

s project, entitled *Testing Water Levels of Oyster Pond* was judged by the judges, Jason Hyatt, Bill Johnson to receive the award at the high school in early the guidance of their science the students measured pH, solids, nitrate, ty, and temperature at five his winter. They concluded hat Oyster Pond is a healthy, ounding ecosystem." They were from OPET. The competition 03, and we also hope to offer a ience fair of Falmouth

Directors is also encouraging students to study the pond. Valiela chose Oyster Pond as that he teaches in the Boston gram (BUMP). Some of the utrients conducted by the epeated this coming summer s sponsored by Drs. Ivan

The Boston University Marine Program ( Marine Biological Laboratory puts its inc students through an intensive course in Ecology in their first semester in the fall. Professor Ivan Valiela annually selects a in the greater Falmouth area for a two-w exhaustive study, which is tailored to the stakeholders of that area express at an i meeting of students and stakeholders.

This past fall, to the delight of OPET, ( was chosen and OPET's directors scraml compile a list of questions about the Por watershed that were of interest and/or c them. The meeting with the students wa and several Oyster Pond residents atten questions were many, including, What a sources and/or causes of nutrient input now mainly phosphate- or nitrate-limited current picture of fish and plant populati diversity? The students presented their f later meeting, again held at SEA. Please ave you come! For OPET's website and our next *Watershed* summaries of their results.

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meetings are open to bers. Meetings are n the third Sunday of 4 pm in the Treetops ave you come! For 508-540-7345.

ot have an official i can leave a 8-540-7345. We'll k to you! 132@rcn.com or om. And do visit our opet.org.

## Dr. Ivan Valiela to Address OPET Annual Meeting

*Links Between Watersheds and Coastal Bays of Cape Cod: A Case Study of Oyster Pond* will be the title of the presentation by Dr. Ivan Valiela at this year's annual meeting.

Professor Valiela has taught at the Boston University Marine Program, located on the Marine Biological Laboratory campus in Woods Hole, since 1969. He and his students have authored scores of scientific papers on the ecology of coastal waters, with particular emphasis on studies in Waquoit Bay, here in Falmouth. Dr. Valiela has published two books; his most recent in 2001 by Oxford University Press, entitled *Doing Science: Design, Analysis, and Communication of Scientific Research*. He is, indeed, an excellent communicator who skillfully explains the significance of his scientific work to a non-science

audience. In recent y has focused on a loc estuary to help ident concerns for local "s and to conduct scier address those conce autumn, his class stu Pond. He will use the others to inform us c concerns of nutrient septic systems and c related to the health

**The meeting will be Education Association July 16.** Refreshmen at 7 PM, followed by business meeting at Valiela's talk thereof of OPET and all othe parties are encourag to attend.

## Are You Clear That Brush—Check First

o the Cape, so does the urge to trim that tree, and clear brush to across Oyster Pond. However, provide shelter and food for the round Oyster Pond. Vegetation also sion and sedimentation into Oyster k storm water runoff from rains ng to protect water quality.

s, Oyster Pond and other wetlands Conservation Commission, a Town ters the Massachusetts Wetlands cal wetland regulations. The area udes Oyster Pond, its wetlands, zone that extends 100 feet out d its wetlands and banks. Activities emoval, clearing, tree removal or

work without such permits can result in the being assessed fines or other enforcement

So, if you are considering such activitie feet of Oyster Pond or its associated wetla check first with the Conservation Departm Hall, to find out whether you need a permi work. Such permits, when issued, only last years, so if you have received a permit in t please check with the Conservation Depart out whether you need a new permit. Your c will help to protect Oyster Pond, its wild de the natural beauty of Cape Cod.

Contact information: Margaret Emslie, his wife of 50 years, Administrator, or Mark Kasprzyk, Conserva and" their Treetops Conservation Department, Town Hall, 59 T rs ago. They were living Square Falmouth MA 02540 Phone 508 t a the time, where

## PROFILE: Barry Norris, OPET Treasurer

OPET's long-time s been involved with s inception. In eight ard member, he has "go-to guy" for all sorts

here full time for nearly 15 years. Their location overlooking Oyster Pond is ideal for bird watching and inspired Barry to become directly involved with the pond's preservation. He was one of the original volunteers for the Pond Watchers program, started about 12 years ago, and has remained



