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### **First County Bank Presenting Sponsor of 2016 Norwalk Seaport Association's Oyster Festival**

**Stamford, Conn., July 6, 2016** – [First County Bank](#) is pleased to announce the sponsorship of the annual Norwalk Seaport Association's Oyster Festival being held Saturday, September 10 and Sunday, September 11, at Veteran's Park, adjacent to Norwalk Harbor on Seaview Avenue in Norwalk. The Bank has been an ongoing supporter of the festival since 2007, and is once again the event's presenting sponsor.

The Oyster Festival offers a weekend of continuous family-friendly activities and entertainment. The entertainment headliners include **Sawyer Fredericks**, a Newtown, CT native, who wowed audiences of *The Voice* with his soulful, contemporary folk sound. As part of "Team Pharrell," he emerged as the youngest and most successful victor in the show's history at just 16-years-old. He is the first artist to have 14 songs in the Top 200 Song Chart in the same week and his digital sales exceed 1 million singles.

"The NSA is thrilled to have the 2015 *Voice* winner at this year's festival," says Oyster Festival Chairman Mike Reilly. "In addition to Sawyer Frederick, this will be a music-filled weekend with many regional and local acts on multiple stages."

Once again First County Bank employees and management will be manning a tent at the entrance to the Oyster Festival. Attendees can stop by the tent to meet the team and pick up free giveaways.

“As a community bank, we support local nonprofit organizations and help make a difference in the lives of people in our communities,” said Rey Giallongo, chairman and CEO of First County Bank. “We proudly participate as the presenting sponsor of the 2016 Norwalk Oyster Festival and to help raise awareness of the area’s maritime heritage.”



Photo caption L to R: **Reyno Giallongo**, chairman and CEO, First County Bank,

**Vincent Scicchitano**, Norwalk Seaport Association president, **Mike Reilly**, Oyster Festival chairman/trustee. As the presenting sponsor, First County Bank presents their sponsorship check to the Norwalk Seaport Association for the 2016 Oyster Festival.

Other entertainment provided includes the Nerveless Nocks Thrill Show performing motorcycle high wire acts and other daredevil stunts ([www.nervelessnocks.com](http://www.nervelessnocks.com)). The Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show ([www.lumberjackent.com](http://www.lumberjackent.com)) is returning to perform their popular show. The Kids Cove area offers children and families rides, carnival games and children's live entertainment. The Arts & Crafts Pavilion features over 100 artisans and crafters with items for sale. The Food Court offers international specialties, oyster slurping contest and seafood with the Craft Beer Tent featuring over 40 varieties of beer.

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 165 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, wealth management, business banking services, mobile and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees, assets in excess of \$1.4 billion and is a 2016 Women's Choice Award winner. For additional information, please visit [www.firstcountybank.com](http://www.firstcountybank.com). Become a fan by clicking "Like" on the bank's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/firstcountybank>. Follow it on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/firstcountybank> or look for First County Bank on LinkedIn at <http://www.linkedin.com/company/920207>.

The Norwalk Seaport Association was founded in 1978 as a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, education and public awareness of Norwalk's maritime environment and heritage. The Seaport Association and its volunteers are solely responsible for organizing and financing the Oyster Festival. In addition to the Oyster Festival, the Norwalk Seaport Association owns Sheffield Lighthouse and its volunteers maintain the lighthouse and grounds as a museum and nature preserve. The organization also offers harbor cruises, special events, maritime education programs and habitat restoration projects with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information, visit [www.seaport.org](http://www.seaport.org) or call (203) 838-9444.

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