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**On The Menu News**

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**2008 Best Tasting Oyster**

OTM's favorite Oysterman Jon Rowley reports that Totten Inlet Virginica from Puget Sound took the blue ribbon at the EAST coast Shellfish Grower's Association inaugural Annual Invitational Oyster Challenge in Providence RI on April 7. Plaudits for the TIV included "plump & juicy with a crisp flavor", "the superiority of the Totten's flavor was stunning". An east coast entrant Island Creek from Duxbury MA was the overall winner. The TIVs were produced by another OTM pal, Bill Taylor of Taylor Shellfish Farms, where their grown for 2-4 years after hatching. Bill notes that the original brood stock is descended from Eastern oysters that were brought to Washington State by TRAIN almost a century ago. Thanks to Jon & Bill for sending OTM this information. We hope they'll let us know when next year's Festival is held so that we can make it a point to be there.

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