



WEST COAST OYSTER SHUCKING CHAMPIONSHIP & WASHINGTON STATE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

SHELTON, WASHINGTON - 1ST WEEKEND IN OCTOBER



PRIZES

Saturday

Pacific Rim Speed Shucking Championship

1 st Prize	\$400.00
2 nd Prize	\$250.00
3 rd Prize	\$150.00
4 th Prize	\$ 75.00
5 th Prize	\$ 75.00
6 th Prize	\$ 75.00

Sunday

Pacific Rim Half-Shell Championship

1 st Prize	\$600.00
2 nd Prize	\$350.00
3 rd Prize	\$200.00
4 th Prize	\$100.00
5 th Prize	\$100.00
6 th Prize	\$100.00

RULES PROCEDURES

A Grand Prize is conferred upon the victor in the Sunday finale. That individual is declared the "WEST COAST OYSTER SHUCKING CHAMPION" and awarded a GOLD Medal. A gold medal is also awarded to the contestant with the Best Presentation. Cash prizes and medals are also awarded in Saturday's Speed Shucking event. The *names* of the **Gold Medal Winners of the Half Shell, Speed and Presentation competitions** are automatically placed in the **OysterFest Shucking Hall of Fame**.

Rules and Procedures as stated in this section apply to both Pacific Rim Speed Shucking and Pacific Rim Half-Shell Shucking.

- Shuckers will select 25 oysters. Only 24 oysters must be shucked. Shucker may shuck 25th oyster at shuckers option. If a shucker selects or shucks more than the proper amount of oysters, there is no penalty.
- Each shucking station is identified by a conspicuously positioned number.
- The contestant removes the oysters from his/her container and arranges them for shucking. Contestant may appeal to the Head Timekeeper any oyster considered to be of improper quality for the contest. At his/her discretion, the Head Timekeeper may substitute another oyster taken from an additional container previously provided.
- Shucking blocks may be used.
- Contestants may wear finger stalls or gloves, use their own knives and carry an extra knife for use in case the first knife breaks.
- Each contestant has a separate timekeeper.
- The contestant will poise his/her knife at head height to indicate readiness.
- At a signal, simultaneously all time keepers start their stop-watches and contestants their shucking.
- When a contestant has completed shucking and has arranged the oysters to his/her satisfaction, he/she will raise both hands overhead and step back from the shucking table. The timekeeper will stop his watch immediately. A contestant may not touch the tray or oysters after he/she signaled completion.
- Timers will deliver the tray to the judges' table in such a manner that the judges will not be aware of whose tray they are judging.
- Each timekeeper reports his/her contestant's shucking time to the Head Timekeeper. Penalties are assessed. Head Timekeeper dictates these to the Chief Clerk who records them on the official score sheet. Total time (shucking plus penalty) for each shucker is then computed by the Chief Clerk and given to the contest committee Chairman to announce and post on the public board. The winner in each heat is that contestant who has the lowest total second and has not been disqualified by the judges.
- DISQUALIFICATION almost never occurs. However, disqualification could result from a contestant who:
 - Intentionally touched his/her oysters or tray after having signaled completion
 - Distracted a fellow competitor by vocal or physical interference during the shucking heat.
- If a dispute arises wherein the valid outcome of a contestant's performance is in serious doubt, the Head Timekeeper in consultation with the Chief Judge, may order a re-shuck of that contestant only.
- All determinations of the head Timekeeper and Chief Judge shall be final.