



A Saltwater Christmas

Celebrating our Saltwater Cowboys & Cowgirls
through 100 Years of Pony Penning



45th Annual Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade

December 6, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Inclement Weather Date is Friday, December 12

Location: The Parade will start at Main Street & Maddox Boulevard and end at the old Fire House. Entries may stop at the Judge's Stand in front of Chincoteague Island Library for a short performance.

What to Expect: Enchanting floats, fire companies, bands, marching units, decorated boats, equestrian teams, classic cars, and more. Keep an eye out for Santa too!

After Parade: Festivities continue at the Chincoteague American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main Street. Take a photo with Santa while enjoying complimentary hot dogs and refreshments provided by the Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague.

Awards: 1st & 2nd place trophies & prizes will be awarded in 7 categories! Best In Show will be awarded to the entry that best depicts the theme. Winners will be announced through a Facebook Live Video as soon as the votes have been tallied and posted to the Chincoteague Chamber Facebook and website.

Annual Toy Run: The Chincoteague Police Department will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for their Annual Toy Run during the parade. Please consider making a donation and help put smiles on the faces of less-fortunate children this holiday season.

Visit ChincoteagueChamber.com for updates and information about participating in the parade.

ENTRY DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 29th

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARADE PARTICIPANTS

Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade: December 6, 2025
(Inclement weather date is Friday, December 12)

To Participate, fill out the attached application and submit to the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce. **You must read the Regulations and Liability Waiver**, check the box acknowledging that you have read and understand, sign and date the page, and return it with your application.

Deadline to submit: November 29th

MAIL TO: 6733 Maddox Blvd. Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

FAX TO: 757-336-1242

EMAIL TO: events@chincoteaguechamber.com

Line Up Numbers: Visit ChincoteagueChamber.com or Facebook.com/ChincoteagueChamber for updates & line up number & line up map AFTER NOON ON DECEMBER 5.

Parade line up is at 5:30PM beginning at the intersection of Main Street and Maddox Boulevard. North on Main Street toward the Chincoteague Combined School - some entries will be held in the school parking lot. Please know your line number and follow directions of the volunteers to your designated holding area.

Note: Equestrian groups are provided a special designated space off the line-up route but near their place in line... the areas are on the grass, near lighting and rest rooms with adequate parking for your trailers. Please plan to congregate at these designated areas and you will be directed to your place in line as it approaches your group.

**Equestrian groups must provide a person/vehicle to clean up after their horses,
so the road is clean for those that follow.**

Parade starts at 6:00 PM

Voting will take place at the Judge's Stand in front of the Chincoteague Island Library. Entries should pause at the Judge's Stand and may stop at the for a short performance.

After Parade: Participants are welcome to stop at the Chincoteague American Legion Post 159, 4023 Main Street to visit Santa while enjoying hot dogs and refreshments provided by the Kiwanis Club of Chincoteague.

Award Winners will be announced through a Facebook Live Video as soon as the votes have been tallied and posted to the Chincoteague Chamber Facebook and website. If you have won, feel free to contact Moriah Lemming at 540-454-4196 on the night of the parade or the Chamber office at 757-336-6161 during business hours . Winners will be contacted by the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce for pick up arrangements. Please provide a good phone number and email on your entry form for notification.

Entry Form

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Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Alternate Contact Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Introduction to be read as you pass the judges (10-20 seconds, must fit in area provided)

Category (YOU MUST SELECT ONE): Commercial ☐ Non-Commercial ☐

Decorated Boat ☐ Equestrian ☐ Marching Unit ☐

Misc. (old cars, motorcycles, etc.) ☐

Approx. length required for your entry during line-up: _____

DO YOU WISH TO BE JUDGED? YES _____ NO _____

Will you stop to perform for the judges? YES _____ NO _____

The attached Parade Regulations and Liability Waiver must be completed & submitted with your parade entry form to participate. Deadline to submit: November 29th

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Regulations and Liability Waiver

All Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade entries must submit a parade entry form and completed Parade Regulations and Liability Waiver to the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce prior to parade date to participate. Walk-ons and entries with no waiver on file, will not be permitted to participate.

Parade Rules:

- All parade participants must be registered with the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce.
- All aspects of entry must be appropriate for all ages, as parade is a family-friendly event.
- All motorized vehicles must be registered, insured, and driven by a licensed operator.
- Parade participants riding on a parade entry must remain seated, or if standing be secured in place by an adequate safety strap or harness, throughout entire length of parade.
- Throwing candy or other items is prohibited. Items must be handed to spectators and the distribution is the sole responsibility and liability of the parade participant.
- Animals, including but not limited to horses, ponies, dogs, and goats, must be controlled by handlers at all times and participants assume full responsibility and liability for their actions.
- Santas are not permitted in the parade, as the real Santa has already accepted our invitation!
- Parade officials have authority to remove any parade entry for violation of any of the above rules.

Waiver:

The undersigned acknowledges that they shall inspect all aspects of their parade entry prior to usage and ensure said entry is safe for its use and purposes, in good state of repair, and there are no problems posing threat of injury of any kind to any volunteers, employees, agents, and/or guests of the undersigned, or to any third party.

The undersigned further acknowledges that the activities of the parade (including pre- and post-parade activities) are dangerous and involve risk of serious injury, death, and/or property damage. The undersigned agrees on behalf of their parade entry, to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce and its affiliates, employees, agents, and representatives connected with the parade for any personal injuries, property loss, or damage suffered by any person as a result of the actions of the parade participants connected to the group, float, or individuals.



I have read and voluntarily sign the release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement. I understand the rules of the Chincoteague Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade and agree to comply under penalty of removal from parade activities.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE ENSURE WAIVER BOX IS CHECKED AND FORM IS SIGNED AND DATED BEFORE SUBMITTING.