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## Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay gets rave reviews and gears up for new Virginia edition

When Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay launched last summer, it quickly became the hot new guide to waterfront decks in Maryland that serve fresh steamed crabs. But Virginia seafood lovers wanted to know about fun spots in the Chesapeake's southern waters. As a result, changes are taking place to meet everyone's crabby needs.

[Washington, DC] [Jan. 20, 2012] The launch of *Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay* has been a huge success! Thousands of seafood fans across the mid-Atlantic are using the guide book to discover Maryland's authentic waterfront restaurants, crab shacks and tiki bars.

"We are stunned by the emotional response to our book," say authors Susan and Bill Wade, who self-published the guide after spending more than 20 years exploring remote necks of the Bay. "We wanted to share our love of the Chesapeake with others and never expected that people would take it as a personal challenge to hit all 158 eateries just like we did."

After consuming about 11 gallons of crab soup, 300 oysters, 85 crab cakes, 40 pounds of mussels, 25 rockfish, 200 steamed shrimp, and an undisclosed amount of beer and rum – and then writing a 360-page book – the Wades thought their work was complete. "But readers wouldn't let us catch our breath. They were hungry for more."

In response to popular demand, Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay's web site (www.crabdecksandtikibars.com) now offers:

- **Photo Gallery** of all 158 restaurants in the book so readers can pick the perfect spot for a Bay adventure and get a clear picture of where they're headed
- **Crab Deck Updates** on Chesapeake seafood houses that just opened or restaurants that closed their doors and blew out their tiki torches, and
- Captain's Blog that chronicles the Wades' adventures as they continue cruising around the Bay conducting crab deck research in the southern waters.

And that's not all...

The outcry from Virginia crab and tiki fans didn't fall on deaf ears. Research for a second edition covering the Chesapeake Bay's southern region is underway. The Wades have already completed excursions to Virginia Beach, the Eastern Shore, Colonial Beach and the Potomac River. Plans are set for additional trips to the James, York and Rappahannock Rivers and other Bay tributaries.

Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay Virginia Edition is due out in Summer 2012. Check the Captain's Blog at www.crabdecksandtikibars.com for updates.

## About the Authors

**Bill Wade** is a Maryland native, whose childhood summers were spent on his family's boat exploring remote creeks of the Bay. He can pick crabs faster than most workers at a Phillips processing plant.

**Susan Elnicki Wade** grew up in western Pennsylvania and worked at restaurants in Pittsburgh and New York. Picking crabs doesn't come easy to her, but she can whip up a mean batch of fried oysters and recently made her first Smith Island cake. The Wades each have 20+ years experience in the Washington, DC, publishing industry.

The Wades hope to make enough money from this book to buy a boat.

For more info on *Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay*, go to <a href="https://www.crabdecksandtikibars.com">www.crabdecksandtikibars.com</a> or contact Susan Elnicki Wade by phone at <a href="mailto:(202) 531-7135">(202) 531-7135</a> and email at <a href="mailto:susan@crabdecksandtikibars.com">susan@crabdecksandtikibars.com</a>.

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