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ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
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A River Affair

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A River Affair is back! Our annual fundraiser will be held on Monday May 30, 2022 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Ruddy Duck Seafood & Alehouse in Piney Point. (Memorial Day) This in-person event will feature frosty Ruddy Duck brews, crisp wines, and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy Oysters Rockefeller, Tuscan Chicken and Seared Salmon along with many other vegan treats. Live and silent auctions will delight attendees as will music by Ben Connelly.



All attendees must be fully vaccinated against Covid. Tickets are \$100 per person and must be purchased in advance. All proceeds benefit the health and restoration of the St. Mary's River. Tickets can be purchased by sending your check payable to "SMRWA" to PO Box 94, St. Mary's City MD 20686. Please include your vaccination certificate. Online tickets are available via [PayPal](#). Learn more on our website [SMRWA.org](#)

Oyster Recruitment Study Fourth Year

We have completed the fourth



year studying oyster reproduction success (spatfall) throughout the tidal St. Mary's River. 2021 was the best year so far and spatfall was above the longterm average for the first time in our study period.

Also quite encouraging is the commercial fishery is enjoying a bountiful year (compared to the last 20 years) as market size oyster have flourished in some select areas of Maryland's Chesapeake Bay. The lower eastern shore bays and tributaries are witnessing harvests unlike anything in recent memory. "One lick and we got nearly two bushels," one waterman told us this past December. No surprise the price plummeted after Christmas as supply overshot demand. In the St. Mary's River, oystering has been very good; better than it has been in decades. To read our report go to <http://www.smrwa.org/pdfdocs/RecruitmentStudy2021.pdf>.



OUR MISSION

To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

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Upcoming Events:

- Shell Bagging
9-Noon, March 12
RSVP text 301-904-2387
(Check as this may get postponed one week)
- Annual Meeting
Members Only
10 am April 30
Inquire by text 301-904-2387
- A River Affair
1-4 pm May 30
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- RiverFest
11-4 September 24
Inquire by text 301-904-2387

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