

## **Chefs & Judges Needed for the 2019 Coast Day Crab Cake Cook-Off**

Coast Day organizers are seeking participants and judges for this year's Coast Day Crab Cake Cook-Off which will take place on Sunday, October 6th at the University of Delaware's Hugh R. Sharp campus in Lewes.

Interested participants are invited to submit their original crab cake recipes by Friday, Aug. 30. Eight finalists will be chosen and have the opportunity to compete at Coast Day, where they will be asked to prepare their dish for an in-person judging.

Recipes should be based around the preparation of two pounds of jumbo lump blue crab meat. The panel of judges will be ranking dishes based on taste, balance of meat, texture and originality. Blue crab meat will be provided at the final competition, but all other ingredients and cooking appliances must be provided by competitors.

The top three winners will receive Coast Day Prize Packages and have their recipes compiled in the official Coast Day Crab Cake Cook Book, a recipe book containing the recipes of competition finalists dating back to the very first competition in 1990.

Those interested in participating are encouraged to fill out the entry form found on the Coast Day website at [www.deseagrant.org/coast-day-contests](http://www.deseagrant.org/coast-day-contests) as soon as possible.

Registration is limited to one entry per person.

Entry forms can be e-mailed to [ehale@udel.edu](mailto:ehale@udel.edu) or mailed to:

Crab Cake Cook-Off  
College of Earth, Ocean and Environment  
Sea Grant Marine Advisory Service  
700 Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE 19958-1298

### Crab Cake Judges

Those wishing to participate as judges must be able to contemplate a crab cake's taste, originality, balance of crab meat, and texture.

Judging entries are due by Friday, August 30.

Prospective judges must take the on-line trivia quiz, which consists of 20 multiple-choice questions, to be selected.

The questions cover a variety of topics ranging from general knowledge of crabs to cooking, and even the history of the Coast Day Crab Cake Cook-Off itself. The highest scoring entrant will earn a place on the panel, taste testing the best crab cake recipes Delaware has to offer.

Information and a link to the trivia contest are available on the official Coast Day website's contests page at [www.deseagrant.org/coast-day-contests](http://www.deseagrant.org/coast-day-contests).

### **About Coast Day**

Coast Day is held by the University of Delaware's College of Earth, Ocean and Environment and the Delaware Sea Grant College Program on the first Sunday in October every year. It provides the public the chance to learn about the research and teaching underway at the college and the work Delaware Sea Grant is doing in the community.

Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with researchers, tour ships, try hands-on activities, and attend presentations on a range of topics. Family-friendly activities will include an event-wide treasure hunt for answers to questions about the environment and a number of Coast Day exhibits. Children can meet sea-dwelling animals at the critter touch tanks. Everyone can enjoy exhibitor displays, lectures, seafood cooking demonstrations, the Crab Cake Cook-Off and the Seafood Chowder Challenge.