



**CALLING ALL BOATING BUFFS –  
THE PORT OF OXFORD, MARYLAND HOSTS  
ITS FIRST ANNUAL NAUTICAL FESTIVAL AND FLEA MARKET**



*You might say it's about time -- Oxford has seven working marinas!*

**Oxford, MD (July 8, 2011)** --- Nestled on the Eastern Shore, the Town of Oxford, Maryland is tiny, family-friendly, and oh-so-serene ... until you scratch the surface, that is. Select a weekend when the town is hosting one of its many community events; make a reservation at one of its charming hostelries; and enjoy the scenic trip (by car or boat) to this lovely waterside village – then settle in to begin a destination experience loaded with history, heritage, charm, and entertainment.

And there's no better time than the summer months, when Oxford's nautical nature is on full display for sailors and landlubbers alike. Not only are there a variety of thrilling races and regattas throughout the season ... not to mention that the town was just named one of the Top 50 Waterfront Towns in the World by readers of *Yachting Magazine* ... but the Oxford Business Association has been given the green light to hold the First Annual Port of Oxford Nautical Festival and Flea Market.

An all-day event to be held on the grounds of the Town Soccer Field on Saturday, September 3, 2011, the flea market will host businesses, non-profit organizations, and private residents selling all manner of nautically-themed items: arts and crafts, boats, new and used marine parts, fishing gear, dock accessories, clothing, and even marine services.

In addition to the market, festival-goers will enjoy the offerings of food vendors; seafood cook-offs; marine exhibits and displays; and – this being Talbot County -- a crab feast, of course, (provided by The Masthead at Pier Street Marina), complete with live

entertainment (provided by local favorite “Three Penny Opera”). With proceeds being donated to the Watermen’s Association, tickets to the evening’s festivities are going fast already!

Visitors would do well to make it a weekend by spending Friday and Saturday nights enjoying the hospitality of a B&B or transient slip at one of the town’s many marinas, then Sunday lounging in the shady town park on the banks of the Tred Avon River; visiting the Treasure Chest, a visitors center and gift shop featuring local and artisanal treasures; having a ride on the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry; biking down the sun-dappled streets; and savoring a treat from the Highland Creamery after dining at one of several fine local restaurants.

The sights and stories of this little town with a long history and an even bigger heart – not to mention cultural offerings, recreational opportunities, and fine lodging and dining options – promise to entertain the whole family any season of the year ... but never with a better backdrop than the many sails of summertime.

*The Town of Oxford, Maryland: docks, daydreams, discoveries, and so much more*

### **About Oxford, Maryland:**

The historic town of Oxford, Maryland, founded in 1683, is located in Talbot County on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Until the American Revolution, Oxford was an international shipping center, surrounded by tobacco plantations and home to a number of prominent national figures. Later it thrived on oyster harvesting and packing and other watermen’s trades, even as tourism and leisure activities increased. It guards its peaceful personality, architectural integrity, and small-town virtues to this day, while warmly welcoming visitors from right next door and around the world. The Oxford Business Association welcomes inquiries by telephone (1-410-745-9023) and at its website ([www.portofoxford.com](http://www.portofoxford.com)); and the Talbot County Office of Tourism offers comprehensive information and trip planning services at its Easton office (1-410-770-8000) and on its website ([www.tourtalbot.org](http://www.tourtalbot.org)).

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