

Seabrook-Hamptons Estuary Alliance
2026 "National Estuaries Week Photo Contest" Rules

This annual photo contest is held to celebrate National Estuaries Week and to focus on the wonder and the beauty of the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary.

ELIGIBILITY: The contest is open to anyone over the age of 8 as of September 1, 2026.

QUALIFYING PHOTOS: Photos taken in the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary, which includes the undeveloped areas west of Rt. 1A in Seabrook and Hampton; east of Rt. 1 in Seabrook and Hampton Falls; east of Drakeside Road in Hampton; and south of High Street in Hampton.

The subject matter of your photos may be anything you choose: a broad swath of the salt marsh; a close-up of aquatic wildlife; activity on the water; interesting natural light at the beginning or end of the day, etc. The options are many, and the choices are yours. You may submit up to 5 photos of the estuary that resonate with you.

WHEN: All entries must be received via email by 5:00 p.m. US EDT on September 30, 2026. Send your photos to: info@shea4nh.org

HOW: Up to 5 photographs may be submitted per person. If the judges determine that a photographer has electronically altered a submitted photo, we reserve the right to disqualify it. If your photo includes recognizable people, especially children, you must submit a [model release form](#) signed by each person in your photo(s) with your entry. Each entry must include your name, mailing address, email address, and age.

FILE REQUIREMENTS: Digital images or scans of prints may be submitted. Original files of camera-made digital photos should not exceed five megabytes (5 MB) each. SHEA cannot be responsible for lost, damaged, late, misdirected entries or technical malfunctions.

JUDGING: Entries will be judged on composition, quality, originality, and relevance. Decisions made by the judges are final.

PRIZE AWARDS: \$50 cash prizes will be awarded for each of the top 6 photos in this year's contest, based on the decisions of the judges. Prizes will be awarded within sixty (60) days after winner verification. SHEA reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value for any reason. All taxes and any other incidental expenses related to the Prizes are the sole responsibility of each winner. For questions regarding the 2026 Photo Contest, please email info@shea4nh.org.

GENERAL RULES & LIMITATIONS: By entering this contest, you are agreeing to the following:

- The entry is your own original work. No one else may be involved in taking or processing the photos, and the image must not infringe upon any entity or person's trademark, copyright, intellectual rights, or privacy rights.
- You grant SHEA the right to publish, print, promote, and otherwise use your submission, along with your name, to help promote SHEA and its activities in any and all types of media (except where prohibited by law) without further permission, notice, or compensation.
- You release SHEA and its officers from liability, claims, or actions of any kind in connection with the receipt, ownership, possession, use, or misuse of any photo.

SHEA reserves the right to amend these official rules and to permanently disqualify from the Contest any person it believes has intentionally violated these official rules.