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## **Half Shell Oyster House and The Rack House Steaks & Spirits Awarded TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice Award**

**November 19, 2020** – TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site, announced their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Travelers' Choice Awards, and 10 [Half Shell Oyster House](#) locations across Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana won. Sister company, [The Rack House Steaks & Spirits](#), an elevated casual steak and spirit experience in Mississippi also staked a claim on this award. The TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice Awards are decided by consistently earning great reviews, placing the businesses that win among the top 10% of all listings on [Tripadvisor](#).

"We're ecstatic that our restaurants have again been given a top tier award from TripAdvisor. Our restaurants win a lot of awards, but this one is very special. It isn't really a vote, it's based on thousands of reviews from actual customers. Because of that we consider it one of the truest representations of how we're doing every day of the year," says Vice President of Operations and Human Resources, Kevin Fish.

In 2018 TripAdvisor unveiled a new ranking and announced the [Top 10 Restaurant Chains in America](#). The winners were organized by number of property locations listed on TripAdvisor; the categories were small, medium, and large. Half Shell Oyster House placed in the Best Top 10 Small Chain Restaurants in the U.S..

### **Half Shell Oyster House**

The Half Shell Oyster House was conceptualized in 2008 by company president Bob Taylor, and was later completed with partners Rob Heffner, Kevin Fish and Brian Raspberry. The first location opened in the historic Kremer building in downtown Gulfport, Miss. in 2009. Since then the company has blossomed into 13 locations across Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Half Shell Oyster House has grown into a locally owned and operated, vertically integrated company, Gulf Coast Restaurant Group (GCRG).

### **The Rack House Steaks & Spirits**

The Rack House Steaks & Spirits is the ultimate elevated casual steak and spirit dining experience. The space honors its namesake in a design that mimics the warehouse with ricks stacked high with barrels of aging bourbon whiskey. Rack House pioneered the Gulf Coast's first Bourbon Society which now touts over 300 members. We offer over 100 bourbon, rye, whiskey and scotch selections including more than 30 by the glass wine options.

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