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## **Hilton Sandestin Beach Executive Chef Dan Vargo Earns First Place Finish at Gulf Shores Oyster Cook Off**

- WHO:** Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa – Northwest Florida’s largest full-service beachfront resort
- WHAT:** Executive Chef Dan Vargo of Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa won first place in a head-to-head oyster cookoff during the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gulf Shores Oyster Cookoff (Nov. 1-2). The cookoff took place Saturday, Nov. 2 and required all competitors to create a minimum of 24 dozen oyster in each of the three categories: Rockefeller, Gulf Coast Cajun and raw oyster. Chef Dan received first place in the raw oyster division for his Double D farms oyster with mango, jalapeño, cilantro and lime mignonette.
- Nearly 10,000 visitors gathered for the event, enjoying two days of oysters, spirits, craft beer and music right on the beach, and the culinary talents of the best chefs from around the Southeast. Notable celebrity chefs in attendance included Iron Chef Michael Symon and world-champion BBQ Pitmaster Chris Lilly, along with Food Network and Bravo stars.
- WHEN:** Gulf Shores Oyster Cook Off took place Nov. 1-2, 2019
- WHERE:** Gulf Shores Oyster Cook Off located at The Hangout Gulf Shores (101 E. Beach Boulevard, Gulf Shores, AL 36542)

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### **About Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa**

Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf Resort & Spa, managed by Sandcastle Resorts & Hotels, is located on the sugar-white sands and emerald-green waters of Northwest Florida’s Gulf Coast near Destin in South Walton, Fla. Northwest Florida’s largest full-service beachfront resort hotel boasts 602 spacious accommodations, more than 40,000 square feet of award-winning meeting space, a world-class spa and state-of-the-art fitness center, six on-site dining venues – including the Emerald Coast’s only AAA Four-Diamond steakhouse – abundant resort recreation options, access to championship golf courses, and close proximity to the area’s best attractions. A place where moments become memories that last a lifetime, there is only one Hilton Sandestin Beach. For more information on the premier hotel, visit [HiltonSandestinBeach.com](http://HiltonSandestinBeach.com), or stay up-to-date with its latest news and promotions on its [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).