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B SECTION

## Fun abounds at 2022 Urbanna Oyster Festival



For many, the highlight of Saturday's 65th Urbanna Oyster Festival Parade was seeing and hearing the lively performance of the Aqua String Band. The group, a regular in the annual Philadelphia Mummers New Year's Day Parade, wowed the thousands lining this stretch of Virginia Street and the rest of the parade route. They wore breathtaking, one-of-a-kind costumes while playing banjos, saxophones, accordions and percussion. *More festival photos, pages B4, 6 and 7.* (Photo by Don Richeson)

### Winners in 2022 Urbanna Oyster Festival Parade listed

Winners in the 2022 Urbanna Oyster Festival Parade include:

- Bands — first, Northumberland High School Marching Band; second, Westmoreland High School Eagle Band.
- Walking/marching units — first, Spotsylvania Sparkettes; second, N/A.
- Floats — first, Bethpage Camp-Resort; second, Captain Samuel M. Bailey Buyboat.
- Specialty Units -- first, Town of Urbanna; second, Pirate Cart.
- Equestrian units — first, Step Up Into T.L.C.; second, N/A.
- Grand Marshal's Award-- highest award, Essex High School Trojan Band.
- Captain's Award — second highest award, Middlesex Gymnastics Center.
- Mayor's Award — third highest award, Do Baton! Dance Twirl Team.



Deborah Pratt, left, of Jamaica and Robert Minor of Gwynn's Island, compete in the final round of the festival's oyster shucking contest Saturday. Closely watching are contest officials, from left, Eric Faudree, Jayla Casuccio and Wayne Jessie. Minor ended up winning the Virginia State Shucking Championship title and Pratt was the runner-up. (Photo by Don Richeson)

### Urbanna Oyster Festival top shucking competitors named

Winners in the 2022 Urbanna Oyster Festival Shucking Contest include:

Amateur division, shucking 12 oysters:

- First — David Jackson, Urbanna, 2:15.94.
- Second — Eric Speth, Williamsburg, 2:55.16.
- Third — Cyrus Brame, New Kent, 2:57.09.

Professional Women, shucking 24 oysters:

- First — Deborah Pratt, Jamaica, 4:16.06.
- Second, Hannah Bush, Manassas, 4:35.41.
- Third, Jaime Southern, Norfolk, 4:51.19.

Professional Men, shucking 24 oysters:

- First — Robert Minor, Gwynn's Island, 3:28.34.

3:20.78.

- Second — Ian Johnson, Norfolk, 3:26.03.
- Third — Sam Davis, Urbanna, 3:41.03.

Overall Winner, shucking 24 oysters:

- First — Robert Minor, Gwynn's Island, 3:28.34.



## Weekly Tides

Windmill Point, Virginia

<b>Fri. 11/11</b> 94% Moon	High 12:14 Low 6:29 High 12:34 Low 7:23	1.2' 0.2' 1.4' 0.2'	Sunrise 6:41 Sunset 4:57 Moonset 9:52 Moonrise 7:07	<b>Tue. 11/15</b> 66% Moon	High 3:11 Low 9:31 High 3:34 Low 10:31	1.0' 0.5' 1.2' 0.5'	Sunrise 6:45 Sunset 4:54 Moonset 12:50 Moonrise 10:54
<b>Sat. 11/12</b> 89% Moon	High 12:53 Low 7:09 High 1:14 Low 8:06	1.1' 0.2' 1.3' 0.4'	Sunrise 6:42 Sunset 4:57 Moonset 10:47 Moonrise 7:59	<b>Wed. 11/16</b> 57% Moon	High 4:08 Low 10:30 High 4:29 Low 11:23	1.0' 0.6' 1.1' 0.5'	Sunrise 6:46 Sunset 4:54 Moonset 1:20 Moonrise 1:54
<b>Sun. 11/13</b> 83% Moon	High 1:35 Low 7:51 High 1:57 Low 8:51	1.1' 0.3' 1.3' 0.4'	Sunrise 6:43 Sunset 4:56 Moonset 11:35 Moonrise 8:55	<b>Thu. 11/17</b> 48% Moon	High 5:07 Low 11:32 High 5:26 Low 1:11	1.0' 0.5' 1.1' 1.1'	Sunrise 6:47 Sunset 4:53 Moonset 1:47
<b>Mon. 11/14</b> 75% Moon	High 2:20 Low 8:38 High 2:44 Low 9:40	1.0' 0.4' 1.2' 0.5'	Sunrise 6:44 Sunset 4:55 Moonset 12:16 Moonrise 9:54	<b>Fri. 11/18</b> 38% Moon	Low 12:13 High 6:03 Low 12:33 High 6:20	0.4' 1.1' 0.5' 1.1'	Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 4:52 Moonrise 12:55 Moonset 2:11

PM times are in boldface type



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Karen Glasgow, a visitor from Delray Beach, Fla., staying at Grey's Point Campground, chomps on a giant barbecued turkey leg as she strolls down Rappahannock Avenue on the first day of the festival. (Photo by Don Richeson)



Tristan Steel of Hartfield watches as Water View mother Scarlett Ebinger places the face of her daughter, Elizabeth Ebinger, in a festival cut-out at the children's playground in Taber Park. (Photo by Don Richeson)



**More  
Oyster  
Festival  
photos**

Sweet Justice lead vocalist Beth Justice Stewart of Urbanna sings a classic rock tune with gusto during the festival Friday. She was elected as a new member of the Urbanna Town Council Tuesday. (Photo by Don Richeson)



The participants in the 2022 Urbanna Oyster Festival Queen and Little Miss Spat competition assemble after the crowning Friday. The Little Miss Spat contestants in the front row include, from left, contestants Olivia Payne and Finley Welch, first runner-up Piper Gill, Little Miss Spat Kayleigh Carias, second runner-up Lucy Myers, and contestant Jullianna Gobush. In back row, are, from left, the Queen contestants, contestant Abigail Smiley, first runner-up Gracie Wynberry, Oyster Festival Queen Courtney Harrow, second runner-up Makayla Seamster and contestant Sara Hale. (Photo by Tom Chillemi)



Dancing to Sweet Justice as the classic rock band performs in Taber Park are visitors from LaPlata, Md., from left, Kacy Cavalier, Cyndi Liparini, Jaime Rollins and Eric Cavalier. Hundreds attended the concert. (Photo by Don Richeson)



Lower Middlesex Volunteer Fire Department Firefighter Whit Walden drives the Deltaville station's ladder truck in the Fireman's Parade Friday evening. In the background, a man at a Polish sausage stand reacts. (Photo by Don Richeson)

**Answers ...**

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A vintage ambulance cruises past a Virginia Street funnel cakes stand with a skeleton passenger in the Fireman's Parade. (Photo by Don Richeson)

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The Brewington family of Hartfield is loaded down with festival trinkets as they have fun in Taber Park Friday. Dad Chris sips from a palm tree cup while holding an inflatable guitar. Daughter Montana, 5, holds an inflatable unicorn and mom Zaneta eats frozen ice. (Photo by Don Richeson)



Grand Marshal Kathy Vesley-Massey rides in the Fireman's Parade Friday night. (Photo by Don Richeson)



Members of the Walton family wave as they ride in the Fireman's Parade Friday night. They served as parade captains and are, from left, Thomas Lee, Lee, Ricky and Tony. (Photo by Don Richeson)



A reproduction of the square-rigged tall ship Godspeed docks at the Urbanna Town Marina for the festival. Godspeed was one of three ships that left 104 English colonists in what is now Virginia in summer 1607. In his diary, Godspeed's captain, Bartholomew Gosnold, wrote of her, "She is Thy Ruler of the seas, with her mightyfulle velocitie moure veloce than the wynd, and mightyer than the rocke, she is, my Deare Godspeed." Festival-goers could tour the ship, as well as the sloop Luna. (Photo by Don Richeson)

 An advertisement for COVID-19 vaccine options. It features a large yellow and blue graphic with the text "TO AVOID COVID-19, YOU'VE GOT OPTIONS." Below the text, it says "To increase your protection from COVID-19, ask your doctor or pharmacist if the latest bivalent booster shot is right for you. If you haven't received your flu shot, remember to ask about that too." At the bottom, it provides information on how to find a free vaccine: "To find a free vaccine near you, go to [vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus](https://vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus) or call 877-VAX-IN-VA." The Virginia Department of Health logo and the slogan "You've Got Options, Virginia." are also present. The background of the ad shows a couple smiling and a person's arm with a bandage.

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