

Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival

6th Annual Chowder Challenge Application

11:30 AM – 2 PM • April 5, 2008 • Gualala Arts Center

Please complete this application and submit \$15 entry fee by cash or check for each Chowder entered (maximum of 2). Due to space constraints entries will be limited and applications accepted on a first come basis. Entries submitted after available space is filled will be returned.

Two categories will be judged; **Traditional New England-style Clam Chowder** and **The Open Class** (including, but not limited to: Manhattan-style Clam, Crab, Lobster, Fish, or any other seafood combination or **vegetarian**). Open class entrants must state title (type) of chowder. Along with the Chowder Challenge tastings will be a wine and microbrew tasting and a free Jazz Concert featuring **Barnebey's Hot Four**. Chowder Challenge judging begins at 11:15 AM and the public will be admitted at 11:30 AM, when both chowder and beverage tastings will commence. The event ends at 2:00 p.m.

1. Judging by the panel will be by blind tasting; entrant's identity known only to the Chowder Challenge coordinator.
2. Entrant or her/his rep's check-in time is 10:30 AM. **Chowder must be ready for judging by 11:15 AM!**
3. Entrant or her/his rep must be present at the tasting, and must serve their own chowder during the event.
4. Entrant or her/his rep must provide 5 gallons of chowder for tasting. Backup chowder may be kept in the GAC kitchen. Entrants are responsible for their own heating/re-heating of chowder. Limited refrigerator storage is available.
5. Entrant or her/his rep must provide their own containers for keeping chowder at proper serving temperature (chafing dish, crock pot, etc.). If an electrical outlet is required, so indicate on the entry form.
6. Entrant or her/his rep will be provided:
 - 6' linen-covered, rectangular table (*one entrant per table if two chowders entered, two entrants per table for single entries*)
 - A sign indicating the Business or Chef name (if individual entry) and Chowder Title
 - Tasting Cups, Bowls, Spoons and Napkins
 - Containers for Chowder Challenge tasting tickets/People's Choice voting tokens
 - A Festival logo glass and tasting tickets

All tastes are one ticket each, placed in container labeled with the Chowder Title. Container will also hold voting tokens. Festival Staff will announce the end of the Challenge, at 1:30 p.m., collect token containers and count both tokens and # of tasting tickets. Judge's votes, People's Choice winners (most voting tokens) and Most Tasted Chowder (most tasting tickets) will be announced at 1:45 p.m. Prize places (2nd, 3rd, etc.) are dependent on number of entries per class and category. Winners will have photos taken for the media and the Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival website. Winner of Most Tasted Chowder will receive a \$25 cash award immediately. Other winners will receive a certificate at the event pending receipt of engraved plaques.

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Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival – Chowder Challenge Entry Form:

Entrant Name*: _____ Business Name**: _____
*please print as you wish sign to read. **Restaurant Name if Professional Chef

Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Representative's Name: _____ (person representing entrant at event, if entrant cannot attend. Leave blank is not applicable)

Enclosed find \$_____ for entry fees for the 6th Annual Chowder Challenge [\$15 per entry, 2 entries max. per contestant]

Professional Amateur Category: Traditional New England Clam Open Class (print chowder title below)
 Will require electrical outlet _____

Make checks payable to Gualala Arts/W&J Festival. Mail to: W&J Chowder Challenge, P.O. Box 244, Gualala CA 95445
Questions? Call Gualala Arts: 707-884-1138 or email: info@gualalaarts.org