

Pristine clear waters,  
Rise idyllic, senseful peace;  
Thrash mercilessly.

Anwasha Kumari, Bear  
Youth Division



Salt flavor is a mystery,  
It's in sweat, tears and the Ocean  
In dreams, stories ,memories, life.

Bertha Martinez, Middletown  
Adult Division

I see the waves bloom  
My heart begins to thump, thump  
Rising ocean beats

Gail Favors, Bear  
Adult Division

Playground full of fish  
The fish love to splash and play  
Coral reefs are fun

Jameson Rapson, Bear  
Youth Division

Happy as can be  
Splashing, swimming, diving down  
In the salty sea

Kate Rapson, Bear  
Adult Division

Shorebirds dance on breeze  
Sunset hues paint sky's canvas  
Horseshoe crabs beckon

Kimberly Cole, Bear

Dark clouds and gray seas  
Alone with the salted air  
Melancholic peace

Rachel Perash, Bear  
Adult Division

Feet in, looking East.  
Thinking of its massiveness,  
And how small I am.

Roy Lawler, Bear  
Adult Division



Salty smell tastes green  
Floating in peaceful cool waves  
Delaware immersed

Sherri Pfeffer, Clayton  
Adult Division

Dark forest of kelp  
Life is hidden all around  
A shadow swims by

Spencer Rapson, Bear  
Youth Division



The calm sound of waves  
I am one with the ocean  
As I hear their sounds

Tayjaah Janvier, Middletown  
Youth Division

A fin breaks the waves  
Dolphins jump out of water  
Diving back to dark

Theodore Rapson, Bear  
Youth Division



Sand between my toes.  
Waves crashing, salt in the air.  
It's my happy place!

Amber Carroll, Harrington  
Adult Division

Waves roll in and out  
Like breathing, the rhythmic tides  
Dancing with the moon

Erin French, Greenwood  
Adult Division

As full moon rises  
Tidal water sweeps shoreline  
Behold sight and sound

Gail Anne Stevens, Dover  
Adult Division

Boom! The waves crash hard  
But your feelings are stronger  
But yet, still in sync

Joe'lee Holmes, Magnolia  
Youth Division



There are seven seas,  
All of them are homes to me,  
Nowhere else could be.

Mackenzie Reynolds, Camden  
Youth Division

Peaceful, splashing waves  
Envelope of energy  
Tranquil, calm embrace

Marialuisa Quinonez, Dover  
Youth Division

The ocean is warm.  
Thanks sun! I love my summers:  
Swimming in the sea is fun!

Nora Mediavilla, Dover  
Youth Division

I love swimming in the sea  
Makes me so happyyy  
Playing with the waves I see

Pol Mediavilla, Dover  
Youth Division

Smell the salty air  
Feel the ever-shifting sand  
Hear the call of peace

Rhyse Gerhard, Magnolia  
Youth Division

Sun shines; toes in sand.  
Waves crash. Tide ebbs. But beyond  
Wonders deep remain

Ruth Clifton, Milford  
Adult Division

Whale carcass plunges  
Boon to the abyssal plain  
Blooming reef of bones

Scott Walls, Greenwood  
Adult Division



Ocean energy  
It heightens my awareness  
Through all the senses

Sherrie Stanley, Cheswold  
Adult Division



Pleasant, sunny day  
Huge waves crashing on the shore  
Laying in snug sand

Xavier Alexandre, Harrington  
Youth Division

Sand shifts, the tide ebbs,  
the moon wanes: change—the ocean's  
only true constant.

Alexandra Hay, Milton  
Adult Division

Never Ending Waves  
Reaching For the Shore Each Day  
Fill My Heart with Peace

John J. Adams, Milton  
Adult Division

Rolling blue waters  
Salty mist surrounding me  
Senses awakened

Cynthia Clavette, Harbeson  
Adult Division

Mist gently touches  
my face slowly eyelids close  
as I become me.

Debbie Durland, Rehoboth Beach  
Adult Division

Pirates buried gold  
Where I now search for sea glass:  
Treasure in the sand.

Diana Hay, Milton  
Adult Division



As I walk along  
The ocean shore frees my soul  
Gratitude and joy

Donna Repass, Lewes  
Adult Division

Bright endless water -  
Playful waves, blissful coolness.  
Beauteous ocean.

Frances Kelleher, Rehoboth Beach  
Adult Division



Powerful you are  
Crashing and Splashing blue sea  
Why do you take sand?

Jennifer Pongratz, Lewes

Radiant, intense  
A light blue wind shifts onshore  
Communal release

Jesse Hayden, Rehoboth Beach

Sparkling, spraying waves  
sprinkle wingspread gulls above  
kissing sand and sky.

Jo-Ann Baca, Lewes  
Adult Division



Food, Fun, Air, Supplies  
The Ocean Provides to Us  
Who could ask for more?

Joe Faries, Lincoln

Fluid, full of life  
A deep, powerful, peaceful  
Healing energy

Karen A Taylor, Lewes

Laughter in the air  
Waves crashing against the shore  
The smell of the sea

Katharine Butcher, Milton  
Adult Division

She gently calls me  
Into cerulean waves  
A briney abyss

Michelle Peeling, Rehoboth Beach  
Adult Division

May we squint and see  
tiny pinwheels off the shore  
power futures bright

Annina Northridge, Wilmington



Ocean at Nana's  
the blue waves are very cold  
salty in my mouth

Vivienne Northridge, Wilmington

You wrap the wide world  
You give life, you take away  
We tremble in awe

Mark Nardone, Wilmington  
Adult Division

Night falls, salt air swirls  
Full moon lights up ocean waves  
No crowds, no heat – bliss

Carol Hertzoff, Wilmington  
Adult Division

Dark, mysterious  
What lies beneath the surface  
Waiting to arise

Elaine Autry, Claymont  
Adult Division

Pristine Beauty Shines  
Wellness For Creation's Soul  
Energy For All

Gail Rando, Wilmington  
Adult Division

Water and the sky,  
I do not thirst for beauty,  
They are both glowing.

Grace M. Lo Porto, Hockessin  
Adult Division

World Transportation.  
Seaside summer vacation  
Deep FASCINATION!

Jennie Moore, Claymont  
Adult Division

Sand and sound of waves!  
Parking to boardwalk to beach.  
Ocean view at last!

Lynn Mankin, Newark  
Adult Division



Waves crash on the shore  
White caps beyond the breakers  
Fish flee while birds dive

Martin McCarrick, Wilmington  
Adult Division

Turtles crawl around  
Fish jumping in the water  
I love the big waves

Micah Weber, Newark  
Youth Division

Dawn surf undulates  
Redolent of summers past  
Wild beauty beckons

Patricia Snyder, Hockessin  
Adult Division

waves in the ocean  
breaking into suds and foam  
painted by the sun

Tom McKenna, Newark  
Adult Division

Washing away sins  
the ocean purifies us  
cleanses the world's soul

Vidhi Patel, Newark  
Youth Division

Echolocating  
Dolphins leap in unison  
What if one is deaf?

Bruce White, Ocean View  
Adult Division

Calm but you are Unpredictable  
Your Waves Gently Crushing on the  
Shoreline  
Your Mist in the Air

Christine T. Fiori, Seaford  
Adult Division

Waves crash, reflect, hug.  
Sea spray inhaled and tasted.  
All senses subsumed.

Dan Finocchiaro, Dagsboro  
Adult Division



Water is crashing  
Bringing seashells and shark's teeth  
Calm soothing sounds

Hunter Jacek, Millsboro  
Youth Division

Possession and Greed

Ocean animalia

No comparison

Harry Brake, Seaford

Adult Division

Hot sand between toes  
Skin radiating sunshine  
Slam crash go the waves

Linda Zerbe, Dagsboro  
Youth Division

I like the fishes,  
Sure, the whales I really like,  
And Oh! The turtles!

Lucy Seyfert, Millsboro  
Youth Division

Oceans ebb and flow  
She draws me near to hear peace  
Peace overtake me

Nicole McCarville, Seaford  
Adult Division

Ocean breezes tossed  
Long silver strands, tangled waves  
Still, the scent remains.

Susan Lamb, Seaford  
Adult Division

Waving me to play,  
soothing my soul with its sound.  
It makes my heart smile.

Wendy Bernstein Griffin, Delmar  
Adult Division