



Halifax Oyster Festival is an annual one-day oyster event happening Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015 which showcases Maritime oyster producers, local craft beer, wine and spirits on the Halifax Waterfront.

July 15, 2015, Halifax, NS - The Coast has announced their next major event just in time for our region's rich oyster harvest: Nova Scotia's first all-you-can-eat oyster event, the Halifax Oyster Festival. Hosted in partnership with Waterfront Development, Select Nova Scotia, Benjamin Bridge and Afishianado, the festival will be one-day only happening October 3 with two ticketed sessions from 2-5pm and 7-10pm on the beautiful Halifax Waterfront. This food festival will give Nova Scotians the opportunity to taste some of the highest quality fresh shellfish Nova Scotia has to offer. Alongside oyster tastings will be live DJs and an oyster shucking competition presented by Gahan House Harbourfront.

"Nova Scotia oysters are a premium product enjoyed by people around the world and congratulations to The Coast for putting together an event that allows everyone to enjoy them right here at home. I encourage everyone to visit the Halifax Waterfront on October 3 and taste for yourself why Nova Scotia oysters are second to none," says Nova Scotia's Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Keith Colwell.

Twelve Maritime oyster vendors will be on site shucking over 40,000 oysters to share with Halifax oyster aficionados. A ticket purchase will include all-you-can-eat oysters and a free sample of Benjamin Bridge's Nova 7. On-site will be local craft beer, wine, spirits and food trucks with oyster fusion menus.

Benjamin Bridge General Manager Devon McConnel-Gordon says "We're thrilled to partner with The Coast on this inaugural event for Halifax. Our cool coastal climate naturally produces brilliant, aromatic white wines beautifully suited to premium Nova Scotia seafood like oysters -- so the opportunity to welcome Nova Scotians with a sample of Nova 7 was a perfect pairing we couldn't miss."

"We have been dreaming of hosting an oyster event in Halifax for years and have been working hard this past year to make it happen. Our goal is to make Halifax Oyster Festival a strong food and cultural event with the potential to grow it into one of the city's biggest annual food events," says Coast publisher and Halifax Oyster Festival founder Christine Oreskovich.

"Halifax Oyster Festival is a wonderful way to bring the experience of the ocean to life right here on the Halifax waterfront. People can taste Maritime oysters, sample fine wines, spirits and craft beer, meet the

local people behind these growing sectors and enjoy a day with family and friends," says Colin MacLean, President and CEO of Waterfront Development. "It has all of the ingredients of an exciting new festival."

Limited early bird tickets are on sale now for \$55 (taxes/fees included) at tickethalifax.com.

About Halifax Oyster Festival

Halifax Oyster Festival is produced by Coast Publishing Ltd. and sponsored by Waterfront Development, Select Nova Scotia, Benjamin Bridge, Gahan House Harbourfront and Aquaculture Association of Nova Scotia.

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