



## Ocean Friendly Establishment Restaurant Agreement

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am an owner or designated signee of the listed establishment and **agree the establishment will only serve straws upon request. This agreement covers single-use disposable straws made of plastic, biodegradable, and/or compostable materials.** I understand this is an effort to protect the environment by reducing single-use disposable products and plastic pollution.

I accept the Ocean Friendly Establishment certification as given by Plastic Ocean Project, INC, NC Aquariums and Surfrider Foundation Cape Fear Chapter. I also agree to be listed as an Ocean Friendly Establishment on the websites and social media pages of these organizations.

I understand that volunteers may follow up with me, either by email or by visiting the establishment, to offer support for my ongoing commitment as being "ocean friendly". I have been informed that I may request volunteers to provide brief educational presentations for my staff and me.

I understand that if non-compliance with this agreement becomes a consistent and long-term pattern, OFE representatives reserve the right to remove my establishment from their websites and social media pages.

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Name of Establishment (as you would like it to appear on certificate)

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Address/City/Zip

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Email

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Phone

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Printed name of owner/designee

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Signature/date

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OFE Volunteer/Date



As a certified OFE, you have the opportunity to earn our highest rating as a 5-star establishment! Please indicate your rating by checking each criterion that represents your establishment below.

**Basic Certification:**

Straws are offered only upon request

**Star Levels:**

- 1 \*star = 2-3 criteria
- 2 \*\*stars = 4-5 criteria
- 3 \*\*\*stars = 6-7 criteria
- 4 \*\*\*\*stars = 8 -9 criteria
- 5 \*\*\*\*\*stars = 10 or more criteria

- Provides paper or non-plastic straws and stirrers when/if straws or stirrers are requested
- "Straws only offered upon request" policy is prominently advertised in establishment (ex: printed on menu) \*this is in addition to OFE certificate being displayed\*
- No single use condiments provided to customers in establishment
- No Styrofoam provided to customers
- No beverages sold in plastic bottles
- Convert from plastic or disposable cutlery and dishware to reusable for onsite dining
- Provides reusable ramekins for onsite dining
- Provides Vegetarian and/or Vegan menu options on a regular basis
- Provides proper recycling and/or composting bins for customers
- Provides discounts or incentives for customers who bring reusable cups/mugs and/or bags
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go beverage containers
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go bags
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go food containers
- Provides non-plastic recyclable or biodegradable to-go cutlery
- Provides disposable to-go cutlery *upon request only*.
- Composts discarded food
- Air dryers in bathrooms
- Establishment participates in adopt a beach access or highway program or participates in organized cleanups
- Provides ample and accessible cigarette receptacles for customers and employees
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. oyster shell recycling, sources locally and sustainable foods, etc.)

***Congratulations! You have earned \_\_\_\_ stars! We will indicate your rating on our websites. Please contact us if your star level changes.***

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Owner/Manager/Designee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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OFE Volunteer Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

