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31st Annual Sandcastle Contest

The Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host the 31st Annual Sandcastle Contest on Saturday, August 1st. The contest will be held at Fisherman's Beach at the north end of the Rehoboth Beach Boardwalk, near the Henlopen Hotel, Rehoboth Beach, DE. It is open to both adults and children. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Judging begins at 3:00 PM. *Top Billing Sponsors to date include, WBOC – "Perfect Wave Sponsor", Bethany Blues Restaurant – "Barrel Wave Sponsor", Atlantic Liquors/Crosswinds Motel & Delmarva Power – "Swell Sponsors" and Alesi Builders – "Rip Wave Sponsor".*

Over 100 teams and 800+ participants are again expected to express their artistic flair. Past creations have included No Vacancy, Tower City, Beach Chicken, Hey Diddle Diddle, Dragon's Dilemma, Narnia, Just One Little Kiss, Vacation at Rehoboth Beach, Mack's Ice Cream, 5 Towers, West Kingdom, Lord of the Rings, the Foot, Pirate's Cove, Margaritaville, Bon Appetit, Man Watching Scary Movie with Dog, Poppops's Beach House, Santa Laying Out, Swamp Animals, Silverback Gorilla, Mermaids, Pyramids, Crabs, Dolphins, Sharks and of course traditional sandcastles.

The adult and children's divisions each have three categories: sandcastle, animal, and free form. The top three entries in each category receive a prize package. Prizes will be awarded to the youngest contestants as "Smiley's Choice."

Sculptures may be started at any time after registration begins and must be completed for judging at 3:00 PM. The winners will be announced at approximately 6:00 PM. Judges are members of the local art community. Entry in the contest is free and donations are appreciated.

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THE RULES

The sand sculptures must contain only objects natural to the beach (shells, stones, seaweed, etc.) Participants must stay away from dunes or any dune grass.

Sculptures may not be dampened or sprayed with any solutions other than water. In other words: **NO STICKY STUFF!**

Sculptures must be finished by 3:00 PM when judging begins.

Piles of sand must be formed by manpower only. Mechanized assistance is not allowed.

Children's divisions include ages 14 and younger.

In the children's divisions, adults are asked not to help – let the kids do it!

There is no limit to the number of participants per team. Participants may not be on multiple teams.

To be judged, creations must be built within placed kite boundaries.

Beachgoers who would rather watch than work are welcome. There is no charge to view the competition.

AND NEW THIS YEAR.....*People's Choice Award*

The general public can vote on their favorite creation, **IF** they fill out an event evaluation. There are no separate children and adult divisions or categories for this award. All rules apply.

The event is **WEATHER DEPENDENT**. In the event of bad weather, set up and registration may be delayed up until 10:30AM. If bad weather continues, the event will be held next year. Any cancellation will be announced on the Radio Station, WGMD 92.7 (945-2050). If bad weather occurs during the contest, participants may continue at will or at the discretion of lifeguards. Judging may be cancelled at anytime if weather warrants cancellation.

For more information, call the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce at (302) 227-2233x0, (800) 441-1329x0, or visit the Chamber website at www.beach-fun.com.

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