

# Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Chowder Challenge Application

11:30 AM – 2:30 PM • April 11, 2009 • Gualala Arts Center

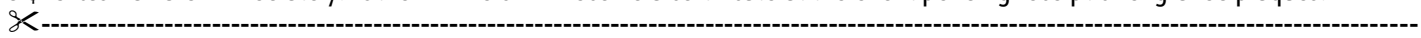
Please complete this application and submit \$15 entry fee by cash or check for Chowders entered (maximum of 2). Due to space constraints entries will be limited and applications accepted on a first come basis. Entries submitted after available space is filled will be returned. Please note that the Chowder & Jazz event will occur on the second Saturday of the Whale & Jazz Festival this coming year!

Two categories will be judged; Traditional New England-style Clam Chowder and The Open Class (including, but not limited to: Manhattan-style Clam, Crab, Scallop, Lobster, Abalone, Salmon, or any other seafood combination. Open class entrants must state the type (title) of chowder for signage.

Along with the Chowder Challenge tastings will be a free Jazz Concert featuring Barnebey's Hot Four. Chowder Challenge judging begins at 11:15 AM, doors open at 11:30 AM and the event goes until 2:30 PM. In addition to the Chowder, there will be selected microbrews and fine wines available by the glass as well as .

1. Judging by the panel will be by blind tasting; entrant's identity known only to the Chowder Challenge coordinator.
2. Chowder must be ready for judging by 11:15 AM! Chefs may arrive by 9:30 AM. Entrant or her/his rep's check-in time is no later than 10:30 AM.
3. Entrant or her/his rep must provide a minimum of 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.
4. 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.
5. Entrant or her/his rep must be present at the tasting, and must serve their own chowder during the event.
6. Entrant or her/his rep will be provided with:
  - A 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 Titles
  - Tasting Cups, Spoons and Napkins
  - Containers for Chowder Challenge tasting tickets/People's Choice voting tokens
  - A Festival logo glass and tasting tickets for their own use.

All tastes are one ticket each, to be placed in the container labeled with the Chowder Title. Container will also hold voting tokens. Festival Staff will announce the end of the Challenge, (1:30 PM) collect token containers and count both tokens and # of tasting tickets. Voting by Judges, People's Choice winners (most voting tokens) and Most Tasted Chowder (most tasting tickets) will be announced at 1:45 PM. Prize places beyond First Place will be determined by 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.



### 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. Put N/A if not applicable)

Enclosed find \$\_\_\_\_ for entry fee for the 7th Annual Chowder Challenge [\$15 per entry, 2 entries max. per contestant] CLASS:

Professional  Amateur

CATEGORY:  Traditional New England Clam  Open Class Chowder Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:info@GualalaArts.org)