



Half Shell Oyster House Named One of the Top 1% of Restaurants in the World

Half Shell Oyster House in Gulfport Wins 2021 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Award for Everyday Eats

(GULFPORT, Miss.) – July 29, 2021 – Half Shell Oyster House today announced it has been recognized as a 2021 Travelers' Choice Best of the Best award winner for Everyday Eats. Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Best of the Best Award is the highest honor given from the travel platform. Throughout a challenging year, Half Shell Oyster House located in Gulfport, Miss. stood out to travelers and provided an amazing experience despite unprecedented circumstances. Based on a full year of Tripadvisor reviews, award winners represent diners' ultimate favorites around the globe.

Stephen Godfrey, General Manager of Half Shell Oyster House in Gulfport said, "I am honored that our guests love visiting our Gulf Coast and dining with us here at the Half Shell. This recognition speaks volumes to the dedication of all of our staff at every level. I am so lucky to have such a phenomenal and committed team that focus on our guest experiences and delivering exceptional dishes and I am grateful to share this moment with them after such a challenging year!"

"Congratulations to all the winners of the 2021 Travelers' Choice Awards," said Kanika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "I know the past year has been extremely challenging for tourism businesses. What has impressed me is how businesses adapted to these challenges, implementing new cleanliness measures, adding social distancing guidelines, and utilizing technology to prioritize guest safety. The Travelers' Choice Awards highlight the places that delighted guests more than any others in the past year even as they navigated changing customer expectations and new ways of working. Based on a full year of reviews from customers who visited, this award speaks to the exemplary service and experience you provided guests in the midst of a pandemic."

To see diner reviews and popular dishes from Half Shell Oyster House visit www.tripadvisor.com/halfshelloysterhousegulfport.

About Half Shell Oyster House

The Half Shell Oyster House was conceptualized in 2008 by company president Bob Taylor, and was later completed with partners Rob Heffner, Kevin Fish and Brian Raspberry. The first location opened in the historic Kremer building in downtown Gulfport, Miss. in 2009. Since then, the company has blossomed into 14 locations across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Half Shell Oyster House has grown into a locally owned and operated, vertically integrated company, Gulf Coast Restaurant Group (GCRG).

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