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## 8th Annual Halifax Oyster & Music Festival Party With A Purpose!

DAYTONA BEACH, FL (March 16, 2017 – The **2017 Halifax Oyster & Music Festival** is pleased to announce the festival will take place on **Saturday, April 29 from 11am to 8pm** on [City Island](#) on the Intracoastal Waterway in Downtown Daytona Beach, FL. Admission to the island is \$7/person at the gate, children under 10 enter free. City Island is located behind the Daytona Beach Library.

Under the management of Al Smith Productions, the **Halifax Oyster & Music Festival** is devoted to supporting local shoreline restoration. "We are looking forward to attendees enjoying some of our local seafood treasures. We will be featuring a wide variety of oyster dishes prepared by local restaurants, as well as raw, shucked and steamed oysters, and a number of other food options," said Smith.

Besides lots of oysters, liquid refreshments and other food options, the **Halifax Oyster & Music Festival** will feature lots of great live entertainment. Attendees will enjoy live music performed by C-Posse, Hayfire, Love Band, and Steve Kampa & The Pickups.

The Marine Discovery Center will host a Conservation Carnival for kids featuring fun and games that also

educate the importance of our waterways and environment. Proceeds will fund the Marine Discovery Center's mission to restore healthy oyster beds to Volusia County's Intracoastal Waterway. "Few people today realize the role that oysters and oyster reefs have played in our local history and the vital role they play today in maintaining the health of our rivers and marine ecosystems," stated Chad Truxall with the Marine Discovery Center. "There will be plenty of great food and fun as this annual festival helps us educate local residents and fund ongoing efforts to rebuild our local oyster beds and shoreline habitats."

Once valued primarily as a food resource, oysters are now recognized as important "ecosystem engineers" in estuaries. Oysters create complex habitats that support numerous species of fish, crustaceans, bivalves, other invertebrates, birds and mammals. During feeding oysters filter large volumes of water improving the clarity and quality of water and transferring of vital nutrients. As more people come to realize the importance of oyster reefs to overall ecosystem functions, large and small scale restoration projects have been springing up in many coastal communities.

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