

Celebrate National Oyster Day in Palm Beach County with deals and a contest

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Oysters. Those beautiful briny bivalves known for being shucked and slurped by the dozen, as well as helping Cupid draw his bow, will officially be celebrated on Tuesday, Aug. 5, National Oyster Day.

Whether you're an east or west coast fan, prefer classic Blue Point or Olympia, if you dream of iced trays of freshly-opened oysters, with lemon wedges, horseradish and hot sauce waiting, this is your day for deals and more.

Want more? How about a contest? That's right, the fifth annual South Florida's Shucking Best Oyster Eating Contest will be held at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8 (so sue them for not celebrating it on the *exact* day).

The event is hosted by and held at Lucky Shuck Oyster Bar & Taphouse at 1116 Love St. in Jupiter. It will pit 25 oyster-loving, gastronomic warriors against each other in a battle to see who can consume the most in a 90-second span. Each athlete will start with a tray of 36 and will be given additional oysters should they finish their tray. In the event of a tie, the first finalist to finish an additional 12 will be declared the winner.

Think you might have what it takes? The top finisher in the contest's four-year history took down 103 in 2022.

The first place finisher will receive a \$150 cash prize and a \$200 gift card to use at any of three venues at Charlie & Joe's at Love Street (Lucky Shuck, The Beacon and Topside at the Beacon). There are also prizes for second and third place, including a \$150 and a \$100 gift card, respectively.

Limited to 25 participants, sign up begins at 4:30 p.m. on the day of the event with registration available online at luckyshuckjupiter.com/event. There is a \$20 entry fee that benefits the nearby Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum.

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Blackbird Modern Asian

This multiple award winning restaur-



This starter is in honor of National Oyster Day at Blackbird Modern Asian features tempura fried Copps Island and Blue Point oysters. PROVIDED BY BLACKBIRD MODERN ASIAN



The Buccaneer Waterfront Bar & Grill on Singer Island will offer \$1 oysters all day on National Oyster Day. PROVIDED BY BUCCANEER WATERFRONT BAR & GRILL

ant will celebrate National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5 with a special small plate. Drawing inspiration from bustling Chinatown dim sum carts, this starter features Copps Island and Blue Point oysters crowned with ultra-fresh mango, smoked bacon, house-ferment-

ed kimchi, and a silky yuzu aioli. Be bold, consider pairing it with their the Mulan Mule, crafted with vodka, ginger beer, lime, and lemongrass, for \$14, or maybe the awesomely-named Cobra

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PROVIDED BY LUCKY SHUCK OYSTER BAR & TAPHOUSE



Mia Rosebud in Boca Raton will celebrate National Oyster Day with \$1 Kumamoto oysters from Washington State and robust East Coast oysters from Virginia's James River. PROVIDED BY MIA ROSEBUD

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Kai, featuring a mix of gin, shiso, and lychee purée, for \$15.

Details: 1511 N. Old Dixie Highway, Jupiter. blackbirdmodernasian.com

Lucky Shuck Oyster Bar & Taphouse

In addition to the contest, this north county waterfront dining destination will celebrate the mighty mollusk all month with \$1 oysters on Wednesdays from open to close.

Details: 1116 Love St., Jupiter. 561-532-3331; luckyshuckjupiter.com

Aquasan

Aquasan, a new tiki-themed restaurant that just opened in Juno Beach, will offer a full order of butter grilled oysters (five total) during Happy Hour for \$12 on National Oyster Day.

Details: 14121 US 1, Juno Beach. aquasanrestaurant.com

The Buccaneer Waterfront Bar & Grill

This recently reopened, iconic Singer Island hotspot that's helmed by "Hell's Kitchen" winner Paul Niedermann, will celebrate National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5 with \$1 oysters all day.

Details: 142 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores. 772-405-0020; buccgrill.com

Benny's on the Beach

For National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5, Benny's Oceanwalk location will be offering \$2 oysters all day long. Though the restaurant is planning on closing for renovations, that won't take place until September.

Details: 10 S. Ocean Blvd., Lake Worth Beach. 561-582-9001; bennysontheseach.com

City Oyster & Sushi Bar

With the word 'oyster' right in the name, you know they will be celebrating the occasion. This downtown Delray hotspot will offer guests a complimentary glass of champagne with every dozen oysters purchased on National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5. This half-shell haven has an excellent variety including The Fishing Chef (named after executive chef Jordan Stilley), Blue Point, Wianno, Love Shuck, Irish Point and Kumamoto. In addition to free cham-



Corvina Seafood Grill in Boca Raton will offer chilled oyster bloody mary "shooters" and 50% off oysters from their menu on National Oyster Day. PROVIDED BY CORVINA SEAFOOD GRILL



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Benny's on the Beach Oceanwalk location will offer \$2 oysters on National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5. PROVIDED BY BENNY'S ON THE BEACH

Boca Raton for \$19 (\$9.50 during happy hour), a trifecta of Grey Goose vodka, olive juice, and gorgonzola-stuffed olives that complements their natural briny flavor.

Details: 150 E. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton. 561-462-3000; rosebudrestaurants.com/our-locations/mia-rosebud

Corvina Seafood Grill

Get your oyster fix on National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5 at this indoor-outdoor restaurant and bar with chilled oyster bloody mary "shooters" with Tito's, Zing Zang and Tajin, along with 50% off oysters from Corvina's menu.

Details: 110 Plaza Real S., Boca Raton. 561-206-0066; corvinabocaraton.com

Note: Get out enjoy these National Oyster Day specials and when you get home make sure you have that Al Green, Peaches & Herb and Marvin Gaye mix ready.

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pagne, guests can enjoy \$1 off oysters and two-for-drinks at the bar from 4 to 7 p.m. each day.

Details: 213 Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. 561-272-0220; cityoysterdelray.com

Mia Rosebud

For National Oyster Day, Tuesday, Aug. 5, this Boca Raton destination in-

vites guests to savor freshly-shucked Kumamoto oysters from Washington State and robust east coast oysters from Virginia's James River. All served simply on the half shell with lemon, cocktail sauce, and mignonette, they are priced at just \$1 each. The 'slurp-fest' doesn't stop there, Mia Rosebud will feature cocktails designed to elevate every bivalve-loving bite. Try the Rosebud Cosmopolita for \$17 (\$8.50 during happy hour), where tart cranberry cuts through the oysters' creaminess, or the