

# BLACKSTONE RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

## 34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CANOE/KAYAK RACE

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010**

This year marks the 34th Canoe Race of the Blackstone River Watershed Association!

There is one 12 mile event for all classes with the starting line in South Grafton. The location of the finish is not fixed at this time and will be determined closer to race day based on the water levels of the river. If the river behaves the finish will be at RiverBend Farm, Uxbridge, MA. We will keep all racers posted as the race nears! Points for the NECKRA and the New England Downriver Championship series will be awarded for all classes. After the race there will be food, music, an award ceremony as well as other family activities.

**This race is NOT for inexperienced paddlers. There are 4 portages. This is not the same as lake or pond paddling!**

Start of race - 11:00 am

Location: Route 122A (53 Main Street, South Grafton, MA), north of the Blackstone River bridge in S. Grafton, across from the old Fisherville Mill.

Registration at start line between 9:30 and 10:30 – no registrants accepted after 10:30 a.m..

Pre-registration helps us determine the number of participants. If you pre-register by April 25th, we will give you a free T-shirt!!! Registration on race day is still an option.



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### Registration Form

Tear this form off below the line and **fill out both sides.**

Paddler # 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult \$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Youth \$15.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt M L XL XXL

Paddler #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult \$20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Youth \$15.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt M L XL XXL

\* Please provide email so we can alert you of changes or important information!!!!

\_\_\_\_\_ If you are interested in shuttle service from the finish line to your starting point, please check here.

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ make checks payable to "BRWA / Canoe Race"

# Rules and Regulations

- Entrants must be over 10 years of age. Entrants 10 – 15 must paddle with a guardian 21 or older. 16 – 18 year of age may paddle tandem with another in that age bracket.
- Paddlers must wear a USCG-approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times on the river. Anyone observed not wearing a PFD during the race will be disqualified. Helmets are not required. Paddlers must provide their own equipment.
- Spotters and safety crews will remove anyone from the race not in safety gear or with alcohol.
- Participants are not allowed to “swap” out during a race. If you start with a vessel you must finish in the same vessel.
- All kevlar boats must register in their appropriate racing classes. There will be no special classes for straight versus bent shaft paddles.
- The river can be quite challenging! Inexperienced river paddlers should not participate.
- Racers should be experienced and have good paddling skills to join in this race!
- Racers must remain on the natural course of the river. Canal sections are off limits, except for the quarter mile section along the west bank of Rice City Pond and the one mile section which leads to the finish line.
- The waterfall under Hartford Ave is off limits to all racers. Racers must enter under the Stone Arch Bridge at river-right. The wide spillway beyond may be run or portaged.
- Beware of fallen trees in the river usually found on outside turns. These can be very difficult to get out of and are potentially dangerous. Use caution when approaching blind corners and leave plenty of room between yourself and obstructions.
- **No alcohol is permitted at any time.**



*Pre-registration forms and payments must be received no later than May 5th, otherwise please hold your registration and payment till race day:*

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For more information or to participate as a racer or volunteer please contact Rosemary Longo at [roseisarose@hotmail.com](mailto:roseisarose@hotmail.com) or go to <http://www.thebrwa.org>.

## Registration Form    *Side 2*

Circle your event class:

### KAYAK CLASS - 12 MILES

- A K1 Short 13' 2" or less Men
- B K1 Long > 13'2" Men
- C K1 Short 13' 2" or less Women
- D K1 Long > 13'2" Women
- E K2 Tandem
- F Grand Master (> 50 years old)

### CANOE CLASS - 12 MILES

- N OC1 Solo Racing (includes all kevlar canoes)
- O OC2 Tandem Racing (includes all kevlar canoes)
- P Recreational Tandem Men
- Q Recreational Tandem Women
- R Recreational Tandem Mixed
- S Recreational Tandem Jr/Sr (Jr-10-16 with adult age 25 or over)
- T Recreational Tandem Youth (ages 15 - 18)
- U Recreational Masters (each paddler must be 40 or older)
- X Solo Recreational