



MUSKOKA POKER RUN REGATTA PACKAGE

22KM RACE FOR SINGLES ONLY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2019, PORT CARLING, ON

HOSTED BY:

Hatchets Rowing Centre

EVENT LOCATION:

Hanna Park, 40 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON

EVENT CHAIR and ADMIN:

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EVENT DESCRIPTION:

This is an epic 22km singles only race. It starts in Port Carling and follows the top of Lake Muskoka on a loop, finishing back in Port Carling. Includes events for all ages (U19, Senior, Masters (27 - 49yrs), Grand Masters (50yrs and over). Entry is \$50 + Seat Fee, then stay afterwards to enjoy a corn roast put on by the local firefighters, as well as a host of activities all within 10 mins walking distance put on in Port Carling (restaurants, shopping, beach, playground, parks, buskers).

SCHEDULE:

7am - Safety Meeting at Control Commission Tent

***This meeting is mandatory for all participants. Due to the distance travelled during the race, specific safety items need to be covered with everyone. Role call will be done and attendance at this meeting will be required to race. (i.e. no meeting, no race)

7:30am (or immediately after the safety meeting) - Begin launching, boats will be called by events as shown in the draw.

8:00am - Race start. Boats may still be launching at this time. Warmup traffic pattern will be followed to ensure safe boat launching as racers are starting.

Racers are expected to be finishing between 9:30am - 11:30am.

Racers are encouraged to stay after their race to help cheer on all of our participants as they arrive. The start and finish area is very visible from Hanna Park.

Award handouts will happen at the Control Commission Tent immediately after the last racer arrives, or at 12pm (noon), whichever is first.



SPECTATING LOCATIONS:

- Hanna Park (Main Site) - great view of the start and finish line
- Baycliffe Beach (Milford Bay Beach), Milford Bay, Parking in parking lot and on the road, view of Checkpoint 4.

EVENTS:

Events will be as follows:

- Men's and Women's
- Racing and Touring Singles
- U19, Senior, Masters (27 - 49yrs), Grand Masters (50yrs and over)

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Rowers are required to carry with them in the boat the following mandatory safety gear. These will be checked at the launching dock and rowers will not be allowed to race without all of the mandatory items.

- Lifejacket (can be inflatable)
- Whistle (pealess whistle that will function when wet)
- High visibility hat, shirt or other visible item of clothing
- Minimum 1L of water

RULES/RACE FLOW:

WARMUP

The warmup flow pattern will be followed after launching from the dock. All participants are to stick to the warmup flow pattern until they are called to the Starting Zone. This is not a closed course race, i.e. there will be other boat traffic on the river, so it is important to be watching for not only other rowers, but other boats.

START/FINISH

The start will be a head race style start. Start zones are setup as shown on the map to stage boats going into the starting area. This will allow boats to have the maximum amount of warmup time, and still be ready for the race. The safety boats on the water will be calling boats into the starting zones. The traffic flow for the warmup, start zones and start/finish area is shown on the map. After finishing, the boats are to proceed directly to the launching/returning docks shown on the maps.

CHECK POINTS

There are five check points along the way during which you'll be awarded a card at each checkpoint to makeup a 5 card poker hand (This card will be drawn at random by a volunteer who has no knowledge of your other cards and your bow number will be written on the back of it). At each checkpoint, you will be required to pass between the floating buoy and the checkpoint station volunteer (dock or boat in a high visibility vest that will call out to you). The person at the checkpoint will verbally call out your poker card as you go through the check point. There will be safety boats close enough to each check point to ensure boats are on course correctly arriving and leaving checkpoints.

NO PASSING

On the course, there will be no overtaking in the following areas:

- The no passing zone near the START/FINISH area as marked on the course overview map. Bow numbers will be checked at the start and finish of the no passing zone.
- Each of the Checkpoints. Two boats cannot be overlapping on any part of the boat as they pass between the checkpoint buoy and the station.
- The boat which is deemed to be doing the passing will be the boat that incurs the penalty.

PENALTIES

A penalty of 60 secs. will be added to the rowers' time for passing in the no passing zone or at checkpoints.

A penalty of 60 secs. will be added to the rowers' time for every instance of not passing between the check point floating buoy and check point station volunteer as long as the rower appears to be within calling distance of the check point. If a rower does not come within calling distance of the check point or appears to be making no effort to be on course they will be excluded.

A penalty will apply to every occurrence of no passing or missing check points if more than one occurrence takes place.

PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded for the winning time in each event as well as the overall winning poker hand.

PROTESTS:

Protests will handled according to the current RCA Rules of Racing.