

Official 2010 Rules and Terms

- All questions and protests shall be referred to the race committee. All decisions of race officials will be final.
- Waivers ~ All racers must sign an insurance waiver with the submission of their registration or on the day of the race. Parents/guardians of minors (under 18) entering the race must sign a waiver either in advance or on race day. All relay substitutions must sign a waiver at their leg start or risk having their boat pulled from the race. A copy of the waiver is included on page 27. Each paddler should complete a waiver and return it with registration to save time on Race Day.
- Pre-Race Meeting ~ A representative from each team must attend a pre-race meeting immediately before the relevant start to review the course, potential hazards, medical emergency procedures, communications and safety procedures. This information must be distributed by the representative to all team members.

4. Canoe Classes and Specifications

Racing OC-2	Tandem racing canoes for two paddlers, (18'6" maximum length, at least 27" at 3" waterline* or 14.375% length at 4" waterline*) ~ Pro Marathon has \$5,000 purse, 19-Mile has no purse. Decks allowed on all racing and Pro canoes.
Racing OC-1	Any single-paddler canoe (no maximum length, no minimum width). Decks allowed on all racing and Pro canoes.
Recreational OC-2	All non-racing canoes for two paddlers (no maximum length, at least 16% length at 4" waterline).
Outrigger	Any outrigger canoe for 1-10 paddlers

5. Kayak Classes and Specifications

Flip-up rudders are not included in length. No hull modifications. Must have sufficient floatation to support a 25-pound weight in a boat full of water.

Racing Kayaks	
Olympic K-1	IFC Olympic racing or training kayak for 1 paddler - 520 cm. maximum length (17'), no minimum width.
Unlimited K-1	Any single kayak, sit-on-top, or surf ski except IFC
Touring K-1	Any single kayak, sit-on-top or surf ski with a maximum overall length of 20' and a 4" waterline beam**of at least 18"
Touring K-2	Any double kayak for two paddlers with a beam less than 20"

Recreational Kayaks (no IFC, Downriver or Olympic trainer kayaks)	
Sea Kayak K-1	Any single kayak, sit-on-top or surf ski with a maximum overall length of 18' and a 4" waterline beam of at least 8.5% of length, and an overall beam of at least 10% of the length; 40 pound minimum weight, bulk heads plus hatches fore and after with the exception of pre-year 2000 models, in which case they may have airbags in lieu of hatches and bulkheads.
Recreational K-1	Any single kayak, sit-on top, or surf ski with a maximum overall length of 16' and a 4" waterline beam of at least 22".
Recreational K-2	Any double kayak for two paddlers with a beam of 20" or greater.

* **4" Waterline** ~ the widest point of the boat measured 4" from the bottom of the boat. The 3" waterline is the widest point of the boat measured 3" from the bottom of the boat

** **Beam** ~ The width of the canoe or kayak measured at the widest point

6. Stand Up Paddleboard Classes and Specifications

Stand Up Paddleboards	
Stand Up Paddleboard	Any paddleboard. Designed to be used standing with a paddle.

- Boat Materials ~ There will be no differentiation for materials used (e.g. plastic, wood, composite).

8. Questions about boat specifications should be made prior to submitting the race registration. Measurements should be made prior to race day.
Questions regarding boat classes should be directed to Dave Jaques, Charles River Canoe & Kayak, 617-965-5110
PLEASE NOTE: Compliance with Official Race Rules, including the use of official boats and paddles, qualifies the paddler for prizes and/or official times. Those who wish to participate using any non-official boats, paddles, portage wheels, etc., are welcome to register, with the understanding that they will not qualify for prizes and/or official times, and that they may not in any way interfere with the progress of official participants.
9. Protests ~ On race day, boats will be measured at the finish line only if there is an official protest made against that boat. An official boat protest form must be filled out within 30 minutes of their race finish and the protested boat must be presented within 15 minutes of the announcement.
10. Canoe Paddles ~ All canoe paddles, including bent shaft paddles, are allowed in ALL canoe classes.
11. Kayak Paddles ~ All kayak paddles, including wing paddles, are allowed in ALL kayak classes.
12. Categories

Open ~ Age 16+ (usually the fastest category)	Mixed ~ One male and one female per boat (in each relay leg)
Junior ~ Age 11-15	Women ~ Females Age 16+
Masters ~ Age 40+	Adult/Junior ~ Adult age 30+ and a junior age 11-15
Senior ~ Age 60+	
13. Prize Eligibility ~ Results certificates will be mailed only to paddlers who post appropriate finish-times, have passed every check-point, and have complied with all rules. All decisions of race officials will be final.
14. Life Jackets ~ Massachusetts law requires life jackets to be worn by all paddlers on water before May 15. Every paddler must wear a Coast Guard Approved life vest at all times while on the water during the race. A seat cushion is not an approved device. **Paddlers are to supply their own life jackets.**
15. Whistles ~ Safety rules require each boat to have at least one whistle while on the water. Whistles are provided at race start. For relays, the whistle must stay with the boat and be passed to the next relay team.
16. If you drop out, you must notify a race official at one of the checkpoints.
17. Checkpoints ~ Boats must clear the following checkpoints by the following designated times.
 Silk Mill Dam (Newton Upper Falls) ~ 2:00 pm
 Moody Street Dam ~ 3:30 pm
 Finish Line, DCR's Artesani Park ~ 5:00 pm
 Failure to do so absolves CRWA of responsibility and contestants remain on the river at own risk.
18. Boats must remain on water at all times except at designated portages.
19. Each boat will have its assigned number affixed to both sides of the bow.
20. Obey directions of police officers and race officials directing traffic at portages.
21. Relay teams with only 8 paddlers may have 2 of their members paddle 2 legs of the race, but no more.
22. Contestants must portage their own boats without assistance. At relay exchanges only the 2 members completing and 2 members starting a leg may handle the boat. Non-motorized portage wheels are allowed in all classes (except Pro) and must stay with boat at all times.
23. Possession or consumption of alcohol during the race, at the start or at the finish is against Massachusetts law and prohibited. Consumption of alcohol at the Finish Line Festival in DCR's Artesani Park is strictly prohibited.
24. Competitors are responsible for their own transportation.
25. All races finish at the Finish Line Festival, DCR's Artesani Park, Soldiers Field Road, Brighton, MA.
26. All vehicles parking in the lane on Soldiers Field Road must be removed by 5:00 PM or they will be towed at the owners expense.
27. Failure to comply with these or any race rules as given on the day of the race may result in disqualification.
28. **No refunds will be given.**