

Hackensack RIVERKEEPER **Open Eco-Cruise Program**

PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE YOUR TRIP

- ☑ **BE SURE TO ARRIVE AT LEAST 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR SCHEDULED DEPARTURE!**
- ☑ **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE FOLLOWING COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS ARE IN EFFECT:**
 - A. **FACE MASKS** are required while gathering on shore and while getting on the boats.
 - B. **SIX-FOOT PHYSICAL DISTANCING** between pods and captains will be maintained.
 - C. **MASKS MAY BE REMOVED** when the boats have left the dock and are underway.
- ☑ **If you are lost or running late, call your captain directly:**
Capt. Bill Sheehan @ 201-755-6466, or Capt. Hugh Carola @ 201-403-1992
- ☑ **Be sure to bring:**
 - 1. **YOUR CELLPHONE.** Make sure it's switched ON, so we can contact you in case of weather cancellation or if you're running late.
 - 2. **A JACKET.** Temperatures are often 5-10 degrees cooler on the water, especially on windy and/or cloudy days in spring and fall.
 - 3. **INSECT REPELLENT.** We rarely see mosquitoes, but gnats can be annoying in spring & summer. FYI there's generally no need to apply it on breezy days or in fall.
 - 4. **WATER, REFRESHMENTS.** You are welcome to bring some. Food that doesn't require utensils is best. Beer & wine are permitted in moderation. NO smoking on board.
 - 5. **SUNSCREEN.** 'Nuff said, eh?
- ☑ **Four important points to note:**
 - 1. **USE OUR DIRECTIONS.** They are verified, ground-truthed and accurate.
 - 2. **DO NOT RELY ON GPS TECHNOLOGY.** If you must use GPS, program it for: **Laurel Hill County Park, 1005 New County Rd., Secaucus, NJ 07094.** Once inside the park, turn into the first parking lot on the RIGHT (just past the dog run). That's where we are.
 - 3. **NO NEED FOR MOTION-SICKNESS MEDS.** Our 30-foot pontoon cruisers are very stable and we travel on relatively calm waterways.
 - 4. **CHILDREN AND ECO-CRUISES.** Children as young as 4 are welcome aboard. Please note that they must be able to remain more or less in one place for 2.5 hours.
- ☑ **Regarding weather and cancellations:**
 - 1. We DO NOT conduct Eco-Cruises in the rain, in other dangerous conditions like high winds or heat emergencies, nor in the face of credible threats of bad weather.
 - 2. We monitor multiple marine weather forecasts and Doppler radar & wait until two hours prior to your scheduled start time before canceling (unless the day's a total wash-out).
 - 3. We try to provide plenty of advance notice and do our best to avoid canceling too soon.
 - 4. If *you* need to cancel, please let us know as soon as possible (on **eventbrite** *and* by phone as well, please) so we can free up your seat(s).
- ☑ **One last point:** Due to low bridges and tidal conditions on the lower Hackensack River we are rarely able to deploy the Bimini tops for shade.

Enjoy your trip & be sure to tell your friends about Hackensack Riverkeeper!