



West Coast Vancouver Island's 14th Annual Clayoquot Oyster Festival Celebrates Regional Oyster Harvest and Culinary Talent

Popular Event Slated for November 19-21, 2010

Tofino, BC, November 12, 2010 – Event organizers today unveiled details of the 14th Annual Clayoquot Oyster Festival www.oystergala.com to be held in Tofino, British Columbia, from November 19-21, 2010.

The Clayoquot Oyster Festival caters to food lovers from around the world who travel to Tofino each year to experience a variety of culinary and educational events including oyster farm tours, a costume ball and a gala dinner showcasing unique oyster dishes prepared by the area's renowned chefs.

"The Clayoquot Oyster Festival is Tofino at its best," said Festival Coordinator, Bobby Lax. "We will sing, slurp, eat, dance and truly celebrate our local oyster. Where else in the world can a person dress up for a costume ball, see a respectable burlesque show, tour an oyster farm and attend a formal gala — and all the while indulging in fresh, delicious oysters?"

Supported by local businesses and the Tofino-Ucluelet Culinary Guild www.tucg.ca, Clayoquot Oyster Festival 2010 highlights include:

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Daily at Sobo Restaurant: Chef Lisa Ahier's "Oyster Trio":

One classic raw oyster, one broiled oyster with Miso Mayo and one hemp seed crusted fried oyster topped with avocado ice cream.

www.sobo.ca

Friday, November 19, 7:00 – 9:00 pm:

"Oysterman Reception" at the Wickaninnish Inn with oyster expert Brent Petkau.

www.wickinn.com

Friday, November 19, 9:00 pm, Tofino Community Centre:

"Mermaid's Ball - Under the Sea" costume dance party, slurping contest, burlesque show and the music of Banana Fish Dance Orchestra.

Saturday, November 20, morning departures beginning 9:30 am:

"Oysters Afloat" farm tours with Remote Passages Marine Excursions.

1.5-hour trip up Lemmens Inlet to a working oyster farm.

www.remotepassages.com

Saturday, November 20, departures beginning at 10:00 am:

"On the Water Culinary Adventure" with West Coast Aquatic Safaris and Chef Derek Sandercock of Addictive Foods.

2-hour oyster farm trip with fresh oyster lunch.

www.whalesafaris.com

Saturday, November 20, 7:00 pm, Tofino Community Centre:

"Oyster Gala" and dance featuring local chefs, British Columbia wines and the music of Continentals Swing Band.

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For more information including a complete list of events, times, locations and ticket prices please visit www.oystergala.com.

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