



Rehoboth Leather Contest 2023

<https://rehobothbeachleather.com>

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Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Rehoboth Leather Contest at Aqua Bar & Grill (“Aqua”), Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. We have made every effort to address everything you need to know about participating in this contest.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

This application and release should be completed, signed, and returned to any bartender at Aqua Bar and Grill on or before Friday, October 20, 2023.

We encourage Contestants to arrive for the meet and great at Aqua Bar and Grill on Friday, October 20, 2023. Aqua reserves the right to limit the number of contestant registrations.

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

The contest is a gay event, although everyone is welcome to attend. Contestants must be: 1) a resident of North America, 2) at least 21 years of age, and 3) self-identified as gay (identified as male) and (identified as female).

Because this contest is a feeder to Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather (“MAL”) gay (identified as) women are not eligible to win the MAL portion of the prize package.

There is no fee to enter the Rehoboth Leather Contest.

SCHEDULE

The Rehoboth Leather Contest is a community event, sponsored by Aqua Bar & Grill. We are encouraging contestants to participate in all events to show support and visibility for our Rehoboth Beach community.

Contestants must attend the CONESTANT INTERVIEW AND LUNCH at 12pm Saturday, October 21, 2023 and the CONTEST Saturday evening, October 21, 2023:

Friday, October 20	5pm – 8pm	Happy Hour – Aqua Bar & Grill	(optional, but encouraged)
Saturday, October 21	12pm – 2pm	Contestant Interviews and Lunch – Aqua Bar & Grill	Required
	8 pm	Contestant Arrival and Prepare for Contest – Aqua	Required
	9pm – 11pm (estimated)	Rehoboth Leather 2023 Contest	Required
	11pm – 1am	Victory Dance – Aqua	Required
Sunday, October 22	2pm – 6pm	Sunday Tea Dance – Aqua	(optional, but encouraged)

GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS

Due to limited space in the backstage dressing areas, you are not permitted to have an assistant or dresser for events, so plan accordingly. Only contestants will be permitted in the backstage area. You are **REQUIRED** to be on-time for all scheduled events. Tardiness indicates a lack of commitment and dedication to the task and is unfair to others who are forced to wait. A contestant who continually disrupts preparations or is persistently late for events may be disqualified and removed from the competition.

IMPORTANT: Genitalia may not be exposed onstage, in public places, or in pre-judging interviews.

SUGGESTIONS

As a contestant, you will be busy throughout the weekend. You are required to be at all official events on Saturday October 21 between 12-2 pm Interview & Lunch and 9p-11p contest. Please do not schedule any outside activities during the weekend. This will help you get settled and feel your best.

JUDGING METHOD

There are five judges for the contest. They are current or former titleholders and other prominent members of the leather community. The combined scores for each section are added together to make your total score. The person with the highest total score will be deemed the winner.

Contestants can, immediately following the contest, make a formal request to the Tallymaster to examine the original scoring sheets. Copies of the scoring sheets will be mailed to all contestants upon request. Judges will be identified by numbers (which will not be revealed to you), not their names on the scoring sheets.

Keep in mind that judges do not necessarily look for the most handsome or beautiful face. They do not necessarily look for the most muscular, fit or erotic body, but rather the person who best typifies their ideal leatherman and the one who, in the judges' opinion, can best represent the Rehoboth Beach community and Aqua Bar & Grill at the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest in Washington DC and throughout the year. This involves the judges' personal subjective judgments of multiple factors, including each contestant's leather image, physical appearance, attitude, personality, self-assurance, and presence.

Keep in mind that judges will be watching both during formal contest events and in casual situations. In other words, you should act as if you are being judged during the entire weekend!

IN THE EVENT THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ARE INTERESTED IN COMPETING IN THE REHOBOTH LEATHER CONTEST, AQUA BAR & GRILL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS AND/OR ELIMINATE SOME CONTESTANTS FROM FINAL JUDGING, BASED UPON THE PRE-JUDGING SCORES, TO ENSURE THE CONTEST CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE TIME FRAME ALLOWED AT THE CONTEST SITE.

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

Contestants and judges may and should socialize informally in public. Private meetings between judges and contestants during the Rehoboth Leather Weekend are absolutely prohibited. Any sexual contact between judges and contestants during the contest weekend is absolutely prohibited. Any behavior that might create even the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of all the judges who will decide if the disqualification of a judge and/or a contestant would be prudent. To avoid accidental violation of propriety, all contestants and judges must display their contestant or judge identification badges whenever they are in public places during the weekend.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

- **Interview & Pre-judging - maximum 35 points** - Each contestant will individually meet with the full panel of judges and respond to whatever questions they are asked. This interview will take place in private (offstage) without any audience. You can select attire that you feel is appropriate, but we would suggest "Leather Casual". Judges questioning often covers knowledge of the leather community, its leaders and history, and the contestant's community service, contributions, and leadership.

- **Attitude and Personality (Bar Wear) - maximum 25 points.** Each contestant will appear on stage in the leatherwear of their choice. Remember that judges will be assessing your attitude, presence, and confidence in all judged events.

- **Physique and Audience Participation - maximum 20 points.** Each contestant appears onstage in a jock strap of their choice. This segment is not an "exotic fashion show" or "body competition" but a celebration of our leather lifestyle and will be judged as such. Your stage presence and confidence are very important. Judges are looking for how well you will represent Aqua at MAL and how well you present and carry yourself on stage.

***IMPORTANT:** Delaware law prohibits exposed genitalia and full buttocks. If you decide to wear a jockstrap, you must cover the center with a bandana or other appropriate material.*

- **Formal Leather and Question - maximum 20 points.** Contestants appear onstage in the formal leatherwear of their choice and will answer a question asked by the emcee. Remember that judges will be assessing your poise, the ability to speak clearly, with clarity and authority, are all important factors for judges.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE WINNERS

The primary duty of each winner is to represent and promote Aqua Bar & Grill and enter the Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend. Contest in Washington, DC, Martin Luther King Weekend and to serve as a traveling ambassador of Aqua and Rehoboth Beach.

One of the foremost expectations of Aqua is that its titleholder conducts himself (herself) as a **positive role model** throughout his title year. Flagrant violation of this expectation may result in forfeiture of the title.

The titleholder is encouraged to raise funds to cover their own travel expenses and other expenses incurred during their year as Rehoboth Leather. They are also encouraged to **help with fundraising projects and/or do volunteer work for worthy causes.**

A specific expectation of Rehoboth Leather is to **return the following year to Rehoboth Leather Weekend to serve as a judge** and to pass on their title to the contest winner.

During the title year, the titleholder is expected to return to Rehoboth Beach to visit the bar and attend designated events by the owners of Aqua Bar & Grill. A complete list of requirements will be provided to the winner.

Rehoboth Leather 2023 may not compete in any other "leather" or "fantasy" contests during their title year, other than Mid-Atlantic Leather 2024.

Rehoboth Leather 2023 CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Incomplete forms will NOT be processed.

NAME: The name by which you want to be announced onstage. This could be your real name or a “stage name”

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS TITLES (if any): Optional – Please list any Leather / Bar / GBLTQ Organization

SPONSOR(S) NAME AND ADDRESS: (if any)

CITY / STATE: If you live in a small town, list the largest city near your home.

DATE OF BIRTH / AGE:

HEIGHT: _____ **WEIGHT:** _____ **HAIR:** _____ **EYES:** _____

OTHER BODY FEATURES: (beard, mustache, tattoos, piercing, etc.):

CURRENT RELATIONSHIPS (single, lover, have Master, slave, Daddy, etc.):

OCCUPATION:

HOBBIES:

FAVORITE VACATION PLACE:

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE & WAIVER

Note: Throughout this document the term CONTEST shall mean "Rehoboth Leather Contest". The term PRODUCERS shall mean collectively and individually: Aqua Bar & Grill (including its owners, staff and former titleholders) and any other producers or associate producers who may be designated in the future.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of my being allowed competing, performing, or otherwise appearing onstage during the CONTEST:

I, the undersigned, hereby give the CONTEST and its PRODUCERS their photographers, legal representatives, agents, and/or assignees, the right and permission to copyright, use, reuse, broadcast and/or publish any and all Photographic Pictures of me, which shall be taken during the CONTEST, as a result of my preparation for the CONTEST, or as a result of my having participated in the CONTEST. The term "Photographic Pictures", as used herein shall include portraits, or reproductions thereof, including audio and videotapes, made through any media. Further such rights shall include the right to use such Photographic Pictures in conjunction with my name, and through any media, for any purpose whatsoever. I HEREBY WAIVE any right to inspect or approve the finished Photographic Pictures, or the method of their eventual use, including any related audio, video, electronic or printed copy which may be used in conjunction therewith.

I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the CONTEST and its PRODUCERS, their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assignees, including those publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability or claim as a result of the use or publication of said Photographic Pictures, including from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the Photographic Pictures, their publication or distribution. I HAVE READ the foregoing Release and Waiver before signing my name below. I warrant my full understanding of its contents, and that I am of legal age to give my consent in this state.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

I certify that I have attained at least twenty-one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations (including granting me the privilege of attending and participating in the Rehoboth Beach Leather 2023) will not hold the PRODUCERS nor the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of the CONTEST or other Rehoboth Leather 2023 Weekend Events, and I further agree to indemnify, save harmless and hold harmless PRODUCERS and the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof from any and all liability, injury or economic loss or other damage.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE & WAIVER

CONTESTANT'S FULL LEGAL NAME:

PRINT (This MUST match the name on the attached photocopied Legal ID)

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE / DATE:

CONTESTANT'S FULL LEGAL NAME (Written Signature — Do Not Print)

STREET ADDRESS or mailing Address (if different):

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

WITNESS NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

WITNESS SIGNATURE (Written Signature -Do not Print):

You must **attach a photocopy of your current driver's license** or other state or **federally issued photo identification** and have a second person "witness" your signature on this form. Judges will receive a copy, so it should be of good quality.

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