fishermen's Friend restaurant, each offer standing room views of the course and even a few spots among the rocks to sit a spell. Best vantage point by far is aboard a boat, rafted up along the course, if you can swing it.

**SERVICES FOR VISITING BOATS:**

Visiting boaters, racers and spectators alike, all know that Stonington is home to Billings Diesel and Marine Service, a full service, "race friendly" facility providing just about all the essentials.

Billings will have fuel service available from 8-4 on race day. The shipyard/marina also has ice and public restrooms and yard boss Harlan Billings can usually be found aboard the committee float at the finish line to field any special requests.

Regular visitors know that Burnt Cove Market and V&S Variety Store, just a short drive or taxi ride from the harbor up the west side of the island, offers complete grocery, department/hardware store, and pharmacy services. Burnt Cove is also an agency liquor store.

Walking distance from the town pier, Harbor View market and deli stocks all the basic essentials, including full deli, hot and cold subs, pizza, beer and wine, and agency liquor store services. (same building as the Fishermen's Friend restaurant).

Speaking of the Fishermen's Friend, right on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Main Street on the Stonington waterfront, this is a spot the locals love for great seafood and more (lunch and dinner daily), dine in or take out, with full bar service available.

If you need a quick bathroom break, there will be porta-potties on the town pier, plus there are two public 24/7 restrooms available at the Stonington Fire Dept. (next to Fishermen's Friend).

**RELATED ACTIVITIES:**

The town pier will be a beehive of activity throughout race day, with food concessions, pre-race registration, exhibitor booths, post-race awards presentations, and more. Just a short walk down Main Street, the Odd Fellows routinely offer up fresh crab rolls, while across the street the Harbor Café offers complete food and beverage service all day long in a racer-friendly atmosphere.

Businesses all over the island welcome the competitors and spectators who fill the town on race day. Mikey G's Restaurant & Pub on Route 15 midway between Stonington and Deer Isle features a dinner menu popular with both natives and island visitors, rounded out with full beverage service and live entertainment, including open mic nights.

In Deer Isle village, the Whale's Rib Tavern at Pilgrim's Inn offers comfortable casual dining in a relaxing setting away from the noise and confusion of race day. With full beverage service and daily specials.

And for visitors who can spend some time in the Stonington area, the island's very popular Fishermen's Day is set for Sunday, July 20. A full-filled day centered around activities on the town pier, this is a great opportunity to sample a taste of island culture and cuisine, hosted by the Island Fishermen's Wives Association. For more info call (207) 348-6980.

**FOR MORE RACE INFORMATION:**

Call Nick Wiberg, (207) 348-2375.