

Tenth Annual Mattamuskeet Decoy and Waterfowl Festival

Traditional North Carolina Decoy Carving Competition SATURDAY JANUARY 19, 2019

- 1) All entries must have been made wholly and totally by the respective participant and completed without the direct assistance of an instructor(s) or mentor(s), i.e., no “class” or “workshop” decoys allowed. Participants may enter as many decoys as they choose.
- 2) All entries must be submitted between 9:00am and 10:45am on January 19, 2019 to competition chair.
- 3) Decoys must float, self-right, and remain self-righted once placed in the tank. Those that do not, under normal circumstances, will be immediately disqualified.
- 4) Decoys should be made of any of the following components: Balsa, Cork, Wood, and/or Canvas over wire and may also be hollow-carved. Plastic and foam decoys will not be accepted.
- 5) Decorative and contemporary life-like decoys are not permitted. Entries must be in the likeness of decoys crafted in coastal North Carolina, while being made of the aforementioned materials.
 - Carved and shaped bodies may NOT have carved feather or wing detail, including but not limited to side pockets, tail splits, or open bills.
 - Carved heads may only have bill delineation between the bill and face and/or carved eyes. Carved nostrils, mandibles, and nails are NOT allowed.
 - While most North Carolina decoys were constructed and painted without eyes, some were crafted with them. Eyes may be present, though eye channels are not.
 - Traditional paint is allowed, and can include scratch-painting, stippling, wet-on-wet application, as well as traditional block-style painting. Decoys may exhibit gunning and usage wear.
- 6) All decoys must have an attachment for an anchor line and if intended to ballast, must have the ballast present.
- 7) Entries must remain intact throughout judging. Loss of components such as paint or attached parts will disqualify the respective entry.
- 8) Decoys will be judged first on likeness to intended species, followed by floatability, and lastly overall appeal and likeness to traditional North Carolina decoys.
- 9) Entry fees will be collected from each participant. Respective fees will include \$30 for the initial decoy, and \$5 per decoy thereafter, per participant.
- 10) Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. First prize will receive \$300, second will receive \$200, and third will receive \$100. There is no purchase award.