

One of Virginia's Best Family-Friendly Festivals, the Poquoson Seafood Festival, is Celebrating Its 43rd Year

*Join us in celebrating coastal living —
October 17-19!*

POQUOSON, VA, UNITED STATES, October 16, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The City of [Poquoson](#) proudly presents the 43rd Annual Poquoson [Seafood](#) Festival, October 17-19, 2025, honoring the Working Watermen of the Chesapeake Bay and celebrating the city's rich coastal heritage.

Recognized as one of Eastern Virginia and Hampton Roads' premier family-friendly festivals, this three-day event offers something for everyone: live music, a juried arts & crafts show, delicious Chesapeake Bay seafood, children's activities, and community camaraderie. Full details are available at www.poquosonseafestival.com.

Live Entertainment for Every Taste

Festival-goers can enjoy regional and local musical performances on two stages throughout the weekend:

Friday, October 17: Tidewater Drive, a lively local and regional party and dance band, kicks off the festival on the Holcomb Law Municipal Stage from 4:00-9:00 PM.

Saturday, October 18: Catch The Bill Miles Band and The Feature Entertainment, featuring Good Shot Judy!, the Mid-Atlantic's premier high-energy jazz band. Dance, sing, and swing the day away.



Sunday, October 19: The Evolution Chorus and THE DELOREANS bring the sounds of the 80s to the stage for a fun-filled finale.

Additional performances across the weekend include the Poquoson High School Band, Poquoson Islanderettes, Poquoson Dance Academy, Bru Houndz, Second Wind Band, Mike Reed, The Request Station Band, Troy Breslow and The Company Band, The Paul Urban Duo, Rob Oliver, and Tom Euler.

Acoustic and diverse musical acts will also be featured at the Dockside Food Pavilion Stage, presented by Aaron K Holmes – Berkshire Hathaway and Bluewater Building Company. All concerts are free and included with festival admission.



Arts, Crafts, and Local Artisans

The festival hosts the Poquoson Art League Juried Arts & Crafts Show, one of Virginia's largest outdoor arts and crafts shows, with approximately 175 artisans displaying a wide array of unique crafts, including coastal paintings, sculptures, photography, and more. It's the perfect destination for one-of-a-kind gifts and décor.

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*Gretchen Gochenour,
Poquoson Seafood Festival
Director*

Savor the Taste of Chesapeake Bay

The festival's Food Pavilion is a culinary delight, featuring the freshest seafood and festival favorites: crab cakes, shrimp, oysters, clams, she-crab soup, soft shell crabs, catfish, and much more. Food is prepared fresh on-site—steamed, breaded, or chargrilled—while alternative options include smoked BBQ, funnel cakes, gator bites,

fried chicken, corn on the cob, French fries, and hushpuppies.

In 2024 alone, over 9,000 crab cakes, 620 gallons of soups and chowders, and 19,000 pounds of French fries were served! Bring your appetite—you'll leave happy.

Family Fun and Children's Activities

The Children's Area features:

Magic and performances by John Kingry

Rainbow Puppets Show Production

Amusement rides by Cole Shows

Interactive exhibits and an animal show by Jack's Jungle, including a weekend petting zoo

Festival-goers can also explore Municipal Drive exhibitors and visit the Working Watermen's Heritage Display, showcasing Chesapeake Bay traditions like crab pot construction and net making.

Festival Highlights & Souvenirs

Celebrate the season with the official 2025 Poquoson Seafood Festival Souvenir T-shirt or Jacket, featuring original artwork by REBA Arts that captures the bounty and flavors of the Bay.

Festival Hours

Friday, October 17: 4:00–9:00 PM

Saturday, October 18: 10:00 AM–9:00 PM

Sunday, October 19: 11:00 AM–5:00 PM

Admission is free, and all concerts are included. Patrons are encouraged to bring beach chairs or blankets for seating on Municipal Field.

Parking Information

A \$10 cash parking fee supports local community projects and student scholarships.

General Parking: 51 Odd Road

Accessible Parking: 830 Poquoson Ave. (handicapped placard required)

Directions from I-64 Poquoson Exit (256B) will be well-marked. Festival staff will assist with parking.

Come enjoy the fun, music, arts, and tastes of Chesapeake Bay at this annual celebration of community and coastal heritage.

For more information, visit: www.poquosonseafestival.com

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