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<b>Who:</b>	Wellfleet's dedicated shellfishermen bring mollusks to the masses!
<b>What:</b>	<a href="#">The Seventh Annual Wellfleet OysterFest</a>
<b>When:</b>	October 13-14, 2007
<b>Where:</b>	Town Center in <a href="#">Wellfleet, Mass.</a> , on Cape Cod
<b>Why:</b>	To celebrate the town's shellfishing traditions and enjoy great oysters, clams, food, music and events
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### THE SEVENTH ANNUAL WELLFLEET OYSTERFEST

*Littlenecks Clamor for Attention - They're Wellfleet Shellfish, Too!*

(Wellfleet, Mass...September 19, 2007) This year, the **Seventh Annual Wellfleet OysterFest, October 13-14, 2007**, will stretch beyond its historic namesake to celebrate not only Wellfleet oysters, but also the abundance of [Wellfleet littleneck clams](#). 2007 is the year that clams are coming out of their shells to stake their claim at this hometown festival celebrating local shellfish.

"Wellfleet oysters are recognized around the world," says **Lisa Brown**, president of [Wellfleet Shellfish Promotion and Tasting](#) (SPAT), the non-profit organization that produces the OysterFest. "We want to remind people that Wellfleet is a shellfishing community, not just an oyster community. Our waters produce exceptional shellfish, and thanks to our dedicated farmers, Wellfleet littleneck clams are also earning a national reputation for excellence."

Brown, a former chef and restaurateur, is pleased to share one of her favorite dishes using littleneck clams. [Click here](#) for her recipe for [Littlenecks with Shallots, Leeks and Pernod](#).

For two full days, thousands of residents and visitors will descend on this tiny Cape Cod town to enjoy local oysters and clams served raw, fried, grilled, baked, in chowders and stews and in every other way imaginable. Out in full force to discuss their craft as they shuck will be the shellfishermen whose hard work makes this event possible each year.

The most anticipated event of the weekend is the famous [Oyster Shuck-Off](#), where competitors battle it out for cash prizes, and more importantly, bragging rights as the fastest shucker in town. Adding some flavor to this year's event will be an extra heat where shuckers will wrestle open littleneck clams for the first time. To register to compete, download an application: <http://www.wellfleetoysterfest.org/documents/Shuck-OffApp.pdf>.

The fun doesn't end with shellfish; there are plenty of other exciting activities to enjoy. Spread around the center of Wellfleet will be children's games, educational exhibits, cooking demonstrations, athletic contests and over 90 regional artisans selling their crafts. In addition, live music on the Main Stage will feature the red hot Louisiana dance band Red Beans and Rice Revue on Sunday. [Click here](#) for a full schedule of events.

The OysterFest is organized by **SPAT**, a local non-profit group devoted to fostering a greater understanding of the town's shellfishing traditions. Proceeds from the 'Fest help the organization realize its [educational initiatives](#), including an ongoing scholarship in collaboration with Nauset Regional High School, and a grant awards program for people pursue careers in shellfishing or those whose creative and educational work increases awareness of Wellfleet's shellfishery, a vital part of this community's life.

[Click here](#) if you'd like to volunteer at this year's OysterFest. Sorry, **no pets** are allowed at the 'Fest this year. For **press inquiries, interviews and photo requests**, contact Nancy Civetta at [nancy@civettacom.com](mailto:nancy@civettacom.com) or 617.577.8098.

### **Wellfleet Shellfish Promotion and Tasting (SPAT)**

Wellfleet Shellfish Promotion and Tasting is SPAT, a name that honors the oyster, which begins life as a free-swimming larva called spat. SPAT is a non-profit organization that fosters greater understanding of the town's shellfishing industry and the history and traditions of its aquaculture and wild fisheries, and is committed to enhancing the Town of Wellfleet and supporting its community. SPAT produces the annual Wellfleet OysterFest and proceeds support its educational mission, including a Nauset Regional High School scholarship program, and grants to people pursuing careers in shellfishing or those whose creative and educational work increases awareness of Wellfleet's shellfishery, an important part of our community life. <http://www.wellfleetoysterfest.org/spat.html>

### **About Wellfleet OysterFest**

The seventh annual Wellfleet OysterFest takes place the weekend after Columbus Day, Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, 2007, in Wellfleet, Cape Cod, Mass. This two-day street party celebrates the town's famous oysters, clams and shellfishing traditions and brings together locals and visitors alike for a weekend full of hometown flavor and big time fun. There is something for everyone: local cuisine, arts and crafts, kayak and road races, children's activities, educational exhibits, walking tours, theatre, live music and the Oyster Shuck-Off competition. The 'Fest is made possible through collaboration with the Town of Wellfleet, the support of many generous area businesses and shellfishermen, a wonderful group of volunteers and, most importantly, the weekend's dedicated revelers. Entry is free. Parking is available on the town pier and designated ocean beach lots with frequent shuttle service to and from Main Street. Walk-in parking is available at Cove Corner (near the Wellfleet Post Office) and at the Wellfleet Elementary School (behind the police and fire station). Handicap parking with shuttle service is available at Mayo Beach. Sorry, no pets allowed. Visit [www.wellfleetoysterfest.org/oysterfest.html](http://www.wellfleetoysterfest.org/oysterfest.html) or call (508) 349-3499 for more information.

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