



2025 CHEASPEAKE CHALLENGE WINNERS LIST

On September 27, 2025, the Chesapeake Challenge was held in Crisfield, Maryland, during the Crisfield Heritage Festival.

FLOATING

Best in Show: Gadwall Hen by Mark Costilow of Ohio
Second in Show: Pintail Hen by Luke Costilow of Ohio
Third in Show: Bufflehead Hen by Andy Hildreth of New York

Capt. Russell Fish Memorial Award Best in Species for Brant: Luke Costilow

SHOREBIRDS

Best in Show: Blackbellied Plover by Truman Mears of Delaware
Second in Show: Piping Plover by Michael Morgart of Maryland
Third in Show: Yellowlegs by Mark Finisecy of Maryland

CONTEMPORARY ANTIQUE - CORMORANT

Best in Show: Mark Finisecy of Maryland
Second in Show: Mark Finisecy of Maryland
Third in Show: William Belote of Delaware
Honorable Mention: Matt Sewell of North Carolina

WOODPECKERS

Best in Show: William Belote of Delaware
Second in Show: Ross Smoker of Pennsylvania
Third in Show: William Belote of Delaware
Honorable Mention: Michael Morgart of Maryland



OTHER WILDFOWL

Best in Show: Turkey by Mark Costilow of Ohio
Second in Show: Gull by William Belote of Delaware
Third in Show: Dove by Jason Russell of Alabama

YOUTH

Best in Show: Shoveler by Zachary Doviak of New York
Second in Show: Hooded Merganser by Jordyn Doviak of New York
Third in Show: Green Wing Teal by Jonny Dykes of Maryland

See the full winners list for category and species winners.