

OFFICIAL RACE RULES

- ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AND NO CHANGES OF CLASS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER TUESDAY MAY 25TH, EXCEPT YOUTH, 12 MILE SPRINT AND GENERATION GAP. ENTRIES POST MARKED AFTER THE STATED DEADLINES WILL BE CHARGED THE ADDITIONAL FEE. NO REFUNDS. APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY FULL ENTRY FEE. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA TELEPHONE, BUT CAN BE PAID/ENTERED ON WEBSITE WWW.CANOEREGATTA.ORG.
- GENERAL CANOE SPECIFICATIONS

	Max. Length	Min. Weight	Min. Bow Height	Min. Stern Height	Min. Center Depth	Width @ Waterline	Max. Tumblehome Per Side
Stock Aluminum	18'6"	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Recreation	17'6"	55# from Manufac.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NYMCRA Stock C-2	18'6"	N/A	16.5"	16.5"	12"	15% of Length at 4"	NYMCRA C-2 Specs
Kayak	See Race Entry Form for Kayak Specs						
Competition Cruising	18'6"	N/A	15"	10"	10"	27" X 3"	Min. 33" @ Gunwales
Competition Cruising	18'6"	N/A	15.5"	11.5"	11.5"	14 3/8% of Length @ 4"	N/A
Professional 3x27	18'6"	N/A	15"	10"	10"	27" X 3"	Min. 33" @ Gunwales
C-1 Stock NYMCRA	17'	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.5" NYMCRA C-1 Specs
C-1 Racing	18'6"	N/A	15.5"	11.5"	11.5"	14 3/8% of Length @ 4"	N/A
C-1 Pro	18'6"	N/A	15.5"	11.5"	11.5"	14 3/8% of Length @ 4"	N/A

The General Clinton Canoe Regatta has many classes for canoeists over the four days of racing. The classes follow the philosophies that NYMCRA and the USCA have developed and they are as follows:

RECREATION: This Class is to introduce paddlers to racing with canoes not designed specifically for racing.

STOCK ALUMINUM: Production models of established manufacturers. No Lowline, Minnieck or Beaverboats. No changes other than seats or foot braces.

C-2 STOCK: This is for entry level canoe racers. Stock class will follow NYMCRA rules. Accepted C-2 stock canoes: Wenonah: Jensen 17&18, Sundowner, Minnesota II, Odyssey, Champlain, Escape, Escapade; Grasse River Boat Works: Traveler 17'15", Traveler 18'6", Monarch; Mad River: Lamoille; Horizon; Bell Canoe: Northstar, Northwind, Northwoods; Savage River: Susquehanna.

C-1 and C-2 COMEPETITION CRUISING: This is the class for the more serious athlete, the top level for the amateur racer. May use 3x27 pro boats.

PROFESSIONAL 3X27: These are canoeing elite, with paddlers competing for prize money.

C-1 STOCK: Entry level for the solo class. Grasse River Boat Works: Classic, Classic XL; Wenonah: Advantage, Prism, Encounter, Solitude; Sawyer: Summer Song, DY Special, Shock Wave; Savage River: Otegan (modified); Bell Canoe: Magic; Mad River: Independence.

- The race committee reserves the right to require MANDATORY PORTAGES or alter the race course as needed, marked with ribbon, for the safety of the competitors prior to the start of any race. A 10 minute penalty will be added to finish time if a competitor does not follow this rule.
- Flotation shall not be moved from its original position or reduced in volume. Bulkheads and decks will completely cover flotation and shall be original equipment or equivalent and permanently secured using rivets, bolts, screws or weld. Fastening by any other means will not be allowed.
- Single blade paddles of any length permitted. Double bladed paddles are allowed in kayaks.
- All canoes eligible for prizes may be checked at the finish line, immediately after finishing, ensuring they meet specifications. All rules are New York Marathon Canoe Racing Association and United States Canoe Association Rules and the decision of the judges will be final on all questionable canoes. There will be jiggling (canoe measurement) available throughout the weekend at the finish line. Compliance with rules is the responsibility of the racer.
- Extra devices or assistance of any nature from any source will not be permitted. (Exception: team assistance allowed at relay changes).
- All canoes shall carry, or occupants shall wear, A US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device, in good and serviceable condition, and of appropriate size for the intended user. Wearable flotation devices must be readily accessible per USCA rules. All contestants in Generation Gap, Youth and Scout races under age 19 must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD, in the proper manner, in accordance with the New York State Laws. Non-compliance will result in disqualification.
- Proof of age will be required for all race contestants. Ages are determined as of the day of the race based on the age of the youngest paddler. 50 year old and over: both paddlers must be 50 years of age.
- All canoes and kayaks are required to have a whistle in the boat, according to US Coast Guard Law. Non-compliance will result in a 10 minute penalty.
- Canoes must remain in the river at all times except where necessary for log jams, dams or bridges. You are required to return to the water immediately after clearing the obstacle. Overland portages are not allowed. At Goodyear Lake Dam (Colliers Dam), do not go under cables. At Southside Oneonta Dam portage only on the right. Non-compliance will result in disqualification.
- Any canoes crossing the imaginary starting line before the gun goes off will be penalized 10 minutes. There will be video cameras on the line to record any infractions. If you tip over at the start, you must still go around the boat turn around.
- Each canoe will have a number provided by the Regatta Committee to be placed on both sides of the bow (front) of the canoe and plainly visible when the canoe is in the water.
- All contestants who leave the race MUST report to officials at the nearest check point. If one person drops out, the team is disqualified. The race officially ends at 8:00 PM and the Chamber Of Commerce ceases all functions at that time.
- All protests shall be written and accompanied by a \$100.00 check. They must be submitted an hour prior to trophy presentations.
- Entrants release the Chamber of Commerce of Bainbridge and their representatives of all responsibility.
- All prize money paid by check is valid for 60 days only.
- The use of alcohol and/or controlled substances will not be tolerated. Pro competitors are subject to drug testing at the discretion of the race officials. Non-compliance will result in disqualification.
- All pro racers of any class must complete IRS form "W9" if earning \$600.00 or more. Checks will not be issued without completed form.
- C-1 canoes are not allowed in any Generation Gap Race. Pro canoes are allowed with the recommendation of expert paddlers with novice/amateur.
- All boats are to finish to the right of the buoys. This facilitates the timing crew in their duties. If your number is illegible or removed, be sure the timers are aware of your completion of the race.
- Men's classes are considered open classes. All genders are eligible, age restrictions still apply.
- The Race Committee has the discretion to make changes to rules without prior notification for the safety of the canoeists.