



# Shellfishing for FUN!

The following checklist is designed to help ensure you are well prepared to harvest your own clams in Rhode Island safely and effectively. Please contact the Coastal Resources Center/ Rhode Island Sea Grant for a copy of the Shellfish Recreational Harvest Guide for more info or visit [www.ShellfishRI.com](http://www.ShellfishRI.com).

## WEEK BEFORE YOU PLAN TO GO CLAMMING:

- ☐ Check a local tide chart to make sure you plan your clamming expedition around low tide.
- ☐ Check with RI Department of Environmental Management to make sure the area you are planning to go clamming in is open for harvest. The RI DEM Shellfish info page is available at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/shellfish/> or call 401-222-2900
- ☐ Purchase any gear you might need (see Clamming Gear list below)
- ☐ If you are not a Rhode Island resident, purchase a clamming license from your local bait & tackle shop or through DEM.

## DAY OF CLAMMING:

- ☐ Confirm that weather and tides are favorable
- ☐ Pack a lunch & water
- ☐ Get gear/supplies together
- ☐ Confirm with RI DEM that area is open (i.e. no rainfall closure) by calling DEM at 401-222-2900

## CLAMMING GEAR:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> License. If RI resident, bring driver's license         | <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable clothes that can get wet                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island Tide chart                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Proper foot ware: Water shoes, strapped sandals, sneakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooler with ice packs                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hat   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting tool(s): Clamming rake, hand trowel, plunger | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen & bug spray                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Measuring gauge   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun glasses   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lanyard or case for license and measuring gauge         | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of clothes, towel                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clamming basket with floats                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunch/snacks/water  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves  |  |

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