

# Neuse River Days

## 2007

### REGISTRATION FORM

All participants must register for each event. Registration is not complete until waivers have been signed by all participants. Pre-registration is preferred. Please complete this form and return to the Neuse River Foundation with your check to the address shown below.

Neuse & Trent River Classic and Trent River Challenge - \$20 per person  
(includes all other kayak/canoe races on both days)

- 4-Mile                       8-Mile                       17-Mile (27K)
- Open Kayak K-1                      Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_
- Open Canoe C-1                      Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_
- Open Canoe C-2                      Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_
- Kayaks—Sea or Touring (18' and under) Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

River Dawg Relay & Fun Races—\$10 per person ( fee includes both days)

- Open Race Relay                       Media & Specialty Relay Races
- All Male Race Relay                       All Female Race Relay

Fun Races

- Broom Race                       Pick Up
- Switch Race                       Tug-O-War \_\_\_\_\_

Great Twin Rivers Raft Races—\$25 per raft either or both races

- Speed Race       Regular Race       Corporate Challenge

Cardboard Box Race—\$10 per person

Great Twin Rivers Rubber Duck Race

- \$5 ticket for 1 ticket       \$10 for 3 tickets       \$20 for 8 tickets

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Neuse River Foundation, P. O. Box 15451, New Bern NC 28561

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, June 2**

6:30 am	Run for Merci 5K Registration Opens (Stage)
7:00 am	All Neuse River Day race registration begins
7:30 am	Run for Merci 5K
8:30 am	8-mile Neuse River Classic
8:45 am	Run for Merci 5K Awards Ceremony (Stage)
9:00 am	4-mile Trent River Classic
9:30 am	USCG Aux. Pirate Raft Safety Skit
10:30 am	Canoe "Broom" Fun Race
11:15 am	Canoe "Switch" Fun Race
12:00 pm	Canoe "Pick Up" Fun Race
12:45 pm	Canoe "Tug-O-War" Fun Event
1:30 pm	Raft Races Captain's Meeting (Band Stage)
1:30 pm	Sunfish Flotilla
1:30 pm	Sea Plane "Touch @ Go"
2:00 pm	Great Twin Rivers Speed Raft Race
2:30 pm	Great Twin Rivers Regular Raft Race
3:00 pm	New Bern Cup Corporate Challenge Raft Race
3:30 pm	Rubber Duck Race
7:00 pm	River Rats Baseball Game (New Bern High School)

### **Sunday, June 3**

7:30 am	Race registration and meeting for marathon (at Pollocksville public boat ramp next to Hwy. 17 bridge over the Trent)
8:30 am	17-mile (27K) Trent River Canoe/ Kayak Challenge <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enter as a race or fun paddle</li><li>• Refreshments @ the Tar Landing (on a Boat)</li></ul>
11:00 am	Work Shop Begins @ Union Point Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>*Kayak Fishing workshop*</li></ul>
11:00 am	Sailboard\Wind Wing Demonstration
12:30 pm	River Dawg Relay Races
2:00 pm	Cardboard Box Race
3:30 pm	Rubber Duck Race

## DIRECTIONS TO UNION POINT PARK

From US 70 from Kinston or Havelock: take the Pembroke Rd./Trent Woods exit, take Rt. 55 West to Broad St. Turn right onto Broad St. Continue on Broad St. to the traffic circle and turn right onto East Front Street. Union Point Park will be on the left.

From US 17 from Jacksonville: In New Bern, Hwy. 17 is called Martin Luther King Blvd. which becomes Neuse Blvd. When it gets downtown it becomes Broad Street. Continue on Broad Street to the traffic circle and turn right on East Front Street. Union Point Park will be on the

## SATURDAY EVENTS

All races will take place rain or shine except in the case of excessive winds, adverse water & \or weather conditions @ the discretion of event organizers.

All canoe/kayak races are sanctioned by the NCCRA. All canoe/kayak races are open to the following categories:

- Open Kayak K-1 • Open Canoe C-1 • Open Canoe C-2
  - Kayaks (Sea or Touring, 18' and under)

Each category is separated into male and female age groups (18-29, 30-59, and 60+). Race officials may combine age groups at their discretion if there are fewer than three participants in any age group.

Neuse River Classic (8 miles) This race is designed for the competitive racer. The course runs up the Neuse River beginning and ending at Union Point Park. Race times averages 1 1/2– 2 hours.

Trent River Classic (4 miles) This race is for paddlers who prefer a shorter distance course and will run up the Trent River beginning and ending at Union Point Park with times expected to average 1—1 1/2 hours.

### Canoe Fun Races

Canoe Broom Race has 2 people in each boat & may only use a straw broom (provided) as their paddle.

Canoe Switch Race has 2 people in each boat which @ the end of the first circuit, racers will change places in the boat without getting out of the boat or coming to shore.

Canoe Pick Up Race has 1, 2, 3, then 4 people in each boat. The race is started with one person paddling the first circuit alone, then adding 1 person per circuit until the final circuit has all 4 paddling in the canoe.

Canoe Tug-O-War has 4 people in each boat. Let the tugging begin !!

Great Twin Rivers Raft Races The raft races are great fun for participants and spectators alike! They are a breathtaking event for the rafters, and breathtakingly hilarious for the audience!

Course Description. The start/finish line is near the boat access ramp next to the Comfort Suites at Union Point Park. The course will be marked with spotters and safety boats and is scheduled from the boat ramp to the drawbridge and back. The launch site is located at the boat ramp next to the Comfort Suites. Raft vehicle parking is reserved at the Union Point Park parking area.

Speed Rafts. Rafts must be human-powered and mechanical devices such as gears, pedals, paddle wheels, etc. may be used. Rafts may be single or team entries.

Regular Rafts\Corporate Challenge. Rafts must be human-powered without the benefit of mechanical devices. Oars, paddles, poles, etc. may be used. Rafts may be single or team entries.

### Safety

All races will take place rain or shine except in case of excessive winds, adverse water & \or weather conditions @ the discretion of event organizers.

- PFDs are required for all participants.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
- No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are allowed on any water craft or in any event area.
- No fires or flammable materials may be used.
- Safety boats will assist any boaters in distress.

### SUNDAY EVENTS

Trent River Canoe and Kayak Challenge (17 miles, 27K) This marathon is for any serious canoe or kayak racer or paddler who wants to test their skills on a variety of waters. The race begins in Pollocksville at the Highway 17 bridge over the Trent River and finishes in New Bern at Union Point Park. The first seven miles pass through scenic, wooded areas which are sheltered. Soon after, the Trent River widens to more wind or current exposure and boat traffic. Regardless of the weather, it's a lot of fun and a great paddle. A refreshment boat will be anchored off of Tar Landing.

### DIRECTIONS TO POLLOCKSVILLE

Pollocksville is on Hwy. 17 approximately 12 miles south of New Bern. From New Bern follow Martin Luther King Blvd. and signs for US Hwy. 17 South and Jacksonville. The put-in is just at the entrance to Pollocksville on the left after the bridge over the Trent River. Parking is available in the park next to the wildlife ramp. Shuttle service will be available back to Pollocksville from Union Point Park.

### Kayak Fishing Instructional Workshop

The workshop will be led by Steve Goodwin, an experienced instructor.

River Dawg Relay Races. Each team will be composed of three members who may paddle canoes, kayaks or aggregates thereof. The course will be a closed loop of approximately 3/4 of a mile. Each team member will paddle the full loop before passing the baton to the next member. The winning team will be the first to have all three paddlers complete the course. These races are Neuse River Days favorites. They are fun to watch and are very competitive.

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Those with limited skill make up for it by their enthusiasm and desire to win. Four relays are scheduled and paddlers may participate in more than one race.

- Open relay race for any gender mix •All female race  
All male race • Media personalities & specialty races

### Cardboard Box Canoe Race

That's right! It's a cardboard box race! All you need is a cardboard box, plenty of duct tape, some plastic sheeting and you've got a canoe to race! Boats should be made in advance.. The only rule is that the canoe cannot be made of anything other than a cardboard box of any size, duct take and plastic. You'll also need to make your own paddle from the same supplies. Decorate it any way you want. Extra points are given for the most outrageous. First place goes to the canoe that actually finishes the course! Other fun prizes will be offered including best decorated, most ingenious and more! Entries may be individual or team. We'll launch from the boat ramp next to the Comfort Suites Hotel. Same safety requirements apply as with the raft races. Children under 18 must be accompanied on the canoe by a parent or guardian.

### Great Neuse River Rubber Duck Races

Have you ever seen 1,000 or more yellow rubber ducks floating in the river? Now is your chance to "Adopt -a -Duck". Adoption papers will be available throughout the weekend, with the races taking place on Saturday & Sunday afternoons @ 3:30. The more ducks that are adopted, the more ducks are launched and the greater the chances for great prizes! Tickets are \$5 for 1, \$10 for 3 or \$20 for 8 little ducks with prizes going to the 1st, 20th, 50th & last duck to cross the finish line, as well as random drawings from the pack during the race. This is an excellent opportunity for children to be involved in a water activity as they can choose their own duck and cheer for its progress. You need not be present to win, but you'll miss all the fun!

### KAYAK & CANOE REGISTRATION

Pre-registration may be made by mailing the enclosed form to the Neuse River Foundation office, or at Union Point Park Saturday morning, or in Pollocksville on Sunday morning. Early registration is encouraged.

- All participants must check in at registration prior to races.
- A Coast Guard approved PFD must be worn by every participant.
- An issued race number must be visible on the racer's PFD or boat.
- Proper safety precautions must be taken at all times.
- Racers must follow the designated courses.
- Any racer not finishing a race must report to a support boat or race official.

Be on time for the races !!!

### LAUNCH SITES & PARKING

Canoes & Kayaks. Launch sites for Saturday's races are located at the end of Pollock Street. Boats may be unloaded at the end of Pollock Street, but due to construction in the area, vehicles must be moved to nearby parking areas.

Canoe Fun Races & Rafts. The launch site is located at the boat ramp between the Comfort Suites Hotel and Union Point Park. The parking lot within Union Point Park is reserved for rafts and vehicles.

## AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded both Saturday and Sunday, depending on the day of each race. Prizes to be picked up @ the Registration Tent.

### TRENT RIVER CLASSIC

Overall & first place in each category.

### NEUSE RIVER CLASSIC

Overall & first place in each category.

### TRENT RIVER CANOE & KAYAK CHALLENGE

Overall in C-1, C-2, K-1 and Sea or Touring plus first place in each category.

### RIVER DAWG RELAYS

First & second place in each category.

### GREAT TWIN RIVERS RAFT RACES

Speed Raft: first & second place.

Regular Raft: first place, crowd favorite, best theme, & slowest.

Corporate Challenge: first place wins the New Bern Cup.

### CARDBOARD BOX CANOE RACE

First across the finish line, most ingenious design, best decorated, & crowd favorite.

### GREAT NEUSE RIVER RUBBER DUCK RACE

1st, 20th, 50th & last little duck to cross the finish line along with several random drawings from the flock.

## IN THE PARK

Bungee Trampoline (tickets sold on site)

Live Radio from Bear Radio 97.9

Pepsi Products

Food Vendors

Arts & Crafts

## FOR KIDS ONLY

PCS Phosphate Fossil Dig

NC Aquarium Touch Tank

Safety Kids

The Buccaneer (inflatable)

The Wild Thing (inflatable)

Tickets

Tickets for the inflatable rides may be purchased @ the NRF booth.

The Great Rubber Duck Race tickets are also available only @ the NRF booth.

The NRF would like to thank the New Bern Amateur Radio Club for their support of Neuse River Days both on & off the water.

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