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restaurant · oyster bar

Hot Appetizers

FRIED JUMBO SHRIMP house cocktail, sweet & sour sauce, lemon 12.50

CRAB CAKES 2 crab cakes, house tartar, spicy ranch sauce 12.25

STEAMED MUSSELS side of garlic butter 11.25

FRIED CALAMARI house cocktail, tartar, sweet & sour sauce 12.75

FRIED OYSTERS house cocktail, tartar, lemon 11.95

DEEP FRIED CLAM STRIPS house cocktail, tartar, sweet & sour sauce 11.75

FRENCH FRIED EGG PLANT house tartar, lemon 4.95

GRILLED CHERRY STONES garlic butter, lemon, saltines 11.95

HALF SHELL MULLIGAN

seafood stew with ocean perch, mussels, shrimp, vegetables in a tomato base and pasta 19.95

Salad Appetizers

TOMATOES & ONIONS sliced tomato, onion, house dressing 5.95

HOUSE SALAD lettuce, tomato, onion, house dressing 5.95

Sandwiches & Po' Boys

Served with fries. Substitute side salad for fries \$3

SHRIMP PO' BOY lightly breaded, gulf shrimp, lettuce, tomato, sesame bun, house cocktail 14.95

CRABCAKE SANDWICH lettuce, tomato, house tartar 12.95

CATFISH SANDWICH lightly breaded, sesame bun, lettuce, tomato, house tartar 10.95

OYSTER PO' BOY lightly breaded, oysters, lettuce, tomato, sesame bun, house tartar 11.95

Oyster Bar

SIX BLUE POINT OYSTERS
house cocktail, lemon, saltines 11.90

SIX CHERRY STONE CLAMS
house cocktail, lemon, saltines 11.90

ONE DOZEN OYSTERS OR CLAMS OR A COMBINATION
house cocktail, lemon, saltines 23.80

HALF SHELL SASHIMI
1 oyster, 1 shrimp, 4 slices of tuna, soy sauce & onion, wasabi 12.95

JUMBO SHRIMP COCKTAIL
house cocktail, lemon, saltines 13.50

KING CRAB LEGS
chilled with mustard sauce, lemon 23.90

Shellfish

Served with fries. Substitute side salad for fries \$3

KING CRAB LEGS
served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon 46.90

SNOW CRAB
served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon 33.90

KING AND SNOW CRAB COMBO
served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon 41.90

LARGE DUNGENESS CRAB
steamed whole, fries, garlic butter 34 & up

FRIED JUMBO SHRIMP
house cocktail, sweet and sour, lemon, fries 19.95

STEAMED JUMBO SHRIMP
with fries and garlic butter 19.95

FRIED SCALLOPS
lightly breaded, fries, garlic butter 21.90

SOFT SHELL CRABS
lightly breaded, fried, with fries and house tartar (when available, MP)

THIRTY TWO POINTER
generous combo platter of fried shrimp, frog legs, smelts, ocean perch, clams 24.95

CHARBROILED JUMBO SHRIMP & VEGETABLES
grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries 19.95

SNOW CRAB & BEEF TENDERLOIN
grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries, garlic butter 35.90

KING CRAB LEGS & BEEF TENDERLOIN
grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries, garlic butter 38.90

All sauces and salads are homemade.

Open Daily at 11:30 A.M.
All items may be packaged for take-out.

We are a CASH ONLY establishment.
No credit cards or checks accepted.

Seafood & Meat

Served with fries. Substitute side salad for fries \$3

SWORDFISH STEAK
charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 21.95

SALMON FILLET
charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 19.95

TUNA STEAK
charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 22.95

FRIED TILAPIA
lightly breaded, side of fries, garlic butter 17.95

SHISHKEBAB MADE FROM BEEF TENDERLOIN
with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries 24.90

BROILED JUMBO SHRIMP & BEEF TENDERLOIN
with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries 23.95

HALF-POUND CHARBROILED STEAKBURGER
served on sesame bun with a side of fries 13.00
add cheese .75

FILLET OF LAKE PERCH
lightly breaded, fried with fries, house tartar 22.95

WHOLE CATFISH
lightly battered, house tartar, garlic butter, fries 17.95

CATFISH FILLET
lightly battered, house tartar, garlic butter, fries 17.95

FROG LEGS
lightly battered, fries, sweet & sour sauce 21.90

DRESSED SMELTS
lightly breaded, fried, with fries, house cocktail 9.95

WHOLE RED SNAPPER BROILED
marinated in garlic butter, grilled, with fries MP

We require proof of age and believe in law and order.

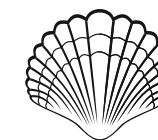
It's Always Been A Family

It was 1968. The Democratic convention exploded into chaos, Mayor Daley drove the machine, and the Vietnam War raged. The White Album was released, Martin and Bobby were killed, and the youth generation trusted no one over thirty. It was, to say the least, a turbulent time in Chicago and the world. But on Chicago's north side, a young man named Danny "The Turk" Denizman was working hard to realize his dream of owning his own restaurant. Danny was an engineer, but to make extra money, and to satisfy his restaurant itch, he worked nights at a joint called The Gaslight Club on State Street. He saved enough money and bought a building at 676 W. Diversey.

In 1968 Half Shell Oyster Bar was born. Danny, his daughters, Deborah and Candie, and son, Ali, worked side by side building a loyal and dedicated following of customers who loved not only the fresh seafood and shellfish, but also the fun and family environment the small, corner-street restaurant offered. It became what Danny always wanted: a family of owners, employees, and customers who loved to have fun, break bread, and make great memories.

Sadly, Danny and his two daughters have passed on to the greater ocean in the sky. Danny's son has his own restaurant on Halsted. And as for Half Shell? Well, it's still in the family. In 2019 Danny's grandson, Anthony, became the owner and proudly carries on his grandfather's dream and legacy making Half Shell the best, and now longest running, crabhouse in the history of Chicago!

So like it's always been: Gentlemen, take off your hats, cash only, no reservations, and welcome to Half Shell! Let's have some fun!



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Lunch Specials

Available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Served with fries. Substitute side salad for fries \$3

SOFT SHELL SANDWICH
lightly breaded, sesame bun, lettuce, tomato, house tartar 12.95

PITA SCALLOPS
lightly breaded, warm pita, lettuce, tomato, house tartar or cocktail 10.95

CATFISH SANDWICH
lightly breaded, sesame bun, lettuce, tomato, house tartar 10.95

PITA CLAMS
lightly breaded, clams in a warm pita, lettuce, tomato, house tartar 9.95

SHRIMP PO' BOY
lightly breaded, gulf shrimp, lettuce, tomato, sesame bun, house cocktail 12.95

OYSTER PO' BOY
fresh oysters, lightly breaded, lettuce, tomato, sesame bun, house tartar 11.95

CRABCAKE SANDWICH
lettuce, tomato, house tartar 12.95

SNOW CRAB
one cluster steamed snow crab, garlic butter, lemon 11.95

Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness. Not all ingredients are listed. Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy. Half Shell practices sustainable aquaculture whenever possible. A 20% gratuity will be added to parties of 5 or more.

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