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. FaceMasks 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!