

5th Annual!

BRISTOL HARBOR FESTIVAL & BLESSING OF THE FLEET



Dear Home Chef,

The Bristol Harbormaster's Office and the local fishing community are teaming up, once again, to host the 5th Annual Bristol Harbor Festival & Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 1:30 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be activities on the waterfront at Rockwell Park including live music, beer & wine, buck-a-shuck, the Blessing of the Fleet, a tradition Littleneck Boil prepared by local fishermen/women, and the much anticipated "Stuffies Competition."

The Home Chef Stuffie competition will take place under the Festival Tent at 3:00 pm. Last year, the Home Chef Stuffie Competition was a huge success and we want to continue the tradition. **We will only be accepting the first 25 applicants - so please don't delay in submitting the enclosed application!**

There is a \$20.00 participant fee to compete in the Home Chef Stuffie Competition. The Bristol Harbor Festival Committee will be providing individuals/Home Chef competitors with a bag of "Top Necks" or "Cherrystones" harvested by local fishermen. **You will need to pick up your bag of quahogs at the Harbormaster's Office, located in the Bristol Maritime Center, on Thursday, August 16th, anytime between Noon and 9:00 pm.**

On the day of the Festival, please arrive with your Stuffies between 2:15 pm and 2:45 pm. Home Chef competitors need to prepare at least five Stuffies to be judged. Any remaining Stuffies will be served to the festival attendees. During both the Home Chef and Restaurant Stuffies Competition, festival attendees will be invited to taste any Stuffies not being judged and will be asked to make a \$1 donation per Stuffie.

Last year, we raised enough funds to send four Bristol children to Save The Bay's camp at the Bristol Maritime Center this Summer. This year, we intend to use the proceeds to promote and memorialize Bristol's fishing history and industry. Our hope is that this festival will continue to strengthen the ties between the Bristol Harbormaster's Office, the local fishing community and everyone who enjoys Bristol either by land or by sea.

Please see the enclosed application on the next page. We thank you for your interest in participating and look forward to a great event!

Gregg Marsili, Harbormaster & The Bristol Harbor Festival Committee

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⚓ INDIVIDUAL STUFFIE COMPETITION APPLICATION ⚓

Name:

Contact Information:

Address:

Cell:

Email:

There is a \$20.00 participant fee due at the time of application. All applications are due by August 3, 2018. We will only be accepting the first 25 applicants - so please don't delay!

Please Make Checks Payable to the: Town of Bristol, Bristol Harbor Festival

Application and Payment can be delivered to the Harbormaster's Office, located at the Bristol Maritime Center, or mailed to:

Bristol Harbormaster
10 Court Street
Bristol, RI 02809

For questions or additional information, please contact the Harbormaster's Office @ 401-253-1700 or Patrick Guthlein at pguthlein@my.uri.edu

Thank You!