



## 1st Annual Crab Festival held at Ice House on Park Blvd.

**A SUMMER IN PHOTOS:**  
this event was covered by Josh Kinney



Inside the tent at Icehouse Crab Fest



Summer bounty.

First time events can be tough, from organizing to promoting and getting people together, but the first New Jersey State Crab festival made an awesome first impression this summer. July 23rd, the Ice House Restaurant and Bar on Park Boulevard hosted the daylong event dedicated to delicious crabs and laid back summer fun.

With live music, a bounty of crabs, including crab cakes, crab fries, blue claw crabs and crab races, a flurry of activity kicked off this first year event. From 11 AM into the evening, the giant white tent next to the Ice House cooled off patrons on the humid July day.

"What a great time we had at the Crab fest," said Darlene Chrupcala Litton of Sicklerville, New Jersey, "The crabs were big and delicious, the beer so cold, and the bands rocked our world! The Ice House was the place to be. We are already looking forward to attending next year." Like many festivals in North

Wildwood that have benefited the community, the crab festival hopes to continue what it started for years to come, drawing in the island community as well as new visitors.

Vendors set up on the street outside the restaurant creating a marketplace for crab festival participants to browse and shop. Tables and chairs were spread out underneath the massive tent where cover songs by Wesley Ochs and Maggie Vail Jung resonated while hundreds stopped by throughout the day and night for some great food and superb entertainment. Part of the proceeds for the festival went to support the Brendan Borek Tides Memorial Fund, an organization helping families who have children or young adults with cancer.

The original plan was to create an annual event that people would look forward to and mark their calendars for. That goal seems to have already been met.

