



# OysterFest

Saturday, October 25, 2025

*"He was a bold man that first ate an oyster." -Jonathan Swift*

## Shuttle

Two shuttles are running concurrently from the CBMM parking lot to the overflow lot on Seymour Avenue at the St. Michaels Middle/High School from 10am-5pm. Be sure not to miss your ride!

## Live Music

### SWAMP DONKEY NEWGRASS

10am-4pm

#### Tolchester Beach Bandstand

Stretching the "grass" concept to the limit and offering a unique sound in the process, the Annapolis/Baltimore based Electric Newgrass band, Swamp Donkey delivers an exciting combination of original songs and unique covers that span many genres in a style they have made all their own. Swamp Donkey prides themselves on a big sound that you will likely not hear anywhere else! The band takes an intense, creative approach to their live performance that is riddled with surprises, mash-ups, and lots of energy! Fans are sure to experience a "swamped-up" version of something that will keep them stomping their feet.

### JCT33

10:00am-1pm

#### Fogg's Landing

Local favorite JCT33 takes the stage, bringing a unique vibe of vocals guitar and mandolin to classic rock, country, and Americana music. They been playing in and around St. Michaels for seven years, featuring Kelly Van Fleet (vocals), George Galgano (vocals and guitar), Bill "Mac" McNamara (guitar, mandolin, vocals).

### FOLK VILLAINS

1-4pm

#### Fogg's Landing

The Folk Villains are three siblings, who grew up adoring their dad's band, The Folk Heroes. Now, armed with a banjo, two violins, two mandolins, a bass, a bodhran, a cello, spoons, various percussion, and our voices, the trio honors that family folk tradition, enrich it by incorporating an ever-expanding variety of folk music genres, and infuse it with their own Villainous style.

## Oysters

**TALBOT WATERMEN ASSOCIATION:** Offering fresh Chesapeake Bay wild oysters on the half-shell, served both steamed and raw, plus oyster stew. Be sure to talk with the shuckers while you're there! Proceeds benefit the Talbot Watermen Association.

**CHOPTANK OYSTER COMPANY:** Offering both raw and grilled oysters, Choptank Oyster Company has grown into a thriving oyster farm that produces an average of 1 to 2 million sustainable oysters per year through oyster aquaculture. "Choptank Sweets" brand oysters are now enjoyed in fine restaurants throughout the Chesapeake region & beyond.

**TILGHMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Single fried oysters and french fries.

**HOOKED ON SEAFOOD:** Oysters on the half shell, crab cake sandwich, soft crab sandwich, crab balls, smash burgers, hot dogs, crab dip, fish sandwiches, seafood tacos, water, soft drinks, and more.

## Food

**BIG BAD WOLF BACON:** Assorted flavors of bacon on a stick along with bacon wrappetizers! Bacon-wrapped chicken tenders, tater tots, mac & cheese bites, meatballs, jalapeño poppers, pierogies, corn dogs, sausages, and more.

**BLACK HORSE KETTLE CORN:** Freshly popped kettle corn.

**BLUE MONKEY STREET TACOS:** Assorted tacos, quesadillas, nachos, chips & salsa, plus water and soft drinks.

**COUSINS MAINE LOBSTER ROLLS:** Lobster rolls, lobster grilled cheese, lobster bisque, lobster tacos and quesadillas, lobster tots, whoopie pies, water/soft drinks, and more.

**EZ ACCESS EATS:** Gourmet sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, and chips, plus water and soft drinks.

**JOHNSON FAMILY FUNNEL CAKES:** Funnel cakes with assorted toppings, water, and soft drinks.

**MILESTONE CATERING:** Pit beef sandwiches, pit turkey sandwiches, fried shrimp, hot dogs, crab cakes, fresh cut fries, fresh-squeezed lemonade, iced tea, water, and soft drinks

**SMOKY MOZZ PIZZA:** Freshly made brick oven pizzas

**TRAVELIN' TOMS COFFEE TRUCK:** Assorted hot & cold coffee beverages



**INFORMATION AND FIRST AID:** Please visit the **CBMM Welcome Center** to pick up a map and program. Stop by if you have a question or are in need of First Aid.

## Libations *All bar sales begin at 10:30am*

**BEER:** Local craft & domestic brews are available at beer wagons located on Navy Point near the Hooper Strait Lighthouse and on Foggy's Landing.

**OYSTER SHOOTER & COCKTAIL BAR:** Join us for oyster shooters and more at the Cocktails by the Bay beverage trailer! Oyster shooters will feature George's Bloody Mary Mix, with options to add vodka or beer. For those not interested in oysters, enjoy specialty rum & bourbon cocktails, Bloody Marys, mimosas, and more! Located in front of the Oystering Building.

**ROSIE'S TAVERN:** Specialty rum & bourbon cocktails, Bloody Marys, mimosas, and more! Located in front of the Small Boat Shed.

## Activities & Demonstrations

### OYSTER STEW COMPETITION

**TIME:** Opens at 11am and continues while supplies last

**LOCATION:** Foggy's Landing

Sample oyster stews from local restaurants/caterers and vote for your favorite! Cost is \$18 and includes a commemorative OysterFest mug. The People's Choice winner will be announced around 1pm, with results posted at the oyster stew tent and throughout the festival grounds.

### POCOMOKE INDIAN NATION (ALL DAY)

**LOCATION:** Near Shipyard

Representatives from the Pocomoke Indian Nation, whose ancestral lands span much of the lower Delmarva Peninsula, will be on site near CBMM's Shipyard throughout the day, sharing their history and traditions through a series of demonstrations. Guests can learn about native plants and foods, explore the construction and use of CBMM's dugout canoe, and watch as tradition bearers demonstrate cattail decoy making, flint-knapping stone tools, and cane flute construction and performance.

### STORYTELLING WITH THE POCOMOKE INDIAN NATION

**TIME:** 11:30am

**LOCATION:** Van Lennep Auditorium

As a keeper of family stories, Pocomoke council member Cheryl Doughty will share traditional stories using puppetry for audiences of all ages.

### CHILDREN'S STORY BOOK READINGS

*AUTHOR JEFF DOMBEK, "HOW THE OYSTERS SAVED THE BAY"*

**TIME:** 12:30 & 2:30pm

**LOCATION:** Van Lennep Auditorium

About the book: Oysters Chester and Meredith have a big problem. They realize that pollution in the water of the Chesapeake Bay is making the underwater grasses sick. The peaceful habitat of so many is at stake! Can they possibly clear up this murky problem with the help of all their saltwater friends?

### HISTORY OF THE POCOMOKE INDIAN NATION

**TIME:** 1:30pm

**LOCATION:** Van Lennep Auditorium

Pocomoke council member Norris Howard will share a 30-minute presentation followed by Q&A on the Pocomoke Indian Nation, whose homelands once included present day Somerset County, portions of Worcester and Wicomico Counties, MD and Northern Accomack County, Virginia. The Pocomoke Homelands have been recognized with a Heritage Award from the Maryland State Arts Council.

### OYSTER SLURP-OFF CONTEST

**TIME:** Contest starts 2pm. Final round 2:30pm

**LOCATION:** In front of Tolchester Beach Bandstand

Join in the fun of CBMM's Oyster Slurping Contest. Contestants will slurp 6 oysters to compete for a fun prize and the bragging rights for "Slurp King or

Queen!" There will be three opportunities to compete, with contests held at the Bandstand at 2 pm. The winner from each of the first three contests will go on to compete in the final round at 2:30 pm. Start Slurpin'!

### SHORE FILM SCREENING: "SURF AND TURF: A CHESAPEAKE WATERSHED STORY"

**TIME:** 3pm

**LOCATION:** Ven Lennep Auditorium

Presented courtesy of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, this short film highlights the connection between the water, land, and people of the region.

### AMERICAN CHESAPEAKE CLUB RETRIEVER DEMONSTRATIONS (ALL DAY)

**LOCATION:** Next to Hooper Strait Lighthouse

Members of the American Chesapeake Club (ACC) will be on-site to share their love and knowledge of Maryland's official state dog—the Chesapeake Bay Retriever! Stop by to meet these incredible dogs up close, learn about their history and unique characteristics, and chat with ACC members about responsible breeding, training, and the breed's strong connection to the Chesapeake region. The ACC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the Chesapeake Bay Retriever and supporting conservation through the breed's traditional role in waterfowl and upland game hunting.

### OYSTER TONG SHAFT-MAKING DEMO (ALL DAY)

**LOCATION:** Deck of Oystering on the Chesapeake

Join Jimmy Harvey, a custom woodworker from Bozman, MD, as he shares the art and craftsmanship behind traditional oyster shaft tong making.

**CRAFT VENDORS (ALL DAY):** Start your holiday shopping early! The variety of handmade arts and crafts include jewelry, home decor, specialty food items, nautical gifts, kitchen accessories, photography, stained glass and much more!

## Boat Rides

**HISTORIC WORKBOAT EXPERIENCE:** Enjoy a condensed version of CBMM's popular Historic Workboat Experience with a 30-minute cruise aboard one of CBMM's historic vessels. Step aboard to explore the Chesapeake's rich working traditions, then try your hand at traditional tools and harvesting techniques dockside while learning about local fisheries like oysters and blue crabs. Free cruises run from 10am to 2pm. Sign-ups & cruises located on H Dock.

**SKIPJACK SAILS:** Guests will cruise the Miles River aboard this historic oyster dredging vessel, *Rosie Parks*, with the option to help the crew hoist sails or simply relax and enjoy the ride. Each sail includes OysterFest admission and is limited to six passengers. Sails are currently sold out. Cruises will depart from H Dock.

**PATRIOT CRUISES:** Make OysterFest even better with a narrated cruise! Enjoy discounted combo tickets for a 70-minute Miles River cruise and explore Chesapeake history from the water. Tickets may be purchased online or onsite at the Welcome Center or the South Entrance.

## Visiting Vessels

**LADY MARYLAND:** Step aboard *Lady Maryland*, a full-scale reproduction of a 19th-century Chesapeake Bay cargo schooner known as a pungy. Presented by the Living Classrooms Foundation in partnership with CBMM, this iconic vessel will be open for deck tours during OysterFest. Guests can also enjoy a special sunset sail from 5–7pm, offering a memorable way to end the day on the Bay. Advance tickets are required for the sail.

**A.J. MEERWALD:** Experience the *A.J. Meerwald*, a beautifully restored oyster

dredging schooner and New Jersey's official tall ship. The vessel will be open for free dockside tours from 10am–3pm, with a ticketed public sail at 4pm. Don't miss this chance to explore and sail aboard a true piece of maritime history. Advanced tickets are required for the sail.

**NELLIE CROCKETT:** Built in 1925 in Crisfield, MD, for Andrew Crockett of Tangier, VA, this 61-foot buyboat once hauled oysters, produce, and lumber around the Chesapeake Bay. She later served as a WWII fireboat before returning to the Crockett family. Now owned by Theodore Parish of Georgetown, MD, Nellie Crockett is docked on H Dock in front of the Steamboat Building. Boat rides are not available.

**IDA MAY:** Now owned by the Gladden family and based in Deal Island, Md., skipjack *Ida May* was built in 1906 by an unknown builder in Deep Creek, Va.

*Nellie Crockett and Ida May are available for boarding with permission from owner. Boat rides are not available.*

## Family Fun

**CHILDREN'S BUILD-A-BOAT STATION:** Use your hands to make a wooden model boat, decorate it any way you'd like, and then sail it in our small boat pond. Cost is \$3 per boat kit. Located in front of the Bay History Building.

**PHILLIPS WHARF FISHMOBILE:** What lives in the Chesapeake? Visit some of the Bay's creatures at the Fishmobile to find out! Equipped with 13 tanks and two touch tanks, all of which feature live animals that live in and around the Chesapeake Bay.

**GIANT OYSTER REEF JENGA:** Oyster reefs are like Jenga—all of the animals support each other. To play this game, families can build a reef, and slowly pull each piece out to see how long it takes for your reef to topple. Located across from the Corn Crib.

**CHESAPEAKE CORNHOLE:** Try your hand at a game of corn hole—Chesapeake style! Located across from the Corn Crib.

CBMM members save with discounted pricing.



### Eastern Shore Sea Glass & Coastal Arts Festival: *Holiday Edition*

AT THE CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM



**Saturday, Nov. 22**  
10am–4pm

213 N. Talbot Street  
St. Michaels, MD



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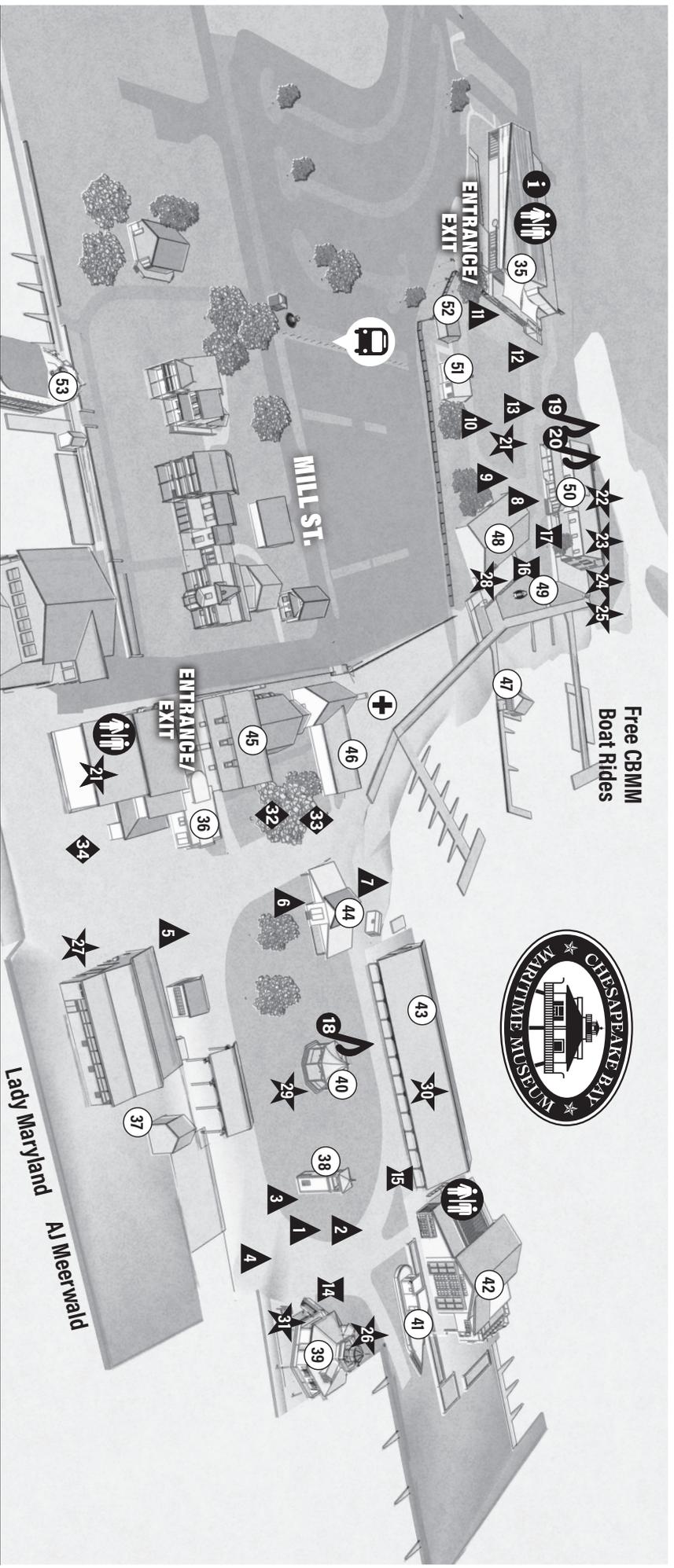
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Don't forget to stop by the Museum Store to buy your 2025 OysterFest gear! This year's design features an oyster tin packed by Harrison & Jarboe Seafood Company, in the 1950s right here on CBMM's Navy Point.



# OYSTERFEST 2025 MAP KEY

## ▲ Food & Oysters

1. Talbot Watermen Association
2. Tilghman United Methodist Church
3. Big Bad Wolf Bacon
4. Blue Monkey Street Tacos
5. Smokey Mozz Pizza
6. Milestone
7. Cousins Maine Lobster Rolls
8. Hooked Seafood
9. EZ Access Eats
10. Black Horse Kettle Corn
11. Travelin' Toms Coffee
12. Choptank Oyster Company
13. Johnson's Family Funnel Cakes

## ✶ Libations

14. Beer Truck (Navy Point)
15. Rosie's Tavern

## 🎵 Live Music

16. Oyster Shooter & Cocktail Bar
17. Beer Truck (Foggy's Landing)

## ★ Activities & Demos

18. Swamp Donkey Newgrass
19. JCT33
20. Folk Villains
21. Oyster Stew Competition
22. Storytelling w/ Pocomoke Indian Nation
23. Children's Story Book Reading
24. History of Pocomoke Indian Nation
25. Shore Film Screening: "Surf & Turf: A Chesapeake Watershed Story"
26. American Chesapeake Retriever Club Meet & Greet
27. Pocomoke Indian Nation Demos
28. Oyster Tong Shaft-Making Demo

## ◆ Family Fun

29. Oyster Slurp-Off
30. VIP Hospitality Area
31. MD Mojo Photo Printing Station
32. Children's Build-a-Boat Station
33. Giant Oyster Reef Jenga & Chesapeake Cornhole
34. Phillips Wharf Fish Mobile

## ○ Explore CBMM

35. CBMM's Welcome Center & Museum Store
36. CBMM's South Entrance (Patriot Cruises Ticketing/Shipyard Store/Marina Guest Center)
37. Working Shipyard
38. Point Lookout Bell Tower
39. Hooper Strait Lighthouse
40. Tolchester Beach Bandstand
41. Thor Pilot House
42. At Play on the Bay Building

## + FIRST AID

## 🚻 RESTROOMS/BABY STATIONS

## ℹ️ INFORMATION

## 🚌 SHUTTLE (Runs 10am-5pm)

