

Grayling Recreation Authority *and* Arauco

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The Business Canoe Relays

Canoe and paddles are provided.

Costumes are encouraged

Have you ever wanted to yell **HUP?** Here is your opportunity! It is time for you to consider putting a team in the 2023 Business Relays. This will give you an opportunity to showcase your canoeing technique or publicly embarrass yourself and your co-workers, or you can trick your friends and or family into paddling, either way is fun. **An exciting change for 2023, we are allowing each team to have one Ringer as part of their paddling team.** (See rule #6). Remember this is a fun event so do not try to sneak more than one ringer into your line.

None of the paddlers need to be an employee of your business they just need to represent your business. We have a short course, with all participants paddling a short distance downstream and upstream. Each leg of the race takes only 15 minutes so exceptional physical fitness **IS NOT** a requirement.

Two members of your team will be put in a canoe and forced to paddle downstream, go around a buoy then paddle a short distance upstream where the other two members of your team do the same course. Your team will be competing for the fastest time in your class.

We have a class for everyone (men's, women's, and mixed) The entry fee is just **\$20.00** per team; all equipment is provided. **Ages under 18 must have waiver signed by their parents.** As always, we try to accommodate you with a starting time that fits your schedule.

This year's scheduled date and times are:

Penrod's on Thursday July 27th, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We hope you come down to compete or just join in the fun. Please fill out the enclosed entry form and forward as soon as possible, race day is near.

The logo for Arauco, featuring the word "araucO" in a stylized, bold, black font. The letters are thick and blocky, with a slight shadow effect.

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THE 35th. ANNUAL BUSINESS CANOE RELAY RACE

Thursday, July 27th, 2023, • Penrod's • Grayling

Once again Grayling Recreation Authority is this year's coordinating organization for the event. If you need any information, contact Hanson Hills at 348-9266.

OFFICIAL RULES-

1. **You must enter to win – (absolutely no exceptions)**
2. Shortest elapsed time wins. Each canoe will have only two paddlers. Each class will be comprised of teams consisting of four people.
3. Two members of your team will be put in a canoe and forced to paddle downstream, go around a buoy then paddle a short distance upstream where the other two members of your team will be waiting in their canoe. The second boat will take off after the first boat crosses the start/finish line. When the second boat crosses the finish line a total elapsed time is established.
4. A third member is allowed in the canoe as a coach, cheerleader, or guide, if said passenger does not assist with paddling or interfere with the other competitors. The only equipment they are allowed to carry is a map of the river.
5. The team may dress in colorful and entertaining attire as long as it is tasteful and not crude, rude, or sociably unacceptable, for it may raise the fury of the judge who may impose penalties.
6. **RINGERS**, if you have raced in any MCRA, USCA, YMCA, or CYA event involving a canoe in the last 10 years then you should not enter. Teams entering ineligible ringers and or racers are at risk of the embarrassment of disqualification and the publication of that in the local weekly tabloid. The only ringer exception (and there must always be an exception) is if the individual is very old and frail. They can request a waiver to compete.
7. The competitors will be defending and representing the honor and integrity of their organizations. Their results may be used as examples throughout the year of the organization's good standing in the community.
8. The judge may impose a penalty for canoes that start early, use unacceptable language and/or behavior. All teams are to display the traditional traits of sportsmanship and panache'.
9. All team members must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, unless the minor has a release signed by a parent or guardian. The release must be signed in front of the registration volunteers. Canoes and equipment are included with the entry fee.
10. **Entries are to be, mailed in or dropped off at the race office at Hanson Hills Recreation Area by 11:00 am on Thursday July 28th. Starting times will be available on Thursday at noon, (we will give you a call). Trophies will be awarded after all participants have finished the race.**
11. **You "gotta" have fun.** It is one of those events that you are going to hate yourself for missing. Start practicing your acceptance speech for the awarding of the trophies.

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OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

2023

We desire to enter the Annual Business Canoe Relay Race to be held on Thursday, July 27, 2023, and agree to abide by the rules of the race. The race will be a looped course starting at Penrod's. Trophies will be awarded to 1st place of each class.

TEAM MEMBERS:

1. _____ (Captain) Daytime Phone: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
- Alt. _____

Sponsor & Team Name: _____

Check Class Entered:

Four Men () Four Women () Two Men and Two Women ()

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per team. (Cash/Check) Please Make Checks payable to A.R.I.C.M

Preferred starting time: _____ p.m. Races are every 15 minutes.
(Please be aware that this time may not be your actual starting time, but we will try to accommodate you as best we can.)

Preferred Challenger "Grudge" Match: _____
(Grudge Challengers are encouraged to make tasteful public statements and send letters to would be challengers, highlighting the competition's anticipated capabilities in the upcoming race.)

ALL ENTRANTS READ AND SIGN BELOW

The undersigned waives any and all rights to claims against the Officers and Committee Members of the Au Sable River International Canoe Marathon, Inc., Old Au Sable, Penrod's Au Sable River Resort & Canoe Trips, Grayling Recreation Authority, employees or volunteers of Grayling Recreation Authority and any organization sponsoring the Au Sable River Marathon both individually and severally and acknowledges that the above organizations are assuming no responsibility to the undersigned.

Captain

Alternate

Mail this entry with fee to:

GRA/Business Relay

P.O. Box 361

Grayling, MI 49738

(You may also drop off form at Hanson Hills during normal business hours)

For further details contact:

Wendy Kelso @ Hanson Hills (989)348-9266

Business Relay Race Coordinator

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