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# **Creative Entertaining: Clam Bake in Style!** (VIDEO/PHOTOS)

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You don't need a beach or a fire pit to host a <u>New England</u> style <u>clam bake</u>, just a BBQ grill and a large pot. What easier way is there to entertain at home than to throw a big pile of lobsters, potatoes, chicken, andouille sausage, little neck clams, cherry stone clams, shrimp, and corn on the cob on the grill?



Served up family-style, guests can crack open a clam or dip a grilled lobster claw into some warm butter and wash it down with an old-fashioned gimlet that's served with a distinctly modern twist. Using the traditional colors of the marina -- blue and white with a splash of gold for the anchor -- for décor and attire made this evening that much more special.



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#### See full photo gallery for design and decor tips:

Photo Credit: Mark Luciani

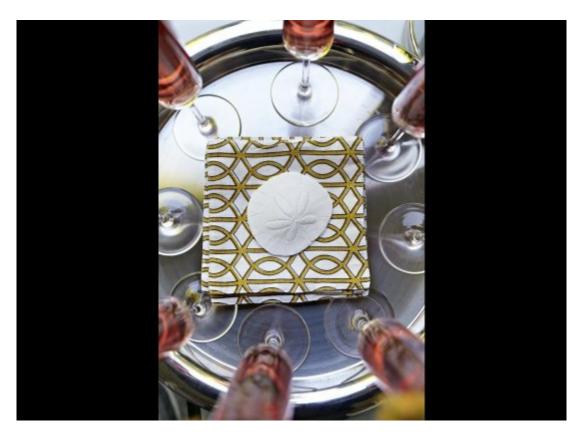
#### Presentation



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Sand dollars used as accents.



Leave out bottle on ice so guests can help themselves.

#### Cocktails



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Garnish any drink with exotic fruit or herbs.

#### Mocktails



Make kids' drinks fun with creative cups and straws.

#### Dress the Part



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# Décor



Nautical theme carried throughout.

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Coral reef as accents.

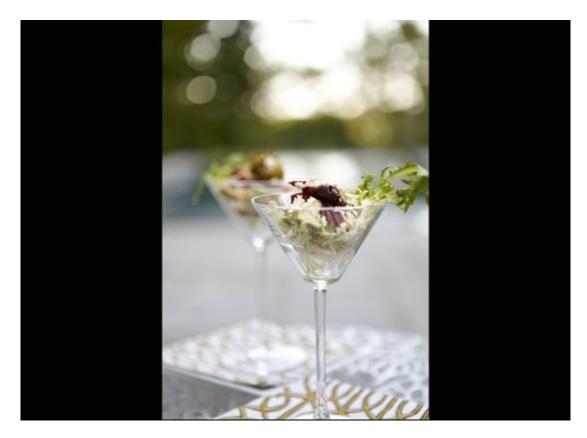
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Bright yellow flowers draw on the gold color of the anchor.



Martini glasses used to hold appetizers. By Taste Worthy Cuisine



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## **Creative Design**



Even sparkling water can be dressed up with ice cubes frozen with fruit and herbs.

#### Get Grill'n!



Lobster tail on the grill. By Taste Worthy Cuisine

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No sand or beach pit needed, just use your grill. By Taste Worthy Cuisine

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When the clams pop open, you're ready to dig in. By Taste Worthy Cuisine

#### So Good!



Sausage, potatoes, clams, shrimp, lobster and corn. By Taste Worthy Cuisine

#### On the Side



Serve with a fresh summer salad. By Taste Worthy Cuisine

#### Clam Bake



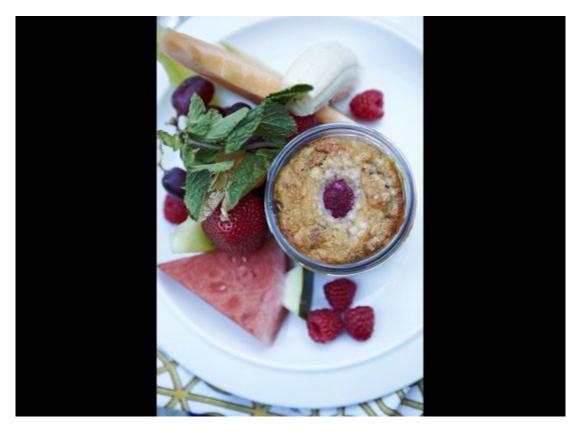
Serve family style and let guests help themselves.

## **Sweet Endings**



Clams and anchors top these speciality cupcakes. These delightfully decorative, and divinely delicious edibles were designed by <u>Eat My Words</u>.

#### **Summer Sweetness**



Strawberry rhubarb cobbler. By Taste Worthy Cuisine

#### At a Glance



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