

Superior Decoy CRAFTSMAN

2015 COMPETITION

Held by the Kent Hood
Decoy Carvers
Foundation, Inc.



Hosted by The Core Sound
Waterfowl Museum &
Heritage Center



The purpose of this competition is to crown a carver as a superior craftsman by way of judging a “naked” (unpainted, no sealer, no filler) decoy. The judges will be looking for many things including but not limited to; Symmetry, Flowing Lines, Wood Choice, Tight Seams, Tight Neck to Body, etc. Bring your bench, your vice, your shaving horse, or whatever you have to hold that bird and shave some wood with us! You will also have the chance to enter or simply enjoy the Kent Hood Rig of Six Competition taking place at the same venue!

When: June 20th

Where: Core Sound Waterfowl Museum during the Kent Hood Rig of Six Competition

1785 Island Rd, Harkers Island, NC 28531

Time: Registration 7:15-7:45 with the competition starting at 8am See Next Page for full Schedule.

Call Casey Arthur with any questions: 252-241-8001

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Rules and Information

CARVERS

Carvers entering the competition will provide their own cutouts of a head and body. Carvers are welcome to bring as many cutouts as they wish, as long as they produce a finished decoy at the end of the allotted time.

Carvers will provide their own hand tools, which must consist only of traditional, manual hand tools, such as a hatchet, drawknife, spokeshave, rasps, carving knives, etc.

Carvers will provide all fasteners for the purpose of attaching the head, and will be allowed to use a power drill to do so. This will be the only power tool allowed and a cordless drill is preferred.

Carvers will provide their own carving bench, vise, or similar device to carve their decoy. The carvers area must be no larger than 8'x8'.

Should a carver choose to sand their decoy, they must provide their own sanding materials.

The finished decoy should contain no filler, sealer, or paint of any kind.

THE SPECIES

Carvers will be allowed to carve a decoy of any waterfowl species.

JUDGING

Decoys will be judged "naked," with no filler, sealer, or paint.

Three judges will be selected the day of the competition. The goal will be to fill the judge slots with winners from the Kent Hood Rig of Six Competition. However, if that is not possible, the judge slots will be filled with capable individuals attending the event.

The judges will be allowed to examine the decoys in hand for craftsmanship as well as a distance of about 20 feet as a decoy.

AWARDS

There will be three Rosette Ribbons awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place carvers. The 1st Place carver will also receive an 8x10 photo print of a Kent Hood decoy.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee will be \$20 for each carver. All proceeds benefit the Kent Hood Decoy Carvers Foundation.

CARVING COMPETITION AND JUDGING SCHEDULE

1. Registration 7:15 to 7:45 at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum. (<http://www.coresound.com>)
2. Carving Competition begins at 8:00 and runs until it is time to leave to go view the Kent Hood Rig of Six Competition. This would be about 9:30 to 9:45 depending on the setup of the Rig of Six Competition. All carvers will be told in advance that they are all going to stop at that time. NOTE: Rig Of Six Competition registration begins at 9:00. Carvers please be aware of this but also note that you can register for this competition in just a few minutes.
3. ROS competition runs from approximately 10a to 1115a. During this time the Superior Decoy Craftsman Competition is suspended. No one will be allowed to carve or alter their carving in any way during this time. Note that the Rig of Six Competition is dynamic and that the Superior Decoy Craftsman Competition could start back earlier or later than the time stated. Official announcement on restart times will be made clearly.
5. The Carving Competition ends at 12:30 and the carvers are welcome to have lunch at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum. If the Rig Of Six runs longer than expected, our competition will end later. Carvers will receive a minimum of 2 ½ hours to complete a naked decoy but could enjoy as much as 3 hours of time.
6. Judging occurs and the winners are announced with the Rig Of Six winner announcement.