

Aquaculture in the Ocean State: FREE Summer Tours



What does a working shellfish farm look like up close?

What is a 'shellfish restoration lease' and how does it work?

Explore the answers to these questions and more this summer on our free public tours!

Hear from experts, including the “Pond to Plate” founder and owner of Matunuck Oyster Bar, the state’s Aquaculture Coordinator, and the head of the Jamestown Aquaculture Movement. Tour a working shellfish farm to see firsthand how they grow, and learn the value of shellfish restoration to our water quality and marine critters. Join us and shellfish experts to learn and discuss all aspects of shellfish farming in the Ocean State.

For adventurers! A “Wading” Tour of Matunuck Oyster Farm

**Wednesday July 13, 2016
9:00AM – 11:30AM**

The tour will meet in the parking lot of East Matunuck State Beach, 950 Succotash Rd, South Kingston, RI 02881

Join Perry Raso (Owner/Operator of Matunuck Oyster Bar) and Dave Beutel, Aquaculture Coordinator, RI Coastal Resources Management Council for a wading tour of Perry’s shellfish growing operation in Potter Pond. The tour will start in the morning at the parking lot of East Matunuck State Beach. Good walking/water shoes required – Involves some adventuresome bush-whacking! RSVP today, limited spots available. Perry has invited ‘wading’ tour guests back to his award-winning Matunuck Oyster Bar for chowder & stuffies after the tour. Participants will also receive a free copy of the book, *Rhode Island’s Shellfish Heritage: An Ecological History*. Please rsvp to Azure@crc.uri.edu.



Shellfish Research in Jamestown



**Monday August 15, 2016
10:00AM – 12:30PM**

The tour will meet in the parking lot of the Melrose Avenue School, 76 Melrose Ave. Jamestown

Join Phil Larson, founder of the Jamestown Aquaculture Movement, restoration experts, and Jamestown officials on a walking tour of an Oyster Research Site in Jamestown. Form a better understanding of what a research & education site does and come to know how one type of gear (floating) works for aquaculture. Sturdy shoes are required. Snacks & refreshments will be served and

participants will receive a free copy of the book, *Rhode Island's Shellfish Heritage: An Ecological History*. Please rsvp to Azure@crc.uri.edu.

Understanding the History and Science behind The 5 Percent Rule for Aquaculture

**Monday October 24, 2016 from 5:30-7:00PM
and
Wednesday November 30, 2016 4:00-6:00PM**

Both meetings will be held at the Coastal Institute, at the URI Bay Campus. Please check <http://www.rismp.org/education/> regularly for more info

Join us this fall & winter during two meetings to learn from those who were involved in shaping the “5 Percent Rule” for aquaculture in Rhode Island’s coastal salt ponds. The rule states that no more than 5 percent of the salt pond area can be used for aquaculture. Learn from scientists, policy-makers, and industry as they share the current biology and social science underway in Ninigret Pond related to aquaculture, past research that informed the 5 percent rule decision, and knowledge-sharing from those who were present in the original rule-setting. Join in the learning and conversation during two distinct meetings. Please rsvp to Azure@crc.uri.edu.



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