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### SINGLE-FRIED OYSTERS

#### **SERVES 4**

"Single" refers to each oyster being fried individually, as opposed to a fritter, which contains several oysters in a batter.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 pint shucked oysters

1 cup fine yellow cornmeal

1 cup all-purpose flour

1 tbsp salt

1 tbsp Old Bay seasoning

1 tsp black pepper

Vegetable oil, for frying

Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Horseradish Sauce or Tartar Sauce, for dipping (recipe follows)

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- Drain the oysters, reserving the liquor, if desired (see Note). Combine the cornmeal and flour, salt, Old Bay, and pepper. Dust the oysters in the flour/cornmeal mixture, one at a time. Set aside the oysters for several minutes to dry.
- Pour oil into a frying pan to a depth of ½ inch. Heat the oil and saute the oysters for about 5 minutes, or until golden brown. Do not overcrowd the skillet. Add more oil as needed. Remove the oysters with a slotted utensil to paper towels and drain well. Season with salt and pepper.

**Note:** Oyster liquor may be added to dishes for heightened flavor.



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# HORSERADISH SAUCE

#### **MAKES 1 ¾ CUPS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup sour cream

½ cup ketchup

3 tbsp prepared

horseradish, drained

1 tbs chopped parsley

Freshly ground black pepper, taste

Cayenne, to taste

### **DIRECTIONS**

Combine all the ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.

## TARTAR SAUCE

### **MAKES 1½ CUPS**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 cup mayonnaise

¼ cup minced sweet pickles

1 tbsp sweet pickle juice

1 small shallot, minced

1 tbsp chopped chives

2 tbsp minced parsley

1 tbsp minced tarragon

1 tbsp drained capers, minced

#### **DIRECTIONS**

1 Combine all the ingredients in a small bowl and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving.