

**Dear Lisa,**
**From the CEO's Desk:**

- Congratulations to the winners of this year's Cape Cod Chamber Business Excellence Awards, which were conveyed at this year's SBA Recovery Expo hosted by Coastal Community Capital. Read the full story below!
- This week's SBA Recovery Expo featured the regional and state organizations who offer counseling and access to capital for small business. We are posting a list of these agencies and others on [www.eCapeChamber.com](http://www.eCapeChamber.com) for handy reference.
- We are still registering travelers for our trip to China. The group is going to be a fun and dynamic bunch to travel with, so please consider joining us! For more information, you are invited to stop by the Chamber office on Monday, May 10th at 4:30 p.m. to see photos of the sites (and hotel rooms), hear more about this exciting adventure and to have your questions answered! To save a seat, just let me know at [wendy@capecodchamber.org](mailto:wendy@capecodchamber.org).
- We have been in meetings this week with the Cape Cod Commission staff as the annual report for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is prepared for the EDA. A convening of the business community and economic entities in the region is set for May 12th at Spaulding Rehab Hospital of the Cape & Islands at 8 a.m. to review last year's achievements and discuss next year's projects. Two examples of projects in the strategy that have been significantly moved along by this process are the OpenCape broadband initiative and the Cape Cod Fisheries Trust (to help fishermen purchase permits.)
- The License Plate marketing committee is planning a summer customer appreciation promotion that is looking like a lot of fun. Stay tuned for details!
- The coaches & mentors conducted a debriefing of the Entrepreneurs' Weekend and discussed ways to improve the experience for EW3. Eight teams presented business plan ideas that were shaped and finalized during the weekend and presented "venture capital pitch style" to our panel of judges. [Click here](#) to see more details of this year's event.
- We are so proud of Siobhan Magnus for her magnificent run on American Idol. She has certainly launched a career in show biz! WQRC is offering fans a way to leave a voice message for Siobhan by calling 508-771-1224 ext. 124. Call over the weekend and they will compile the good wishes of Cape Codders to share with our rising star, Siobhan Magnus!

Wendy K. Northcross, IOM, CCE

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**Cape Cod Chamber Annual Meeting**


The Board of Directors of the Cape Cod Chamber invite you to the **89th Annual Meeting** on **Wednesday, June 9th**, with the theme "One if by Land, Two if by Sea!" Join us for a lively sunset cruise to Provincetown aboard **Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises**. The boat will leave Barnstable Harbor promptly at 5:45 p.m. (please arrive to register between 5-5:30 p.m.), and there will be plenty of fun & delicious food on board, as well as the induction of new directors. After arriving at Provincetown's MacMillan Wharf, **Art's Dune Tours** will provide transportation to the **Pilgrim Monument**, for tours and a toast to the Monument's upcoming 100th anniversary on August 5, 2010. We will depart Provincetown at 8 p.m. and return to Barnstable Harbor at approximately 9 p.m.

The cost to attend the Annual Meeting is \$50 for members, \$65 non-members for both Land & Sea. The cost to attend just the Provincetown celebration (Land, not Sea) is \$15 members, \$25 non-members. [Click here](#) to register online now! The Annual Meeting is sponsored by Comcast Business Class and co-sponsored by Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises, Art's Dune Tours and Provincetown Chamber of Commerce.

**17th Annual Cape Cod Maritime Days**


The **17th Annual Cape Cod Maritime Days** will be celebrated throughout the entire month of **May 2010** across the Cape, and include a wide and diverse array of nautical activities. Nearly 65 events are expected to be held during the 2010 Cape Cod Maritime Days, from lighthouse & walking tours, nautical art exhibits and lectures on maritime lore to village festivals and guided kayaking excursions.

For a full schedule of Maritime Days events and for Maritime Days accommodations packages, please visit [CapeCodMaritimeDays.com](http://CapeCodMaritimeDays.com). Cape Cod Maritime Days is sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, Cape Cod Commission and Arts Foundation of Cape Cod.

**Cape Cod Chamber Trip To China**


Join the Cape Cod Chamber on our first trip to China in September! The combination business/tourism trip, from **September 27- October 5, 2010**, includes stops in Beijing & Shanghai and will last nine days. Your journey will include round trip airfare, 4-5 star hotels, land transportation, three full meals of gourmet food each day, deluxe tour buses, English-speaking tour guide and admission tickets for all attractions. Tours include the Forbidden City, Tian An Men Square, Great Wall, Lingyin Temple and World Expo! The cost for this once-in-a-lifetime trip is \$1,999 per person, based on double occupancy, and \$160 for a visa. Passport required to apply for a visa. [Click here](#) to learn more!

**Public input sought on Regional Transportation Plan**

The Cape Cod Commission (CCC) is updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)