



CELEBRATE SPRING AT THE OSOYOOS OYSTER FESTIVAL, APRIL 19-23









We're Planning Our Annual Trek to Osoyoos For the Osoyoos Oyster Festival

No there are not oysters grown right in Osoyoos, but that didn't stop the founders of the Osoyoos Oyster Festival, from having a vision to give weary oyster farmers a break from the coast and locals and visiting oyster aficionados something to slurp while waiting for all of the spring wines to be released.



It's in the sixth year now and Michael and I will, once again make the journey to the Okanagan, via Kelowna, where we'll stop for some last minute wedding prep, then continue down the valley to <u>Osoyoos</u> for a few days to feast on oysters and work on our tans. We wouldn't miss our annual pilgrimage, it's now our little family tradition.



The Osoyoos Oyster Festival returns to the South Okanagan, April 19-23 and showcases a variety of oysters from across the country. Kelowna's Codfathers Seafood Market will be on hand, Nova Scotia's Sober Island Oyster Farm will be shucking up a storm, and they'll be Effingham Oysters and more. We'll be there for three days checking out the area and the festival's events. On the agenda is lunch at Burrowing Owl Winery, a visit to Firehall Brewery and Dublin Gate Distilling and stops at several of the wineries. I have to be careful or I won't fit into my wedding dress. Oh, did I mention I was getting married? I did a few times? Oops.



We look forward to seeing Patrick McMurray again, known as "Shucker Paddy", Patrick is a former World Champion Oyster Shucker and owner of The Ceili Cottage Restaurant in Toronto. He'll be shucking fresh oysters at events throughout the festival and you'll be shucking your own oysters in no time with his tips. Trevor and Michelle Munroe from Nova Scotia's Sober Island Oyster Farm, along with their children, will be shucking east coast oysters at all three signature events, and the Codfathers Family is sure to be on site!

Beach BBQ & Brews at Watermark Beach Resort, April 21

6:30 pm Tickets: \$75

New in 2017 and held on the resort's stunning beachfront, this lively BBQ-style buffet features seafood and traditional BBQ fare, paired with generous pours of the South Okanagan's best brews, craft ciders and a signature Canadian Whiskey cocktail. The BBQs will be manned by the following Chefs: Jeff Van Geest of Miradoro; Natasha Schooten from Walnut Beach Resort; Adair Scott from Watermark Beach Resort; and Trevor Munroe of Sober Island Oysters. Tickets available online, here.

