# BEARD CONTEST(s)

Cold weather is setting in so what better time to grow and showcase those beards of Southampton! Four categories for old and new beards alike!

The particulars:

**Category 1. Longest Beard**

a. Entry Standards:

i. Beards can be pre-existing.

ii. Beards can be any form of facial hair, i.e. goatee, full beard, mustache, etc.

b. Judgement: Length is measured from the chin down with the beard's length only influenced by growth and gravity. The contest will be held in the Spring of 2025 at an event celebrating the 250th.

**Category 2. Most Artistic Beard**

a. Entry Standards:

i. Beards can be pe-existing and can be formed by any means or product.

ii. Judgement: A panel of judges rates the beard. Each judge rates the beard on a scale of 1-10 (10 being best). Scores are based on creativity and imaginativeness. The highest score wins. The contest will be held in the Spring of 2025 at an event celebrating the 250th.

**Category 3. Fastest Growing Beard**

a. Entry Standards:

i. On Wednesday January 15th, 2025, all contestants will register at the Police Department to demonstrate a clean-shaven face. Photos will be taken of each contestant.

ii. Judgement: On a date celebrating the 250th anniversary, in early spring, the contestants' beards will be shaven, and the facial hair will be weighed. The contestant having the greatest weight wins. The contest will be held in the Spring of 2025 at an event celebrating the 250th.

**Category 4. The Mountaineer Beard**

a. Entry Standards:

i. Beards can be pe-existing.

ii. Judgement: A panel of judges rates the beard. Each judge rates the beard on a scale of 1-10 (10 being best). Scores are based on the beard's best depiction of a mountaineer, i.e. ruggedness and wildness. The highest score wins. The contest will be held in the spring of 2025 at an event celebrating the 250th.