

Award-Winning Film Maker to Visit New Bedford for February Film Events; Free Youth Video Workshop to be Offered



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The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Friday, February 20th at 7:00 PM with Black Captains of the Chesapeake. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National

Historical Park, the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge.

Black Captains of the Chesapeake explores the lives and work of a group of African American head boat captains sailing out of Kent Narrows, Maryland who, for over 50 years, have been carrying out fishing parties on the Chesapeake Bay. We learn of their early days as watermen, harvesting the bay of its once plentiful bounty of crabs, oysters and clams. The captains discuss the dangers on the bay, their total commitment to their work, and the fast failing future they fear for the bay. Black Captains was produced and directed by award-winning, independent filmmaker and Howard University Associate Professor, Steven Torriano Berry. Mr. Berry will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

In conjunction with the film screening, Mr. Berry will lead a free film making workshop for middle school students, Video Basics: Telling a Visual Story. The workshop will take place Friday, February 20th from 2-4 pm at the National Park's Corson Maritime Learning Center (33 William St.). This program is co-sponsored by the New Bedford Fishing Heritage Center, the New Bedford Historical Society, Reel Serious and Dream Out Loud Center for the Arts, and the Working Waterfront Festival. Equipment is not required. Space is limited. To reserve a spot email: info@workingwaterfrontfestival.org or call 508-993-8894.
