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

**STAMFORD, Conn., July 21, 2014** -- First County Bank today announced its sponsorship of the annual Norwalk Seaport Association's Oyster Festival being held Friday, Sept. 5th through Sunday, Sept. 7th, 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 will once again be the event's presenting sponsor.

The Oyster Festival offers three days of continuous family-friendly activities and entertainment. Joan Jett and the Blackhearts will bring their version of rock and roll to the main stage on Saturday night. On Sunday afternoon, returning to the Festival after a 19-year absence will be the U.S. Army Volunteer Band. New this year are aerial stunt artists the Nerveless Nocks Thrill Show and a 65-foot Gondola Ferris Wheel, allowing riders to see the festival, as well as sites in the city of Norwalk and Long Island Sound. The popular Kid's Cove will be the largest ever

featuring a Big Top circus tent by Center Ring Productions with child-centered entertainment.

Photo caption L to R: **Robert Granata**, president and COO of First County Bank, **Irene Dixon**, president of the board of trustees of the Norwalk Seaport Association, Inc., **Mike Reilly**, Oyster Festival chairman/trustee and **Rey Giallongo**, chairman and CEO of First County Bank. As the presenting sponsor, First County Bank presents their sponsorship check to the Norwalk Seaport Association for the 2014 Oyster Festival.



"As a community bank, we have a commitment to support local nonprofit organizations and to help make a difference in the lives of people in our communities," said Rey Giallongo, chairman and CEO of First County Bank. "We are proud to participate as the presenting sponsor of the 2014 Norwalk Oyster Festival and to help publicly showcase and raise awareness of the area's maritime heritage.

"First County Bank's financial support has been so important to the Norwalk Seaport Association over the years and we appreciate their sponsorship of our signature event once again this year," said Irene Dixon, president of the board of trustees of the Norwalk Seaport Association, Inc. "Their support and that of others helps us to maintain Norwalk's maritime heritage, and to provide an enjoyable event for Oyster Festival attendees."

### **About First County Bank**

First County Bank, headquartered in Stamford, Conn. for more than 160 years, is an independent mutual community bank with 15 branches in Stamford, Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk and Westport offering deposit products, mortgages, trust and investment services, business banking services and online banking. First County Bank has more than 220 employees and assets in excess of \$1.3 billion. 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>.

### **About the Norwalk Seaport Association**

The Norwalk Seaport Association was founded in 1978 as a nonprofit 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 and do not receive funding or services from the City of Norwalk or any other municipality. In addition to the Oyster Festival, the Norwalk Seaport Association owns Sheffield Lighthouse and Park 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 and advanced Oyster Festival tickets, visit [www.seaport.org](http://www.seaport.org) or call (203) 838-9444.

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