**Channel Islands Maritime Museum**

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**THE EVENT of the Ventura County SUMMER: CHOWDERFEST 2016**

Selected local restaurants will compete for title of “Ventura County’s Best Chowder” at the second annual CHOWDERFEST on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 3-7pm at the Channel Islands Maritime Museum, 3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard, CA 93035.

A competition judged by both professional judges and guests, chowder tastings are complimented by wine tastings from local wineries and fine craft beer provided by Firestone Walker Brewery. Live music will create a festive mood with multiple bands, featuring Kelly’s Lot and Teresa Russell among others. Local friends and visiting guests will gather at the summer’s most relaxing Harborfront garden party!

Chowderfest is an annual collaborative fundraiser hosted by the Channel Islands Maritime Museum, IOGB (International Order of the Blue Gavel), and local Yacht Clubs. Local restaurants will donate exceptional flavors to the Chowder Cook-off (clam, corn, manhattan, potato, veggie…..) and support the Channel Islands Maritime Museum: a non-profit which celebrates Five Centuries of Art that Sails and gives back to the community nearly every day of the year.

Tickets will be sold on the museum website and at the museum for $25 pre-sale and $30 the day of the event. The price includes Chowder, Beer & Wine tastings; a variety of side dishes; and free Museum admission. The museum welcomes the public and community to attend.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Channel Islands Maritime Museum.

The Channel Islands Maritime Museum is open daily 11-5 pm. Regular admission to the museum is $5 for non-members, $4 for seniors, and free for members and children age 12 and under. Located in Oxnard’s Channel Islands Harbor at 3900 Bluefin Circle, permanent exhibits include a seascape gallery of rare and beautiful maritime paintings dating back to the 1600’s and more than sixty world-class models of historic ships.

**What:** **$30 entry ($25 pre-sale) includes**

 **Free Samples:** Chowder (restaurants) + side dishes + dessert, Beer (Firestone Walker Brewery), Wine (tastings from local wineries)

 **For sale:** Full servings of Beverages, Pirate Boat rides, Chowderfest hats, Museum Store items

**When:** **Saturday July 30, 2016, 3pm - 7pm**

**Where: Channel Islands Maritime Museum**

 **3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard CA**

 **Channel Islands Harbor**

**Tickets:** [cimmvc.org](http://cimmvc.org) **or at the Museum**