

Contest Rules - 2024 First Ship Contest

1. No purchase necessary to enter or win.
2. HOW TO ENTER: Go to the website of Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) at www.hopaports.ca and complete the official entry form by filling out your name and e-mail address.
3. One entry accepted per person.
4. Contest will be complete when the first ship enters the Port of Hamilton in Hamilton Harbour and the Port of Oshawa in Oshawa Harbour in 2024.
5. All entries become property of Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority.
6. Entrants' personal information will be used for the purpose of this contest only, and will be retained only when consent is given to be added to HOPA's newsletter mailing list.
7. Contest sponsor may prohibit an individual's participation in the contest at its discretion, if the individual (a) acts in a manner deemed to be unfair or inequitable with respect to the contest; (b) with intent to embarrass, threaten or harass the contest sponsor or any other entrant; (c) in a manner disruptive to the fair functioning of the contest. Any attempts to access the site via bot script or brute-force attack will result in that IP address being ineligible.
8. WINNER: The contest winner will be the entrant who guesses the closest date and time of the first ship's arrival. The arrival will be timed to the passage of the vessel through the Burlington Shipping Canal in Hamilton and when the first line of the vessel is tied at the Port of Oshawa in Oshawa. In the event of tie entries, a blind ballot will be drawn between the eligible entries.
9. Winner will be contacted by email and/or telephone. If the winner cannot be reached or does not respond within 24 hours, the entrant with the next-closest guess will be contacted to claim the prize.
10. HAMILTON FIRST SHIP PRIZE DESCRIPTION: Prize package from The Hamilton Store valued at (\$300.00). No cash alternative. No prize substitutions.
11. OSHAWA FIRST SHIP PRIZE DESCRIPTION: Prize package from the Maker's Hub valued at (\$300.00). No cash alternative. No prize substitutions.
12. ELIGIBILITY: Open to Ontario residents only. 18 years or older. Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to win.
13. Acceptance of prize constitutes permission for HOPA to use winner's first name and city of residence for publicity purposes.
14. Sponsor is not responsible for any prize quality defects.
15. Contest sponsored and administered by: Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, Public Affairs Dept., 605 James St. N., Hamilton, ON, L8L 1K1. 905-525-4330 ext 235.