



2018 Recycled Regatta – EarthFest Overpeck

Hackensack Riverkeeper's fifth annual Recycled Regatta will take place at our EarthFest celebration at Overpeck County Park **Sunday, May 20, 2018** – Please Note: ***There is no rain date for the event***

We invite you to come up with imaginative ways to turn common household waste into a life-sized racing vessel! Our goal is to have fun on the Overpeck Creek while encouraging people to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. This event promises to be an exciting, fun-filled experience for people of all ages! Teams are encouraged to raise funds for Hackensack Riverkeeper, by recruiting friends, family or local businesses to sponsor their team.

All proceeds benefit Hackensack Riverkeeper's mission to protect, preserve and restore the Hackensack River.

General Information

- 1) Boats can be powered by either a single person or by multiple persons (a crew).
- 2) All boats/crews must be at the Overpeck Park Kayak Center by 10:00 AM on May 20 for judges' inspection.
- 3) Teams must register online - follow the link from EarthFestOverpeck.com. Friends or family can sponsor your team.
- 4) Race begins at Noon on Sunday, May 20.
- 5) In addition to two winners (Single and Crewed boats), trophies will be awarded in the following five categories:
Clean Water Champion Award (presented to the team raising the most money for Hackensack Riverkeeper),
Prestigious Boating Award, Show Boat, Floating Van Gogh, and Leaky Bucket

Vessel Construction

- 1) All materials must be clean and safe for the environment. No containers that held toxic or petroleum substances.
- 2) Over 50% of the vessel must be made out of used/recycled materials (wood, cardboard, plastic, etc.) Any Styrofoam materials must be encased to avoid discharging pieces of Styrofoam into the water.
- 3) Binding materials duct tape, wire, twine, rope, straps, etc., can be new or purchased.
- 4) All vessels must be human-powered. Bonus points will be awarded for homemade paddles, etc. No commercially manufactured vessels. Swimming or towing boats is prohibited.
- 5) The design is left to the builder(s). We encourage creativity and imagination.

Racing Regulations

- 1) All boaters **MUST** wear Riverkeeper-supplied U.S. Coast Guard approved life vests at ALL TIMES when on or near water.

***** **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS** *****
- 2) All boaters must wear tight-fitting shoes, such as water shoes or sneakers - NO boots or waders.
- 3) All boats with crews must have a designated Crew Captain. Single boaters are de-facto Captains.
- 4) Each crewmember must be at least 8 years of age.
- 5) After launching, all crewmembers must remain on their boat and cross the finish line with all pieces of their vessel.
- 6) All boats should have a vessel name – be creative here!
- 7) It is the crew's responsibility to leave no trace of their vessel. Practice "Carry In - Carry Out". Materials that fall off must be retrieved. Assistance will be available for safety. Teams are responsible for transporting their vessel to and from the event.
- 8) Expect to get wet! Be sure that you and all crewmembers bring a change(s) of clothes.



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Don't wait, sign up today!