### Waterfront Home/Property Owners: Learn how to grow your own oysters; sign up for...

# **OYS-101: Basic Oyster Gardening**

## Saturday, April 13, 2024 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Northumberland Public Library

7204 Northumberland Hwy, Heathsville, Virginia

#### A Free Seminar presented by a Master Oyster Gardener from TOGA: Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association

Did you know that Virginia waterfront residents may legally grow oysters in their creeks or rivers, even if the water is contaminated?

Learn how to grow oysters for non-commercial purposes from your shore or pier.

Learn how oysters are natural filter feeders and can help restore the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers,

and creeks. Learn how to set up and maintain an oyster garden, and how to apply for a free shellfish growing permit from Virginia's Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

Learn about the oyster containment devices and other gardening equipment TOGA builds and sells to its members (at cost). Orders will be taken in advance of the Spring '24 Float Sale on May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Deltaville Maritime Museum.

- Taylor floats
- Flip Floats
- Bottom cages
- Tidal Tumblers
- Rough Riders
- Grow-out bags and tubes for spat (baby oysters)
- and more...

Presented by TOGA member Dr. Richard Siciliano, an oyster gardener for more than 20 years. To sign up, contact him by email: <u>rjsiciliano@yahoo.com</u>, or call/text at: 240-270-1439.

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