

2020 Leadership Conference

Master Class Descriptions

Experience Maine Lobster at the Source

Head out on a lobster boat with a Maine fisherman and gain first-hand experience in catching lobsters. You will bait and pull traps, determine which lobster are within the legal size limits, identify breeding females, and band lobsters that meet all the legal requirements. Learn how the taste, texture and shell hardness of Maine Lobster change at different times of the year and why. You will come away with an insiders understanding of this unique fishery and its long history of conservation.

What should I wear?

- First, don't wear anything that you'd be afraid to get dirty. We'll be working on traps being hauled from the ocean floor and it's potentially messy. It can be 10-15 degrees cooler on the water so extra layers are smart. Consider a hat due to limited shade and any footwear is okay.

What if it's raining?

- We operate the excursions rain or shine. Our boats do have some cover but are mostly exposed to the weather. Although we provide aprons, pants, and gloves we highly advise bringing your own foul weather gear.

What if there's a thunderstorm?

- If thunderstorms become a safety concern we will cancel the excursion or return to the dock if we're underway.

Is there a bathroom on the boat?

- The boats have low capacity bathrooms suitable for emergency use only. The excursion is 80-90 minutes and we highly recommend using a restroom in advance.

Note: Participants will be walking to the pick up place for the boats. Go to 170 Commercial Street to Long Wharf. There will be two boats: one leaving at 3 p.m. and one at 3:30 p.m.