

RULES + REGULATIONS

BUFFALO BAYOU REGATTA :: 15-Mile Canoe & Kayak Race

CORPORATE CUP CHALLENGE DIVISION
Two persons per team and at least one team member must be employed by the sponsoring corporation. ALL COMPETITORS MUST USE TANDEM CANOES AND SINGLE BLADE PADDLES PROVIDED BY THE EVENT. (This will assure a true one-design class and will remove any equipment advantages, thus making it a true "head to head" competition among corporations. Individuals who desire to race with their own boats and paddles may compete in the Unlimited Division.) Awards: Top three finishers will receive a trophy. The winning team gains possession of the Corporate Cup for one year. Sponsors are not required to fill all entries in order to participate at a certain level. Benefits include:

- Recognition through signage at event.
- Food, drink and event viewing at VIP tent.
- Canoes and equipment.
- T-shirt.

UNLIMITED DIVISION

Any type of muscle-powered canoe or kayak. Rudders permitted. Canoe entrants must have single-blade paddles; Kayaks may have single-blade or double-bladed paddles.

- Unlimited Canoe - Double Men, Women, Mixed, Masters
- Unlimited Kayak - Solo Men, Women, Masters
- Unlimited Kayak - Double Men, Women, Mixed, Masters

Awards: Top three finishers in each category will receive a trophy.

REGATTA START

- First race start 9 a.m.: Unlimited Kayak
- Second race start: Corporate Cup
- Third race start: Unlimited Canoe
- Starting positions for the Buffalo Bayou Regatta will be on a first come-first serve basis the day of the event.

STYROFOAM CUP

Prizes will be given for the most trash picked up along the bayou. Awards will be given for volume and weight. All participants of the Regatta are eligible for the Styrofoam Cup. Trash bags will be available at registration for all participants.

BAYOU SPRINTS

All participants will race in two-person kayaks provided by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. Prize categories will be available for men, women and mixed as well as course record. Heats will be determined by the race committee.

Additional Regatta + Sprints Rules

- All contestants in all races must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers during the entire race. They must be worn as the manufacturer designed them to be worn. Any participant found not abiding by this rule will be disqualified.
- Except for portages over channel obstructions, boats must remain in Buffalo Bayou. Any illegal portaging will disqualify the team.
- No one is allowed to touch or help convey contestant or his/her equipment. Contestants may pick up food, water, or extra paddles during the race.
- Intentional capsizing or damaging of any opponent's canoe or kayak will disqualify the offender.
- Any Regatta entrant not in the water by 9:30 a.m. will be disqualified from the event. For a boat to have a reasonable chance of finishing the race, it must have cleared the Woodway Bridge by noon. If not, it will be

disqualified from the race. Although disqualified boats may continue to canoe Buffalo Bayou at their leisure, our safety volunteers will not monitor a disqualified boat.

- Any disputes will be settled by the Rules Committee, whose decision will be final.
- No mailed entries postmarked after April 26, 2004 will be accepted for the Buffalo Bayou Regatta or Sprints. Late entries will be accepted in person at registration.
- Bayou Sprints will only be available to the first 30 boats.
- Heats for the Bayou Sprints will be determined by the race committee.

Canoe and Kayak Rentals

Bayou Sprints kayaks and Corporate Cup canoes will be provided and delivered by the Partnership.

For unlimited division regatta racers:

To order a canoe for delivery to the race start by White Water Experience, please make arrangements by April 26.
White Water Experience: 713.774.1028
To order a kayak for delivery to the race start by Southwest Paddlesports, please make arrangements by April 26.
Southwest Paddlesports: 281.292.5600

ANYTHING THAT FLOATS PARADE

Boat Specifications: Anything goes in your design. All crafts must be muscle-powered and must float for at least 400 feet from the Tapley Tributary to Buffalo Bayou Art Park. Crafts must be accompanied by at least one person and no more than six. Crafts may be custom made or decorated canoes, rafts or non-motorized boats.

Age Groups:

- Bayou Buds Challenge (Adults 16-and-up)
- Youth Category (Under-16)

Prize Categories:

- Best in Show, Bayou-Born (recycled materials), Junior Magellan (under 16), People's Choice and others
- Prizes generously underwritten by Southwest Bank of Texas. Participants entering both the Anything That Floats Parade and the Art Car Parade will be eligible for a dual award.

Additional Race Rules

- All contestants must wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life preservers during the entire parade. They must be worn as the manufacturer designed them to be worn. Any participant found not abiding by this rule will be disqualified.
- All youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- The Buffalo Bayou Partnership reserves the right to disqualify any float that appears to be unsafe. Any float deemed unsafe will be placed on display during the event.
- All floats should be tested prior to the event.
- All products and materials should be environmentally sound and waterproof.
- All crafts must be delivered to the Tapley Tributary. No parking is available at the drop-off site. Pick-up site: Buffalo Bayou Art Park. Parking in Lot H.
- Craft must be able to be carried manually to launch site and likewise removed at the Buffalo Bayou Art Park finish line.
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed in craft.
- Boat numbers must be visible for judges.

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HOUSTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Join the spectacle. Paddle a Hong Kong-style dragon boat on a 250-meter race course along Buffalo Bayou. Enjoy food and entertainment celebrating Asian culture. The festival is organized by the Houston Dragon Boat Association in collaboration with the Buffalo Bayou Partnership.

Allen's Landing

- 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (1019 Commerce Street at Main)
- Dragon Boat Races, entertainers and Asian cuisine.

MAY 1 PARKING, REGISTRATION + TRANSPORT

Regatta Registration + Start

Parking is available in the lower level of the parking garage at 7745 San Felipe at Voss, across the street from the Regatta start.

Bayou Sprints Registration + Start

Buffalo Bayou Northside Trail, 300 Washington, between Milam and Louisiana. Take Memorial east and turn left on Louisiana. Immediately after crossing Buffalo Bayou, take a right onto Washington. The trail is located just west of University of Houston-Downtown.

Dragon Boat, Bayou Sprints + Regatta Finish

Allen's Landing in Downtown Houston, 1019 Commerce at Main

Free Parking + Shuttle Alternatives

Available at all designated on-street parking areas and at UH Downtown Shea Street parking lot at Main Street and Interstate 10. HERTZ rentals will have offer shuttle-bus service to take Regatta racers from the finish back to their cars and Sprints participants back to the start. Participants in the Sprints, Dragon Boat Races and spectators are encouraged to take the METRORail to the UH Downtown stop.

ANYTHING THAT FLOATS PARADE

Held annually with The Orange Show Foundation's Art Car Parade (www.orangeshow.org), the Anything that Floats Parade challenges you to bring your wildest and wackiest floating sculptures to Buffalo Bayou. Compete for prizes including: Best-in-Show, People's Choice, Bayou Born (recycled materials), Creative Locomotion (best muscle-powered motors), and Little Magellan.

Buffalo Bayou ArtPark Performances

- 4:45 p.m.
- (Buffalo Bayou ArtPark by Sabine Street Bridge)

MAY 8 PARKING + LOADING

PARKING

- Parking available in Lot H next to the Fonde Recreation Center

Anything That Floats Drop-Off Site

- Crafts and teams will be directed to the launch site from Sabine Street and Memorial Drive. Allen Parkway will be closed May 8.

Anything That Floats Pick-up Site

- Buffalo Bayou Art Park at Sabine Street. Parking available in Lot H next to Fonde Recreation Center.

TEST YOUR ENDURANCE IN TEXAS'

LARGEST KAYAK AND CANOE RACE!

BUFFALO BAYOU REGATTA & NEW BAYOU SPRINTS

WHETHER YOU PADDLE COMPETITIVELY OR JUST FOR FUN, THE BUFFALO BAYOU REGATTA IS A GREAT WAY TO SEE HOUSTON FROM A WHOLE NEW ANGLE. JOIN IN THE FUN AT THE 34TH ANNUAL 15-MILE REGATTA? WHY NOT TRY THE NEW BAYOU SPRINTS. IT'S A FAST-PACED 1/2 MILE DOUBLE-KAYAK EVENT FROM THE NORTHSIDE TRAIL TO ALLEN'S LANDING.

PRIZES FOR KAYAKERS, CANOERS, CORPORATE CUP AND STYROFOAM CUP WINNERS.



Buffalo Bayou Regatta Registration + Check-in

- 7:30–8:45 a.m. (7700 San Felipe at Voss)

Buffalo Bayou Regatta Start

- 9 a.m. (San Felipe Bridge)

Bayou Sprints Registration + Check-in

- 7:30–8:45 a.m. (Northside Trail, 300 Washington, between Milam and Louisiana)

Bayou Sprints Start

- 9 a.m. (Northside Trail, 300 Washington, between Milam and Louisiana)

Regatta + Sprints Finish Awards Ceremony

- 12:30 p.m. (Allen's Landing Downtown, Commerce Street and Main)

SPECTATORS ARE ENCOURAGED

Cheer on both Regatta and Sprint racers at the finish from Allen's Landing or the new Northside Trail on the north shore of Buffalo Bayou downtown. Or support Regatta racers from bridges over the bayou: Voss, Chimney Rock, Woodway, West Loop Feeder, Shepherd, Waugh, Montrose and Sabine, Louisiana, Milam and Main.

All Regatta racers receive lunch, drinks and a T-shirt. Corporate Cup and Bayou Sprints challengers are provided with boat and equipment, T-shirt, event recognition and food and drink at the VIP tent.

All racers are encouraged to bring water.

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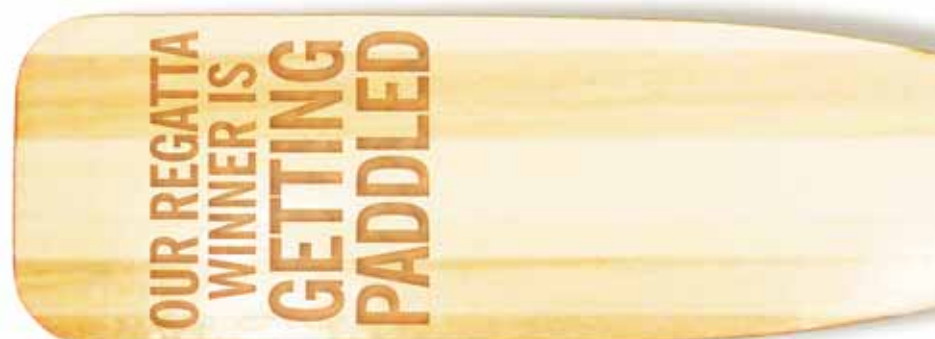


ANYTHING THAT FLOATS PARADE



HOUSTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

At this year's Buffalo Bayou Beckons events, be the first Regatta racer to cross the finish line at Allen's Landing and you'll take home a performance-grade laminate paddle signed by some of Houston's biggest personalities.



BUFFALO BAYOU BECKONS 2004
ANSWER THE CALL

BAYOU REGATTA + NEW SPRINTS ANYTHING THAT FLOATS PARADE HOUSTON DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

