

2009 Wellfleet OysterFest Weekend Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 17, 2009

- 6** 9:00 am – 10:00 am: **Oyster Farming Talk**
Shellfish Shack at Mayo Beach
Wellfleet Shellfishing Constable, Andy Koch and Wellfleet shellfisherman Irving Puffer will host. No reservations necessary.
- 10:00 am – 5:00 pm:** **Main Street Festival**
Main Street and Town Hall Parking Lot
Food, Arts & Crafts and Education Booths open. Shuttle Service available from designated beach parking lots and Town Pier. Walk-in parking from Cove Corner Parking Lot and Wellfleet Elementary School. Handicap parking and accessible shuttle from Mayo Beach lot.
- 11** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm: **SPAT Booth**, Located just behind Town Hall
Stop by for information, schedule, registration forms, directions and lots of great OysterFest merchandise.
- 11** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm: **“Shellfishing in Wellfleet: 19th-20th Century”**
Wellfleet Historical Society, 266 Main Street. Admission is free to this special Wellfleet OysterFest weekend exhibit.
- 3** 10:00 am – 10:30 am: **NOAA’s Fisheries Service Seafood Inspection Demonstration**
Family and Children’s Area Stage, “Swimming in Catsup – From Fish to Fish Sticks”
- 7** 10:00 am – Noon: **Taste the Terroir**
Masonic Hall, corner of Bank & Commercial Streets
To learn more about oysters, clams and terroir (the french word for “taste of place”), join us for an educational and fun “taste-the-terroir” seminar. Cost is \$10/per person, participation is strictly limited to 50 people.
- 2** 10:30 am – 11:15 am: **The Parkington Sisters** (Folk/Alternative), Music on the Main Stage.
- 3** 11:00 am - 4:00 pm: **Family/Children’s Entertainment Area**
Entrance on Main Street at *Wellfleet Preservation Hall*
Featuring clowns, moon bounce, face-painting, oyster jewelry making, pumpkin painting, cotton candy, balloon twisting and more right off Main Street, but away from the crowds in the enchanting park behind *Wellfleet Preservation Hall* (the old Catholic Church). 11:00 am – Noon:
- 9** 11:00 am – Noon: **Speaker Series at Wellfleet Public Library**
Wellfleet Public Library, 55 Main Street
Richard Smith is Henry David Thoreau, reading “The Wellfleet Oysterman” from one of Thoreau’s most beloved books, *Cape Cod*. Free and open to all.
- 7** **Mass Audubon Nature Walk**
Uncle Tim’s Bridge, (near Masonic Hall) Commercial Street. Join a Mass Audubon naturalist at the beginning of Uncle Tim’s Bridge for a nature walk to the Hamblen Park and Cannon Hill. No reservations necessary.
- 4** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: **Number and Shirt Pick-up for Sunday’s 5K Road Race**, Baker’s Field Recreation Building across from Mayo Beach.
- 4** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: **Tennis Round Robin**, Wellfleet Recreation Dept., Baker’s Field Tennis Court across from Mayo Beach.
- 2** 11:30 am – 12:15 pm: **Triple Crown** (R & B), Music on the Main Stage.
- 3** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: **The Elbows** (Music for Kids), Music on the Family/Children’s Entertainment Area Stage.
- 2** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: **Oyster Shuck-Off, Shucking Contest Preliminaries**, Main Stage
Register at the SPAT booth by 12:30 pm. Registration forms available at the SPAT booth.
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- 7** 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: **Cooking Demonstration**
Masonic Hall, corner of Bank & Commercial Streets
Henry Valdez, SPAT Nauset Regional High School scholarship winner and culinary student at Johnson & Wales University will prepare “Oysters à la Popeye”. Cost is \$10/per person, participation is limited to 75 people. Walk-ins accepted if space available.
- 3** 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: **The Elbows** (Music for Kids), Music on the Family/Children’s Entertainment Area Stage.
- 2** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: **Rip It Ups** (Rockabilly), Music on the Main Stage.
- 10** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: **NOAA’s Fisheries Service Mayo Beach Cleanup**
Join NOAA’s Gloucester staff in demonstrating while doing. Join the fun and do some good.
- 9** 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: **Spelling Bee at Wellfleet Public Library**
Wellfleet Public Library, 55 Main Street. Join the craze and test your spelling skills at the annual OysterFest Spelling Bee with children’s and adult rounds, prizes and fun! Register at the library by 3:00 pm.
- 4:15 pm – 6:30 pm: **Mass Audubon Oyster Reef Walk at Sunset**
Meet at *The Assembly of God* (corner of Lt. Island Rd. and Rte. 6)
Led by Bob Prescott, Director of the Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, vans will shuttle you to the tidal flats off Lt. Island where Bob will talk about the efforts to restore an oyster reef to Wellfleet Harbor.
- 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm: **Speaker Series, South Wellfleet**
Pond Hill School Community Hall, mile marker #100, Route 6, South Wellfleet
David Wright, author of “*The Famous Bells of Wellfleet: A Shellfishing History*” will read from his book. Pot luck dinner begins at 6 pm and is open to all, dishes encouraged.

Wellfleet OysterFest happens rain or shine.
Schedule subject to change.



Sunday, October 18, 2009

- 10** 9:00 am: **5K Adult Road Race – Wellfleet Recreation Dept.**
Mayo Beach Parking Lot
Check-in and on-site registration beginning at 7:30 am at Baker’s Field Recreation Department. Registration forms available at the SPAT booth.
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Eric Jansen, chef/owner of Blackfish restaurant in Truro - will prepare a clam recipe. Cost is \$10/per person, participation is limited to 75 people. Walk-ins accepted if space available.
- 2** 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: **Zoe Lewis and her Elastic Band** (jazzy latin & quirky originals), Music on the Main Stage.
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- 2** 12:30 pm: **Shucking Demonstration**, Main Stage
William “Chopper” Young, 2008 World Oyster Shucking Champion, will show off his skills at shucking oysters.
- 9** 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: **Speaker Series at Wellfleet Public Library**
Wellfleet Library, 55 Main Street. Shellfisherman and SPAT board member, Ethen Estey, PhD will discuss “natural oyster set” in Wellfleet Harbor or in lay person’s terms: how discarded oyster shells create nursery habitat for the next oyster generation. Free and open to all.
- 2** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: **Oyster Shuck-Off, Shucking Contest Finals**, Main Stage
Finalists check in at SPAT booth by 12:30 pm. Prizes awarded! 1st Place-\$1,000 · 2nd Place-\$500 · 3rd Place-\$250
- 7** 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: **Cooking Demonstration**
Masonic Hall, corner of Bank & Commercial Streets
Wellfleet resident and chef, Fred Vanderschmidt, will prepare Clams in a Cataplana. Cost is \$10/per person, participation is limited to 75 people. Walk-ins accepted if space available.
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- 2** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm: **Incredible Casuals**, (totally original), Music on the Main Stage.
- 5:00 pm: **OysterFest closes.**



The Wellfleet OysterFest is organized by Wellfleet SPAT

See You Next Year!