EVENT DETAILS

It’s time to celebrate! You’re invited to DC on the Half Shell, a biennial celebration presented by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF).

The best oysters from around the Bay will be in town, ready to dazzle your taste buds. In one unforgettable evening, you and your guests will experience firsthand why the Bay is such an irreplaceable treasure. And the best part is that every dollar raised goes to the effort to Save the Bay and keep it saved for generations to come.

Event Program

- Begin the evening by tasting fresh oysters from around the Chesapeake Bay. Meet the aquaculturists who work the water and learn about each unique flavor profile.
- Learn from expert CBF educators and scientists how the mighty oyster is saving the Bay
- Enjoy a buffet dinner inspired by the many flavors of the Chesapeake Bay region.
- Pause for a brief award ceremony, celebrating our honoree.
- Top of the evening with delicious desserts including Smith Island Cake, delivered fresh from the island!

Tickets

A limited number of individual tickets will be available starting in January. For more information, visit cbf.org/dconthehalfshell
Every two years, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation celebrates an individual or organization for their leadership and dedication to conservation at our DC on the Half Shell event. It is our pleasure to present Senator Ben Cardin with the 2024 Clean Water Legacy Award at DC on the Half Shell on March 18, 2024.

Senator Cardin has been a champion for the Bay since he began his public service career in 1967 in the Maryland House of Delegates, the same year CBF was founded. In the decades since, he has been dedicated to achieving clean water and a healthy environment for Marylanders and everyone else living in the Bay watershed.

"It's an honor to be chosen to receive the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Clean Water Legacy Award," Senator Cardin said, "I've dedicated my career to improving the health of our watershed because of its direct and existential impact on the communities and wildlife it serves as home and habitat. For nearly six decades, I've proudly supported the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's efforts to protect our treasured Bay."

Whether advocating for Maryland fisheries, promoting environmental education, or ensuring federal support for Bay research and restoration, Senator Cardin has never wavered in his commitment to saving the Bay and its rivers and streams. His unparalleled record of success fighting for the Bay has left an indelible impact on the health of the watershed.

It is CBF's honor to officially recognize Senator Cardin for being one of the greatest—and fiercest—advocates that the Bay has ever known.
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
5:30 - 9:00 PM
DOCK5 at UNION MARKET
Proudly honoring
Senator Ben Cardin
with the 2024 Clean Water Legacy Award

Event Chairs
Pamela & Byrne Murphy
Crystal Patterson
Kim & Nick Pomponi

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Presenting Sponsor (EXCLUSIVE) ....................... $100,000
Custom benefit package developed between the Presenting Sponsor and CBF. All marketing benefits offered to Chesapeake Pearl Sponsors will be available for the Presenting Sponsor.
- Name/logo included in DC on the Half Shell logo
- Premier lounge space and reserved tables for your guests
- 30 event tickets
- Opportunity to speak during the program

Chesapeake Pearl (LIMITED) .......................... $50,000
- Premier lounge space and reserved tables for your guests
- 20 event tickets
- Four customized on-site electronic advertisements
- Logo/name included on event photo backdrop
- One social media post
- Logo/name recognition on event materials, website, and CBF-issued communications
- Recognition during program
- Customized CBF engagement opportunity (Examples include fishing excursion, volunteer activity or other insider experiences)
- Recognition in CBF’s Annual Report

Skipjack Captain ....................................... $25,000
- Reserved table for your guests
- 12 event tickets
- Two customized on-site electronic advertisements
- One social media post
- Logo/name listing on event materials and website
- Customized CBF engagement opportunity (Examples include fishing excursion, volunteer activity or other insider experiences)
- Recognition in CBF’s Annual Report

First Mate ............................................... $10,000
- Reserved table for your guests
- 8 event tickets
- Logo/name recognition on event day electronic signage, event materials, and website
- One group social media post
- Recognition in CBF’s Annual Report

Exclusive Marketing Opportunities .................. $20,000+
We are happy to create custom sponsorship opportunities with added marketing benefits. For additional information on these packages, contact Taryn Dwan at TDwan@cbf.org
- Oyster Station Sponsor
- Signature Cocktail Sponsor
- Signature Mocktail Sponsor
- Plant-Based Food Sponsor

SPONSORSHIP & TICKET INFORMATION:
TDwan@cbf.org or 443-482-2111

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to be included in the printed invitation is January 5.
The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Your sponsorship supports CBF events and CBF education and restoration activities. Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) prohibit payments for sponsorships or tickets with a fair market value, many DAFs also restrict partial payments. Please consult your fund management team for more information. Fair Market Value of each ticket is $150.

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