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## Hot Appetizers

**FRIED JUMBO SHRIMP** house cocktail, sweet & sour sauce, lemon 13.50

**CRAB CAKES** 2 crab cakes, house tartar, spicy ranch sauce 14.95

**STEAMED MUSSELS** side of garlic butter 12.25

**FRIED CALAMARI** house cocktail, tartar, sweet & sour sauce 14.75

**FRIED OYSTERS** house cocktail, tartar, lemon 13.95

**DEEP FRIED CLAM STRIPS** house cocktail, tartar, sweet & sour sauce 12.75

**FRENCH FRIED EGG PLANT** house tartar, lemon 5.95

**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 6.95

**HOUSE SALAD** lettuce, tomato, onion, house dressing 6.95

## 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 15.95

**CRABCAKE SANDWICH** lettuce, tomato, house tartar 13.95

**CATFISH SANDWICH** lightly breaded, sesame bun, lettuce, tomato, house tartar 14.95

**OYSTER PO' BOY** lightly breaded, oysters, lettuce, tomato, sesame bun, house tartar 14.95

## Oyster Bar

### SIX BLUE POINT OYSTERS

house cocktail, lemon, saltines 12.90

### SIX CHERRY STONE CLAMS

house cocktail, lemon, saltines 12.90

### ONE DOZEN OYSTERS OR CLAMS OR A COMBINATION

house cocktail, lemon, saltines 25.80

### HALF SHELL SASHIMI

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

### JUMBO SHRIMP COCKTAIL

house cocktail, lemon, saltines 14.50

### KING CRAB LEGS

chilled with mustard sauce, lemon MP

## Shellfish

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

### KING CRAB LEGS

22 oz served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon MP

### SNOW CRAB

a generous portion served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon 41.90

### KING AND SNOW CRAB COMBO

a generous portion served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon 56.90

### LARGE DUNGENESS CRAB

steamed whole, fries, garlic butter 37 & up

### FRIED JUMBO SHRIMP

house cocktail, sweet and sour, lemon, fries 22.95

### STEAMED JUMBO SHRIMP

with fries and garlic butter 22.95

### 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 25.95

### CHARBROILED JUMBO SHRIMP & VEGETABLES

grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries 22.95

### SNOW CRAB & BEEF TENDERLOIN

grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries, garlic butter 41.90

### KING CRAB LEGS & BEEF TENDERLOIN

grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries, garlic butter 49.90

All sauces and salads are homemade.

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

20% gratuity for parties of 5 or more.  
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 22.95

### SALMON FILLET

charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 20.95

### TUNA STEAK

charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 23.95

### FRIED TILAPIA

lightly breaded, side of fries, garlic butter 17.95

### SHISHKEBAB MADE FROM BEEF TENDERLOIN

with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries 26.90

### BROILED JUMBO SHRIMP & BEEF TENDERLOIN

with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes, fries 25.95

### HALF-POUND CHARBROILED STEAKBURGER

served on sesame bun with a side of fries 13.50  
add cheese 1

### FILLET OF LAKE PERCH

lightly breaded, fried with fries, house tartar 24.95

### 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.

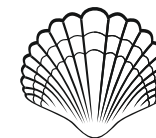
# It's Always Been A Family

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!



est. 1968

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## Lunch Specials

Available daily from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
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**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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