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## Recreational Crabber Workshops Offered

The Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve and Stockton University have partnered since 2012 to identify, map, and remove ghost pots with the help of local watermen while increasing awareness among boaters, shore visitors, and recreational and commercial crabbers. Come learn about the impact of ghost pots to our local estuaries, how you can help prevent them and how to properly rig a commercial style crab pot. Recreational crabbers who attend will receive a Rig It Right kit so they can properly rig their commercial style crab pot.



### The Problem

Commercial and recreational crabbers rely heavily on NJ estuaries to either make a living or catch some dinner using "Chesapeake style" commercial crab traps. Boat traffic, incorrectly set gear, vandalism, shifting tides, and storms can unfortunately result in lost or damaged gear. These lost pots are called "Ghost Pots" and they can continue to catch fish, crabs and other species that become trapped. Ghost pots can also pose a navigation hazard for boaters. If you're on the water you have an important role in helping to reduce the occurrence of ghost pots.

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