

Elk Harbor Lakeside Campground, 4th of July 1st Annual Kayak Race.

- **Disclaimer**

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this event and to compete for prizes and awards, each participant and racer hereby agrees that neither the racer sponsors, the event sponsors/promoters or organizers nor any person or entity connected with the Event is responsible to them for any injury to themselves or damage to their property as a result of their participation in this event and that they specifically waive any such claims and fully release and hold harmless said persons from any such liability or claims. The Event Organizer will not be responsible for any delays, expenses or inconveniences which may be caused directly or indirectly by any events including acts of God, government, machinery, or equipment. In addition, all participants hereby understand the risk involved in kayak racing and shall adhere to safe precautions and agree to abide by all the rules and regulations set forth in this document.

Waiver

Before being permitted to participate in this event, each participant must fill out, sign and submit the waiver document to the race organizer. Minors require a parent or legal guardian to sign the document. Failure to submit a signed form will result in the racer not being approved to start the race.

Registration

- Open to any person. Ages 16 and older.
- Deadline to register for the race, one day (Friday July 2nd) by 8pm,. before the start of the race all **completed** registration forms must be submitted and the registration fee of \$5.00 paid. No Refund of registration fees.

Before the Race

- No Racer will be allowed on the starting line unless officially registered and have received the all clear from the Race Official. Racers are required to check in at the starting line with the Race Official in advanced of the event.
- All participants **MUST** have submitted their signed waiver form to the Race Official.
- Prior to a race, no contestant nor his/her support crew will touch or move any other contestant's craft or equipment without permission.

Start of Race

- Racers **must check-in** with the officials before the race, on race morning to record their participation.
- Each race member **MUST WEAR** a Coast Guard approved, inspected and serviceable, **LIFE PRESERVER** or **Personal Flotation Device P. F. D.** and have an **Auditory Device** (plastic whistle without the ball) that is attached to his/her life preserver or P.F.D. at all times while on the water. The whistle is only to be blown during and in case of an emergency. Those racers violating this rule will immediately be disqualified.
- The start shall be on time and shall be given without reference to any absentees.
- There shall be a 5 minute notice and a countdown notice at 2mins, 1min and finally 30 seconds, there shall be no countdown beyond 30seconds, the next word shall be **"SET"** followed, at any given time after, by the sounding of the starting gun or air horn to commence the race.
- Racer will start on land and carry Kayak to the water and begin race at the starting sound. A failure to return to the starting line after a false start is a disqualification. The racer that attempts a false or unfair start will be warned. A second warning will result in the imposition of 2 minutes time penalty, third warning will result a disqualification.

Craft Type, Length, Construction and Restrictions

- The following restrictions shall apply to all Kayaks:
- Rudders: Steering rudders or any guiding apparatus directing the course of the craft WILL NOT be permitted to be used.
- Keels: A keel, if any, must be straight and shall extend over the entire length of the craft and not project more than ONE (1) inch below the hull.
- **Propulsion**
 - Propulsion will be by manual, human muscle powered, double blade paddles. Paddles may be made of any material and the blades may be of any shape, width or angle. These must not be attached to the craft in any way. Motors, sails or any other mechanically powered propulsion devices of any nature or kind ARE NOT allowed.
 - All KAYAKS shall use DOUBLE blade paddles only. This is described as a pole with blades on both ends.

During the Race

- Each racer is completely responsible for their own safety, food, drinks, equipment, and any other necessities.
- Intentional littering will result in disqualification of any racer found guilty of this act.
- Once the race has officially started, modifications or changes of any kind to the original design, shape or construction of a racer's kayak are NOT allowed. Necessary repairs in the event of damage to the craft during a race can be made. Replacement of craft is not permitted!
- All racers must remain in the water within the natural banks of the water. kayaks may be carried or dragged through shallow waters or around total river flow obstructions or any obstruction that exceeds personal safety considerations. When portaging around an obstruction, a racer is required to re-enter the river at the nearest safe entry point immediately after the obstruction.
- If the race route is marked, all racers must navigate along the marked path. Racers will be disqualified if they deviate from the marked route.
- Racers WILL NOT be allowed to receive any physical assistance of any kind or nature from ANYONE during the course of the race, except **(a)** if a racer has capsized, that racer may receive assistance with emptying their craft and regaining their paddling position, but not be progressed in any way. **(b)** In emergency life-threatening situations or **(c)** authorized assistance received from Race Officials.
- **Wave/Wash Riding**
 - No competitor may wash/wave ride a competitor.

Portage

- Competitors may only portage at points designated by the race organizers.
- The portage limits start and end locations shall be identified and marked by Designated flag
- All competitors (and their designated helpers where approved) shall disembark in the defined area, carry their craft around the portage and embark in the defined area.
- Any water after the end of the disembarkation area and before the start of the embarkation area is out of bounds.
- Competitors shall not received any physical assistance with their craft getting in and out of the water.
- A competitor suffering from a lower-body handicap may, by prior agreement from the Race Official, receive assistance at a portage, provided no advantage is received as a result of such assistance and provided the competitor leaves or is lifted from his or her kayak before the helpers carry the craft.
- **Overtaking / Collision**
 - Commonly accepted rules of sportsmanship will prevail. When a racer is overtaking another racer, it is the duty of the overtaking racer to keep clear of the racer being overtaken at all times. When a kayak is racing in a group of competitors it is the duty of all the competitors in the group to keep clear of other

competitors at all times. This rule applies to any maneuvering within the group. **(THE LEAD KAYAK HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY)**

- Good Sportsmanship is expected at all times. Any competitor who is considered by a race official to have been responsible for a collision, or who damages the kayak or paddle of another competitor or unnecessarily or intentionally deviates from their course and any un-sportsman-like conduct warrants immediate disqualification.

Illegal Substance

- Alcohol, and illegal drugs are not allowed during a race at any time.

Finish Line

- The finish line is reached when the participant(s) carry their craft on shore and the paddler passes under the finish sign/banner.
- In the event of very rough water conditions or small craft warning from the authorities the race will be rescheduled for the follow day or weekend.

- **Award Ceremony And Prize Amounts**

- All participants must present themselves to receive their awards, a failure to do so results in that racer forfeiting their awards.

1st place will receive a check for the amount of \$750.00, 2nd place will receive a check for the amount of \$250.00, 3rd place will receive a Elk Harbor swag bag with gift Certificate equal to the amount of \$50.00 Dollars.

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Code of Conduct

- All racer members, coaches, ground crew members, sponsors, representatives, and fans must exercise the highest degree of sportsmanlike conduct and professionalism (including respect for self, the sport, other racers, the officials and property) at all times throughout the race. Racers will be penalized or disqualified if any of the above groups abuse this rule. All Race Officials and Race Medical Personnel must be shown respect and their directions followed at all times.

Clean Up

- All racers, fans, supporters, are responsible to keep the areas we use clean and in proper order.

DISQUALIFICATIONS TERMS:

1. Any racer that has been disqualified whilst on the water will be asked to leave the competition immediately.
2. Any paddler (racer) disqualified **will not** be awarded any prizes.
3. Any Racer or team member taunting, using vulgarities to other competitors will be asked to leave the race and property immediately. Children will be present, and this will not be tolerated.

Have a Fun and Safe Race Good luck to you all.

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