



# THE SEVERN RIVER ASSOCIATION

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## OYSTER NEWS - MAY

Your young oysters should be easily seen and growing, assuming you raised them up in April to enjoy the nutrients in the upper 18" of the water column. This portion of the water has the most tidal movement, bringing the most food source to them so they can feast and grow.

Chris Judy, DNR's MGO Manager, helped us re-mark the SRA oyster sanctuary reef, which is just south of the Route 50 bridge, near the entrance to Crouchs Pond (aka Winchester Pond). We placed three orange-flagged stick markers along the east edge of the reef, beginning at GPS coordinates N39.00.48 and W76.29.95 extending in a 150 degree direction southward.

This year's planting will be on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, on the same reef where we've planted our spat the last three years. After three years of planting our oysters in rows on the reef, this year we'll start layering new oysters on top of older oysters to create a living, multi-generational habitat.

Those with access to small boats (with less than 3' draft) are encouraged to bring their oysters and join us that afternoon, between 2 and 3:30pm for the planting. Please plant your oysters in a row about 20' wide along the channel side of the 3 markers. We'll be there to welcome oyster growers, taking pictures as you plant your spat to add to the SRA oyster sanctuary.

Don't worry if you can't make it on June 1<sup>st</sup>, as you may plant your oysters anytime during June. You should work with your Oyster Coordinator (email me your street address, and I'll put you in touch with your Coordinator) as to when he/she can arrange for pickup of your oysters, as there will be subsequent pickups. Your cages will be left on your dock, and you should clean and store them out of the water until new spat is available next September.

You are welcome to attend SRA's Annual Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, per the attached invitation.

**Bob Whitcomb**  
Chair, SRA Oyster Committee