

Taste of Southcoast 2014



Food, music and foodies!

The weather is slowly and reluctantly warming up as summer approaches, which means that New Bedford's festival season is nearly upon us. For food lovers, no N.B. festival is more exciting than the annual Taste of South Coast. Over twenty of the South Coast's best restaurants and eateries will be gathering on Pier 3 of New Bedford's historic waterfront to compete for the People's Choice awards. Sunday, May 18th will mark the eighth annual Taste of South Coast and yet again it promises to be one of the best deals of the year thanks to the incredible quantity and quality of food, as well as the fun that is bound to be had.



Photo by Sally Spooner.

Every year this event gathers a great crowd of eager foodies so be sure to get your tickets in advance. The tasting starts at noon on May 18th and ends at 3:15, but music and fun

continue right through 5:00 pm with the Craig DeMelo Band. Every year I find that Taste of South Coast has great music to accompany its incredible food; music that sets a fun block party type of atmosphere.

As always, the list of culinary delights that will be sampled are varied. Currently, this year's participating restaurants include; All Friends Catering & BBQ, Artisan Bake Shop, Capriotti's Sandwich Shop, Cork Wine & Tapas, Dorothy Cox Chocolates, Flour Girls Baking Company, Freestone's City Grill, Inner Bay Restaurant, Morton's Fork Catering, No Problemo, Olive Garden, Paddy's Hotdog Shop, Pink Box Desserts, Seafire Grillhouse & Bar, Ten Cousin's Brick Oven, Texas Roadhouse, Tia Maria European Café, Trio Café and Lounge and Ying Dynasty. For those of you with a sweet tooth there are also many desserts to be had. My favorites from last year were Artisan Bake Shop, Dorothy Cox's Chocolates and Pink Box Desserts.

Of course, for many of us who are 21+, no food event is complete without a good beer or wine to wash it down with.

New England craft beers will be available for purchase, as well as locally grown and bottled wines. For those of you who don't drink, there will also be water and soft drinks for sale.

This is the second year that Taste of SouthCoast will not be taking place at Custom House Square, so be aware of the change in location. The GPS location of Pier 3 is 228 MacArthur Drive. Parking is free in the downtown at meters, at the Whale's Tooth Parking lot, Elm Street Parking Garage, and the YMCA, with free shuttle service to the Pier.

Taste of SouthCoast always delivers great a great time for the ticket price. Ticket prices have not been changed from last year; \$16 in advance online and \$18 day of the event for adults, \$6 for children 6-12, free for 5 and younger.

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