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Cape Cod to Celebrate 18th Annual Quahog Day on June 20

WCVB Anchor Doug Meehan to Emcee

May 4, 2026 (Hyannis, MA) - Cape Codders are set to welcome summer with the 18th Annual Quahog Day celebration on Saturday, June 20th, from 1 to 3PM. This beloved event will be hosted at Shipwrecked Restaurant in Falmouth, with NewsCenter 5 Anchor Doug Meehan serving as emcee.

Since its inception in 2009, Quahog Day has become a cherished Cape Cod tradition marking the official start of summer. The event features a fun and festive atmosphere as the Cape's iconic mascot, Doug the Quahog, delivers his much-anticipated forecast for the upcoming beach days. In a playful twist, Doug (the Quahog) whispers his prediction to Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce CEO Paul Niedzwiecki, who shares the news with attendees.

"Doug the Quahog's track record speaks for itself—he was right on the mark with last year's 80-day forecast," remarked Niedzwiecki. "Just like Doug, this event has become larger than life, resonating with locals and visitors alike. We are thrilled to welcome summer at such an iconic location, offering a festive atmosphere filled with community spirit and, of course, the most anticipated weather report of the year."

Admission is free and open to all. Guests can enjoy breathtaking ocean views from Falmouth Heights while savoring lite bites and summer cocktails from Shipwrecked. Limited-edition "Doug the Quahog" t-shirts will be available for purchase, and attendees can enjoy live music from The Belfast Cowboys, along with door prizes, swag and entertainment from 99.9 The Q.

WCVB Channel 5's Doug Meehan, an Emmy-award winning journalist and co-anchor of the station's flagship weekday EyeOpener newscast, continues his longstanding commitment to the Massachusetts media landscape. Meehan has been with WCVB since 2015, following a distinguished career with stops in Boston, Rhode Island, Florida and Texas. Locally, he has established himself as a trusted voice through prominent roles at WFXT, WHDH, and NECN.

A native of West Yarmouth, Meehan's journalism journey represents a true homecoming. A graduate of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School and Westfield State University, he began his professional career as an anchor and reporter at Cape 11 News in South Yarmouth, grounding his reporting in the very community where he was raised.

"As someone who grew up in West Yarmouth and got my start in news right here on the Cape, there is no place I'd rather be to kick off the summer season," said Meehan. "I've covered a lot of 'hard news' over the years, but translating for a bivalve might be my most important assignment yet! Quahog Day is

such a fantastic, uniquely Cape Cod tradition, and I'm honored to help my friend 'Doug the Quahog' share the sunny outlook we're all rooting for."

The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce has unveiled a new video featuring the trials and tribulations of Doug the Quahog and his Security Team. The video can be viewed [here](#).

For more information on Quahog Day 2026, visit www.capecodchamber.org/events/featured-events/quahog-day/.