



MUSKOKA POKER RUN EVENT PACKAGE

22KM RACE/ROW FOR SINGLES ONLY
SATURDAY, JULY 24TH, 2021, PORT CARLING, ON

HOSTED BY:

Hatchets Rowing Centre

EVENT LOCATION:

Hanna Park, 40 Bailey Street, Port Carling, ON

EVENT CHAIR and ADMIN:

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EVENT DESCRIPTION:

This is an epic 22km singles only race/row, open for both flat water and open water shells, with about 40% being suitable for flatwater shells and 60% better suited to open water shells - you choose:). It starts in Port Carling and follows the top of Lake Muskoka on a loop, finishing back in Port Carling. We have a video of the course from a motorboat you can check out.

What does race/row mean? It means just that: we all line up together and row hard as if we're racing, but no one is timing you. The race part means, we're all rowing hard to try to push ourselves for the sheer joy of the torture. It's not a Sunday afternoon paddle. In the end, we all take away our own personal experiences without having to compare times. Entry is \$15.00 (inc tax). Bring your own refreshments for after and everything you need for a hard row. We'll have safety boats on the water and will be communicating among safety boats by radio to ensure everyone is safe. It is up to you to know the course and watch the video, feel free to choose to have your phone showing a map to you during the race, but our safety boats will also be directing you where to go. The event takes place right in town which offers a range of activities all within 10 mins walking distance put on in Port Carling (restaurants, shopping, beach, playground, parks, hiking). We are planning to stick around for the afternoon to socialize in whatever way COVID restrictions allow.

What shell to choose? Well - that's up to you. We have those that think a flat water shell on this course is insane, and those that like the crazy challenge. The choice is yours - we look forward to supporting you on a memorable morning. If you'd like to rent a boat from us for the event, please contact us.



SCHEDULE:

Prior to 7am - Arrive at Hanna Park in Port Carling and have your boat rigged, or close to rigged for 7am.

7am - Safety Meeting at Hanna Park at the beach.

***This meeting is mandatory for all participants. Role call will be taken.

7:30am (or immediately after the safety meeting) - Launch. Get everyone on the water and warming up and to the start line. You will be checked in as you launch and as you get off the water, and your safety gear will be checked at this time.

8:00am - Adventure start!

Rowers are expected to be finishing between 9:30am - 11:30am.

Racers are encouraged to stay after their race to help cheer on all of our rowers as they arrive. The start and finish area is very visible from Hanna Park.

SPECTATING LOCATIONS:

- Hanna Park (Main Site) - great view of the start and finish line
- Baycliffe Beach (Milford Bay Beach), Milford Bay, Parking in parking lot and on the road, view of Checkpoint 4.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Rowers are required to carry with them in the boat the following mandatory safety gear. These will be checked at the launching dock and rowers will not be allowed to race without all of the mandatory items.

- Lifejacket (can be inflatable)
- Whistle (pealess whistle that will function when wet)
- High visibility hat, shirt or other visible item of clothing
- Minimum 1L of water

RULES/RACE FLOW:

WARMUP

The warmup flow pattern will be followed after launching from the dock. All participants are to stick to the warmup flow pattern until they are called to the Starting Zone.

START/FINISH

The start will be a mass start. We will be doing our best to warn other boating traffic on the river that rowers are on their way, but it is up to each rower to ensure a safe course and follow standard boating rules while on the water. Always be vigilant in watching for boat traffic.

CHECK POINTS

There are five check points along the way that are marked on the map. This is the path to follow for the row. Safety boats will be using these locations to refer to for any communication on the radio.