

Chesapeake Light Craft
Big Little Boat Festival
Notice of Races
Saturday, May 28, 2022

To ensure a safe and fun event for all, please review the following information before joining us at Camp Wabanna.

Camp Wabanna Address:
101 Likes Road
Edgewater, MD 21037

Please arrive no later than 30 minutes before your Skippers' Meeting to allow for parking, check-in, and race briefing.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The 20 Mile Deale or No Deale Race presented by Raid Chesapeake is open to wind- and human-powered craft only (Wind & Blade), who register with Chesapeake Light Craft and pay the entry fee prior to 2100 hours on Tuesday 24 May 2022. Entry fee includes a weekend pass, a gift, and meal ticket valued at \$15 for the skipper only.

The 3-mile and 6-mile races are open to SUP and Kayak only, who register via PaddleGuru and pay the entry fee prior to 2100 hours on Tuesday 24 May 2022. Entry fee includes single day festival pass, a gift, and meal ticket valued at \$15.

Registration for the 20-mile race is available on the Chesapeake Light Craft website:
www.clcboats.com/blbf

Registration for the 3- and 6- mile races is available on Paddle Guru,
<https://paddleguru.com/races/BigLittleBoatFestival/>

FEES

Entry Fee for 20-Mile Deale or No Deale Race

Early Bird Registration Prior to 24 April 2022: \$90

Regular Registration from 25 April 2022 to 24 May 2022: \$100

Entry Fee for 3- & 6-Mile Races

Early Bird Registration Prior to 24 April 2022: \$75

Regular Registration from 25 April 2022 to 24 May 2022: \$85

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The schedule of events is:

- Sun, 22 May 2022 Final Racing Instructions posted to CLC website
- Tues, 24 May 2100 Entry & registration closes
- Sat, 28 May 0730 Racers Meeting for 3- & 6-mile races
 - 0800 Start of 6-mile race
 - 0815 Start of 3-mile race
- 0800 Skippers Meeting for 20-mile race
- 0900 Start of 20-mile race

RACING INSTRUCTIONS

The Racing Instructions will be available on the CLC website no later than Sunday, May 22, 2022. In the event of a conflict between the Racing Instructions and this document, the Racing Instructions shall prevail.

VENUE

The racing area will be on the Rhode and West Rivers and Chesapeake Bay. Post-race activities will be held at Camp Wabanna.

COURSES

We anticipate running three races:

- 1) The intermediate level 3-mile in Rhode River
- 2) The advanced-intermediate level 6-mile in Rhode River
- 3) The advanced level **Deale or No Deale** 20-mile course down the Chesapeake Bay, into Rockhold Creek, and return

See the race charts in Appendix 1.

CLASSES:

- 3-mile & 6-mile races: SUP & Kayak Only
- 20-mile Race: Wind & Blade

If your vessel uses a mixture of propulsion types, the class of your vessel will be determined by the race committee, based upon the prevailing conditions and primary mode of propulsion.

SCORING AND TROPHIES

Scoring will be based on the order of finish. Three or more competitors are required for the 1st place trophy; 5 or more for 2nd place; 7 or more for 3rd place.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Competitors in the 20-mile expedition race shall have and monitor a working VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channels 9, 13, 16, and 78.

WEATHER:

Weather is unpredictable. We will make a decision on the races based on forecasted conditions and send email and/or text notifications and post on Facebook if there is a change to the schedule. The event will proceed rain or shine. Lightning or dangerous winds may trigger a cancellation.

WAIVERS:

Please have your signed waiver at check-in. Participants will NOT be allowed to race without either an electronic copy on file or a printed copy of the signed waiver, which can be found on our website.

WATER CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURE:

The Chesapeake can be calm or tempestuous. Racers must be prepared for open water conditions, especially those participating in the longer courses. As you progress further from shore, you may encounter increasing wind, current, and wave size, as well as turbulence from the wakes of passing boats. Water temperatures should be between 54 and 61 degrees F. Please check the weather as you get closer to the event. You should dress for immersion.

EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES:

All racers in all races and all craft must wear a US Coast Guard Approved Flotation Device on their bodies at all times during the race and follow Coast Guard regulations for their boat type.

All competitors should know their limits and capabilities and make an informed decision to paddle, row, or sail based on the conditions and their skill levels.

Wear weather- appropriate clothing and bring enough hydration and food to complete the race.

Paddlers/Surfskis/OCs:

- Must meet the American Canoe Association Essential Eligibility Criteria
- Must wear a leash. This is mandatory

Kayakers:

- Must be able to complete a wet exit, right, re-enter the kayak, and then drain the vessel
- Must have securely fastened, adequate buoyancy to float the kayak horizontally if filled with water (sufficient to support a 25-pound weight in a boat full of water)
- Must have an appropriate bailing device for the style of kayak in use
- Any kayak entered in the 8- or 20-mile race should be 14' or longer and capable of meeting the timing cut-offs and the conditions.
- Sit-in kayakers require a spray skirt
- Kayakers shall be subject to a visual inspection on race day, and any vessel that does not meet the safety requirements may be prohibited from use in a race

Rowers:

- Must have USCG Approved Flotation Devices for all crew
- Must have a towing eye 100mm above the waterline with 15m towing line attached
- Radios & cell phones are strongly suggested

Sailors:

- Must be prepared to demonstrate that their vessels have positive flotation and can recover from a capsize
- Must have an appropriate bailing device
- Must have an anchor if the vessel's trailer weight is over 200 pounds
- Must have auxiliary propulsion aboard, ie., oars or paddles
- Must carry all equipment required by the USCG for vessels of your size

20-mile Racers

Each vessel will need to provide the following information for the vessel and every racer if indeed emergency response is required. This information will be collected at the race check-in on Friday, May 27 & Saturday, May 28 if we do not already have it:

- Name of crew
- Emergency contact name, number & relationship
- Age
- Gender
- Physical description
- Pertinent health info
- Vessel being raced (including description of vessel)

In the event of an emergency, this is what rescue providers will want you to provide. It is recommended that you print and laminate it and keep it with your VHF.

- Name of persons onboard, physical description and clothing, age, health info (underlying medical conditions?).
- Vessel description including color, length, registration numbers, etc.
- Emergency contact name / phone number / relationship
- Safety equipment carried on board

Responsibility: Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. An individual or team's decision to participate in the race, or to continue racing, is theirs alone. By participating in this event, each competitor releases the race organizers and officials from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Required Equipment

- VHF Radio
- Sound signaling device

- Navigation lights
- Flares and/or waterproof flashlight for signaling at night
- An approved PFD for everyone onboard, with whistles

Depending on your boat type, you may be required to carry additional items such as: radar reflector, fire extinguisher, boarding ladder, anchor and rope, bailer/bilge pump, & compass.

You will be required to undergo a safety equipment inspection on Friday, May 27 or on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

By undergoing an inspection on Friday, May 27 you'll have time to arrange to secure items that did not pass inspection. If undergoing an inspection on Saturday, May 28 you must acknowledge that there is a chance that your items may not pass inspection and therefore disqualify you from racing.

Other Suggested Equipment

- Sufficient water and food
- Clothing and shelter systems that will retain heat when wet
- Adequate first aid supplies
- Charts and navigation
- Anchor and line
- Redundant systems for safety, navigation, and emergencies
- Hypothermia recovery gear
- Compass
- Phone

COURSES AND RACE DETAILS

The 3-mile and 6-mile races will occur in the Rhode River. There will be a beach start and beach finish off of the beach at Camp Wabanna. The 20-mile race will start in a separate location also in the Rhode River off of Camp Wabanna. In all races all competitors will begin at the same time.

During registration competitors will receive a competitor bib with their individual race number. On race day competitors will check in prior to launching with race number. Order of finish will be recorded for scoring and to ensure everyone has returned from racing.

Racers should be able to complete the 6-mile course within two hours and the 3-mile race within one hour. Mandatory cutoff times for the 20-mile race will be at the 10-mile turnaround point (5 hours) and 15 miles (7.5 hours); racers must be able to complete the course within 10 hours.

All courses and times are subject to change based on weather conditions and the discretion of the race committee!

SAFETY INFORMATION:

There will be safety boats patrolling the 3- and 6-mile courses. Competitors who see a fellow racer in distress should assist in the rescue of the distressed racer as needed and help gain the attention of the closest safety personnel. Boaters/paddlers in distress will receive immediate assistance from the nearest support vessel.

Any racer who voluntarily withdraws from any race MUST notify the nearest safety boat and provide their race number. Racers on the 20-mile course MUST radio or phone the race organizers. Racers MUST sign out at the race headquarters ashore once they have finished and come ashore.

Racers may be removed from the course due to safety issues or if they fail to meet timed cut-offs for the course. Depending on circumstances, including weather conditions and a racer's location, racers may be turned back to the starting area or removed from the water.

RULES/STARTS/ETIQUETTE:

No racer may interfere with another.

All racers must stay within the course, may not paddle or sail outside the set course boundaries, or go around a mark in the wrong direction in order to gain an advantage.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in all races entirely at their own risk; the decision to start or continue any race not abandoned or canceled by the organizers is strictly the responsibility of the individual racer or skipper. Chesapeake Light Craft will accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is a Clean Race; all competitors are strongly encouraged to use multi-use water bottles instead of disposable water bottles, and to recycle whenever possible. A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

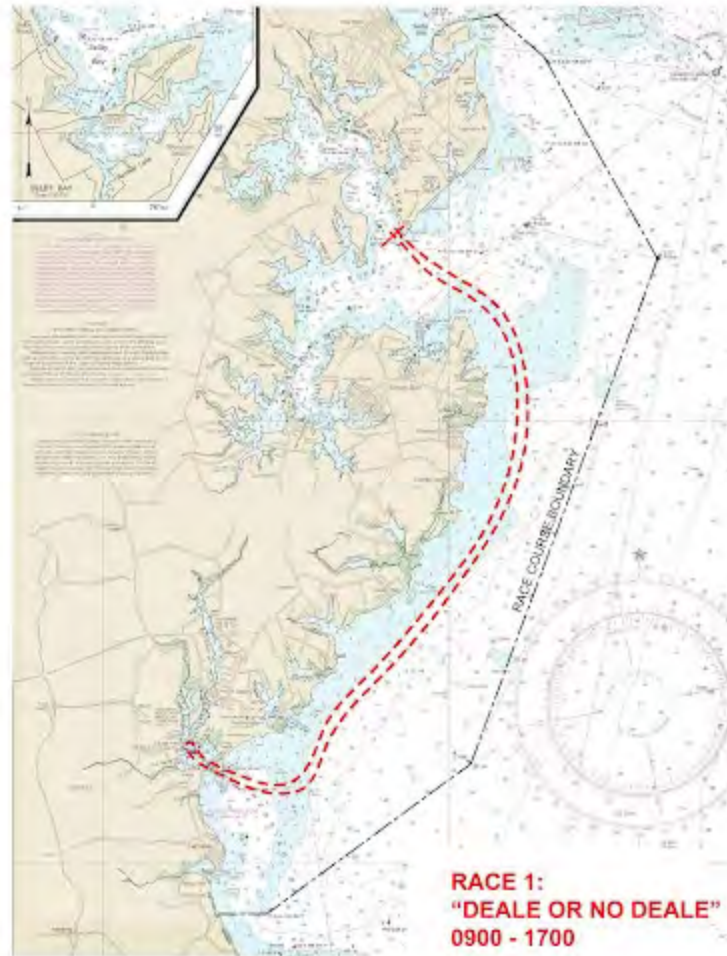
Appendix 1

20-Mile Deale or No Deale

3-Mile SUP & Kayak Race Course

6-Mile SUP & Kayak Race Course listed on the following pages.

20-Mile 'Deale or No Deal' Race



3- and 6-Mile Paddle Races

