



Dear Local Boaters,

The Bristol Harbormaster's Office and the local fishing community are teaming up for the 10th anniversary of the Bristol Harbor Festival & Blessing of the Fleet on Saturday, August 12, 2023. The event takes place at Rockwell Park on Thames Street in historic Bristol, RI and will begin at 1:00 PM with the Blessing of the Fleet.

The festival also includes a Stuffie Competition, live music throughout the day, raw bar, beer & wine, and the highlight - a first-class littleneck boil (caught by local fishermen) or a steak dinner from 5-7:00 pm. Children receive a free hot dog with purchase of a ticket.

Our hope is that this festival will continue to strengthen the ties between the Bristol Harbormaster's Office, the local fishing community and everyone who enjoys Bristol either by land or by sea.

We invite you to be a part of this year's Festival by having your watercraft blessed during the Blessing of the Fleet and by joining us for all the other great activities throughout the day.

All watercraft wishing to participate in the Blessing of the Fleet should be lined up behind the Harbor Patrol boat between the State Street Dock and Stone Harbor by 12:30 PM. We will be monitoring VHF channel 17 during the Blessing of the Fleet.

Tickets for the Littleneck Boil (or optional Steak Dinner) are \$30.00 and can be purchased online at <https://bristolharborfest.com/> or at the Bristol Harbormaster's Office. Tickets will be available for purchase the day of the Festival, but in very limited quantity.

We feel privileged to have your watercraft call Bristol Harbor home and appreciate your support of the Bristol Harbor Festival. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Bristol Harbormaster's Office at 401-253-1700.

Sincerely,

Gregg Marsili & The Bristol Harbor Festival Committee

Thank You!