

Summer Season Is Gearing Up

FSM's new editor, Lisa Keathley, best summed up our 43rd Expo in a few precise words, "an assault on the senses — sights, sounds, tastes and smells." Boy is she on point! Without a doubt, this was our largest Expo to date with 415 exhibit booths and close to 6,000 attendees. To everyone who exhibited or attended, we are so grateful for your support of our non-profit trade association, as the Expo helps fund our organization. If you didn't have an opportunity to attend, check out the Exhibitor List on our site, oceancitytradeexpo.com, where you will find countless products and services.

Congrats to our Ocean City restaurateurs who are nominated for the Restaurant Association of Maryland Awards. Next time you are in OC, check out nominee for New Restaurant of the Year — Sello's Italian Oven — where the mouth-watering lump crab appetizer over bruschetta is simply amazing. Stop by Jules Restaurant where chef/owner Adam Sanders has created a wine and beverage program offering endless options. Finish your night off at a local's favorite, Harborside Bar & Grill, home of the original orange crush. Make sure you take the time to vote...and see you at the RAM Gala on April 30!

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Lots of action is taking place around the beach during this time of year. While several businesses have been open throughout the winter, many seasonal ones are busy gearing up for the summer. If you hire J-1 Summer Work & Travel students, make plans to attend our Annual International Student Workforce Conference on

April 6. During this all-day session, we bring together employers and the sponsoring organizations who connect the international students. We'll have updates from the Department of State, Social Security, and the OC Police Department, and we'll teach how to enhance the cultural experience for the students. With this flutter of spring activity also comes many new hotels and restaurants.

Let us know if you need any help planning your vacation, or check out ocvisitor.com where we have over 225 hotel and restaurant choices!



Come out to the Virginia Beach Hospitality Expo for your opportunity to discover new products and trends in the hospitality industry. This expo features over 100 vendors plus breakout sessions with restaurant, hotel and hospitality expert, Bob Brown. Door prizes will be raffled for attendees. VBHospitalityExpo.com

