

## President of Christopher Newport University leads Hampton Bay Days Celebrations

*Paul S. Tribble, Jr. selected as 2006 Commodore*

The 2006 Hampton Bay Days Board of Directors is pleased to announce that CNU President Paul S. Tribble, Jr. will be leading the way to celebrate the Chesapeake Bay. As the 2006 Commodore, Tribble will officially open the Hampton Bay Days festival on Wednesday, September 6, 2006. With more than 30 years of public service, Tribble was selected to serve as the 2006 Commodore for his dedication to Virginia, the Hampton Roads Community and his efforts to protect and enhance the Chesapeake Bay.

"We couldn't be happier to welcome Paul Tribble into the Bay Days family. His commitment to public service and the Chesapeake Bay makes him a natural candidate for the Commodore's position," said Jack Pope, President of the Hampton Bay Days Board of Directors. "He has contributed endless hours of service to the Peninsula and its causes, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to recognize him for his efforts."

Paul Tribble served as Commonwealth's Attorney of Essex County from 1974 to 1976, was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1977, was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1982 and was a member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations. Tribble was also recently selected as the Chairman of the Virginia Council of College Presidents.

"I have spent most of my life in the Peninsula and Northern Neck of Virginia, and first fell in love with the Chesapeake Bay as a young boy fishing, crabbing and swimming in the Bay, and in our creeks and rivers," said Tribble. "As a Congressman and Senator, I fought for our watermen and fisheries, and for more federal and state monies to save the Bay. At CNU, my colleagues and I know that education is crucial to the survival of the Chesapeake Bay, and our faculty and students are actively engaged in important environmental activities."

The Hampton Bay Days festival is a three-day celebration designed to educate the public about the importance of the Chesapeake Bay while providing a day-long destination that's fun and family-friendly. More than 250,000 are expected to attend the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hampton Bay Days Festival held Friday, September 8, 2006 through Sunday, September 10, 2006 in Downtown Hampton. Citizens can learn about conservation efforts through hands-on activities, sporting and water events, environmental education, children's activities, live entertainment, fireworks, a juried art show and much more.

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In addition, the Virginia Air & Space Center will play host to The Hampton Bay Days Commodore's Gala & Silent Auction Wednesday, September 6, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Located in Downtown Hampton, the Virginia Air & Space Center is the visitor center for NASA Langley Research Center and Langley Air Force Base. The Commodore's Gala is invitation only.

With support from participating environmental organizations, including: Chesapeake Bay Foundation, The Cousteau Society, Christopher Newport University Biology Club, Busch Gardens Williamsburg, The Watermen's Museum and The Mariners Museum, the Bay

Education and Children's Area promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities and environmental adventures for the whole family. For more information about the 2006 Annual Hampton Bay Days Festival, please contact Hampton Bay Days at 757-727-1641. Or, visit us on the web at [www.baydays.com](http://www.baydays.com).

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