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The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race Brings Boats and Bands to Baltimore

Baltimore, Maryland – A free concert, Schooners & Crooners, featuring Schooner Time, Them Eastport Oyster Boys and Inishowen will be presented at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, on the Broadway Pier in Fell's Point. Schooners & Crooners is being presented in conjunction with the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race.

Schooner Time (www.schoonertime.com) is the bluegrass band from the schooner *Martha White*. Captain Bob Kay, First Mate Cherri Reese, Bob Hamlet and Elaine "The Boss" Hamlet combine their love of bluegrass music and sailing on old wooden ships. Schooner Time will be sailing to Baltimore aboard the *Martha White* from their home port of Chestertown, Maryland. When they sail, they go on "Schooner Time" – when the wind, rain, tide and the many breakdowns allow. The only thing fast on "Schooner Time" is bluegrass music! Schooner Time donates all proceeds to organizations working to save the Chesapeake Bay.

The Maritime Republic of Eastport's own musical sons, Jefferson Holland and Kevin Brooks, otherwise known as Them Eastport Oyster Boys (www.oysterboys.com), provide a knee tapping, toe-slapping, comical musical history tour of Annapolis, Eastport and the Chesapeake through original songs and stories. No other musical group captures the flavor of past and present Annapolis like Them Eastport Oyster Boys. Through their songs and stories, you are taken back to the days of the skipjacks when life was slow and oysters and crabs were the centerpiece of life. And then, Kevin and Jefferson bring you back to today's Land of Pleasant Living for a peek into the life of those who treasure this unique bit of America along the Chesapeake Bay.

Inishowen (www.inishowenmusic.com) is the husband and wife team of Henry Cohen and Lynn Colgan Cohen, along with their good friends Ron Peters and Eileen Bozarth. They are known for proficiency, versatility in their music and great rapport with their audiences. Inishowen's repertoire is drawn primarily from the rich musical heritage of the seafaring nations -- especially Britain, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the United States.

The Schooners & Crooners concert is part of the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race week. More than 50 schooners will be participating this year. Schooners will begin arriving in Fell's Point as early as October 12 to participate in the pre-race festivities. The nineteenth annual Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race will officially start on Thursday, October 16, just south of the Annapolis Bay Bridge. Then, the race to Portsmouth, Virginia, to save the Bay begins.

The Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race was founded to promote public awareness of the Chesapeake Bay's maritime heritage and to encourage the preservation and improvement of the Chesapeake's natural resources. This goal is accomplished by donating the proceeds of the race to one or more charitable organizations involved in conservation of the natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay. To date, \$104,600 has been donated to support children's education programs of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

More information about the Schooners & Crooners concert and the Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race is available at www.schoonerrace.org.

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