



## HAMPTON CLASSIC HORSE SHOW FAST FACTS

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**WHAT:** The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hampton Classic Horse Show

**WHEN:** August 26 - September 2, 2018

**WHERE:** Bridgehampton, NY (off Montauk Highway, Route 27 – 240 Snake Hollow Road) 60-acre showgrounds, located near some of the most beautiful beaches on the East Coast, amidst the splendor of the Hamptons summer scene.

**HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily (approximately)

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**TICKET/BOUTIQUE/SPONSORSHIP/TABLE/GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION:**

Call (631) 537-3177 or Fax (631) 537-5443. [Please check website for the latest information.](#)

**ADMISSION:** Children Under 6/Free; FREE PARKING

Sunday, Aug. 26 - Sunday, Sept. 2:

\$10/person or \$20/carload

Monday, Aug. 27

Admission Free

Boutiques & Exhibition Tent Open

Animal Adoption & Welfare Day

Tuesday – Thursday, Aug. 28 - 30

Seniors Free

Saturday, Sept. 1:

Kids Day: Children under 12 free admission and receive a voucher for a FREE pony ride and gift item.

Sunday, Sept. 2:

Reserved Grandstand Seats: \$45

**VIP TENT TABLES:** There are three VIP Tents at the Hampton Classic: the Grand Prix Tent on the south side of the main ring, the USET Tent on the east end of the ring, and the Chalet Tent. Tables are available to sponsors and competitors whose overall financial support of the Classic meets suggested guidelines. Tables may not be purchased for individual days, with the exception of Opening Day, Sunday, August 26.

**OPENING DAY TABLES:** On Sunday, August 26, tables of eight may be purchased for \$400 and Grand Prix Ringside tables, which include fourteen passes, are available for \$700 if purchased by August 1.

**SPECTATORS:** Spectators come from Long Island, Manhattan and the Metropolitan area and include the general public, corporate executives, celebrities and their families. Other guests include vacationers summering in the Hamptons from many parts of the world.

**COMPETITORS:** From the US, Canada and abroad including up-and-coming riders, Olympic veterans and medalists along with World Cup and World Championship riders. Leadline class features riders as young as three years old.

**DIRECTIONS:** Long Island Expressway to Exit 70, South on Eastport Manor Road to Route 27, East to Route 27A (Montauk Highway), East to Bridgehampton Commons. Turn left on Snake Hollow Road to the showgrounds just past RR tracks.

**THINGS TO DO:** Spectators enjoy the competition in six show rings. The Kids Exhibition Tent offers hands-on activities, pony rides, and petting zoo animals. The Boutique Garden and Stable Row offers show souvenirs and a unique array of items for purchase from more than 80 unique shops. Food is available on the grounds and the international food court is located in the Boutique Garden. Nearby are the Hamptons' famous beaches, nightclubs, restaurants, and boutiques.

**POSTER ARTIST:** Jennifer Brandon, of Waverly, Pennsylvania, has been selected as the 2018 Official Poster Artist. Brandon's selected artwork, "A Splash of Red," is an oil on canvas created with vibrant colors. Her inspiration was the comradery between this horse and rider. The striking contrast of the black horse in all its power and motion against the vast blue sky created a harmonious energy that she "found irresistible."

**COMMUNITY PARTNER:** Southampton Hospital is the official community partner of the Hampton Classic. Since its inception, the Hampton Classic has contributed more than two million dollars to Southampton Hospital. In addition, the Hampton Classic is itself a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and supports many other local and equestrian related charities.

**PURPOSE:** To offer the nation's top horses and riders a chance to showcase their talents at one of the finest horse shows in the country.

**TELEVISION:** WVVH-TV, the official Long Island television station of the Hampton Classic, will broadcast up to five hours of competition and highlights each day during the Classic. These broadcasts can also be viewed online at [www.wvvh.tv](http://www.wvvh.tv). Live webcasting is available for all classes in the Grand Prix ring on the Hampton Classic website, and most other classes can also be viewed online at [ShowNet.biz](http://ShowNet.biz)

**CELEBRITIES/MEDIA PERSONALITIES:** The line-up of celebrities who have attended or competed at the horse show in the past includes such stars as Alec & Billy Baldwin, Candace Bergen, Michael Bloomberg, Jon Bon Jovi, Christie Brinkley, Jimmy Buffet, Kate Capshaw, Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos, Glenn Close, Katie Couric, Robert Duvall, Rudy Giuliani, Kelsey Grammer, Katherine Hellman, Mariel Hemingway, Bianca Jagger, Billy Joel, Mick Jones, Quincy Jones, Donna Karan, Caroline Kennedy, Gayle King, Calvin Klein, Kelly Klein, Ralph Lauren, Jennifer Lopez, Susan Lucci, Joan Lunden, Elle MacPherson, Julianne Moore, Mary-Kate Olsen, Chynna, Bijou & Mackenzie Phillips, Stefanie Powers, Randy Quaid, Chuck Scarborough, Steven Spielberg, Bruce Springsteen, Martha Stewart, Barbra Streisand, Kathleen Turner, Robert Wagner, Jerry Seinfeld, L.A. Reid, Sophia Vergara, Beth Ostrosky Stern, Aida Turturro.

**OLYMPIC VETERANS WHO MAY BE COMPETING** Joe Fargis (1984 Double Gold & 1988 team Silver Medalist/USA), Leslie Burr Howard (1984 team Gold & 1996 team Silver Medalist/USA), Peter Leone (1996 team Silver Medalist/USA), Peter Wylde (2004 team Gold Medalist/USA), McLain Ward (2004 and 2008 team Gold Medalist, 2012 and 2016 team Silver Medalist/USA), Margie Engle (2000 USA), Bezie Madden (2004 and 2008 team Gold Medalist, 2012 and 2016 team Silver Medalist//USA), Kevin Babington (2004 fourth place individual/Ireland), Mario Deslauriers (1984, Canada) Daniel Bluman (2012, Colombia), Liubov Kochetova (2008, Russia), Kent Farrington (2016 team Silver Medalist/USA).

**WEBSITE:** The Hampton Classic website, [www.hamptonclassic.com](http://www.hamptonclassic.com), features full show information, schedule, results, ticket information, photo gallery as well as link to the Hampton Classic's online Poster Store and more. The site has a complete sponsor listing and section describing the Classic's many service providers and vendor booths. There are complete lists of classes offered as well as a downloadable time schedule. The Classic's e-mail address is [info@hamptonclassic.com](mailto:info@hamptonclassic.com).

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES/EXHIBITION TENT:** The Exhibition Tent features daily activities by various organizations. In addition, visitors enjoy pony rides, and our petting zoo animals.

**WELFARE OF THE HORSE:** Veterinarians, farriers and the show stewards are on duty daily. The veterinarians and stall watch services are available 24 hours a day. The Hampton Classic has pioneered many special horse welfare regulations. The Classic works closely with HEART (Humane Equine Aid & Rapid Transport) to assure that its state-of-the-art equine ambulance is on site and to help raise fund for HEART's service nationwide.

**GRAND PRIX:** The Hampton Classic hosts FEI-recognized Grand Prix on three consecutive days. Horses who successfully complete the course during Friday's **\$75,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix Qualifier** qualify for Sunday's **\$300,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix CSI\*\*\*\***. One horse is permitted per rider in the Grand Prix. The Grand Prix is recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) as a CSI 4-star event. The class features Olympians, World Champions and USEF veterans. Because of the show's location in the Hamptons, many of the area's glitterati come to see and be seen in the VIP Patrons' Tents this day.

Many of the Grand Prix horses who do not ride in the Grand Prix, ride in Thursday's **\$40,000 Speed Stake** or Saturday's **\$70,000 LONGINES Cup** which, like Friday's Grand Prix Qualifier and Sunday's Grand Prix, are also an FEI-recognized events.

**\$30,000 BOAR'S HEAD JUMPER CHALLENGE:** Held in the Classic's famed Grand Prix Ring, this class is the highlight of Opening Day competition.

**\$25,000 JUMPING DERBY (1.45m):** Amateur-Owner and Junior Jumper riders must compete in Friday's qualifier, the \$10,000 Welcome Stake, in order to move forward to Sunday's \$25,000 Jumping Derby. The top 30 horses qualify for the Derby on Sunday morning. The course emphasizes banks, ditches, water jumps, liverpools, hedges, and other natural obstacles. This class is a member event of the Hollow Brook Wealth Management Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series. The Amateur-Owner and Junior Jumper Championships will be awarded after the Derby class.

**\$10,000 HERMÈS HUNTER CLASSIC:** A featured class on Grand Prix Sunday which is open to Junior and Amateur-Owner riders only who have entered, shown and completed the course in at least two classes over fences in their respective Junior or Amateur-Owner Hunter Divisions as a horse/rider combination.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** Grand Hunter Championship, Leading Hunter Rider Award, Best Junior Rider Award, Best Equitation Rider, Junior Jumper Championships, and Amateur-Owner Jumper Championships. The grooms of the leading hunter horse and winning Grand Prix horse each get cash awards. A **\$10,000 Trainer's Award** will be awarded to the trainers of the top-ten placed Amateur Juniors or Young Riders competing in the Great Southwest Equestrian Center Equitation Championship.

Bottles of Château D'esclans are awarded to the top 3 finishing riders of the \$300,000 Hampton Classic Grand Prix CSI\*\*\*\*, a LONGINES timepiece is awarded to the winning rider of the \$70,000 Longines Cup, the \$75,000 Douglas Elliman Grand Prix Qualifier and to the winner of the Grand Prix. The **\$30,000 LONGINES Rider Challenge** that awards a \$30,000 cash prize to the rider who accumulates the most points in the horse show's Open Jumper Division. \$500 from Aden Brook is awarded to the groom of the winning horse in the Grand Prix.

**BOUTIQUE GARDEN:** The Hampton Classic features more than 80 boutiques selling everything from tack and equestrian goods to clothing, jewelry, furniture and gift items. The Hampton Classic's souvenir booth offers an extensive variety of items, from t-shirts and sweatshirts to jackets, the annual poster, cups, mugs, notepads and more. Auto display tents in the Boutique Garden include Jaguar and Land Rover.

**MEMBER EVENT:** United States Equestrian Federation, Fédération Equestre Internationale, Hollow Brook Wealth Management Show Jumping Hall of Fame Jumper Classic Series, World Championship Hunter Rider Association, Marshall & Sterling League, Long Island High Score Awards, North American League, Washington International Horse Show, USEF National and Zone Awards, and the Platinum Performance/

USEF Show Jumping Talent Search Program. The Hampton Classic also hosts the finals for the Long Island Horse Show Series for Riders with Disabilities.