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**THE TRUST FOR GOVERNORS ISLAND SELECTS SIX COASTS BY SMORGASBURG TO  
OPERATE WATERFRONT RESTAURANT**

*The new operator will operate a 32,000-square-foot waterfront restaurant beginning May 2026  
and feature a menu inspired by the diverse cuisines of coastal locales*

**NEW YORK, NY (February 24, 2026)** – The Trust for Governors Island announced today the selection of a new food & beverage operator in response to a Request for Proposals that was issued in February of 2025. Opening in May 2026, Six Coasts by Smorgasburg will occupy 32,000 square feet of waterfront on Governors Island. Drawing on six coastal identities across the Americas—from Nova Scotia to Baja to Bahia and the Caribbean—Six Coasts will feature a menu of seasonal seafood and tropical cocktails. Designed as a family-friendly gathering place with curated music and cultural programming, Six Coasts will be a waterfront destination for Governors Island centering traditions shaped by life near the sea.

“We are thrilled to welcome Six Coasts by Smorgasburg to Governors Island, paving a new path for a beloved waterfront space to be filled with a creative and forward-thinking type of restaurant that will serve New Yorkers visiting the Island,” **said Clare Newman, President & CEO of The Trust for Governors Island.** “Today’s announcement is an exciting milestone in our efforts to add diverse and accessible amenities and food options for all Island visitors, and we look forward to welcoming the Six Coasts team to the Island’s community of tenants beginning this spring.”

“At Smorgasburg, we’ve always believed that food is a gateway to culture, and Six Coasts brings that to life in its own vibrant and unique way. Six Coasts is a place where visiting chefs, live music, and the flavors of six distinct coastlines come together against the backdrop of New York Harbor. We’re grateful to the Trust for the opportunity to reimagine this iconic waterfront space and can’t wait to welcome New Yorkers and visitors this season,” **said Gaston Becherano Cohen, CEO of Smorgasburg.**

Beyond food and drinks, immersive cultural programming for all ages will activate the waterfront space with unique experiences such as visiting chef residencies from global coasts, collaborations with arts groups and Island partners, coastal film nights, sunset DJ series, and live music. The new restaurant will also feature spectacular unobstructed views of the Lower Manhattan skyline, the Brooklyn Bridge and New York Harbor that visitors know and love. Additionally, Six Coasts will prioritize sustainability in line with the Trust’s climate goals through utilizing sustainable food sources and operating an all-electric facility.

Six Coasts by Smorgasburg joins a lively food culture on the Island that, between the spring and fall seasons, boasts more than a dozen small businesses from across the five boroughs. Six Coasts will take over a beautiful waterfront site located next to Soissons Landing, the Island’s

ferry landing for vessels departing from Manhattan. The site was previously occupied by Island Oyster.

Governors Island has undergone a tremendous transformation over the last decade, including the creation of a resilient 43-acre park, a growing arts and cultural program, and remarkable growth in audience. Since the Island's transfer to local control, the Trust has overseen the renovation and leasing of more than 500,000 square feet of historic buildings. The Island is home to diverse number of year-round tenants, including the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Billion Oyster Project, Beam Center, the Institute for Public Architecture, and QC NY, as well as the soon-to-open Buttermilk Labs, a new multi-tenant hub for coastal climate solutions, and The New York Climate Exchange, a research and educational institution led by Stony Brook University and a cross-sector consortium of universities, businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

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#### **About the Trust for Governors Island**

The Trust for Governors Island is the nonprofit corporation created by the City of New York that is responsible for the redevelopment and operation of 150 acres of Governors Island. The Trust's mission is to realize the full potential of Governors Island for the inspiration and enjoyment of all New Yorkers, demonstrating a bold vision for public space. For more information, visit [www.govisland.org](http://www.govisland.org)