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The MRE Announces The Second Annual Tee Shirt Design Contest.

Tug of War XIV

The Maritime Republic of Eastport Vs. Annapolis Proper

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Start Time: Crack of Noon

Background Information:

Each year The Maritime Republic of Eastport (MRE) organizes a Tug of War commonly known as the "Slaughter Across The Water." This event commemorates The MRE's succession and subsequent liberation from Annapolis. The Tug is staged between The MRE and Downtown Annapolis, featuring a 1700' rope, over 450 tuggers, and more than 3500 spectators! Without a doubt our Annual Tug Of War is the favored event of the Fall season; not only is it a fun filled day of music, food, beer, friends and of course tugging, but most importantly we raise funds for worthy charities and promote the arts as well!

The Contest Idea:

The main goal is to graphically depict the spirit of The Maritime Republic of Eastport. In order to do this we engage the art communities in both East Port and Annapolis. The idea is for artists to capture the true essences of The MRE. Here you might want to do a little homework and learn what The MRE and the Tug Of War is all about. The most obvious source of information is our website www.themre.org. In the past, tee shirt designs included anything from water and actual tuggers to an old school pin-up girl wearing a navy hat and saluting. Since we don't much care for rules, the only real design restriction we place on your art is that the design captures the spirit of Eastport without being offensive.

How do I win and what do I get?

The winning design will be determined by the MRE Tug Committee on September 26th. The entry which most represents the fun and irreverent spirit of The MRE and The Annual Tug of War will be the guest of honor at our Tug Rally to be held on October 6th. So don't forget to do your homework! Hint: For a historical perspective on our Tug, check out the video "Slaughter Across The Water" on our website.

If chosen, your design will appear on the *always* popular, *very* collectible, *limited edition* Tug Of War Tee, The MRE Tug of War Posters, and The MRE web site. Be sure we will promote you and your art work. You and/or you company will receive full acknowledgment on ALL printed material and of course on our website. Finally, the winning artist will receive two free event passes and get a free both to vend their art at on the day of the event!

Please see reverse side for entry specifics.

Entry Specifics:

- Capture the spirit of The MRE
- 2 color design
- Submit your design in a high resolution PDF. via email to premier@themre.org
- **Deadline: Sunday, September 25, 2011**

Information that must appear on each entry:

To have your design considered the following information must be included in your submission and emailed to info@themre.org

- Tug Tee Contest Design should appear in subject line.
- Tug of War XIV, The Maritime Republic of Eastport or MRE
- Artist First and Last Name
- Design Name
- Contact information: email and telephone number

All designs must be submitted **9pm on Sunday, September 25, 2011**

For more information about the MRE and The Tug of War please visit www.themre.org. This contest is open to artists of all ages and from all genres. We look forward to your involvement in the 2011 Tug Of War Tee Shirt Design Contest! Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact: premier@themre.org

Good Luck!!!

“Up The Republic”

Regards,

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