

Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Board Races

Time and Place: Old Mackey Park, Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2, 2017

- Registration up until 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 1.
- Races to take place Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 – 4:00

Registration: Will occur at Old Mackey Park, Canada Day at the Welcome Tent up until 1:00 p.m.!

Age Category: under 16 (Kayak or paddle board)

Age Category: Over 16, single (kayak or paddle board) or double (canoe)

Cost: free to enter

Prizes: Timed races – shore around buoy and back to shore. For each age and boat category – paddle board, kayak and canoe. 15 prizes total.

1. Fastest - \$25
2. Second - \$15
3. Third – HCM Homecoming T-shirt

Judging: Each heat will be timed. You are racing against the clock, not necessarily just the people in your heat. Any tie will be broken by coin toss.

Supplied by HCMHomecoming2017:

1. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, paddles, oars and some personal flotation devices

Supplied by contestants:

1. Suitable attire to race in the river, towels to dry off;
2. Personal flotation devices.

Race Rules and Regulations

1. Have fun! Safely!
2. Boats will race in timed heats of two (2), three (3) or four (4) boats (depending on wave conditions and number of entrants).
3. All team members under the age of 12 who are racing must wear the PFDs/life jackets provided/brought.
4. Teams will be given two commands:
 - a. “Racers Ready” teams will make eye contact with the starter;
 - b. “Boats in the water and Racers in the boat” teams will have up to 30 seconds to climb into their boats and position the boat.
5. After 30 seconds or when all teams in the heat are ready (whichever comes first) a whistle will blow signaling the start of the timed race.

6. If team members push the boat at the start or allow the boat to drift away from the starting line, a five (5) seconds penalty will be added to the time.
7. Time will stop once any structurally significant part of the boat/vessel crosses the finish line.
8. Participants are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.
9. All participants must be wearing light clothing appropriate for swimming.
10. Contestants must supply their own towels.
11. Judging will be based on completing the race and the finish time.
12. All contestants must be good swimmers.
13. Team members must enter and exit the boat from behind the start/finish line to qualify for prizes.

Waiver - The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Board Race Waiver and Release Form

This form will be collected as contestants register at their designated contest location. No contestant will be allowed to participate unless this form has been properly filled out and signed by parent/legal guardian/self.

By signing my name below and/or participating in this event, I hereby agree to abide by the safety rules and/or guidelines governing this cardboard boat race. You must 18 yrs. old to sign this application; if you chose to put anyone under 18 yrs. on your boat you are responsible for them. You are responsible to remove your "boat" from the water.

I hereby waive any claim or right to make any claim against the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria, or any group, volunteer or other individual involved in this event. By signing this form I understand that photos or video may be taken and released for advertising Homecoming or other municipal events in the future.

I, the undersigned or parent/guardian, do hereby give permission for my daughter/son/ward/self to attend and participate in the Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Board Race event sponsored by the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria.

I hereby acknowledge that by attending and participating in the Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Board Race event that there is a possibility of physical illness or injury to my daughter/son/ward/self and I do hereby for myself and all other who might have a similar claim waive, release, and forever discharge and any and all rights and claims for damages, which may arise now and in the future against any and all damages which my daughter/son/ward/self may sustain and suffer while attending and participating in the event.

Date_____

Name of Contestant_____

Parent/Legal Guardian_____
