

# ORTC Paddlesport Races

## Registration Form

### Sunday - July 19, 2015



EVENT: Gear & Cheer Music Festival Paddlesport Races

DATE: July 19

TIME: Sprint begins at 10:00 am.

COST: \$20 per boat/board (Preregistration includes t-shirt)

PLACE: Bradys Run Park, 526 Bradys Run Road, Beaver Falls, Pa 15010 (40.731316,-80.351837)

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| <b>Name</b>                 |  |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| <b>Postal address</b>       |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>City, State, Zip</b>     |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Contact phone number</b> |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Email address</b>        |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Age on day of race</b>   |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Race Classes</b>         |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Canoe</b>                | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Open</b>             |                               |                                 |
| <b>SUP</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>≤12.5-foot</b>       |                               |                                 |
| <b>SUP</b>                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>≤14-foot</b>         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak ≤ 11 Foot</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Junior 12 to 18</b>  |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak ≤ 11 Foot</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Adult 19 to 39</b>   |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak ≤ 11 Foot</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Masters 40 to 59</b> |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak ≤ 11 Foot</b>      | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Seniors ≥ 60</b>     |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak &gt; 11 Foot</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Junior 12 to 18</b>  |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak &gt; 11 Foot</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Adult 19 to 39</b>   |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak &gt; 11 Foot</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Masters 40 to 59</b> |                               |                                 |
| <b>Kayak &gt; 11 Foot</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/>                     | <b>Seniors ≥ 60</b>     |                               |                                 |
| <b>Boat Number</b>          |  |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Signature:</b>           | <b>Signature of Guardian if under 18yrs:</b> |                         |                               |                                 |
| <b>Date:</b>                |  |                         |                               |                                 |

## ORTC OFFICIAL PADDLESPORT RACE RULES

1. **Registration:** Registration begins at 8:00am at the lake.
2. **Distressed Participant:** Competitors must stop and aid any racer in serious personal danger during the race.
3. **Personal Flotation Device (PFD):** Race participants must wear securely fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets & a whistle at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS.
4. **Safety Lines:** Watercraft must have a 10' safety line that is attached to the front of the boat.
5. **Flotation:** Flotation shall be sufficient to float the boat if swamped. Additional flotation (such as float bags) is encouraged.
6. **Helmets:** Hard-shell helmets are recommended.
7. **Age Restriction:** No person under the age of 13 years old is permitted in the race boats.
8. **Smoking:** No smoking permitted.
9. **Alcohol:** No alcoholic beverages consumed before or during the race.
10. **Electronic Devices:** No personal sound producing devices such as phones, MP3 players etc. that would prevent racers from hearing people around them.
11. **Course:** The flatwater course is a 1-mile loop that starts near the boat launch. Buoys mark the points, which racers must pass on the outside to qualify at each corner of the lake. The center of the lake inside the corner buoys is for recreational kayaking & fishing.
12. **Start:** All contestants must be present at **9:00 am** to receive your start time and receive final race instructions. Racers enter the water at the launch ramp and proceed to the starting point marked by the green buoys. Race course is counterclockwise around the buoys at each corner of the lake, ending at the end buoys
13. **Finish:** Racers exit the water at the launch ramp
14. **Race Numbers:** Racer's official number must be worn by the bow and paddlers and must be visible at the finish line to be timed correctly. Race numbers can be kept as souvenirs. Any boat withdrawn from the race must notify the officials immediately and surrender their racing number.
15. **Time Trail:** Boats will be started in in one-minute intervals. Racer's times determined by subtracting the start time from the end time. The time trails is a race against time traversing one loop around the lake, approximately one mile.
16. **Passing:** When a boat is overtaking another boat in the race, it is the duty of the overtaking craft to keep clear of the boat being overtaken. The boat being overtaken is not allowed to alter its course to create difficulties for the overtaking craft.

17. **Weather:** Race is held rain or shine. Safety officials will call the race due to water levels, unsafe conditions due to inclement weather, natural hazards, or any cause for race disruption. Race will be delayed or stopped if there is a storm with lightning approaching or occurring. If lightning occurs during the race, the race at that point is canceled. All participants shall return immediately to the shore and take cover. No one is permitted to return to the water until 30 minutes after the last lightning strike.
18. **Stand Up Paddleboard:** Male & Female Solo Short ( $\leq 12.5$ -foot) and Long ( $\leq 14$ -foot).
19. **Kayak:** Male & Female Solo Short ( $\leq 11$ -foot) and Long ( $> 11$ -foot) Kayaks shall be propelled only by double bladed paddles. Age groups: (1) Juniors (13 to 19 years old) (2) Adult (20 to 39 years old) (3) Masters (40 to 59 years old) (4) Seniors ( $\geq 60$ ) Kayaks:
20. **Canoes:** Open Class. Canoes must be of open design with no coverings from front to rear and cannot be over 18 feet in length. No sculls or Olympic type racing canoes are allowed. Canoes shall be propelled solely by means of single-bladed paddles. No weights can be added to the canoe. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian as their partner.
21. **Permits:** A Beaver County Launch permit and regulation sticker is not required for this race.
22. **Race Disqualification:** Failure to follow these rules will result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry fees and/or awards. Race officials can disqualify racers for unsportsmanlike conduct, for not starting or ending between the start and end buoys, for not circumnavigating all the buoys. The official judges reserve the right to make all final decisions in regards to any part of the race.
23. **Questions:** Rule questions must be submitted to the race committee whose decisions are final.
24. Racers are subject to fulfilling rules established by the PA Fish and Game Commission for boating
25. **Rentals:** All participants are to provide their own self-propelled watercraft. Limited rentals.
26. **Awards:** Race finish times and awards presentation will occur at the festival at 5pm. Medals will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category.
27. **Fees:** Registration forms must include the full entry fee made payable to: **Ohio River Trail Council. Mail completed form to 1100 Pennsylvania Av, Monaca, Pa 15061.** Registration permits the racer to have one qualifying loop. Racers can reregister to make unlimited qualifying loops for \$20 each. Monies collected for the race are considered donations, thus no refunds provided if officials cancel the race. Entrants keep their T-shirt and goodie bag.
28. **Changes:** Classification changes by contestants must be notified to registrar on or before 4 p.m. July 10. Absolutely no changes in partners, heats or classification will be made at the starting point. Contestants will have to pay again and a new start time shall be assigned.
29. **Waivers: Participant Waivers must be signed in order to participate in race.** Guardian's printed name and signature is required on the waiver for all persons under the age of 18.
30. More information is available at [www.ohiorivertrail.org](http://www.ohiorivertrail.org) or call 724-728-2625.

**ORTC Paddlesport Races Waiver**  
**Warning of Risk and Release of All Claims**

In consideration of the granting of my request to participate in a certain watercraft race to be held on the Bradys Run park Lake near Beaver Falls, Pa, on **Saturday, July 18, 2015**, sponsored by the Ohio River Trail Council, I do hereby waive any claim for injury to my person or damage to my property that may arise out of any injury caused through any act of commission or omission of the Ohio River Trail Council, its officers, employees or agents. As such participant, I undertake to assume the risk of all dangerous conditions in or about said watercraft race and the premises used in connection therewith, and I waive notice of the existence of any such condition at any place or at any time. As a participant, I am aware that there is still a risk of serious injury and that the Ohio River Trail Council cannot guarantee safety. I attest that they have the skills and conditioning to complete the course safely in the weather conditions of the day, and that they are capable of self-righting their boat or climbing onto board for SUP in the event of capsiz. In further consideration of such permission to participate in said race, I hereby release the Ohio River Trail Council, its officers, employees and agents from any claim which I may have of any nature whatsoever on account of any injury to my person or damage to my property which may be sustained or incurred in connection with, or arising out of my participation in said watercraft race. The undersigned has read and fully understands every word of this release and waiver: The Undersigned parents of children under 18 years of age hereby agree to hold said officers, committee members, individuals, organizations and landowners harmless from any claims of said minors and attest to the swimming ability, with or without life preservers of said min All participants must sign an Insurance Waiver and Release of Liability in order to participate in the Ohio River Trail Council Watercraft Race.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Guardian (if under 18 years): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_