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Greenport Village to Host Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program's 12th Annual Shellabration!

Shellabration is back! The culinary event of the season will return to Greenport Village on December 2-3, 2023 from Noon-4pm each day. Wristbands and sponsorship packages are now available and will gain participants access to Greenport's finest establishments to enjoy local shellfish, wine and beer pairings during a weekend long restaurant walk. All proceeds generated from wristband sales will support Cornell Cooperative Extension Marine Program's shellfish restoration and community stewardship projects-specifically the SPAT (Suffolk Project in Aquaculture Training) Program and Back to the Bays Initiative.

Participating restaurants will offer those wearing official Shellabration wristbands access to \$8 small plate menu items featuring local seafood, paired with \$5 tasting pours of Long Island wine, craft beer, and spirits. Additionally, local shops will be offering special promotions for Shellabration participants, making for a wonderful weekend of eating, drinking, and shopping local, all in support of our marine environment!

Kimberly Barbour, Back to the Bays Director notes, "We have some new additions to Shellabration this year! We will be providing Shellabrants an opportunity to vote for their favorite dishes as part of our first annual "Best of Shellabration Awards" and will be providing "Shella-Bingo" boards at check in for a chance to have some fun and win some great prizes. Additionally, we are working towards expanding our Back to the Bays Stewardship Site network in 2024. Funds raised through Shellabration and our Back to the Bays fundraising campaign will help us establish a receiving area for shellfish and habitat restoration plantings in the waters off of Greenport Village. More info about this effort and how Shellabration proceeds will be supporting this work can be found at <https://backtothebays.org/greenport-stewardship-site>."

It is highly recommended that Shellabrants reserve wristbands in advance, as this event sells out every year. Wristbands are available for \$35 Weekend Admission, and \$25 Sunday Only Admission. Upon check-in during Shellabration weekend, Shellabrants will be provided with their wristband packages at the designated pick up locations (Little Creek Oysters, Greenport Brewery, and First and South) and be treated to a complimentary first pairing of clams and oysters on the half shell and a local craft beverage tasting generously provided by Greenport Harbor Brewing Company and Borghese Vineyard.

Tickets and sponsorship packages available at: www.shellabrationcce.org

For the most up to date information on this event, follow Greenport Shellabration on Facebook and on Instagram @ccemarineprogram #greenportshellabration2023

Media and sponsorship inquiries can be directed to CCE Marine Program's Back to the Bays Director Kimberly Barbour at kp237@cornell.edu or (631) 461-5294.

General event and ticketing inquiries can be directed to Darci Bielenda at (631) 418-8702 or db695@cornell.edu.

All proceeds from the sale of wristbands will directly support CCE Marine Program's **Back to the Bays Initiative** (www.backtothebays.org) and **SPAT Program** (<http://ccesuffolk.org/spat>). CCE thanks our Pearl Level Sponsor Robins Island Foundation, and our Oyster Level Sponsors Northforker, Express, Greenport BID, Little Creek Oysters, First and South, Greenport Brewing Company and Borghese Vineyards.