

The Largest Clam Contest — Official Rules

Date and Time: Sunday, October 4, 2026, 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Eligibility: Open to Town of East Hampton residents holding a valid Town shellfish license. Licenses are issued to residents age 12 and older, these license holders compete in the adult contest.

The Adult contest: has the Largest Clam overall winner prize basket. Each of the other harbors, such as Three Mile Harbor, also has a prize basket for the Largest Clam in that harbor.

Juniors: Parents or guardians may enter one clam for each child ages four to eleven in the Junior category; the entry tag must show the child's name, age, and "Junior," plus the parent or guardian's license number and phone number. There is no overall winner prize in the Junior category. The largest clam entered in each harbor category wins a prize basket.

Eligible Species: Hard clams only — quahogs, *Mercenaria mercenaria*.

Harvest Waters: Clams must come from certified waters of Accabonac Harbor, Three Mile Harbor, Hog Creek, Napeague Harbor, or Lake Montauk.

Regulations: All shell fishing rules apply. By submitting an entry with your license number, you certify that the license is valid and current.

Entries: One clam per contestant. The five-dollar entry fee goes in your red bag.

Delivery: Entries must arrive by ten a.m. on October 4th at the event. Drop-offs below-

1. Trustee Office, 267 Bluff Rd in Amagansett, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Fri, Oct. 2.
2. Trustee Office, 267 Bluff Rd in Amagansett, 3pm to 5 pm on Sat, Oct. 3
3. Amagansett Lifesaving Station, 160 Atlantic Ave, 9 am to 10 am on Sun, Oct. 4

Tagging: At the site you'll get a red mesh bag. Place your clam inside, tie it closed, and attach the completed tag — name, phone number, shellfish license number, date of harvest, and harvest harbor name. Staple the tag to the bag. Junior entries must be marked "Junior." Place \$5 fee in the bag.

Judging: A panel of judges selects the winners at the public judging on October 4th at the Amagansett Lifesaving Station, 160 Atlantic Avenue, Amagansett, New York, 11930.

Questions. Call the Trustees' office 631-267-8688