

**Event Notice
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Long Island Maritime Museum and Suffolk County Parks to sponsor
Annual Seafood Festival, August 26-27, 2006

West Sayville, NY: The Long Island Maritime Museum's Annual Seafood Festival, to be held this year on August 26 and 27, is one of the summer's hottest events. Last year, over 15,000 people came through the gates of the festival, which combines arts and crafts, education and live entertainment with some of the Island's best seafood. It is held at the Museum's waterfront park adjacent to the West Sayville Golf Course at the foot of West Avenue in West Sayville.

This year's visitors won't be disappointed. Once again, the Festival committee has worked hard to add new and exciting attractions to the event. There will be over 100 exhibitors of fine arts and crafts on hand coordinated by Preferred Promotions of Long Island. The Festival will feature over thirty activities and displays provided by some of Long Island's most important environmental and educational groups. There will be more sumptuous seafood available than ever before being prepared by the Hewlett Fish Market.

This year, the festival is proud to announce a very special, homegrown-centered musical lineup featuring Long Island natives—**The Gin Blossoms** (formed in 1987 in Tempe, Arizona, and musically weaned on The Byrds and Tom Petty, the Gin Blossoms boast ten (10) Hot 100 Singles and Number One singles, including "Hey Jealousy," "Found Out About You," and "Til I Hear It From You," which was featured on the Empire Records soundtrack. The Gin Blossoms' new album, Major Lodge Victory – their first since 1997 – will be released on 8/8/2006), **Zebra** (rock legends best known for their song "Who's Behind the Door," they were recently inducted into the Long Island Music Hall of Fame), **Shannon McNally** (the soulful singer whose hit song, "Now that I Know," received extensive radio play and was featured on the *Sweet Home Alabama* soundtrack), **Nine Days** ("Absolutely [Story of a Girl]", which received a gold record from the RIAA), **The Invisible** (heard extensively on *Island 94.3*) and **Blotto** (MTV pioneers famous for such fun-in-the-sun songs as "I Wanna Be a Lifeguard"), **ZO2** (NYC rock'n'rollers who have opened for the likes of Kiss, Poison, and the Days of the New), **Rocket Man** (B103's Wiseman welcomes the Ultimate Elton John tribute band). Also confirmed are local favorites **Seven Turns** (the 9-pcs. Allman Brothers tribute band), and Pennsylvania's own **Inishowen** (singing maritime music of the seafaring nations on *both* festival days!)...with more high-profile bands, and special surprise guests, to be announced shortly! Stay tuned for details!

The Long Island Maritime Museum has added the special attraction of **Ye Pyrate Brotherhood**, a hardy crew of 17th century buccaneers with a sharp theatrical edge, reliving the days of high seas adventure on the Spanish Main. On Saturday August 26th and Sunday August 27th, **Ye Pyrate Brotherhood** will be enacting a scallywag pirate show and treasure hunt that is sure to fun for the whole family! If you liked *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, you'll love **Ye Pyrate Brotherhood**. Check out www.yepiratebrotherhood.com for more information about these homegrown swashbucklers!

Bring your family and friends, (no pets will be allowed) this year's event promises to be full of fun and excitement for all. Gates will open at 10:00 am and close at 6:00 pm. The food vendors will remain open until 6:00 pm and the music will continue until 7:00 pm both days.



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Visitors to the Festival will be able to take advantage of the new expanded off-site parking and the shuttle service from several locations. On-line advanced ticket sales will be available this year with a preferred parking area available exclusively to the online advance ticket holders. Admission to the Festival is \$5.00, which goes directly to support the museum's operations. Children 5 and under are free. The Seafood Festival is the largest single fundraising event for the Long Island Maritime Museum in West Sayville. The Museum is dedicated to the preservation of Long Island's rich maritime history and heritage for educational purposes. For further information about the Seafood Festival, or any other events, please call (631)HISTORY or visit the website at www.limaritime.org. Craft vendors interested in participating in the event, please call (631) 563-8551.

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