

below the water line. All vessels must be securely lashed as not to fall apart during the race. All (coolers, etc) must be secured to the raft. All vessels must have a garbage receptacle (bags are allowed) secured to the vessel. **NO TRASH IS TO GO IN THE RIVER.**

No motors of any kind are allowed. Crew members may use paddles, sails, or human powered propulsion. A race number will be assigned to each Raft, Paddle Board, and What ever floats entry. Your number will need to be pinned to your life jacket/shirt or attached to your vessel in a easy to read location. All vessels will be inspected prior to launching. Main focus should be safety.

RACE COURSE:

For Stand-up boards, If it Floats and Home-made rafts:

Start at Union Point between stationary Buoy and Gazebo. Head up river to a Buoy #1 near Broad St. Round buoy #1 and go back to starting line and then through the Alfred Cunningham bridge, through the train trestle and to the right around buoy#2 and then around buoy #3. Once around buoy #3 between the train bridge and Trent River Bridge go back to the start finish line as fast as you can. **RACE COURSE COULD CHANGE AT ANY TIME DURING THE EVENT BECAUSE OF WEATHER OR WIND.**

CREW RESTRICTIONS:

Each individual participant must register for this event. Any participant under 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

Every participant must wear a properly fitted Coast-Guard approved Life Vest at all times on the water. All participants must sign a waiver. No ALCOHOL is allowed on any of the vessels. The entire route as well as the after party will be patrolled to curb underage drinking.

A "Dry Bag" with towels is recommended. **COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED**

RACE RULES & SAFETY ADVICE¹All rafts must be of homemade construction.

1. All rafts entries have a crew size of 1 and maximum of 20.
2. All rafts must be of homemade construction.
3. Commercially manufactured hulls are allowed and you will race with the peddle rafts, but you will not be racing against them. You will have your own category.
4. **IF IT FLOATS is just what it says. Anything that you want to get out there in that floats, IT RACES!**

5. All vessels must pass completely through the finish line to win a prize.
6. Inner tubes or inflatable devices are allowed.
7. Rafts heights must be able to clear the Cunningham bridge.
8. Minimum raft size must be able to support the weight of the crew.
9. A raft's deck must be securely fastened to a frame and the frame securely fastened to the hulls and or flotation devices.
10. The use of nails below the water line is prohibited.
11. Marine rigging such as cleats & rope are acceptable.
12. All sheet metal raw edges to be turned over or taped.
13. Any protruding long bolts to be sawed off, filed, and taped.
14. Please test your raft before the race.
15. Single entries in the Stand Up Board classes should use the buddy system during the race.
16. All entries must be solely human powered, or by sail.
17. All entries should be equipped with a suitable anchor and line, and a suitable towline.
18. Each participant must have a Coast Guard approved life jacket and must be worn at all times during the race.
19. Each captain must review protocol for any members who fall overboard.
20. All crew members should wear appropriate footwear to prevent injuries from submerged sharp objects. (Participants should remain on their vessel when around Union Point because of possible submerged objects.)!!!!!!!!!!
21. No animals allowed on any rafts.
22. All entries must display their competition number in plain sight and clearly visible at the finish line.
23. All captains and their crew must remain on board their registered vessel for the entire duration of the race.
24. All entries must run the entire course under their own power to be eligible for awards.
25. All entries should have a first aid kit.
26. No glass containers allowed at any time.
27. Each entry should have an adequate supply of drinking water on board for the crew.
28. All entries should have garbage bags for their own trash.
29. No water balloons allowed.
30. Any one exhibiting unsafe behavior will be disqualified and could be banned from the event.
31. No diving off any vessel or jumping into the water at anytime.
32. All vessels must be removed from the river at the end of the day unless other arrangements have been made.
33. Derelict vessels are subject to police action and/or fines.

THE AWARDS CELEBRATION:

To be held at **Union Point** at 4pm.

Awards will go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division.

There will also be awards for 1, most creative raft, 2, best costumes in the raft competition, , and there will be a broken paddle award for the craft that the judges think deserve some recognition for their struggles.

The Rules are subject to revision at any time. Make sure you have downloaded the latest rules before the race.