

Lafayette RiverFest Embellished Craft

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April 26, 2014 12:30 pm

Participant Requirements:

1. All paddlers must be able to swim at least 50 meters.
2. All entrants must wear an appropriately sized, United States Coast Guard approved, portable flotation device (PFD) at all times.
3. All participants must wear sneakers or other appropriate footwear to prevent injuries from submerged sharp objects.
4. All participants must sign an indemnity agreement before race time and anyone under 18 must have their waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian

Boat Rules:

1. Kayaks shall be propelled solely by means of double-ended paddles.
2. Canoes shall be propelled solely by means of single ended paddles.
3. The hulls of all craft must be of commercial construction. **No homemade hulls allowed.**
4. All craft must carry sufficient buoyancy to remain floating level if capsized. Please consider the overall weight and buoyancy as you add embellishments to your canoe or kayak!
5. All boats must contain a sounding device (air horn or whistle).
6. All boats must have a 3/8" (or larger) tow line or at least 25' securely attached to the boat for towing or mooring.
7. Any protruding or sharp edges from fasteners or embellishments should be cut off and/or bent/hammered/folded over and duct taped.

Race Rules:

1. Canoe and kayak races will be run in two classes, family class (one adult and at least one child under 18 in the vessel) and open class (one or more paddlers, each being over the age of 18).
2. Vessels will start at the sound of the horn. The first vessel from each class across the course finish line wins for their class.
3. Contestants must obey all directions by race or safety officials. Penalty for disobeying race or safety officials will be immediate disqualification.
4. Prizes will be awarded for the vessel from each class who finishes first.