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### **Baltimore Marriott and Renaissance Hotels Launch Summer Crab Celebration Promotion**

*These Marriott Hotels celebrate a cornerstone of Baltimore dining: crab. Visitors who dine at any of these Marriott Hotel restaurants will receive a coupon for a free appetizer.*

Baltimore, MD – To celebrate their love of all things crab and Baltimore dining, the Baltimore Marriott and Renaissance hotels have launched a "Summer Crab Celebration" promotion at their on-site restaurants.

During the month of August, each guest dining at these [Baltimore restaurants](#) will receive a special coupon for a complimentary crab appetizer on a future date (coupon is good through October 30, 2011).



Each of the participating restaurants in Baltimore will be highlighting crab specialties on their menu as noted below.

Watertable at Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel:

- Harborplace Crab Chowder - a Baltimore classic served in an artisan bread bowl
- Chesapeake Crab Cocktail - jumbo lump crab meat, cocktail sauce, grilled lemon
- Signature Crab Cake - sweet potato gratin, spaghetti squash

Chesapeake at the Baltimore Airport Marriott

- Cream of Crab Soup
- Crab Dip - bread shards and tortilla planks
- Crab Crusted Chesapeake Rockfish - the prize of the bay served with baby shrimp, corn and potato in a lemon cream sauce
- Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes - with jalapeno tartar sauce

[Grille 700 at Baltimore Marriott Waterfront](#)

- Crab and Artichoke Dip - tortilla chips and grilled focaccia
- Kataifi Crab Fritter - fresh corn salsa and carrot ginger cream
- Lump Crab & Roasted Corn Chowder
- Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes - over wilted spinach and a side

In honor of this promotion, the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront is also sharing one of its favorite recipes:

Blue Crab and Roasted Corn Chowder

2 shallots minced  
2 garlic cloves minced  
1 tsp chopped fresh parsley



2 tbsp butter  
2 medium carrots peeled and diced  
1 large onion diced  
4 ribs celery diced  
2 potatoes peeled and diced  
3 tbsp flour  
2 cups roasted corn (to roast, toss corn in small amount of olive oil in oven on 375 for approximately 15 minutes till slightly browned)  
5 cups crab (preferred), fish, or chicken stock (bouillon will work fine)  
2 tsp Old Bay Seasoning  
1 tbsp Worstershire sauce  
1 1/2 cups whipping cream  
6 oz. lump or jumbo lump crabmeat, pick shells from meat  
salt and pepper to taste

In large soup/sauce pan melt the butter and saute the shallots and garlic for a few minutes over low to medium heat. Add the carrot, celery, onion, potatoes and continue to cook for 5 minutes. Add the corn. Stir in the flour until it's mixed in. Add stock slowly while constantly whisking. Bring to a boil, then simmer for approximately 10 minutes stirring frequently. Add the cream, Worstershire, Old Bay seasoning, crab meat, and parsley. Bring to a boil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Enjoy with warm bread or rolls.

For additional information on the "Summer Crab Celebration" promotion visit [www.BaltimoreDiningOptions.com](http://www.BaltimoreDiningOptions.com).

#### About the Baltimore Marriott Hotels

Situated on the edge of Baltimore's historic Inner Harbor and steps from downtown, the Baltimore Waterfront Marriott is located in Baltimore's newest neighborhood, Harbor East. Each of the 733 rooms and 21 suites features luxurious bed linens and high-tech amenities. Other hotel facilities include an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, stunning views, plus three restaurants - Grille 700, Kozmo's Lounge, and Rigano's Bakery and Deli. Additionally, the hotel is just steps from the city's finest restaurants and shops, the National Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, and USS Constellation. Guests will also enjoy this downtown hotel's close proximity to the Convention Center, Camden Yards, and the M&T Bank Stadium. For more information, visit [www.BaltimoreMarriottWaterfront.com](http://www.BaltimoreMarriottWaterfront.com).

The Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel is located on Baltimore's famed Inner Harbor. The hotel offers 586 guestrooms and 34 suites featuring flat panel televisions, iPod docking stations, and improved high-speed Internet connectivity. The property is located near the Baltimore Convention Center and just steps from the Baltimore Aquarium, the Maryland Science Center, and 120 dining and shopping options. This hotel's Watertable restaurant/lounge and Ground Floor Cafe have become local favorites, offering an all-natural menu with stylish twists on the season's finest ingredients. For additional information, visit [www.RenaissanceHarborplace.com](http://www.RenaissanceHarborplace.com).

The BWI Airport Marriott Hotel is located adjacent to the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport and offers guests 24-hour shuttle service to and from the airport. This hotel in Linthicum, Maryland is also in the middle of the BWI business district near downtown Baltimore, Maryland, as well as Washington, DC. With our unique location, The BWI Airport Marriott is great for meetings, conferences, events, weddings, and receptions. Offering 18,800 square feet of





flexible meeting space, including 19 event rooms, numerous breakout rooms, and the Grand Ballroom that can seat up to 1,200 guests, The hotel's Chesapeake restaurant/lounge features the best seafood that the Chesapeake Bay has to offer. For more information, visit [www.BWIAirportMarriott.com](http://www.BWIAirportMarriott.com).

