



# MAST

## Contest 2020

Houston Maritime Museum

Each year, millions of tons of waste ends up in the ocean. Birds, fish, amphibians and marine mammals are dying from eating plastic garbage and from being entangled in floating debris. Chemical pollutants from plastic are ingested by fish and end up in our food supply. The objective of the contest is to raise awareness, to engage youths in contemporary maritime issues, and foster creative expression.

### Contest

As a team, research the environmental crisis caused by waste in the ocean. Then, create an artwork using waste materials to raise awareness about the issue. Finalists will be invited to present their artworks and table displays about their research and creative process. A panel of judges will award prizes to the top three exhibits in each age division.

### Timeline

Registration Deadline: June 20, 2020

Proposal Deadline: July 5, 2020

Visit <http://HoustonMaritime.org/MAST> and download Registration Form.

Finalists, who are selected based on the strength and quality of their proposal, will receive their invitation by July 12, 2020. They will be invited to bring their artwork and bring an engaging exhibit at the Houston Maritime Museum on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

### Entry Categories

Category 1: Grades 3 – 5 or equivalent ages

Category 2: Grades 6 – 8 or equivalent ages

Category 3: Grades 9 – 12 or equivalent ages

## Rules

- Teams must consist of at least 2 and no more than 6 participants.
- Teams must submit a completed proposal form by July 5, 2020.
- Teams must have at least one adult supervisor, such as a parent, teacher, and/or afterschool program leader. Supervisor(s) will ensure a safe and responsible learning process and act as a point of contact. He/she is also responsible for organizing transportation and chaperon duty on the day of the final presentation.
  
- Artwork must reflect the issue of waste in the ocean and connect the ocean, marine life, and the environment in its thinking.
- Artwork must be made with waste materials and must not contribute to further waste contamination. Materials can be recovered objects such as any household plastic product or waste.
- Artwork may be a sculpture, collage, or mural.
- Artwork should be 3' x 3' x 3' maximum in size or equivalent in volume, and maximum weight of 45 lbs.

For more information, visit [HoustonMaritime.org/MAST](https://HoustonMaritime.org/MAST).

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