



INFORMATION
40th Annual Schuylkill River Canoe/Kayak Regatta
Keystone Canoe Club - Saturday, May 1st, 2010
www.keystonecanoeclub.com



The **Schuylkill River Regatta** is sponsored by the Keystone Canoe Club, and is sanctioned and insured by the **American Canoe Association**. The Regatta is a race held annually to promote water safety and paddle sports. It is an opportunity for paddlers to test their paddling skills against each other and the river. **The 2010 Regatta starts at Peter Yarnell Park (just south of Hamburg) and ends at Jim Dietrich Park (just north of Reading)**. This stretch of the Schuylkill River ranges in depth from 2-3 feet, and contains alternate sections of calm water and water with some riffles and low ledges, making it ideal for the novice and occasional paddler. The race also offers a challenge for more competitive paddlers. Different classes of competition are offered to cover a broad spectrum of canoeing interests and abilities. This section of the river passes under six bridges and offers many interesting vantage points for spectators.

DATE: Saturday, May 1, 2010 **TIME:** Registration.....8:00 A.M Competitor's Meeting.....10:30 A.M.
Shuttle.....9:30 A.M Race Starts.....11:00 A.M.

START: PETER YARNELL PARK at Berne Bridge. Check-in is at the start. Follow signs for the Regatta from US Rte. 61 south of Junction I-78. PLEASE GO HERE FIRST TO CHECK IN BEFORE DOING SHUTTLE!

FINISH: JIM DIETRICH PARK (see map) **DISTANCE:** Approximately 13 miles Class I Water

FREE SHUTTLE BUS: At 9:30 am, a bus will transport racers from Jim Dietrich Park back to the start at Peter Yarnell.

ENTRY FEES: \$25 for PREREGISTERED ACA members, \$30 for PREREGISTERED non-ACA members.
ACA members must provide their number and show their ACA card at check-in on Saturday.
There will be a \$10.00 late registration fee per paddler who registers after April 30th, 2010.
Racers do not have to be KCC members.

AWARDS: Free T-shirts guaranteed for all pre-registrants. Awards are presented at the finish line.
The top three winners of each class will receive awards. Winners must be present to collect their awards.
KCC will offer a free 'River Raffle' for participants at the end of the race, after the awards ceremony.

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CLASSES OF COMPETITION

Three or more boats will form a class. Additional classes may be added if sufficient interest is expressed. Some classes may be combined or split, depending on the number of entries. **Master classes added if 3 or more entries are registered.**

DIVISION I: General recreation (See Rule #10).

- AA. C-1 Solo Paddler (Classes for Male/Female) (excludes canoes that meet USCA Stock/Standard class specs)
- BB. K-1 Recreational Kayak (Classes for Male/Female).- (less than 15' long) Class may be divided.
- CC. C-2 Junior/Senior (one male or female paddler, age 14 or under with one male or female paddler, age 21 or over)
- DD. C-2 Women's Novice (novice paddlers who are not paddling boats manufactured specifically to USCA specification. Includes all standard crafts such as Grumman, Coleman, Mad River, Blue Hole, etc.)
- EE. C-2 Mixed (men and women; novice, same as above)
- FF. C-2 Men's Novice Recreational Canoe (same specifications as Women's Novice)

DIVISION II: Flat-water racing

- GG C-2 Men's USCA Stock Boats
- HH. C-2 Mixed (Competition Cruiser and USCA Stock Boats)
- II. C-1 Competition Cruiser (male or female)
- JJ. C-2 USCA Competition Cruisers & C-2 Pro Boats (male or female or mixed -classes may be split)
- KK. K-1 Down River Kayak (classes for male/female)
- LL K-1 Unlimited: Surfski, Thunderbolt, ICF K-1, Lasers for example. (male or female- may be split)
- MM Sea Kayak/ Touring Kayaks: 15' and over (male or female- may be split)
- NN C-1 USCA Stock/Standard Boats (Male/ Female)

RULES OF COMPETITION

1. All USCA rules of competition will prevail, including specifications for competition and stock classes.
2. Commonly accepted rules of sportsmanship will prevail at all times.
3. Race officials will rule on any questions that may arise. Their decision will be final.
4. US Coast Guard approved PFD's must be worn by all competitors for the length of the race. Noncompliers will be disqualified.
5. Racers leaving the race before crossing the finish line must tell race officials of their decision to withdraw from competition.
6. Competitors must render assistance to other competitors in need of assistance.
7. Only single-bladed paddles may be used in canoe classes. There is no restriction in the width.
8. Any canoe may be inspected at the start of the race upon request.
9. Alcoholic beverages may not be carried in any boats entered in the race.
10. Separate classes for Coleman, Aluminum, and ABS canoes will be formed if enough canoes of each material are registered.
11. Racers 12 yrs. old and under must paddle with an adult age 21 or older.

DIRECTIONS TO CHECK-IN/START AT PETER YARNELL PARK:

FROM RTE. 22-78, EXIT 29, TAKE RTE. 61 SOUTH.
FROM READING, TAKE RTE. 61 NORTH.

Take Route 61 to Shoemakersville. At the Shoemakersville traffic light turn west onto Noble Ave. Watch for 'Regatta' signs and Sheetz gas station at intersection. Follow Noble Ave. to stop sign and turn right onto Main Street. Follow Main Street and turn left onto Zweizig Road. Zweizig Road makes sharp right at intersection with Water Street. Cross over railroad tracks and follow to river. Check-in is at Peter Yarnell Park just before Berne Bridge.

Leave your boat at Peter Yarnell. Take your car to Jim Dietrich Park at the finish. Take the 9:30 shuttle bus back to the start.

Vantage points to view race from bridges:

Shoemakersville Bridge: From Peter Yarnell, return to Main St. and follow south through Shoemakersville to Miller St. Turn right for bridge.

Mohrsville Bridge: From Shoemakersville Bridge, return to Main Street, turn right and follow Main St./Mohrsville Rd. south approximately 2 miles. Turn right onto Main St.

Dauberville Bridge: From Mohrsville Bridge, return to Mohrsville Rd and turn right. At Route 61, turn right and follow south .4 miles to Church Rd. Turn right. Landmark: Guards Auto Sales.

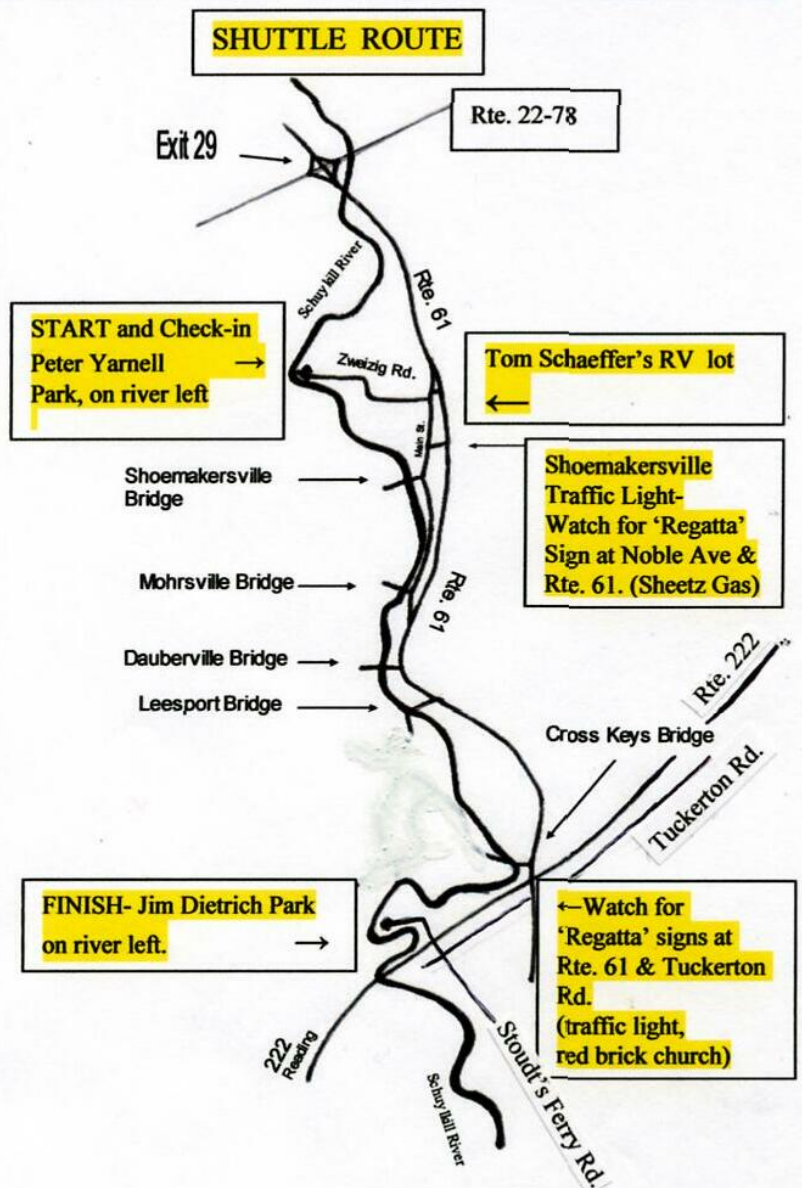
Leesport Bridge: Return to Route 61, follow south to traffic light at Wall Street and turn right. Landmark: Turkey Hill and Schoolside Plaza.

Cross Keys Bridge: Return to Route 61, follow south to Cross Keys Road and turn right at traffic light.

DIRECTIONS TO FINISH-JIM DIETRICH PARK

From Rte. 61, at the light, turn west onto Tuckerton Rd. 'Regatta' sign on corner, also red brick church. Go about one mile to Stoudt's Ferry Rd. You'll see a green water tower ahead. Turn right onto Stoudt's Ferry Rd, go less than one mile to Jim Dietrich Park. Sign on left. Turn left onto the park road. Follow sign to parking.

Leave car there and take 9:30 shuttle back to Peter Yarnell Park where the race starts.



40th Annual Schuylkill River Canoe/Kayak Regatta ENTRY FORM

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**** PLEASE PREREGISTER! WE SHOULD RECEIVE YOUR ENTRY BY APRIL 30TH!
NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED WITHOUT SIGNED KCC and ACA WAIVERS.**

PADDLER #1 Name _____ Age _____ Sex: M F **T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL**

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone No. () _____ E-mail: _____ ACA# _____ Club: _____

PADDLER #2 Name _____ Age _____ Sex: M F **T-SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL**

Street _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____ ACA# _____ Club: _____

CLASS ENTERED (see page one for appropriate letter designation) _____

Boat information: Manufacturer: _____ Model: _____

Weight: _____ Length: _____ What is it made of? _____ Type: _____
(approximate) (plastic, fiberglass, aluminum, Kevlar, ABS, etc.) (Canoe or Kayak)

REGISTRATION FEES:

Basic Race Fee if preregistered: \$25 for ACA members, \$30 Non-ACA members \$ _____
(Race Fee for Non-ACA members includes \$5 ACA liability insurance for the race.)

**All competitors:
Please sign the KCC waiver.
Also sign the ACA waiver,
either minor or adult.*

****Late Registration Fee per person if registering on Saturday: \$10 \$ _____**

Checks may be made out to Keystone Canoe Club. Total: \$ _____
(Total of KCC & ACA fees, if any.)

KCC WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs, and administrators and assignees, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the sponsoring organizations, or their representatives, successors and assignees, arising out of any and all injuries suffered by me while participating in the Schuylkill River Regatta. Parent and/or Guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the sponsoring organizations, representatives, successors, and assignees from any and all damages for injuries received by the minor while participating in the Schuylkill River Regatta.

PARENT OR
PADDLER #1 _____ **GUARDIAN** _____ **DATE** _____
(Signature- Age 18 and above) (Adult signs for minors under age 18)

PARENT OR
PADDLER #2 _____ **GUARDIAN** _____ **DATE** _____
(Signature- Age 18 and above) (Adult signs for minors under age 18)

PLEASE MAIL: 1. REGATTA ENTRY FORM WITH SIGNED KCC WAIVER AT BOTTOM OF PAGE (Make a copy for your records.)

2. SIGNED ACA ADULT WAIVER OR ACA MINOR WAIVER
3. CHECK PAYABLE TO: **KEYSTONE CANOE CLUB** (May include total of KCC and ACA fees)

Mailing address: **KEYSTONE CANOE CLUB P.O. BOX 6175 READING, PA 19610**

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