



**Town Recreational Shellfish Crier**  
**August 11, 2022**

**1. Shellfishing Allowed from Sunrise to Sunset**

Friendly reminder that shellfish may be harvested from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset. Per Mass. General Law [MGL Chapter 130, Section 68](#) and [Wellfleet Shellfishing Policy and Regulations Section 4.7 Daily Time Limits](#): "No person shall harvest, pick, dig, pile, take or carry away any shellfish from the waters of the Town, by any method between one half (1/2) hour after sunset and one half (1/2) hour before sunrise." Please refer to [this](#) website for sunrise and sunset along with the tide chart that the Department uses.

**2. Tag-a-long Seed**

An oyster that is not 3" that is attached to one that is 3" is still considered seed. We ask that you break off the smaller oyster without harming the larger one to harvest the legal-sized oyster. A screwdriver, an oyster knife or something similar works well for this task. If you are not able to cull the smaller oyster off the larger one, we ask that you please leave them to allow both oysters more time to grow – and spawn. See photos below of a seed attached to a legal-sized oyster that could not be culled.

Oysters spawn during the summer months, and one of their favorite substrates to set on is other oysters, in addition to many other hard surfaces such as rocks. During this time of year, you will see little black spots on some of the oysters – that is this year's wild set! The black spots are called spat. Spat is different than seed as the oysters have not yet formed a bottom shell. We hope you enjoy learning about oysters.



**3. AmeriCorps Cape Cod Accepting Applications for 2022-2023**

Barnstable County's AmeriCorps Cape Cod is currently accepting applications for Year 24! AmeriCorps Cape Cod is a full-time, residential service program dedicated to addressing the critical environmental and disaster preparedness and response needs on Cape Cod. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until their 24 spots are filled or until August 31,

2022. Visit their website [here](#) for more information about this awesome opportunity to serve the Cape Cod community. A [position description](#) and [application instructions](#) can be found at the embedded links. Please share this with the young people in your lives!

**4. Welcome to New Deputy Shellfish Constable Adrienne Tardif!**

Adrienne Tardif is from Yarmouth and served with us as an AmeriCorps member from 2018-2019. She brings her knowledge of public health and environmental conservation to the Department. She will be patrolling the recreational fishery and helping us in our propagation efforts. We are so excited to have her back!

Contact Nancy at [nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov](mailto:nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov) or 508-349-0325 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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