OFFICIAL REGISTRATION 58th RUNNING

ATHOL LIONS CLUB

2023 ATHOL TO ORANGE RIVER RAT CANOE RACE

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

REGISTER IN PERSON AT:

**ELSE WHERE UPS STORE – 1485 MAIN STREET, ATHOL, MA**

Starting March 1st weekdays 9AM to 6PM – Saturday’s 10A-2PM

Until Thursday, April 6th at 6PM

REGISTRATION BY MAIL:

Send entry form and ***$42.00*** *check/money order* made out to: **ALC/River Rat Race**

Athol Lions Club, P O Box 293, Athol, MA 01331

***Entry form must be received no later than Wednesday, April 6, 2023***

***PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!! MAKE SURE TO FILL IN ALL INFORMATION!!***

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 Name City, State Email Phone

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 Name City, State Email Phone

**PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF CANOE // NO CANOES OF 18 FEET ALLOWED**

**ALUMINUM CANVAS RECREATIONAL NORTH QUABBIN OTHER**

**T-SHIRT SIZE: PADDLER #1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PADDLER #2 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

I, as a contestant, fully understand that my personal safety and equipment are the sole responsibility of myself. Any loss or damage to my person or equipment, regardless of the circumstances involved, is to be considered my responsibility. I have received and read the Official Rules. I, also, hereby waive and forever release all related organizations, race directors, other sponsors, agents, and representatives from all claims, or cause of action, which at any time I acquire as a result of participation. I attest that I am physically healthy and sufficiently trained to participate in the River Rat Race.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TEAM CAPTAIN M F

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ENTRY FEE **$42.00** TAKEN BY:­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Do Not fill in or detach stub below**

-------------------------------------- This stub is necessary to claim any award if eligible ---------------------------------------

Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Starting Position \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICIAL ATHOL TO ORANGE RIVER RAT RACE RULES - 2023**

*1.* Canoes must be of a conventional type open construction design with no coverings from front to rear and in good shape. No sculls, kayaks or Olympic type racing canoes are allowed.

**Canoes cannot be over 18 feet in length!**

*2*. Front and back of the canoe must be higher than the middle. Canoes must be .14375X length, which shall equal the minimum width 4" above the keel at the canoe's maximum width. Center depth shall not be less than 11 ½ inches.

*3.* **Life jackets must be worn** (as designed) during actual race and practice runs. No Co2 vests or belts allowed.

*4.* Canoes must have sufficient flotation and safety lines (6-8 feet long).

Must be attached to and stored in both **bow and stern** to aid in recovery.

*5.* Canoes must be propelled by single blade paddles only, no motorized or battery-operated bailing devices allowed.

*6.* No portages allowed. Contestants must follow the natural flow of the river.

*7.* Old numbers from previous River Rat races ***must be removed*** or there will be disqualification.

8. The Official Judges reserve the right to make all final decisions in regard to any part of the race.

*9.*  Anyone under 18 years of age **must** have a parent or guardian to enter as his or her partner.

*10.* Post position drawings will be held at the **Athol Town Hall, Athol, MA  Friday, April 7th at 7:00 pm.**  All contestants should be present to receive starting number and final instructions. If you cannot attend, you may pick up your number at **Else Where, 1485 Main Street from 8 am to 11 am Saturday, April 8th.** If you need someone to pick up your number, that person will be required to sign that they did pick it up on your behalf.

*11.* The race starts at 1 :00 p.m. Saturday, April 8th at the east bank of the Millers River just upstream from the South Main Street Bridge in Athol, and finishes 100 yards before the South Main Street Bridge in Orange. The race has a LeMans type start where all canoes go at the same time. Contestants in their canoes line up at the river's edge according to post position numbers. The start is signaled by a single shot fired from a cannon. Assembly time starts at 11:30 AM Note: Spotters on river banks to determine out of place and early starters who are subject to disqualification.

**First 40 canoes out of the river will be jigged & measured.  RECEIPT REQUIRED to receive any award.**

*12.* Trophies and cash awards will be presented at the Orange Riverfront Park at 5:00 p.m. following the race.  Dual trophies will be awarded to the first 3 teams to reach the finish line. Trophies will also be awarded to the first 3 aluminum, canvas, all girls, mixed, men's recreational and women's recreational teams regardless of what place they finish. Trophies will also be awarded to the first pair of both Local paddlers, open to residents living in the nine-town North Quabbin region.

*13.* The number of entries determines cash awards. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want confirmation that you are signed up.

*14.* There will be no refunds.

*15.* **No switching of partners is allowed once positions are drawn or you will be placed at the back of the race.**

*16.* **Recreation Division Canoes** must be manufactured *(no custom canoes in class*) fiberglass canoes that weigh at least 50-pounds with no added weight. They must not exceed 18-feet in length.