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Crabtown Seafood Festival Returns for Second Year August 17
--Discover the history of "Crabtown" while having a crab-crackin', shrimp-peelin', oyster-shuckin' good time!--

Hampton, VA – Navigate your way through Downtown Hampton along the Hampton River as we celebrate the local seafood industry at the Crabtown Seafood Festival, Saturday, August 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Festivities will run from Mill Point Park (along the waterfront) to Carousel Park, offering guests a beautiful view while indulging in seafood. Festival-goers will shop among nautical artists and vendors selling boat flags, copper art, mermaid décor, toys, pet crab art, jewelry, baskets, fine nautical art, barware, sauces, aprons, sculpture, wind chimes, coastal glass art, local decals, weather vanes, totes, embroidered shirts, soap, repurposed art, and other handmade items. Families will enjoy nautical-themed games with prizes and free children's activity stations spread throughout the festival area.

Try your luck at the free games for all ages like "Anchors Away," "Bushel O' Fun," "Pick-A-Crab," "Buy Boat Bounce" and more for great prizes! Living history and interactive displays by exhibitors such as Virginia Tech Seafood Agricultural Research

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and Education Center, Hampton Yacht Club, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Mahone's Forge, Youth Sailing Virginia, Matthews Maritime Foundation, and more.

Visiting boats include the "F. D. Crockett" and the "Peggy" on display along the docks of the Hampton River! Fun for kids includes inflatable rides, games, sand activities and more, plus free carousel rides at the Downtown Hampton Carousel. Live entertainment will be featured on two stages including the Mill Point Park stage. Crabtown Seafood Festival is Sponsored by C&F Bank, Bass Pro Shops, Buckroe Improvement League, Coastal Virginia Magazine, Downtown Hampton Development Partnership, Hampton History Museum, Hampton Healthy Families, Kiwanis Club of Downtown Hampton and Wyndam Vacation Resorts.

Those looking for dock space during the Crabtown Seafood Festival are encouraged to contact marinas located throughout the downtown area, including the Hampton Public Piers (757/727-1276), Customs House Marine (757/636-7772), Bluewater Marina (757/723-6774), and Sunset Boating Center (757/722-3325). Call for details and availability.

For more information on this and other Hampton events and programs, individuals are encouraged to contact the Hampton Visitor Center at 757-727-1102, or the Hampton 311 Call Center at 757/727-8311. For those into surfing the web, visit www.hampton.gov.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center, is located in the center of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center and Riverside IMAX® Theater, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, Fort Monroe, award-winning Hampton Coliseum, The American Theatre, among others.

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