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CBMM's oyster stew competition winners announced

With a sell out crowd at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's (CBMM) November 6 OysterFest, seven restaurants competed for bragging rights in the Museum's oyster stew competition. The oyster stew was served by volunteers in a blind taste test to more than 300 OysterFest participants, who then voted by ballot for their favorite stew.

First place winners were tied between Chef David Hayes of Pascal's Harbour Lights Restaurant at the St. Michaels Harbour Inn (A) and Chef Greg Brandberg of Sherwood's Landing at the Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels (B). Second place went to Chef Mark Salter of the Robert Morris Inn in Oxford (F), and third place went to Chef Bill Vincent from Character's in St. Michaels (D). Other participants included Two if by Sea of Tilghman Island (C), the Crab Claw (E) and Rupert's Tea Room (G), both of St. Michaels.

The event also featured several cooking demonstrations, along with live music, oysters, childrens activities, boat rides, oyster demonstrations and harvesting displays. Next year's event is scheduled for November 5.

The event helps serve the Museum's mission to inspire an understanding of and appreciation for the rich maritime heritage of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal reaches, together with the artifacts, cultures and connections between this place and its people. For more information, visit cbmm.org or email havefun@cbmm.org.

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Winners of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's oyster stew competition, held at the Museum's November 6 OysterFest, include from left: Chef David Hayes of Pascal's Harbour Lights Restaurant at the St. Michaels Harbour Inn (1st Place, tie); Chef Mark Salter of the Robert Morris Inn in Oxford (2nd Place); Chef Greg Brandberg of Sherwood's Landing at the Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels (1st Place, tie); and Chef Bill Vincent from Character's in St. Michaels (3rd Place). Winners were selected through secret ballot from more than 300 OysterFest participants.

