

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Regatta Rules

- NEW** All old Regatta race numbers from previous years must be removed from boats or competitors will be subject to disqualification.
- NEW** Please note that registration will close on March 8 (at midnight). You will be able to register on event day (March 10) to receive all benefits of Regatta participants, however, you will NOT be included in the official time keeping of the race, and will not be eligible for awards, and will start 5 minutes after the last start of the race.

- ▶▶ Canoes and Kayaks in the starting area can be placed on the slopes of the bayou, but the boats or competitors cannot touch the water, until they are given further instructions by the Race Director.
- ▶▶ Those signing up the day of the race will receive all benefits of Regatta participants (t-shirt, lunch, raffle entry); however, they will NOT be included in the official timekeeping of the race, and will not be eligible for awards, and will start 5 minutes after the last start of the race.
- ▶▶ Inflatable canoes and kayaks that are paddled are allowed (no inflatable rafts or other crafts that are rowed are allowed).
- ▶▶ Stand-Up Paddleboards and outrigger canoes are not allowed.
- ▶▶ Starting positions will be assigned according to the time your registration and payment is received by BBP (by fax, mail or email to info@buffalobayou.org.)
- ▶▶ All contestants in all divisions must wear US Coast Guard approved PFD (personal flotation device) during the entire race. They must be worn as the manufacturer designed them to be worn. Any participant found not abiding by this rule will be disqualified.
- ▶▶ Except for portages over channel obstructions, boats must remain in Buffalo Bayou. Illegal portaging will disqualify the team.

- ▶▶ No third party is allowed to touch or help convey contestant or his/her equipment. Contestants may pick up food, water or extra paddles during race.
- ▶▶ Intentional capsizing or damaging of any opponent's canoe or kayak will disqualify the offender.
- ▶▶ Any regatta entry not in the water by 9:45 am will be disqualified from the event. For an entry to have a reasonable chance of finishing the race it must have cleared the Woodway Bridge by noon. Any entry not past Woodway by noon will be disqualified. Although disqualified entries may choose to continue, our safety volunteers will not monitor a disqualified boat.
- ▶▶ Any disputes will be settled by the Rules Committee, whose decision will be final.

Corporate Cup Division

- ▶▶ 2 contestants, one must be an employee of the sponsoring company.
- ▶▶ If supplying own canoe, boat must be recreational class canoe (for specifications, see chart inside brochure or log onto www.buffalobayou.org)

Styrofoam Cup

First Prize will be given for the most trash picked up along the bayou race course. All participants of the Regatta are eligible for the Styrofoam Cup. Trash bags will be available at registration for all participants.

Awards

Top three finishers in each division will receive a trophy. The winning Corporate Cup team will gain possession of the Corporate Cup for one year.

Severe Water or Weather Conditions

Because conditions can change without notice, race information will be provided at the start location and by race officials only. If cancellation takes place, Corporate Cup entry fees will be considered a tax deductible donation to Buffalo Bayou Partnership and used in its efforts to revitalize the Bayou. All other entry fees will be refunded upon written request.



BUFFALO BAYOU
PARTNERSHIP

Buffalo Bayou 40th Annual Regatta

Saturday
March 10, 2012

BOAT SPECIFICATIONS	Recreational C-2 and Corporate Cup	Recreational Kayak K-1 (short)	Recreational Kayak K-1 (long)	Surf Skis/ICF K-1	Solo Unlimited	Unlimited (2 or more in same boat)
Number of Contestants	2	1	1	1	1	Any
Construction	Plastic/fiberglass, aluminum/wood/composite	Plastic or fiber glass	Plastic or fiber glass	Surf Skis/ICF rules	Any	Any
Weight	50+ pounds	Any	Any	Surf Skis/ICF rules	Any	Any
Length	17'-6" max	under 13'-6"	13'-6" to 17'-6"	Any	Any	Any
Width	15% length @ 4" waterline	22" @ 4" waterline	22" @ 4" waterline	Any	Any	Any
Paddle	single paddle	double paddle	double paddle	double paddle	Any	Any

In an effort to make the Buffalo Bayou Regatta a race where the most skilled and conditioned contestant(s) would have the greatest opportunity to win their division and not the contestant(s) with the "fastest" boat, the previous basic classifications of boats and equipment have been established. Additional specifications or restrictions may apply

and will be applied/enforced on those competitors who place in any division. Enter the Unlimited class if your boat or number of contestants does not qualify for any other category as described above. Questions concerning the correct class to enter should be directed to Race Official or the Race Director prior to the race start.