

# CHOWDERFEST 2009 • SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES



## Chowderfest



Columbus Day Weekend  
October 10 - 12, 2009

Food Service: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Admission to the Museum is good for two days. Ask a gate attendant to validate your ticket and come back within one week to finish your exploration.

Museum Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**MYSTIC SEAPORT** THE MUSEUM OF AMERICA AND THE SEA

- All Day** **OPEN HEARTH COOKING** 😊🍲  
Learn about 19th-century techniques for cooking chowder over an open flame.  
Buckingham-Hall House (41)  
*Receive an 1833 recipe card printed at the Mystic Print Shop.*
- All Day** **CLAM ART** 😊🍲  
Children's Museum (43)
- All Day** **TATTOO YOU!** 😊🍲  
Receive a fishy tattoo stamp.  
Children's Museum (43)
- 9:15** **SAIL REPAIR IN THE MALLORY SAIL LOFT**  
Sail Loft, Third Floor (20)
- 9:45** **DEAD HORSE CEREMONY** 🎵😊  
A sailor's celebration.  
Joseph Conrad (18)
- 9:45** **LOBSTERING OUT OF NOANK** 🍲  
Lobster Shack (8)
- 10:00** **SETTING SAIL ON A FISHING SCHOONER** 🎵  
L.A. Dunton (4)
- 10:00-5:00** **BUILD A TOY BOAT KEEPSAKE** 😊  
Toy Boat Building (55)  
\$5 per boat; payable at location.
- 10:00-5:00** **HANDS ON HISTORY** 😊  
Boat Shop Annex (10)  
Drop-in activity. Extra fee of \$5; payable at location. (Saturday is candle-dipping, Sunday is scrimshaw, Monday is carving.)
- 10:30** **FISHING THE NORTH ATLANTIC** 🍲  
Dory demonstration.  
L. A. Dunton Dock (4)
- 11:00** **FROM "WHALE HO!" TO "FIN OUT"** 🎵😊  
Whaleboat demonstration.  
Middle Wharf (27) If rain, Whaleboat Shed (34)
- 11:00-3:00** **WITNESS TO HISTORY**  
Visit with an 1876 role player.  
Check times and locations at Seamen's Friend Society (36)
- 11:45** **FINDING YOUR WAY**  
Explore navigation activities.  
Middle Wharf (27)
- 11:45** **FISH SPLIT** 😊🍲  
L. A. Dunton (4)

**12:00** **AUTUMN OF 1876**  
Greenmanville heats up as residents air personal opinions about 19th-century topics. Check times and locations at the Seamen's Friend Society (36)

**12:00** **JUPITER AND THE FALL STARS** 😊  
Join us under our Planetarium dome to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy by learning to locate Jupiter among the fall stars.  
Planetarium (44)  
Ages 6 and up. Admission: \$2.50 (Members: \$2.25). Younger visitors are free; a quiet environment is encouraged.

**1:30** **SET AND WEIGH ANCHOR** 🎵  
L. A. Dunton (4)

**1:45** **MUSIC OF THE SEA AND SHORE** 🎵  
Fishtown Chapel (40)

**2:00** **JUPITER AND THE FALL STARS** 😊  
See 12:00 for description of Planetarium (44) program.  
Extra fee

**2:00** **COME PLAY 19TH-CENTURY BASEBALL** 😊  
Play a gentlemen's game like Arctic whalers once did! Village Green; if rain, Shipcarver's Shop (25)

**2:30** **SHIPWRECK!** 😊  
Breeches buoy life-saving drill.  
Village Green; if rain, Life Saving Station (9)

**3:30** **MAN OVERBOARD DRILL** 🎵😊  
L. A. Dunton (4)

**4:00** **SETTING SAIL ON THE SLOOP REGINA M.** 🎵  
Middle Wharf (27)

**4:30** **LOBSTERING OUT OF NOANK** 🍲  
Lobster Shack (8)

**4:30** **DOGWATCH** 🎵😊  
Skills, lore and amusements of the deepwater sailor.  
Charles W. Morgan (33)

**4:45** **POWER FOR A NEW CENTURY**  
Hercules engine demonstration.  
Hoop Shop (24)

- 🚩 Look for exhibits with these signal flags out front. They are staffed by professional educators of Mystic Seaport.
- 🎵 Activities with music. 😊 Especially for families and children.
- 📍 Numbers indicate corresponding numbers on the map.
- 🍲 Denotes special Chowderfest activities.



## Don't Miss the Last Chance of the Season to Cruise the Mystic River!

Ride aboard *Sabino*, one of the oldest wooden, coal-fired steamboats still in operation. *Sabino* was built in 1908 and now she chugs along the river on half-hour and 90-minute cruises for your enjoyment.

Before the leaves fall away, get over to the Boathouse and explore autumn on the river firsthand. Rent a classic boat to row or sail, or cruise in style with a licensed captain aboard a power launch or catboat.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MYSTIC SEAPORT

### Nautical Nightmares: Blood of the Mutineers

*A Premier Halloween Event*

Oct 16-18, 23-25 and 29-31

*This event is recommended for children ages 12 and up. Nautical Nightmares is not wheelchair accessible as it includes several steps.*

Tickets on sale now!

Tickets: Adult: \$19, Youth (Ages 4-18) \$18

Member Adult: \$17, Member Youth (Ages 4-18) \$16

A \$2 handling fee will be applied to all tickets.

### Lantern Light Tours

*"Hope Amongst the Stars"*

*A New England Holiday Tradition*

Nov 28, Dec 4-5, 11-12, 18-20, 26-27.

Tickets on sale now!

Tickets: Adult: \$26, Youth (Ages 4-18) \$19

Member Adult: \$24, Member Youth (Ages 4-18) \$17

A \$2 handling fee will be applied to all tickets.

### The Season's Splendor:

#### A Victorian Village Holiday Ride

Nov 29, Dec 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 26, 27

Rides leave every 30 minutes from the Visitor Reception Center, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Enjoy the famed Mystic Seaport holiday decorations as you ride a horse-drawn carriage through the Mystic Seaport Village. Then join us at the historic Thomas Greenman House for a holiday craft and a sweet holiday treat. You may even catch a glimpse of a jolly old elf! Ideal for young children and the young at heart.

Tickets: \$29 (adults), \$20 (ages 6-17), \$8 (ages 2-5).

Prices include Museum admission.

For information on upcoming events at Mystic Seaport, visit [www.mysticseaport.org](http://www.mysticseaport.org)

### Shop The Museum Store

9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### Shop The Variety Store

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Dining at Seamen's Inne

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Sunday and Monday, 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

### Don't Miss Our Café & Bake Shoppe

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Grab A Quick Bite at the Galley

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Spouter Tavern Outdoor Dining

*Weather Permitting*

Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please see map & guide for locations.



## CHOWDERFEST 2009 BILL OF FARE

Chowder & other New England fare served from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on the Village Green

ONE TICKET = \$1

Food & beverage tickets may be purchased on the Village Green and can be used at The Galley and Spouter Tavern

### CHOWDER SELECTIONS

New England Clam Chowder.....	5 tickets
Rhode Island Clam Chowder.....	5 tickets
Manhattan Clam Chowder.....	5 tickets
Seafood Chowder.....	5 tickets
Corn Chowder.....	5 tickets
The Un-Chowder Lobster Bisque.....	6 tickets

### RIVERSIDE GRILL

Grilled Angus Burger.....	7 tickets
Cabot Cheddar Cheeseburger.....	8 tickets
Veggie Burger.....	7 tickets
All-Beef Hot Dog.....	4 tickets
Grilled Chicken Sandwich.....	7 tickets
Chicken Caesar Wrap.....	7 tickets

### SEAFOOD

Mini Lobster Roll.....	8 tickets
Lobster Macaroni & Cheese.....	7 tickets
Grilled Bomster Stonington Scallops.....	8 tickets
Tim's Wild Mushroom Vinaigrette	
Grilled Block Island Swordfish.....	7 tickets
Native Tomato Vinaigrette	
Grilled Nantucket Tuna, Ginger Wasabi.....	7 tickets

### RAW BAR

Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail.....	3 for 7 tickets
Noank Oysters on the Half Shell.....	2 for 5 tickets
Ram Island Cherrystone Clams on the Half Shell.....	3 for 5 tickets

### DESSERTS/SNACKS

Warm Apple Cranberry Crisp.....	5 tickets
Warm Pumpkin Bread Pudding.....	5 tickets
Fudge Brownie.....	3 tickets
Jumbo Cookie.....	2 tickets
Assorted Chips.....	2 tickets
Maple Kettle Korn.....	4 tickets

### BEVERAGES

Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite.....	3 tickets
Lemonade, Iced Tea, Dasani Water.....	3 tickets
Apple Cider: Hot or Cold.....	3 tickets
Mystic Seaport Pale Ale Draft.....	5 tickets
Shipyard Pumpkinhead Draft.....	5 tickets
Harpoon IPA/Oktobefest, Black Hook Porter.....	5 tickets
Sam Adams, Corona, Stella, Bud, Bud Lite.....	5 tickets
Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, White Zinfandel.....	6 tickets
Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon.....	6 tickets

## PROCEEDS BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS CONNECTICUT AND MYSTIC SEAPORT

Special Olympics Connecticut, established in 1969, has grown into one of the most innovative and dynamic chapters in the world. They offer valuable programs on and off the playing field and strive to provide continuing opportunities for their athletes. Special Olympics Connecticut participates annually in Chowderfest as one of their major fundraisers. A portion of Chowderfest food service proceeds also directly supports the Museum's educational mission.

Chowderfest is sponsored by:



## The Making of Chowder: A Historical Perspective & Tradition



Chowder has been a staple in New England culture since America's first settlers arrived centuries ago. The hearty soup was a favorite not only for its taste, but also for its few ingredients – fresh fish, salt pork

and dry bread. Other items – such as milk, onions and potatoes – became optional in 19th-century southern New England when the dish's preparation had evolved into a culinary festivity. Old Mystic was the starting point for many chowder parties, as friends gathered to sail downriver to Mason's Island and Nauyaug Cove for a day of chowder making and picnicking.

Chowder's appeal may best be identified in Herman Melville's *Moby-Dick* as Ishmael remarks, "But when that smoking chowder came in, the mystery was delightfully explained. Oh, sweet friends! hearken to me. It was made of small juicy clams [...], mixed with pounded ship biscuit, and salted pork cut up into little flakes; the whole enriched with butter, and plentifully seasoned with pepper and salt."



Excerpt from *Saltwater Foodways* (c) Sandra L. Oliver, pp. 293-301. You can buy *Saltwater Foodways* and *Saltwater Foodways Companion* at the Museum Store or online at [www.mysticseaport.org](http://www.mysticseaport.org).

Excerpt from *Moby-Dick or The Whale* (1851; Evanston & Chicago: Northwestern University Press & The Newberry Library, 1988), chapter 15, pp. 66-67.

Visit the Buckingham-Hall House 41 to see how chowder was made using Mrs. Child's 1833 recipe. Receive a copy of her antique recipe. Limited quantities available.