

2026 PICTURING RISING TIDES

OFFICIAL RULES



NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE

1. **Eligibility:** The New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup 2026 Picturing Rising Tides (“Rising Tides”) campaign is open to everyone. The Campaign is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited.
2. **Sponsor:** The [New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup](#) (“Sponsor”) is a collaboration of more than thirty-five organizations working to ensure NH coastal watershed communities are resourceful, ready, and resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and long-term climate change.
3. **Agreement to Official Rules:** By participating in Rising Tides, entrant fully and unconditionally agrees to and accepts these Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, which are final and binding in all matters related to Rising Tides.
4. **Rising Tides Timing:** Sponsor’s computer is the official time-keeping device for Rising Tides.
 - “Submission Period”: The Submission Period begins on **Monday, October 26, 2026 at 12:00 AM Eastern Time (“ET”)** and ends on **Monday, November 2, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET.**
 - “Voting Period”: The public Voting Period begins on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at 12:00 AM ET** and ends on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET.**
 - Recognition Announcement: Entries selected to be printed and publicly displayed will be announced no later than **Friday, November 20, 2026.**
5. **What to Enter:** During the Submission Period, entrants may submit **a total of four (4) entries.** Duplicate entries will be disqualified. All entries must be photographs. AI-generated photographs are not eligible. Entries may show high water, flooding, flood impacts, flood safety, flood mitigation, flood proofing, erosion, local landmarks, buildings, bridges, culverts, piers, seawalls, roadways, beaches, people, wildlife, salt marsh, rivers, and estuarine environments.
6. **General Entry Requirements and Content Restrictions:** By entering, entrants agree that their entry conforms to the General Entry Requirements and Restrictions as defined below (collectively, the “Requirements and Restrictions”) and that Sponsor, in its sole discretion, may remove and disqualify any entry from the Contest if it believes that the entry fails to conform to the Requirements and Restrictions.
 - All photos must be taken along New Hampshire’s tidal shoreline. New Hampshire communities with tidal shoreline include: Dover, Durham, Exeter, Greenland, Hampton, Hampton Falls, Madbury, New Castle, Newfields, Newington, Newmarket, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rollinsford, Rye, Seabrook, and Stratham. Predicted mid-day high tide times and heights for select local tide gauge stations are provided in Table 1 on page 5 for the submission period.

- Eligible photos must be taken either during the Submission Period (October 26 – November 2, 2026) or up to 12 months prior to the Submission Period (since November 9, 2025). All entries must be date and time stamped.
- Entries must be an accurate representation of the moment they purport to capture.
- Entries must not contain any watermarks, signatures, copyright notices, logos, marks, etc.
- Entries must be original submissions taken by the entrant. By submitting, each entrant acknowledges and warrants that the contestant is the sole copyright holder, and no other party has any right, title, claim or interest in the submitted photograph(s).
- By participating in Rising Tides, entrants affirm their willingness to have their entry publicly displayed.
- If an entry includes recognizable people, the entrant must get explicit permission from the people in the photo to be submitted. Entries for which appropriate consent has not been provided will be disqualified.
- Entrants are responsible for ensuring compliance with [Federal Aviation Association](#) rules and regulations if taking photos with Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) or “drones”.
- Entries must not contain material that violates or infringes another’s rights, including but not limited to privacy, publicity or intellectual property rights, or that constitutes copyright.
- Entries must not contain material that is inappropriate, indecent, obscene, hateful, tortious, defamatory, slanderous, or libelous.
- Entries must not contain material that promotes bigotry, racism, hatred or harm against any group or individual or promotes discrimination based on race, gender, religion, nationality, disability, sexual orientation or age.
- Entries must not contain material that is unlawful, in violation of or contrary to the laws or regulations in any state where the Photo is created.
- Entries that involve putting any individual in danger, willful harassment of wildlife, or damage to the environment by the photographer will be disqualified.

7. How to Enter: Entrants must submit entries via the online entry form that will be available during the Submission Period on the [Sponsor’s website](#). One form is required per entry. Photos must be in .jpeg, .jpg, .gif, or .png file format and must not exceed 50MB.

8. Selection of Entries for Public Display: Ten (10) entries will be selected for public display. The entries selected will be determined through a public voting process. During the Voting Period, members of the public may visit the [Sponsor’s website](#) to vote for the entries they want to see publicly displayed. Limit one vote per entry per person (i.e. email address). The ten entries which

receive the most votes by the end of the Voting Period will be publicly displayed. Limit two (2) selections per entrant. Only votes submitted in accordance with these Official Rules during the Voting Period will be considered. Voters using multiple email addresses will be immediately discounted and disqualified. Voting using assistance of any kind including mechanical, form filling or other software or robotic or automated assistance with regard to all or any part of the voting process is not allowed, and these votes will be disqualified. Any evidence of vote buying, rigging, or exchanging will disqualify the entry. Any individual who, at the sole determination of the Sponsor, abuses the voting process in any way will be disqualified from participating in the voting process.

- 9. Notification of Entrants for Public Display:** Entrants will be notified by email no later than **Friday, November 20, 2026**. By participating in Rising Tides, entrants affirm their willingness to have their entry publicly displayed. If a selected entrant chooses to decline public display for any reason or fails to comply with any of the Official Rules, they will be disqualified, and the recognition will be forfeited.
- 10. Recognition:** All ten (10) entries selected for public display will receive mention on the Sponsor's digital presences. Photos will be printed and displayed where possible at local community events and libraries.
- 11. License:** By entering, each entrant grants Sponsor and its affiliates ("Authorized Parties") an irrevocable, perpetual, worldwide non-exclusive license to reproduce, distribute, display, and create derivative works of the entries in connection with Rising Tides and promotion of Rising Tides, in any media now or hereafter known including, but not limited to, display at a potential exhibition of contest entries, and publication in catalogs, brochures, newspapers, magazines, blogs, and websites. Authorized Parties will not be required to offer entrants any compensation, credit, or additional consideration; to seek any additional approval; or provide any notification in connection with such use as authorized by the License. Additionally, by entering, each entrant grants to Authorized Parties the unrestricted right to use all statements made in connection with the Rising Tides, and pictures or likenesses of Rising Tides entrants, or choose not to do so, at their sole discretion, except where prohibited by law.
- 12. Release and Limitations of Liability:** By entering, entrants agree to release and hold harmless Sponsor, PollUnit, Instagram, Facebook, their respective parent, subsidiaries, affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents (collectively, the "Released Parties") from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in Rising Tides, including, but not limited to: (1) personal injury, illness, sickness, disease, death, or damage to or loss of property arising out of participation in Rising Tides or receipt or use or misuse of any Recognition (including any travel related thereto); (2) unauthorized human intervention in Rising Tides; (3) technical error or failures of any kind, including, but not limited to, malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in computer systems, servers, providers, hardware/software, and network connections; (4) technical or human error in the administration of Picturing Rising Tides; (5) printing and typographical errors; or (6) late, lost, undeliverable, damaged, or stolen mail. Entrants waive the right to claim any attorneys' fees and any damages whatsoever, including, but not limited to, punitive, consequential, direct, or indirect damages.

Any third-party trademarks appearing in these Official Rules are the property of their respective owners, are used for descriptive purposes only, and do not imply any sponsorship or endorsement of Picturing Rising Tides. By participating, you hereby release and hold harmless PollUnit, Instagram, and Facebook from any and all liability associated with this promotion.

- 13. General Conditions:** Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify Picturing Rising Tides, or any part of it, if any fraud, technical failures or any other factor beyond Sponsor's reasonable control impairs the integrity or proper functioning of Picturing Rising Tides, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion. Sponsor, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any individual it finds to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of Picturing Rising Tides or to be acting in violation of the Official Rules of this or any other promotion or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner.
- 14. Data Privacy:** Entrants agree that personal data, especially name, email address, and postal address, may be processed, shared, and otherwise used for the purposes and within the context of Picturing Rising Tides and any other purposes outlined in these Official Rules. The data may also be used by Sponsor in order to verify the entrant's identity, email address, postal address, and telephone number or to otherwise verify the entrant's eligibility to participate in Picturing Rising Tides. Personal data will be used by the Sponsor and its affiliates exclusively for the purposes stated herein.
- 15. Questions:** Questions and inquiries about contest rules can be emailed to nhcoastaladaptation@gmail.com.

High Tides Times

**Table 1. Predicted mid-day times and heights of high tide
for select local tide gauge stations during select days of the Submission Period.**

Source: [NOAA Tide Predictions](#).

Date	<u>Hampton Harbor, NH*</u>		<u>Fort Point, NH</u>		<u>Dover Point, NH</u>		<u>Dover Cocheco River, NH</u>	
	Time (ET)	Height (FT)	Time (ET)	Height (FT)	Time (ET)	Height (FT)	Time (ET)	Height (FT)
10/26/26	11:39am	9.9'	11:41am	9.6'	12:58pm	8.0'	1:11pm	8.1'
10/27/26	12:22pm	10.1'	12:26pm	9.8'	1:41pm	7.8'	1:54pm	8.3'
10/28/26	1:09pm	10.2'	1:13pm	9.8'	2:28pm	7.8'	2:39pm	8.5'
10/29/26	1:58pm	10.1'	2:05pm	9.7'	3:17pm	7.8'	3:29pm	8.4'
10/30/26	2:52pm	9.8'	3:00pm	9.5'	4:11pm	7.5'	4:24pm	8.3'
10/31/26	3:53pm	9.4'	4:02pm	9.2'	5:12pm	7.3'	5:24pm	8.0'
11/1/26	4:00pm	9.1'	4:09pm	8.9'	5:19pm	7.0'	5:28pm	7.8'
11/2/26	5:10pm	8.8'	5:19pm	8.7'	6:29	6.8'	6:36pm	7.5'

*Real-time forecasts are also available for Hampton Harbor via the [National Weather Service](#).