

5th Annual!

# BRISTOL HARBOR FESTIVAL & BLESSING OF THE FLEET



Dear Restaurant Owner/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 many family-friendly activities on the waterfront at Rockwell Park including live music, beer & wine, buck-a-shuck, the Blessing of the Fleet, a traditional Littleneck Boil prepared by local fishermen/women, and the much anticipated "Stuffies Competition."

The Restaurant Stuffie competition will take place under the Festival Tent at 4:00 pm. Last year, the Restaurant Stuffie Competition was a huge success and we want to continue the tradition. **We will only be accepting the first 10 applicants - so please don't delay in submitting the enclosed application!**

There is a \$50.00 participant fee to compete in the Restaurant Stuffie Competition. The Bristol Harbor Festival Committee will be providing Restaurant competitors with a bag of "Top Necks" or "Cherrystones" harvested by local fishermen. **You may either 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, or you can arrange for delivery by a Committee member.**

Restaurant 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.

**On the day of the Festival, please arrive with your Stuffies between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm. If you are unable to attend the event or drop off your cooked Stuffies, we will be more than happy to pick them up at your restaurant.**

We are also asking Bristol business owners to consider sponsoring this annual fundraising event. Any additional donation you can make is appreciated. If you make a donation over \$50 (excludes the cost of participating in the Stuffie Competition), we will print the name of your business on the back of our Harbor Festival t-shirts. In addition, we will provide you space underneath the tent for you to display your products/marketing materials.

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 & The Bristol Harbor Festival Committee

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## ⚓ RESTAURANT STUFFIE COMPETITION ⚓ APPLICATION

Business Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone/Cell:

Email:

**Please select your delivery preference from below:**

Pick up Quahogs @ Bristol Maritime Center on Thursday, August 16th between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm

Delivery of Clams (Please note if delivery will be to a different address than above)

**There is a \$50.00 participant fee due at the time of application.**

**All applications are due by August 3, 2018. We will only be accepting the first 10 applicants - so please don't delay!**

**Would you be interested in making an additional donation? (If yes, a Festival Committee Member will contact you)**

**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!*