



## IRVINGTON'S TIDES INN HOSTS THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASTE BY THE BAY EVENT CELEBRATING VIRGINIA OYSTER MONTH THIS NOVEMBER

*The timeless waterfront resort welcomes guests back for the beloved celebration of Virginia's oyster industry and the region's vibrant culinary scene*



*(L-R: Taste by the Bay Tasting Glass, the Tides Inn Waterfront, Oyster Sampling at the Tides Inn)  
(Photo credit: The Tides Inn)*

(IRVINGTON, VA; November 18, 2019) – [The Tides Inn](#)—an iconic coastal resort located in Irvington, Virginia—announces it will once again host the [Taste by the Bay: Wine, Food, Arts and Ale](#) event on **November 23, 2019 from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. The timeless resort welcomes guests back to their waterfront property to celebrate Virginia Oyster Month with tastings from local restaurants, wineries and craft breweries. Epicurean offerings are accompanied by maritime attractions like tours of Virginia's vintage oyster "buy boats," live musical entertainment and artisan vendors offering handmade crafts and gifts. Renowned for their tide-to-table cuisine, authentic regional flavors and array of al fresco dining options with sweeping views of the water, the Tides Inn is the ideal venue for the esteemed event—now celebrating its 7<sup>th</sup> year—and proud to pay tribute to the region's rich culinary heritage.

"It is an honor to host this year's Taste by the Bay event. The Tides Inn's Executive Chef Alex Pasco continues to evolve our food and beverage program and we are excited about the opportunity to share his latest creations with attendees," says Stuart Barwise, General Manager of the Tides Inn. "Irvington offers a unique and evolving array of culinary talent and this is a time-honored event not to be missed."

Attracting over 1,000 attendees last year, the highly anticipated event is sponsored by Lancaster by the Bay Chamber of Commerce and features Virginia's beloved bivalves and regional specialties from favorite Irvington eateries like Rappahannock River Oysters, Kathi's Clam Chowder, Adrift and the Tides Inn's dining concepts. The resort's Chesapeake Restaurant and newest concept, Fish Hawk Oyster Bar, will present signature culinary offerings including a rotating selection of locally sourced oysters paired with house made sauces as well as classic seafood dishes. Local cuisine is paired with pours from local vintners like Dog & Oyster Vineyard and Good Luck Cellars alongside a host of craft brewers such as Devil's Back Bone, Wild Wolf, Hardywood and more.

Since former Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe declared November as Virginia Oyster Month, Taste by the Bay has been one of a host of themed events paying homage to the commonwealth's eight distinct oyster regions. Anointed as the "Oyster Capital of the East Coast," bivalves are central to the history, lifestyle, and cuisine of the Chesapeake Bay and Rappahannock River areas. Located along the [Virginia Oyster Trail](#)—offering 250 miles of restaurants, wineries, seafood companies, oyster farms, eco-touring outfits, state parks and protected coastline—the Tides Inn offers a selection of curated activities that further immerse guests in the area's rich oyster tradition. New this year are the resort's [Duffy Boats](#) offering cruise tours around Carter's Creek. These self-guided or captain-led Duffy cruise tours join the Tides' signature [Oyster Academy](#) experience. The day tour begins with a brief lecture on the history of Virginia's oyster industry, oyster ecology and tools of the harvest. Guests then accompany a traditional Virginia waterman by boat for a one-hour harvest excursion followed by a lesson from the Tides' culinary team on oyster shucking and expert tips on pairing these local treasures with sauces and wine.

**For further information about Taste by the Bay and to purchase tickets please visit [tidesinn.com/events/taste-by-the-bay/](https://tidesinn.com/events/taste-by-the-bay/) or call (804) 438-4489. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door.**

### **About the Tides Inn**

[The Tides Inn](#) is a beloved coastal Virginia retreat and intimate resort boasting nearly a half mile of waterfront, surrounded by the splendor of the Chesapeake Bay's sparkling channels. First opened in 1947 on the site of the historic Ashburn Farm, the Tides Inn offers 106 guestrooms including 22 suites perched upon a private peninsula overlooking the stunning greenery and serene waters of Carter's Creek. Distinctively located where the Virginia Wine Trail and the Virginia Oyster Trail meet, the Tides Inn's two unique dining concepts are renowned for their tide-to-table cuisine, immersion in authentic regional flavors and al fresco dining options with sweeping waterfront views. This year, the Tides Inn's newest eatery [Fish Hawk Oyster Bar](#) joins the popular Chesapeake Restaurant, offering a selection of coastal classics, outdoor oyster roasts and raw bar featuring a rotation of locally sourced oysters and an extensive wine, beer and cocktail menu. Amenities and activities include the Tides Inn's new electric Duffy Boat cruises, exclusive Oyster Academy experience, full-service spa, fitness and wellness experiences, 18-hole championship Golden Eagle Golf Course, a 60-slip marina, interactive sailing school, Bayside Explorers children's program and much more. At the Tides Inn, guests enjoy a picturesque, tranquil setting that is perfect for reconnecting and evoking memories of a simpler time. Located in Irvington, VA, the Tides Inn is a part of the [Enchantment Group](#) portfolio of award-winning properties. For more information please visit [tidesinn.com](https://tidesinn.com).

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