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THE 19TH ANNUAL CHOWDERFEST

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. – The 19th annual Saratoga Chowderfest (part of the 20th annual Winterfest) results.

The Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau's 2017 Chowderfest results:

- 87 outlets including 6 new Convention Bureau members:
 2 West Bar & Grille, Next Door Kitchen, Bentley's Tavern, Dunning Street Station Bar and Grill, Rising Sun Lodge No. 103, Free and Accepted Masons, The Mill on Round Lake
- 17 First-time Chowderfest contestants including:
 2 West Bar & Grille, 23rd and Fourth/Next Door Kitchen, Bentley's Tavern, BurgerFi, Campagna Restaurant, The Comedy Works, Dunning Street Station Bar and Grill, Fish at 30 Lake, Healthy Living Market & Café, Karavalli Regional Cuisine of India, Rising Sun Lodge No. 103, Free and Accepted Masons, Ravenous, Salt & Char, Saratoga Arms, Saratoga Stadium, The Mill on Round Lake, The Wesley Community
- 120,000 bowls of chowder served
- 35,000 people on the streets
- Discounted hotel specials were available for the weekend
- Long sleeved t-shirts are available at the Convention Bureau's office
- Over 1,400 people rode the free park & ride shuttles from Wilton Mall and Saratoga Casino Hotel
- Over 1,100 people voted online, online voting was open until 5:00 PM

Chowderfest 2017 Winners:

The winners-by vote of the chowder consumers themselves

- People's Choice: Thirsty Owl Bistro, seafood chowder
- Best On Broadway: Thirsty Owl Bistro, seafood chowder
- Best Off Broadway: Gaffney's Restaurant, Southwest shrimp corn chowder
- Best Non Downtown: PJ's Bar-B-QSA, veggie corn chowder w/ optional choice of BBQ meat
- Best Newcomer: Dunning Street Station Bar & Grill, shrimp and lobster chowder
- Best Dessert Chowder: Sweet Mimi's Cafe

For photos and video from Chowderfest 2017, please visit our Facebook fan page: <u>www.facebook.com/saratogachowderfest</u>



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SAVE THE DATE: 20th Anniversary of Chowderfest is February 3, 2018

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