

2020 Event Updates

New Bedford Half Marathon -2020

Cancelled March 15th

Pleasant Street, New Bedford

The New Bedford Half Marathon Race Committee, Inc. became the host and organizers of the annual race following a one year mentorship by the event creators and the 2009 New Bedford Half Marathon.



New Bedford Taste of Southcoast

Cancelled May 17th

Pier 3, New Bedford

The "Taste of SouthCoast" features restaurants, bakeries, and caterers from the SouthCoast area. Participants serve sample sized portions of their signature dishes from noon to 3:15pm. Tasters will be able to keep track of their sampling and cast their votes in the categories of "People's Choice Award for Food", "Peoples Choice Award for Dessert" and "Best Booth Presentation".

New Bedford JazzFest

Cancelled June 13th

46 Fisherman's Wharf #52, New Bedford

New Bedford JazzFest moves onto Pier 3 for a feast of art, food, drink, and non-stop live jazz, featuring the best the region has to offer.



Buzzards Bay Swim -2020

Cancelled June 27th

New Bedford Harbor, Fort Phoenix

The event, which has been run annually since 1993, brings hundreds of participants to New Bedford each June to swim across New Bedford Harbor to Fort Phoenix State Park in Fairhaven, where the event ends with a beach party brunch. Last year's event raised more than \$187,000 to support education, conservation, water quality monitoring, and advocacy work.

Whaling City Festival

Postponed, To be Determined

Buttonwood Park, New Bedford

The Whaling City Festival is the tradition of affordable family fun at historic Buttonwood Park. Carnival rides, circus shows, wrestling, food, arts and crafts, and so much more!



4th of July Fireworks

Cancelled July 4th

Working Waterfront

A folk festival celebration 25 years in the making deserves the best circumstance! Because we want you to be safe and feel secure about attending, we have decided to postpone the festival until the summer of 2021. If you have purchased passes, please click [here](#) for your options to keep, gift, donate or receive a refund.

Joe Jesus' 50s Night

Cancelled July 9th

Downtown New Bedford

In memory of Joe Jesus, 50s Night is a spectacular classic car show that's experienced by thousands each year. Car enthusiasts from all over are encouraged to come in their best Grease-inspired duds, and view the outdoor exhibit and revel in the days of old with swinging live music, street food, family friendly-activities, and much more.



The 25th Annual New Bedford Folk Festival
Postponed till July 29th, 30th & August 1st of 2021

50 Maderia Avenue, New Bedford

The Feast of the Blessed Sacrament features continuous live Portuguese & American entertainment at five performance locations. The 2021 Entertainment Committee has been hard at work to continue the tradition of top-quality, "FREE" Entertainment for folks of all ages!



New Bedford Summer Sound Series

Cancelled

52 Fisherman's Wharf, New Bedford

Mayor Jon Mitchell Presents The Summer Sound Series!

The Summer Sound Series is a annual all Summer long Music Series of Free Concerts on the pier from 6-8pm.

Featuring a variety of artists and music!

New Bedford Food Truck Festival

Cancelled

1000 Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford

Featuring some of the areas most popular food trucks dishing out fan favorites such as fall-off-the-bone BBQ, wood-fired pizzas, zesty tacos, sweet treats, and more! Offering dozens of regional and national craft brews.



15th Annual New Bedford Chowder Festival

Roadshow

Thursday, October 22th until Friday October 31st, 2020

SouthCoast Chowderfest Road Show is a 10 day adventure where over 20 local restaurants will compete for the highly coveted Chowder Cup! During this 10 day event with the purchase of a Chowderfest Passport Booklet you can visit participating restaurants during their regular business hours and receive a 2oz free sample of their Clam Chowder, Seafood Chowder, Signature Soup, and/or Kale Soup (depending on which category they have entered) with no purchase necessary! Then cast your vote online for who you think should be named the number one Chowder in the SouthCoast.

Downtown New Bedford Holiday Stroll

To be Determined

Downtown New Bedford

The first weekend in December is a special time of the year in New Bedford. The City of New Bedford starts to offer free street and lot parking, and retailers offer great values for shoppers looking to get some great local items for Christmas. This event is a great way to support local businesses and kick off your shopping season. Additionally, the City of New Bedford usually brings out the Trolley to shuttle around shoppers.

Santa 5k Run

To be Determined

William Street, New Bedford

Annual 5k Run of thousands of participants dressed in santa costumes!



City Celebrates New Years Eve!

To be Determined

Working Waterfront, Downtown New Bedford

City Celebrates! New Years Eve presented by Mayor Jon Mitchell and sponsored by Bristol County Savings Bank.

Free Programming throughout Downtown New Bedford 5PM-8PM

Fireworks on the waterfront by State Pier 8:30PM

Moby Dick Marathon

To be Determined

New Bedford Whaling Museum

Each year the Whaling Museum celebrates their Annual Moby-Dick Marathon with a 25-hour, nonstop reading of the book by over 150 readers.