

## Remembering the Work of David Wallace

Honored Life Member David Wallace was instrumental in linking together academia, government, and the oyster industry in the mid-1950s. Wallace began doing research in Maryland in fisheries, and transitioned to the oyster industry, becoming a beloved director of the Oyster Institute of North America (OINA) from 1950-1962. At this time, OINA was primarily comprised of industry members, whereas NSA was focused more on the academic aspects of shellfish. Wallace suggested the merging of meetings, and encouraged scientists to make their talks more accessible to industry members, thus allowing for scientists to reach the industry members and influence current practices.

Wallace's legacy rests on uniting academia with government and industry members. Prior to his encouragement, these factions were largely separate and the oyster industry did not profit; however, Wallace saw the need for research to help repair the flagging industry of the 1950s-1960s. His overtures to unite the fields helped to usher in another boom for the oyster industry, especially in Chesapeake Bay. He was not out to improve aquaculture practices, but to improve relationships between the government and academia—he realized how important that relationship was to all involved, and he worked tirelessly to



unite all sides. He helped to overcome the first MSX outbreak (1960s), and realized the need for safety practices to prevent the spread of disease.

Wallace chaired a group while at OINA which established research programs between both government and academia, as well as industry. These working groups introduced several bills to the US Congress which allowed federal money to become available for biological, technical, and marketing studies of shellfish, including imported shellfish from Europe and Asia. Forging strong relationships between the oyster growers' associations (many of whom were involved with NSA), academia, and the governmental agencies in charge of the shellfish industry in the USA and abroad was an important step that allowed the industry to grow to what it is today.

Much of Wallace's work came about after he left the Directorship of OINA, and became the Director of Marine Fisheries for New York State. He attended many meetings, including NSA annual meetings, industry and government board meetings, discussing and promoting the relationship between shellfish and the government. In 1980, NSA established an award in his name, which honors those members who promote 'cooperation between industry, government, and academia relative to shellfish matters'. He will be forever remembered as a passionate member of NSA, and one who led the organization into a new era where academia, industry, and government worked together to provide a strong unit of leadership with respect to the modernization of the shellfish industry.

### Bivalve Aquaculture Methods - June 23-26, 2014

Darling Marine Center, Walpole, Maine

A one week hands-on residential course exploring the theory and practice of marine bivalve aquaculture. Bivalve taxonomy, anatomy, reproductive biology and genetics; algal culture; larval and juvenile rearing techniques, site selection, water quality and human health issues are among the topics to be covered. College credit is available through the University of Maine. For more information, contact Linda Healy, Course Coordinator, (lhealy@maine.edu), or visit: <http://www.dmc.maine.edu>.

## Upcoming Events

**New England Estuarine Research Society Annual Meeting.** May 1-3, 2014, Salem Waterfront Hotel, Salem, MA. For more information, visit: <http://www.neers.org>.

**World Aquaculture 2014.** June 7-11, 2014, Adelaide Convention Center, Adelaide, South Australia. For more information, visit: <https://www.was.org/meetings/default.aspx?code=WA2014>.

**NSA-PCS & PCSGA Conference & Tradeshow.** Sept. 21-24, 2014, Vancouver, WA. For more information, visit <http://www.pcsga.org>. Abstract titles due May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Harmful Algae.** October 27-31, 2014, Wellington, New Zealand. Paper submission deadline: May 15, 2014. For more information, visit: [www.icha2014nz.com](http://www.icha2014nz.com).

**107<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Shellfisheries Association.** March 21 -26, 2015, Monterey, CA USA.

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