

FOUNDATIONS OF SHELLFISH FARMING

2026 COURSE!

Foundations of Shellfish Farming

Foundations of Shellfish Farming is a training course for new and prospective farmers and those who simply seek to learn more about aquaculture practices and techniques. Topics that will be covered include how to establish and operate a shellfish business; leasing and permitting requirements; considerations for gear, vessels, and facilities, shellfish biology; aquaculture techniques and best practices; and risks involved in farming shellfish. Although the course will concentrate on Long Island Sound waters within the jurisdiction of Connecticut, the topics and practices covered are applicable in the Northeast United States and potentially beyond.

* This course meets the Connecticut Department of Agriculture eligibility requirement for the submission of a Joint Agency Application for Marine Aquaculture.

Class Details:

Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, weekly from January 20th to April 7th
UConn Avery Point Campus, Lowell P. Weicker, Jr. Building, Room 312

Instructors: Michael Gilman and Tessa L. Getchis

Sponsors: Connecticut Sea Grant, UConn Extension, and the Connecticut Department of Agriculture

Cost: \$300

Financial Aid Available!

Schedule: [Summary Course Schedule](#)

Registration: [FSF Registration Link](#)

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If you need an accommodation, contact
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at least two weeks before the first class.

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