



MINISTRY OF  
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## 2016 PIRATES WEEK FESTIVAL QUEEN COSTUME COMPETITION

### RULES AND ENTRY FORM

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Main Stage, Harbour Drive

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing District: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contestant Bio: (Can be done under separate cover)

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Costume Designer: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box/Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Costume description:

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District Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor/s (if any): \_\_\_\_\_



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### WAIVER & INDEMNITY

I hereby on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims against the Pirates Week Festival Committee, the Pirates Week Festival Office, the Cayman Islands Government and any other entity involved with the Pirates Week, their officers, directors, agents, employees, sponsors, event volunteers, and all other persons or bodies assisting in the organisation of the Pirates Week National Festival (hereinafter called the "organisers") for damage to or loss of my costume or other property; or injury to myself or persons associated with me, to indemnify and hold harmless the organisers with respect to any and all liability of any nature in any way arising out of the *Festival Queen Costume Competition* and my participation therein, including not by means of limitation, the condition of the premises in or around the *Festival Queen Costume Competition* held on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**. I also agree to participate in the National Festival Float Parade on **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016** at 3:00pm with an on time arrival for 2:15pm.

### PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby agree to let the organisers publish photographs taken of me on the contest date of **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2016** and Float Parade on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**; as well as my name and likeness, for use in the Pirates Week Festival's print, online and video based marketing materials, as well as other Pirates Week Festival Office publications. (The Pirates Week Festival reserves the right not to publish contestant photos if costumes are deemed inappropriate or in bad taste).

Parent/Guardian signature (if under 18 years old) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Entries can be submitted via email to [info@piratesweekfestival.com](mailto:info@piratesweekfestival.com) or hand delivered to 10 Shedden Road (upstairs, next to KFC George Town) no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016.**



## RULES AND JUDGING CRITERIA

### 1. Eligibility

Failure to comply with the below eligibility criteria will result in disqualification.

a) For the purposes of the competition each contestant must:

- Be Caymanian by birth or status holder
- Have reached the age of 16 by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the competition year
- Submit the required form by the deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2016
- Reside in the district in which she is representing

### 2. Costumes

- Costumes are recommended not to exceed ten (10) pounds in weight
- Costumes should not exceed five (5) feet in height (from the top of shoulders) or width (from the wrist)
- Costumes must reflect the 2016 Pirates Week theme: *"Age of Romance"*
- Costumes previously shown or "ready-made" will not be accepted



### 3. Music and make up selection

- Each contestant is encouraged to acquire the music that best suits her stage presentation
- Each contestant is responsible for costs of her make-up and hair on event date

### 4. Judging Criteria

- Scores will be tallied by an independent accounting and auditing firm Smith & Temporal.
- Each contestant will have a maximum of three (3) minutes on stage during the individual presentation
- Each contestant shall be awarded a maximum of 100 points in each category (below) with a total maximum of 300 points. The contestants with the highest number of points wins with the next highest receiving Runner up and so on;
  - Costume authenticity (30 points) - Original design, design execution and ingenuity, (all body parts must be covered appropriately)
  - Presentation (20 points) – Stage presentation, audience engagement, movement, use of cloth/accessories
  - Use of Caymanian products (20 points) – Thatch/Shell appliqués, French puffs, wompers, thatch bags, Cayman symbols etc.
  - Detail (15 points) – Hats, gloves, shoes, jewelry and other appropriate accessories
  - Relevance of PWF theme (15 points) - Costume must reflect the 2016 Pirates Week theme: *"Age of Romance"*
- Each contestant shall be awarded a total maximum of 10 points in the *Most Ingenuitive* category (this category is judged separately and does not affect the contestants overall score)

## 5. Judges

- Three judges will make up the adjudication panel
- Judges shall have the sole authority and discretion of the selection of winners; with the exception of the *People's Choice Award* which will be chosen by the crowd/audience
- Judges will be chosen by the Pirates Week Festival Staff and event sponsor/s and will be announced/introduced on the night of the event

## 6. Awards

- Awards will be presented for:
  - First Place/**Winner** will receive a trophy, crown, sash and \$500 cash prize
  - Second Place/**Runner Up** will receive a trophy and \$300 cash prize
  - Third Place/**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up** will receive a trophy and \$100 cash prize
  - Most Ingenuitive** will receive a trophy
  - People's Choice** will receive a trophy
  - Participant trophy will be given to all contestants
- People's Choice will be chosen on the night of the event by an audience poll.



## RULES FOR THE WINNER

- The Cayman Islands Festival Queen shall be deemed Queen for a year and will crown and sash their successor (with the exception of unforeseen absence).
- The Cayman Islands Festival Queen shall be required to participate (wearing the winning costume) at the following:
  - Pirates Week Festival Float Parade
  - District Heritage Day events for the district in which she represents
- Though not required, all other contestants are encouraged to accompany her in the Parade. A vehicle/ float will be provided by the Pirates Week Office for the Festival Queen and Runner Up winners.*
- The Cayman Islands Festival Queen may be required to make appearances from time to time in official capacities (as needed).

## CONDITIONS FOR DISQUALIFICATION

- The Pirates Week Festival reserves the right to disqualify any contestant at any time during the contest without publicising its reason/s.
- If the Festival Queen title holder, during their reign, is found to have committed a breach of these rules or should be involved in any act or conduct which the organisers deems unlawful, inappropriate or tarnishes the image of the festival; the title will be forfeited.
- In the event of a forfeiture of the title from the current title holder, the organisers may confer the title upon the Runner-up in the contest.





# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE 2016

TIME	ACTION
6:30 PM	Check-in with volunteers
6:50 PM	Grand Stage to prepare for contestants line up and last minute prep
7:05 PM	Contestant line up (back stage)
7:15 PM	Competition begins with quick introduction of MC's, judges and tallies
7:20 PM	Contestants take the stage in order of number (5 minutes stage time each)
7:50 PM	Contestants line up on stage <b>together</b> for a last look
8:00 PM	Appearance by past Miss Festival Queen Winner (scores tallied)
8:15 PM	Crowning of 2016 Festival Queen Cayman Islands and other awards

Date: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: Main Stage, Harbour Drive

Note: A place will be available behind the main stage for costume changes.

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Miss Festival Queen 2010  
Shamika Gooding  
Cayman Green Sea Turtle

Miss Festival Queen 2011  
Kasey Bodden, Miss East End  
The Living Reef

Miss Festival Queen 2012  
Kianna Rankin, Miss East End  
Chest of Treasures