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From national lobster day to a parks map app

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HERE

MAINE WINDJAMMER FESTIVAL

Kickoff the summer season at the 52d annual Windjammer Days Festival (June 22-28) in Boothbay Harbor (pictured below). The centerpiece of the community-led festival is the midweek arrival of 11 historic schooners in Linekin Bay and the parade of sails. (June 25, 1-3 p.m.) Most events are free, including an arts and crafts show, live entertainment, antique boat parade, tour of the US Coast Guard station, fireworks display, kids' tent activities, and a

chance for “apprentice pirates” to attack the town aboard the Must Roos pirate ship. New this year: Cod Fish Race — where teams in foul weather gear transport fish through town — a lobster-eating contest, and food booths from local restaurants. 207-633-2353, www.windjammerdays.org

CELEBRATING CRUSTACEANS FUELS A CYCLING TOUR

Celebrate National Lobster Day (June 15) with a Crustacean Crawl in southern Maine. Organized by the White Barn Inn in Kennebunk, the experience — also offered any day with two-week prior reservation — combines a six-mile bike tour with a day of sampling tasty lobster dishes. Led by avid cyclist and



Grand Relais Chef Jonathan Cartwright (pictured above), the tour starts on the inn’s property (bikes provided) before stopping at a nearby marina to chat with a fisherman about the best way to choose a lobster. Cartwright then cycles to local spots and shares his favorite crustacean creations. End the day with an optional multi-course dinner featuring — guess what? — lobster. \$300 per person, does not include dinner or accommodations.

207-967-2321, www.whitebarninn.com

THERE

GET JAZZED IN MONTREAL

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Savor soulful, swinging, funky, and purely jazzy sensations at the 35th Montreal International Jazz Festival (June 26-July 6). Ranked the world’s largest jazz festival by Guinness World Records, the celebration hosts more than 2 million visitors who enjoy more than 1,000 concerts and activities — two-thirds of them free — in 15 concert halls and on eight outdoor stages. This year’s varied roster includes Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Bobby McFerrin, B. B. King, Rufus Wainwright, Michael Buble, Elvis Costello, Tony Bennett, Pink Martini, and Ginger Baker Jazz Confusion with Pee Wee Ellis. New this year: A mobile site (<http://mobile.montrealjazzfest.com>) allows fans to create personalized schedules. Tickets \$23-\$147. 855-299-3378, www.montrealjazzfest.com

MERMAID WEDDINGS IN FLORIDA

Looking to create a splash on your wedding day? Then check out the new Underwater Mermaid Wedding package at Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel. Your guests can view

the 10-minute underwater nuptials (with mermaid) while staying dry in the nautically themed Wreck Bar. Package includes a legal ceremony on the beach, mermaid lesson to choreograph underwater nuptials, hour and a half reception at the Wreck Bar with champagne toast and appetizers, bride- and groom-inspired mermaid tails for photo ops, and a photographer to capture memories. \$95 per person (minimum 30 people; maximum 50). 954-524-5551, www.sheratonftlauderdalebeach.com

INTERACTIVE ARTS BUBBLE UP ON SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT

The Exploratorium, the playful museum of science, art, and human perception on the San Francisco waterfront, debuts its second public commissioned work for its Over the Water series (June 19-January 2015). “We Make the Treasure,” by artist Paul Ramírez Jonas, features ephemeral, pulsing lines of air bubbles that break the surface of the water between Piers 15 and 17, suggesting the ghostly outline of the Bee’s Wing, a schooner that sank in 1863 as it returned to San Francisco from Monterey. Visitors can interact with imagined treasure by using a crane to find, exchange, and value coin-sized objects. Free. Museum admission: Adults (ages 18-64) \$25, youth, students, seniors \$19, under 4 free. 415-528-4444, www.exploratorium.edu

EVERYWHERE

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NATIONAL PARKS MAPS APP

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