



Join the Sea Witch® Snapper

at the 33rd Annual Sea Witch® Festival in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

October 28, 2023 · Costume Parade Application

All motorized entries, bands & walking groups larger than 20 people must submit an application prior to September 1, 2023 to participate! A maximum of 50 motorized vehicles can be accommodated.

There is NO costume parade rain date!!!

CONTACT/ENTRANT INFORMATION (All correspondence will be sent to the contact; please provide clear & accurate info)

ENTRY NAME (Name of Unit/Entry/Organization) _____

On-Site Contact Person _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Classification of Entrant RB-DB Chamber Member (\$30 Application Fee)

Non-RB-DB Chamber Member (\$60 Application Fee)

* Checks will not be processed until notification of acceptance. Checks will be returned in the event of non-acceptance.

ONLY ONE motorized vehicle/float per organization.

Please pick the ONE category in which you will be placed:

Band/Musical Marching Unit

Color Guard, Majorette Corps

Other _____

Float (vehicle pulling trailer) - **MUST** be decorated

Decorated Vehicle (antique car, truck, fire engine, military vehicles)

Large Costumed Walking Group; approx # of participants _____

Please describe: 1) What does your walking group/rolling vehicle look like? (i.e. "a decorated float pulled by a truck"); 2) Tell us about you or your organization. *If you need more writing space, please continue on the back of this form.*

Number of entries accepted is limited. Applications will not be processed until signed waiver agreement (located on page 3) and entry fee are received. All entries must be received by Friday, **September 1, 2023.** Make checks payable to RBDBCC (do not send cash).

Festival fee(s) and donations benefit the RBDBCC Event Fund.



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2023 Sea Witch® Festival Costume Parade Rules & Regulations

1. **PARADE DATE/TIME:** Saturday, October 28, 2023. Parade will begin at 11:00 AM. There is NO RAIN DATE.

2. **PARADE ROUTE/STAGING:**

Parade Participant Staging Locations:

- Accepted motorized vehicles, floats, bands, and large walking groups stage on State Road.
- Balloon handlers report to 5th Street.
- Individual costumed walkers register and line up at 4th Street.

Costume Walker Drop Off, Parade Registration/Line-Up & Route: Participating walkers can be dropped off on Rehoboth Avenue in front of Coho's Market & Grill and Loves Liquors. NOTE: There will be no parking in front of these locations. Costumed parade walkers will register and line up on 4th Street (adjacent to Coho's Market & Grill and Loves Liquors). Registration will be held on the Coho's Market & Grill and Loves Liquors parking lot at 305 Rehoboth Avenue. The costume parade will begin at 4th Street. The parade steps off at 11AM. The walkers will lead the parade from 4th Street and enter Rehoboth Avenue headed west to State Road then turn left on Rehoboth Avenue headed east and then turn at the Bandstand to return to 4th Street. Walking participants should exit the parade route at 4th Street at the end of the parade.

Balloon Handling Teams: Assigned balloon handling teams should report to 5th Street beginning at 9 AM. Please see parade officials in yellow vests for further instruction. Balloons will be merged onto Rehoboth Avenue with walking participants and bands. Balloons will follow the walking participants along the parade route, returning to 5th Street for balloon de-inflation.

Rolling Entries/Motorized Parade Floats, Large Walking Groups and Bands Line Up & Route: Rolling entries/motorized parade floats should enter State Road via Canal Street – enter Rehoboth Ave Ext/ 1A via Coastal Highway/ Rt. 1, turn right onto Canal Street, turn left onto State Road. Follow parade official/ police direction. Lineup will back up onto Country Club Drive if necessary. Bands should be dropped off at 330 Rehoboth Avenue (Lockwood Design & Construction). Buses should proceed to 4th Street for post parade pick up. Pre-registered rolling entries/ motorized parade floats, large walking groups, and bands will begin lining up on State Road at 9 AM.

Bands will be merged onto Rehoboth Avenue with walking participants and balloons. Rolling entries, etc. will be merged onto Rehoboth Avenue immediately following all walking participants, balloons, and band groups will proceed east on Rehoboth Avenue (toward the Bandstand) and continue the Avenue westward. Bands will exit the parade route at 4th Street with walkers for bus pickup. Rolling entries will proceed westward on Rehoboth Avenue and travel around the traffic circle exiting at Grove Street where they can access State Road/ 1B to exit onto Coastal Highway/ Rt. 1.

3. **PARTICIPANT GUIDELINES:** Only those with appropriate family friendly costumes/decorations are allowed to participate in the Sea Witch® parade and other Sea Witch® activities. No more than 50 decorated, motorized entries will be allowed (floats, antique cars, etc.). Only (1) one motorized vehicle/float per organization. Signs or banners may carry the name of the unit, sponsor, or title. Units and marchers may not display signs or banners which in the judgment of the Chamber Committee or the parade officials are considered inappropriate for this community event or for the vision of the event conceived by the Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce (RDBCC). Parade officials may direct participants not to display such signage or to cover them up; these directions must be obeyed as a condition of participation in the parade. RDBCC may include education affiliated and other pre-approved bands. RDBCC reserves the right to invite, reject or accept any parade participant for any reason whatsoever, and to determine participation based on variety, suitability for the occasion and any experience related to prior participation.
4. **SAFETY RESTRICTIONS: FOR SAFETY REASONS: PEOPLE ONLY - NO PETS, LIVESTOCK, WILD ANIMALS OR REPTILES.** Crowd control fencing will be in place on both the median & sidewalk sides of Rehoboth Avenue. Participants may distribute candy, beads, etc., but they MUST BE HANDED to spectators, NOT THROWN from a motorized vehicle. NO FIRES/OPEN FLAMES ALLOWED. All motorized units must be able to fit inside one standard traffic lane. All motorized parade participants must travel in a straight direction/ line within the parade route. No deviations into circular or other patterns are allowed.
5. **EVENT STAFF & PARADE OFFICIALS MUST BE OBEYED:** Parade officials may deny any participant entry to the parade on the day of the parade if, in the sole opinion of the parade officials, the entrant has misrepresented any information on its Application Form, or if the entrant is deemed obscene, dangerous, provocative or in any way unsuitable for the parade. All state and local laws regarding indecent or improper exposure and dress will be enforced. The parade officials control the units, enforce parade rules and will arrange participants to pace the parade in a manner deemed most suitable; their instructions MUST be obeyed at all times. Failure to obey a parade official's order will result in immediate ejection from the parade and may affect ability to participate in future RDBCC events.
6. **INCLEMENT WEATHER/CANCELLATION:** The parade is WEATHER DEPENDENT. There is NO RAIN DATE for the parade due to the 100+ volunteer support and safety personnel required to execute the parade. In the event of cancellation of the parade due to circumstances beyond our control (weather, etc.), parade application fees will not be refunded. Weather-related factors that can lead to cancellation include: high winds, lightning, dangerous rain and flooding. Due to the placement of parade safety fencing along Rehoboth Avenue, a cancellation must be determined no later than noon on Friday, October 27, 2023 prior to the placement of the fencing. Any cancellation will be announced via the Chamber's Website, Facebook & Instagram Pages & local radio stations or by recorded message on the RDBCC Visitor's Center hotline at 302-227-6446. If parade is cancelled, pictures of costumes and floats can be submitted to events@beach-fun.com by November 1, 2023 for judging and awards.
7. **JUDGING/TROPHIES:** The top 25 walking, top 10 motorized/large group entries and judges' favorite bands chosen by designated parade judges will be awarded prizes; all decisions are final. Prizes may change without notice. Parade numbers will be assigned and mailed to accepted applicants no later than two weeks prior to parade date. Numbers must be clearly displayed on driver's side of the vehicle/float.
8. **PARADE REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** All parade applications must be received by Friday, September 1, 2023. RDBCC reserves the right to change this deadline if, in the sole opinion of RDBCC, such a change is warranted. Incomplete or late Parade Registration Forms are subject to rejection. RDBCC members are not guaranteed acceptance but are given first opportunity to apply for entry. All non-RDBCC member applications will not be reviewed for acceptance until after Friday, July 21, 2023. Application submission does not guarantee acceptance; spaces may fill prior to September 1, 2023 deadline.



2023 Sea Witch® Festival Costume Parade: Agreement, Waiver & Acknowledgement

1. I hereby state that I am authorized to execute this entry form on behalf of the entrant and that the information provided by me and/or the entrant is true and correct.
2. I have read and understand the Parade Rules and Regulations on page 2 of this application and agree to comply with said Rules and Regulations. I understand that failure to abide by the provided Rules and Regulations will affect my/my organizations' ability to participate in future RBDBCC events. I have read and understand the Waiver of Liability set forth in paragraph #3 below.
3. Waiver of Liability: Entrant waives any and all demands, suits, actions, or claims of any kind whatsoever it has ever had in the past or will have in the future against the Rehoboth Beach—Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce (RBDBCC) and their respective servants, volunteers, agents or employees, for any and all losses, damages, claims, costs or charges of any kind suffered by entrant as a result, either direct or indirect, of anticipating and/or participating in the Sea Witch® Festival Parade held on October 28, 2023. Furthermore, entrant shall indemnify and hold harmless RBDBCC and its servants, agents or employees, against any and all claims, suits, actions, costs and demands of any kind made against RBDBCC, as a result of entrant's anticipation of and/or participation in the Sea Witch® Festival Parade on October 28, 2023.
4. I acknowledge and agree that my image(s) and/or the image(s) of the entrant, as well as the sound produced by the entrant, if any, may be photographed, videotaped, and/or recorded during participation in the Sea Witch® Festival Parade, and, in exchange for being permitted to participate in the parade, I further affirmatively grant permission to RBDBCC, to use those images and/or sounds for purposes of publicity, solicitation of sponsorship, broadcast or cablecast on television or radio, display on the internet, or for any other purpose, now and in the future, forever, by RBDBCC, without any notice or further compensation to me, and I waive any rights to said image(s) or sound(s) on behalf of the entrant, now and forever.

Authorized Signature

Date