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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

PEI MUSSELS IN GARLIC WHITE WINE SAUCE lemon, cream, red pepper, toasted baguette 17.95

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

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

Soup & Salad

TOMATOES & ONIONS sliced tomato, onion, house dressing 6.95

HOUSE SALAD lettuce, tomato, onion, house dressing 6.95

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER
potatoes, carrots, onion, clams, peppery cream 6.95

SHRIMP & CORN CHOWDER gulf shrimp, potatoes, roasted corn, onion, peppery cream 6.95

Handhelds

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

SHRIMP PO' BOY fried or blackened gulf shrimp, shredded lettuce, tomato, pickle, french roll, house dressing 15.95

CRABCAKE SANDWICH shredded lettuce, tomato, brioche bun, house tartar 13.95

CATFISH SANDWICH lightly breaded catfish filet, shredded lettuce, tomato, brioche bun, house tartar 14.95

OYSTER PO' BOY lightly breaded oysters, shredded lettuce, tomato, pickle, french roll, tartar 14.95

BLACKENED MAHI SANDWICH
shredded lettuce, mango salsa, pickle 14.95

TACOS 2 per order served on corn tortillas 12.95

Blackened shrimp or Mahi with mango salsa
Fried shrimp or Mahi with citrus aioli

HALF SHELL SMASH BURGER
Two ¼ lb. beef patties, brioche bun, shredded lettuce, pickle, dijonaise 13.50 add cheese 1

Oyster Bar

SIX OYSTERS
rotating selection, 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, saltines 14.50

KING CRAB LEGS
chilled, 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 MP

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

DUNGENESS CRAB
served on a bed of fries with garlic butter, lemon MP

JUMBO GULF SHRIMP 22.95
choice of:
FRIED house cocktail, sweet & sour sauce, fries
STEAMED garlic butter, lemon, fries
CHARBROILED garlic butter, lemon, fries

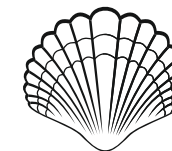
FRIED SCALLOPS
lightly breaded, fries, garlic butter 21.90

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, lake perch, clams 25.95

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

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



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Seafood & Meat

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

FRESH ATLANTIC SALMON
charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 20.95

SESAME ENCRUSTED TUNA
charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 23.95

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

FILLET OF LAKE PERCH
lightly battered, served with fries, house tartar 24.95

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

DRESSED SMELTS
lightly battered, served on a bed of fries, house cocktail 9.95

BLACKENED MAHI
charbroiled with grilled onions, peppers, tomatoes and fries 20.95

20% gratuity for parties of 5 or more. We are a CASH ONLY establishment. No credit cards or checks accepted.

All sauces and salads are homemade. Open Daily at 11:30 A.M.
We require proof of age and believe in law and order. All items may be packaged for take-out.

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.

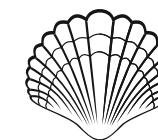
It's Always Been A Family

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

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