

Edward A. Myers **1917 - 2002**

Edward Myers, the father of Maine's aquaculture industry, died September 19 in Damariscotta, Maine, following a brief illness. Ed created the first mussel farm in North America near his home in South Bristol. He also is well-known along Maine's coast for his early role in the lobster business, his witty newspaper columns and his dignified presence - that of an erudite gentleman in glasses and a bow tie. Ed gave the opening plenary address at Aquaculture 2001 in Orlando, Florida.



In the 1950s, Myers operated Saltwater Farm and pioneered the business of shipping lobsters around the country. He was administrator of the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center at Walpole from 1969 to 1974. In 1973, Myers established Abandoned Farm, North America's first mussel cultivation operations. Myers developed modified techniques based on work done in Europe. He helped write many of the state aquaculture laws and policies, and was granted the state's first aquaculture lease.

"He did aquaculture the hard way, he never made any money at it," said Robin Alden, a former Commissioner of Maine's Department of Marine Resources. Myers' work would pave the way for a growing industry that now produces salmon as well as mussels and other shellfish. "He began the aquaculture business in this state," Alden said. "He's one of these people who had the courage to follow his own paths."

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awards for students. Be sure to apply when you submit your abstract. We can also help you find roommates, just e-mail me, Nature McGinn (namcginn@ucdavis.edu) or

Steve Allen (e-mail on back page). I have visited a lot of interesting places while attending NSA meetings over the last few years and I am looking forward to experiencing New Orleans and then Hawaii in 2004. They really know how to pick the nice spots.

Finally, there is great fun to be had. The student group at NSA meetings always leads the way to local hot spots for nightly dancing, pool playing, etc. (o.k., sometimes the professionals show us the way). It's so easy to get caught up in the excitement, that you have to remind yourself to get plenty of sleep the night before your presentation. Believe it or not, working at the meeting can also be quite enjoyable - with A/V or sales booth, there's always the chance to learn something new, meet someone exciting, or just socialize with other students. And this year, the social committee and Maille Lyons have some great formal opportunities for student socializing lined up. On Monday morning, there will be a special student breakfast, we can meet and get to know each other early on at the meeting. On Monday night, we'll head over to Pat O'Briens, a New Orleans icon that's nearby for after-hours fun. Tuesday - FREE LUNCH for students only. Lunch will be provided by NSA and we can talk about how the meeting is going and Recruits business. On Thursday morning, local organizers are recommending coffee and beignets at Café du Monde, not just for students and pay on your own, but definitely a good way to be social while sampling the local cuisine.

So, hopefully I have managed to convince you that this is a meeting not to be missed. Get your abstracts in and don't forget to apply for the Student Endowment award. Also, many university campuses offer abundant opportunities for getting travel money - so look/ask around, there may be money that someone is begging to give away. With a conference this affordable, useful, and fun, you should not be able to come up with an excuse not to JOIN US IN NEW ORLEANS!

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field. Anyone involved in or interested in oyster culture will find this volume to be an important reference for the simple reason that it is packed with information gleaned from years of research experience coupled with practical know-how of growing oysters. This is a rare combination today, and happily for shellfish growers and resource managers, Matthiessen's insights on the subject of oyster culture are now available.

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