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Charlestown Seafood Festival, Chamber of Commerce, and Director to be Honored for Decades of Promoting Local Tourism

WHAT: As The Charlestown Seafood Festival kicks off its 37th year, the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce, its Executive Director Heather Paliotta, and the event itself will all receive citations from the state. The festival is the largest fundraiser for the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce and draws tens of thousands of people to the area every year. Under the direction of Paliotta, it has flourished into one of the marquee events of the summer, not just in Rhode Island but across the country. It's been named among the Top 10 Events in New England and among the Top 100 in North America. Lt. Governor Sabina Matos will present the citations on behalf of her office and of Gov. Dan McKee.

WHO: Lt. Gov. Sabina Matos and Heather Paliotta, executive director of the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce and director of The Charlestown Seafood Festival

WHEN: August 5, 2022, at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Ninigret Park, 5 Park Lane, Charlestown, Rhode Island

During her visit, Lt. Gov. Matos will tour the festival grounds, meet with Town Dock to enjoy some calamari (the state's official appetizer), and then visit with other food vendors, businesses, and crafters. The Charlestown Seafood Festival runs from Friday, August 5 to Sunday, August 7. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors and military members with ID. Children 10 and under are free. The cost of food and rides is not included in the price of admission.

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About The Charlestown Chamber of Commerce

<u>The Charlestown Chamber of Commerce</u> is a not-for-profit organization comprised of several hundred businesses, non-profit and associate members. The chamber's mission is to facilitate and ensure the success and growth of our business community and its members through business networking and the promotion of regional tourism. The chamber is dedicated to the cultural, historical, environmental, recreational, and civic well-being of the beautiful coastal communities in and around Charlestown, Rhode Island. For more information, please log onto: https://www.charlestownrichamber.com.

About The Charlestown Seafood Festival

<u>The Charlestown Seafood Festival</u> - named a "Top 100 Event in North America" and listed as one of 10 Best Summer Seafood Festivals in the Northeast - is held annually at Charlestown's Ninigret Park in Rhode Island. The Seafood Festival is the biggest fundraiser for the Charlestown Chamber of Commerce. The funds raised by The Charlestown Seafood Festival are vital to the Chamber's mission to support local businesses and boost tourism.

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