



2022 Lake Tappan Paddle Day – August 6, 2022

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 Veolia Water 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 2022 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: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Minors' Names: _____

How'd you hear about Lake Tappan Paddle Day? _____

**Participant
Indemnification, Hold Harmless and Release Agreement**

_____, is hereinafter referred to as “Participant”. Participant resides at:
(Print Name of Participant)

Participant shall jointly and/or severally indemnify, hold harmless and release Veolia Water New Jersey, Inc., formerly SUEZ Water New Jersey Inc., and hereinafter “Company”, as well as its officers, subsidiaries, agents, employees and subcontractors, hereinafter “Company Indemnified Parties” from and against any and all liability, loss, demands, actions, suits, judgments, costs, charges, expense, including reasonable attorney’s fees or claims for injury, death, damages or destruction of property arising out of Participant’s voluntary participation in any or all of the following: Lake Tappan Paddle Day, hereinafter referred to as the “Event” .

Participant hereby assumes all risk of loss or damage to person and/or to personal property inclusive of injury and/or death in connection with his/her/their participation in the Event on August 6, 2022.

Participant understands and is aware that the Property may have uneven terrain, loose rocks and muddy conditions which can make footing difficult. Participant agrees that he/she/they/them is/are voluntarily participating in the Event with knowledge of the risks involved. Company or HRI may require the wearing of safety equipment, whereby Participant agrees that he/she/they/them will wear and abide by all necessary safety measures required by the Company or HRI to ensure safety.

Participant understands and is aware that physical exercise, both aerobic and non-aerobic, can be a hazardous activity and it is suggested that a consultation with a doctor is obtained prior to participating in activities. Participant agrees that he/she/they/them is voluntarily participating in the Event 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/their participation in any activities or use of equipment whether owned, leased, rented or borrowed while participating in the Event.

Participant agrees to comply with the Company's COVID-19 policies (e.g., submission of a COVID-19 survey, temperature checks, wearing of masks and social distancing) as may be in effect at the time of the Event.

Agreed to and Accepted by Participant: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian)

****If Participant is under the age of 18, this Agreement must be signed by a parent or guardian****