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THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2011



The Destin Seafood Festival will be a harborwide event this year and feature local acts like Heritage, which wowed crowds last year. For a complete lineup of musical acts and participating vendors, see [waltonsun.com](http://waltonsun.com).

## From music to your mouth, Seafood Fest ready to rock

### Advertorial Special to The Sun

With a theme of "Heritage on the Harbor," the 33rd Annual Destin Seafood Festival is free and kicks off Friday, Sept. 30. This highly anticipated tradition draws 30,000-plus visitors each year and will be set up along the length of the Destin harbor from Harborwalk Village at the foot of the Destin Bridge to the Boathouse Oyster Bar. The new and expanded venue will bring the Destin Seafood Festival back to its roots on the Destin harbor.

Special live headliner entertainment on Friday evening will be the

Southern Gentleman's Tour with Ed Rolland and Kevin Griffith of Collective Soul and Better than Ezra and the Andy Velo Band, Jim Beam's "Emerging Artist." A dazzling fireworks show will close out the evening.

Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMD) and the Florida Restaurant & Lodging Association will be bringing in 15 of the most talented songwriters in country and popular music to entertain throughout the Festival venue. These award-winning musicians are a who's who of songwriters of country music and have written for and collaborated with such stars as Willie

Nelson, Rascal Flatts, Toby Keith, Jason Aldean, and many more. Big local favorites Forrest Williams, Heritage, High Racket Bracket, Coconut Radio and Cheryl Jones will once again perform for their loyal crowds each day.

In addition to amazing live entertainment, 50 arts & crafts artists will be on site. Visitors will enjoy an abundance of delicious food selections from 20 food vendors located throughout the venue.

Learn first-hand at cooking demonstrations by well-known area chefs at the

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September 30-October 2  
Along the Destin Harbor



**Festival Hours:**  
 Friday, Sept. 30: 4:00pm-10:00pm  
 Saturday, Oct. 1: 10:00am-10:00pm  
 Sunday, Oct. 2: 11:00am-4:00pm



For event schedule, parking & shuttle info:  
[www.destinseafoodfestival.org](http://www.destinseafoodfestival.org)

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Fresh From Florida outdoor demonstration kitchen. Cooking demonstrations at the Ferguson/Okaloosa Gas provided Gulf Safe Seafood Kitchen will take place outdoors on the east side of Fisherman's Wharf.

There's also plenty to do for the kids too. Sandy the Swordfish, the brand new official Destin Seafood Festival mascot, will be welcoming attendees. A special Kid's Zone will include everything from bounce houses, facepainting, hamster balls, to arts and crafts activities for kids of all ages. A mingo toss, kid's fishing clinic and tug of war contest are also on the schedule of activities. Parking will be in

the vicinity of the event, Emerald Grande's parking deck, and the Destin Community Center. As well, free shuttles offered to and from Destin Commons and The Track, both on Highway 98 in Destin.

The free event is presented by The Destin Charter Boat Association. Presenting sponsors include The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMD) Emerald Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau, Visit Florida and ResortQuest. For more information and entertainment schedules, visit the Festival's Facebook page, or [www.DestinSeafoodFestival.org](http://www.DestinSeafoodFestival.org).

## SAVOR THE SENSES WITH OUTDOOR KITCHEN DEMONSTRATIONS

An exciting addition to this year's Destin Seafood Festival is the Fresh From Florida outdoor demonstration kitchen. Attendees can observe, sample and learn first-hand from well-known area chefs exactly how to prepare sumptuous, fresh Gulf seafood dishes. Cooking demonstrations at the Ferguson/Okaloosa Gas provided Gulf Safe Seafood Kitchen will take place outdoors on the east side of Fisherman's Wharf.

**Friday - Sept. 30**  
 6:30 p.m.: Chef Jim Richard - Stinky's Fish Camp  
**Saturday - October 1**  
 11 a.m.: Chef Jim Shirah - Dewey Destin's Seafood  
 1 p.m.: Chef Jimmy McManus - Emerald Grande  
 3 p.m.: Chef Tim Cheyrick - McQuires Irish Pub  
 5 p.m.: Chef Tim Creehan - Cuvee Bistro  
**Sunday - Oct. 2**  
 1 p.m.: Chef Tim Creehan - Cuvee Bistro