

## Spatuti – Oyster Education Program

Grades 4 – 7

Cost is \$22.00 Students and \$24.00 for Adults

Learn about one of the most important animals in the Chesapeake Bay

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9:30 a.m. Arrival at Phillips Wharf Environmental Center  
Depart on Skipjack Rebecca T. Ruark for 1 hour Skipjack Sail – The Skipjack is the last commercial sailing vessel left in the United States. They were built strictly for harvesting oysters. The Rebecca T. Ruark is the oldest Skipjack in the Chesapeake Bay Fleet.

Learn about the Oyster and what an oyster bar looks like by dredging some up with Captain Wade Murphy.

11:00 a.m. Oyster Lab Activity (Anatomy Lesson) An adult oyster can filter up to 60 gallons of water a day through it's body. Learn what special features help the oyster survive on algae.

11:30 a.m. Oyster Reef Activity including the oyster bar community puzzle in this fun activity Students can put together their own oyster bar and explain who lives there and why.

Noon. Filter Feeding experiment – Oysters are important filter feeders in the Chesapeake Bay. At this station we will learn how oysters filter the water in the bay and make it cleaner for us to enjoy and for the other animals in the Bay. Try your hand at catching oysters by the age old method of Hand Tonging. On board the Faith you can work the tongs and see what you harvest.

1:00 p.m. Program ends