

Indemnification Agreement – 2019

Name (hereinafter referred to as “Participant”): _____

Address: _____

Participant shall indemnify and hold SUEZ Water New York Inc., with a principal place of business at 360 West Nyack Road, West Nyack, New York 10994, its officers, subsidiaries, agents, employees and subcontractors, harmless and release SUEZ Water New York Inc. from and against any and all liability, loss, demands, actions, suits, judgments, costs, charges, expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) or claims for injury, death, damages or destruction of property arising out of his/her voluntary participation in the Lake DeForest Day 2019 on Saturday, June 29, 2019, including the Supervisor’s Challenge and Paddle Time events (“Events”).

Participant hereby assumes all risk of loss or of damage to any property whatsoever and injury to, or death of any person whomsoever, occurring in connection with any of the above Events being held on the property of SUEZ Water New York Inc.

Participant understands and is aware that physical exercise, both aerobic and non-aerobic, can be hazardous activity and it is suggested that a consultation with a doctor is obtained prior to participating in activities. Participant agrees that he/she is voluntarily participating in the above Events and is using equipment with knowledge of the risks involved. Participant hereby agrees to expressly assume and accept any and all risks associated with his/her participation in any activities or use of equipment whether owned, leased, rented or borrowed while participating in any Event.

Agreed to and accepted by: _____ Date: _____



2019 Lake DeForest Day

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Kayak Race and Open Paddle Assumption of Risk Form

NOTE: EACH INDIVIDUAL IN YOUR PARTY MUST FILL OUT AN ASSUMPTION OF RISK FORM

TIPS FOR SAFE TRIPS

1. The Reservoir can be unpredictable and hazardous. Occasional strong winds are generally strongest near the center of the reservoir and weakest near the shore.
2. Cold water and air may cause hypothermia or frostbite. Hot weather and sun reflecting from the water can increase sunburn potential and/or other heat-related illnesses. Dress for the weather and act accordingly.
3. Wildlife is easily disturbed by human activity. Observe, but keep your distance.
4. In the event of a sudden storm, immediately paddle to land and walk away from your boat (if metallic). If practical, return to the launch site. Otherwise, try to find shelter and wait for the storm to subside.
5. **Canoes and kayaks can be capsized (overturned) by the following: swift water, running aground, underwater obstructions, debris, wind-induced swells, boat wakes, contact with other boats, etc.**
6. To help prevent or alleviate danger:
 - o Wear your US Coast Guard-approved **Personal Flotation Device** AT ALL TIMES.
 - o Load gear evenly and secure it to your boat. Anything you bring with you may get lost or wet so it is recommended that you leave valuables in your car.
 - o Maintain **3-Point Contact** with the boat when entering and exiting and **never stand up**.
 - o Keep your body centered with your weight low (kneeling when appropriate).
7. Your whistle is for emergencies: fatigue, illness, disorientation, stranding, and hazardous conditions. It is also advantageous to wave a paddle back and forth above your head while whistling.
8. Other inherent hazards associated with water and watercraft activities may not be stated. Please ask questions at any time: before, during or after launch. Use sound judgment in, on and around the water.
9. **Before or during launch, if you feel that conditions are unfavorable, please return to shore.**

I have read and I understand the above material and that I will be briefed on paddling techniques, boat handling, and emergency procedures so that I better understand the potential hazards associated with small watercraft activities such as canoeing and kayaking. I am voluntarily participating in this paddling activity and I indemnify and hold harmless Hackensack Riverkeeper and SUEZ from any and all claims, actions or judgments, including all costs of defense and attorney's fees incurred in defending against same, arising from and related to my participation in the 2019 Reservoir Paddle Series event above and the use and/or rental of canoe(s) or kayak(s). I understand that all rented equipment is the property of Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. and that I can be held responsible for any loss or damage. I give my consent for Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. to use photos, videos, and/or audiotapes that include me and/or my minor children for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the programs of Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc. I understand that the images and/or voice recordings may be published in newspapers or magazines, on the World Wide Web, or be broadcast on television or radio.

Print Name: _____ **Signature:** _____

Phone: _____ **Address:** _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ **Emergency Contact Telephone Number:** _____

Minors' names: _____