2017 Contest Rules and Guidelines

Materials Allowed

- Sand within 15' x 15' designated building area. (Masters 20' x 15')
- Decorative materials (must be natural/found on the beach, ie. shells, seaweed, etc.)
- Design must stand on its own, with no supports under or on top of the sand.
- No extending outside the plot area.
- No adhesives allowed.
- Buckets may be filled and plots may be watered down prior to the start time.

People-Power

- A team can consist of up to eight (8) workers in the sand plot area. Teams may alternate workers, but no more than eight workers at a time are allowed in the plot area.
- Teams may have unlimited water carriers.

Tools Allowed

- All hand tools (masonry, garden or household implements, shovels and tampers).
- Ladders, wheelbarrow (1), pails, buckets, watering cans or hand pump sprayers.
- Forms and molds (must be removed prior to judging).
- Please keep your tools/supplies in your designated plot area. Spectators may cut their feet on them.

Judging Guidelines

- Judges will be local VIPs and Commodores.
- Things to focus on…
    - Judges – They will pass the front of your creation for judging purposes, so focus most on the front 180 degrees facing the ocean.
    - Clarity of Design – Your creation can be simple or complex. A good design is one that people can understand. Try to tell a story or make them think.
    - Degree of Difficulty – Height is hard to do. Cut throughs, bridges and anything without support underneath show difficulty.

Other

- Please keep your theme within the guidelines of this being a family friendly event, and have fun!

Times to Remember

- **9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**
  - Registration and plot assignments. First come, first serve
  - Report to Commodores Registration Table

- **10:00 a.m.**
  - Start time for all categories

- **2:00 p.m.**
  - Sand castle building STOPS. Judging begins.

- **3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**
  - Awards ceremony

Award Categories

- **Commodores Award – Overall Best Creation**
- **People's Choice Award – Best Creation**
- **Most Unique Sand Sculpture (1st-3rd)**
- **Most Unique Sand Castle (1st-3rd)**
- **Most Humorous Creation**
- **Best Display of Theme**
- **Jr. Division – Best Creation**