

## **Steps to Hanging Your Vertical Oyster Garden (VOG)**

**Step 1:** Choose a place for VOG. Be sure to choose a spot with the most water flow and that has deep enough water to cover VOG at high tide. Place eye screw in the side of dock.

**Step 2:** Using a length of rope hang VOG from dock. To calculate appropriate height for your VOG, check your pilings and seawalls for oyster /barnacle growth. Try and match the height/depth of the best growth on these pilings or seawall. This is the optimal zone for your area.

**Step 3:** Be patient... It may take several months for oysters to colonize your VOG. If you are in doubt of whether the shells are hanging at the right depth, move them higher or lower in the water column, always trying to match the growth on adjacent areas.

These Vertical Oyster Gardens (VOG) are made of recycled oyster shell from local restaurant, and are suspended from docks to create a hard substance where juvenile oysters can attach to and develop. Oysters are a food source for birds and fish. Many small fish, crabs, shrimp and other critters live among the oysters and provide food for large fish and wildlife. Oysters are natural filters cleaning up to 2-5 gallons of water per hour. More oysters mean a cleaner bay!  
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