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Welcome to the Aquaculture Research Institute's newsletter where we provide updates on ARI's research, education and outreach initiatives.

As the days grow longer and warmer weather approaches, spring has officially sprung in Maine.

The sound of peepers heralds the changing season with their distinct croaks, while ctenophores comb through the waters of the Damariscotta. At the DMC, we're eagerly anticipating a lively summer ahead! We're thrilled to announce a few exciting opportunities for anyone interested in different aspects of aquaculture. Check out the details below and how to sign up!

We have two exciting education opportunities this summer!

Recirculating Aquaculture Workshop:
The University of Maine Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research

Join ARI for a week-long in-person workshop to gain a basic working knowledge of Recirculating Aquaculture System (RAS) design, maintenance, and management. Learn how to analyze water quality, manage aquatic organisms, and maintain industry-scale RAS equipment. Build connections with Maine's RAS industry and earn a University of Maine System micro-credential aligned with the Maine Aquaculture Association's occupational standards upon successful completion.

Sign up for the workshop here!

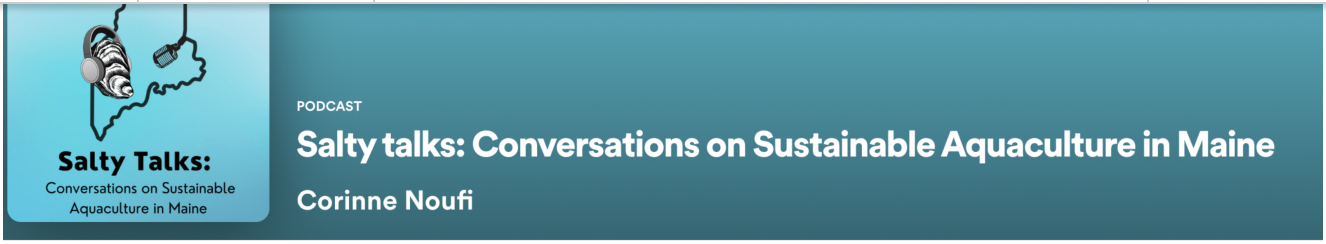
Diving into Shellfish Aquaculture Course:
Darling Marine Center
193 Clarks Cove RoadWalpole, Maine 04573
June 26-30

The Diving into Shellfish Aquaculture program is designed to provide students with hands-on training in the practical methods used to cultivate commercially important bivalve mollusks, such as oysters, mussels, clams, and scallops. This intensive workshop will cover a range of topics, including bivalve hatchery methods, algae production, and water quality measurement. Participants will have the opportunity to visit commercial oyster, mussel, and clam farms, and learn about upweller and nursery operations. Additionally, the course will cover regulatory aspects of aquaculture, such as leasing, permitting, public health, and biosecurity. The program will also emphasize the use of instrumentation, GIS, and field survey methods to identify optimal aquaculture sites.

Click here for more info and registration!

Listen to our podcast!

The latest episode takes a look at Canopy Farms located in Brunswick ME, highlighting the benefits of aquaponics. In this episode, we also take a closer look at the educational programs and workshops that Canopy Farms offers to promote sustainability.



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