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The *Charlestown Seafood Festival*, named a “Top 100 Event in North America”, will be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday August 3, 4 and 5, 2018 at Charlestown’s Ninigret Park, #4890 Old Post Road in Charlestown, Rhode Island.

The Charlestown Seafood Festival is organized and sponsored by the **Charlestown Chamber of Commerce**. This great family and community oriented, “seafood extravaganza” is well renowned as the area’s one and only, “original seafood festival”. Each year this great event attracts close to 50,000 festival goers over the three day period. This year’s event marks the 34th anniversary of the Charlestown Seafood Festival. We proudly invite everyone to come on down and partake in the various dining opportunities, the great musical entertainment, fireworks, car show, amusements, onsite camping, crafters and much, much more.

Rhodes Islanders have long appreciated their closeness and connection to the Atlantic Ocean, Narragansett Bay, Block Island Sound, the coastal salt ponds and beautiful estuaries of Southern Rhode Island. We’re proud of our vibrant maritime roots and culture. The seafood industry, seafood dining and all our coastal resources are an integral part of who we are and what we do. To be a resident of Rhode Island, “An Ocean-Stater”, is truly a state of mind and an experience to behold.

A true Rhode Island experience, the Charlestown Seafood Festival, is proud to offer patrons the opportunity to dine on some of the freshest and most delicious native seafood from around the region. Each year this festival brings together a plethora of seafood harvesters and vendors, aquaculture growers, restaurateurs and concessionaires from up and down the east coast. Each day they steam up piles of fresh live native lobsters, prepare delicious lobster rolls, steam up baskets of succulent clams, steamers and mussels with corn, potatoes and butter, fry up bay and sea scallops and much, much more. Exotic seafood including freshly boiled Cajun crawfish, Maryland style crab cakes, seafood jambalaya, and farm raised alligator together with large gulf shrimp and other delicious foods are all cooked for your dining pleasure onsite. Enjoy freshly harvested and locally grown littleneck clams and a variety of oysters cultivated in the salt ponds

of South County. Dine on them served on the half shell, chilled over ice with a wedge of lemon and your favorite cocktail sauce or vinaigrette. All while you take in the sights and sounds and enjoy the variety of entertainment.

Dining opportunities also include festival favorites such as burgers and french-fries, hot dogs, clam chowder and clam cakes, fish chowder, corn on the cob, spiral potatoes, smoked BBQ ribs, chicken and beef, fish and chips, sausage and pepper sandwiches, steak sandwiches, fried dough, strawberry shortcake, ice cream and many other dessert choices. The food choices abound at this festival and you're guaranteed to find something that tempts your palate. What goes better with seafood and BBQ than frosty draft beer and chilled wine? Multiple beverage choices available for purchase on site; you must be of legal drinking age and have a valid photographic ID.

The Charlestown Seafood Festival offers patrons great outdoor musical entertainment. Your general event admission price includes non-stop concerts performed each day by a variety of musical talents including **Saints & Sinners** (Whitesnake Tribute) and **Mullet** on Friday, August 3rd. On Saturday, August 4th come and enjoy the sounds of the **The Brothers of the Road Band**, **Welcome To The Jungle** (Guns & Roses Tribute), **Shot of Poison** (Poison Tribute) and the awesome **Dirty Deeds** (AC/DC Tribute). Rounding out the weekend on Sunday, August 5th are the jamming sounds of **Southern Sky**, the ever popular swing sounds of **Eight to the Bar**, the high energy music of **Take it to the Bridge**, and the very popular classic 80's sounds of **Back in the day** (Journey, Styx, Police, Loverboy).

In addition to great dining, refreshments and concert events, the festival hosts a variety of craft vendors, a large carnival by **Rockwell Amusements** (ride special, 'Ride all the Rides' on Friday afternoon August 3, 2018 for \$25.00), a classic car show, an awesome mid-summer **fireworks** show on Saturday, August 4th, 2018 at 9:00 PM (fireworks rain date Sunday August 5th, 2018).

General, daily admission to the Charlestown Seafood festival is \$9.00 for adults, children ten (10) and under free, Military (With ID) and Senior (65 & older) discount \$7.00; parking is free (a \$2.00 parking donation encouraged). The event goes on daily rain-or-shine. Please keep pets at home. Self-contained camping is available on site. For more information and a detailed schedule of festival events and activities please log on to www.charlestownrichamber.com/seafoodfestival.html or contact Executive Director Heather Paliotta at (401) 364-4031.