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Gowrie Group is Presenting Sponsor for the Third Annual Mystic Oyster Fest

STONINGTON, CT. New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) is proud to announce that Gowrie Group will be the Presenting Sponsor for their third annual Mystic Oyster Fest. Gowrie Group is New England's leading independent insurance agency and has a 40-year history of providing specialized insurance solutions to individuals and businesses.

NESS President Spike Lobdell commented, *"It's wonderful to have the support of a reputable company like Gowrie Group whose mission aligns with NESS's core values of inclusiveness, experiential hands-on learning, personal growth, and stewardship."*

Gowrie Group's CEO Carter Gowrie added, *"We are proud to support NESS as they continue to expand the reach of their ocean adventure education programs and STEM education outreach in New London, CT."*

Mystic Oyster Fest will occur on Sunday, August 16, from 11am-2pm at the Mystic Arts Center in Mystic, Connecticut. The annual event is an opportunity for people to sample local food from Lead Sponsor Oyster Club (named to the "Best Oyster Bars in America" list by *Travel & Leisure* in 2014), as well as Millwright's Tavern (Chef Tyler Anderson was named "Best Chef in CT" in 2014), On20, Bricco (named "Best Upscale Restaurant in CT" in 2014), Broad Street Kitchen and Coffee, and Mantunuck Oyster Farm. Drink sponsors include Saltwater Farm Vineyard, The Real McCoy Rum, Fishers Island Lemonade, and Beer'd Brewing.

Oyster Club co-owner Dan Meiser remarked, *"We are grateful to have some of the best restaurants in Connecticut and Rhode Island come out to showcase their food at this event."*

Other corporate sponsors include Shutters and Sails Real Estate and Hoyt, Fillipetti, and Malaghan, LLC.

Event tickets are \$65 per person and include all food and drink. For more information, call 860-245-4472, email lauren@nessf.org or visit the Mystic Oyster Fest page [online](#).

New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Inc. (NESS), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), provides year-round ocean adventure education programs that engage students in experiential learning that builds confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Marine sciences (biology, oceanography, meteorology), adventure sports, and sailing are catalysts for teaching life skills, academic discipline, and respect and responsibility for the sea. NESS currently operates out of three locations: Stonington and New London, Connecticut, and Westerly, Rhode Island. For more information, visit www.nessf.org.

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