

## 2011 Riversport Slalom Race

August 27-28, 2011

Confluence, PA

**Location:** Ramcat Rapid, Middle Youghiogheny River, Confluence, PA.

**Directions:** Find your way to the Lucky Dog Café or Riversport School of Paddling Store on River Road, Confluence, PA (Google Maps, Expedia, etc.) From the Lucky Dog on River Road make a right turn on Rt. 281, cross over bridge over Casselman River and make a left turn at Stop sign on Oden St. Follow Oden street straight across Manning St past Community Center on right and town gazebo/park on left. Arrive at Stop sign with gas station on your right. Make right turn at Stop sign and follow road out over one-lane bridge up to Yield sign. RR tracks on your right. At Yield look down the road for cars as it is a one lane road before proceeding. After road becomes 2 lanes again look for sign for Paddler's Lane on your left. This is right before you cross RR tracks. If you cross the RR tracks you've gone too far. Turn left on Paddler's Lane (gravel road) and proceed slowly. Yield to oncoming cars if possible. You will pass Paddler's Lane B&B on your left (2 buildings and a shed/garage) Immediately after shed/garage turn left at Camping sign, into parking lot for campground. You cannot park on grass in camping area. You may drive to a certain point, unload your car and then park your car in the parking lot.

**Accommodations:** Camping is available on-site for \$7.00 per person per night on weekends, \$6.00 per person per night on weekdays. Day use fee of \$3.00 for non-campers. Please pay this fee on your entry form. Flush toilets and showers are available, the day use fee helps offset the cost of these. This is a private campground that the owners of Paddler's Lane B&B are allowing us to use as a race site. Please respect their property and rules and clean up after yourself. Paddler's Lane B&B (800-777-6061) is located right next to the race site. Call to see if any space is available. Additional Bed & Breakfasts are scattered throughout the area, check <http://www.visitconfluence.org/> for a listing.

**Course:** The course will consist of 18-25 gates. It is semi-controlled water so it could be shallow Class II to Class II+ or III if it storms in the days prior. A beginner to easy intermediate course should be expected.

**Classes:** See the entry form for classes.

**Entries:** Complete entry form and waiver and send to Riversport SPWT Race Registrar, 384 Lindscot Lane, Wexford, PA 15090. Make checks payable to Natalie Thomas. Each competitor must fill out a separate entry form, i.e. two per tandem boat. Entry forms must be postmarked between July 30, 2011 and August 18, 2011. Late registration will be accepted until 1:00pm at the race site on Saturday, August 27. A late registration fee will be charged on that day. Participation is limited to the first 100 boats properly paid. **Do not mail the entry form after August 18<sup>th</sup>, bring it with you and register on site.**

**Rules:** Decked boats will race under the USACK Whitewater Slalom Racing Rules with modifications. Places will be decided based on the better of 2 race runs. Open boats must comply with the boat specifications of the ACA National Whitewater Open Canoe Committee and will race under open canoe rules.

**Work Assignments:** All competitors will be given work assignments. Failure to complete work assignment will result in disqualification.

**Limits:** There is a limit of 100 boats for the race, entries to be taken in order received. There is a limit of 2 classes per person.

**Eligibility:** All competitors must be amateurs by ACA definition, and must also be competent swimmers. The race is restricted to members of the ACA. Nonmembers may purchase a \$5.00 participation membership (for insurance purposes), good only for this race.

**State Park Regulations:** Ohio State Park is on the far side of the river from the race site. If you need to be on that property (helping with course setup or take-down) please be respectful of park patrons on the bike path, wildlife and vegetation. Pick up all litter you see. (We need a permit to hang gate wires on their trees so please be on your best behavior at all times).

**Registration:** Look for the registration table to check-in for clinics, verify that your registration was received and complete or late register. Registration closes at 1:00pm Saturday, August 27. Registrations are not accepted on Sunday morning!

**Raffles:** We will be holding a 50/50 cash raffle that you can contribute to if you would like. Contributions are voluntary and you may contribute at the registration table. Half goes to SPWT (for new race bibs) and the other half to the winner! Drawing will be after awards. You must be present to win. We are attempting to raise money towards our own race bibs so that we don't have to continue to borrow them. Additionally we are looking for sponsors to donate goods or services to our competitor raffle after awards. Please contact Natalie Thomas via the email below if you have anything you would like to donate or bring the item with you. Any interested Bib sponsors are also encouraged to contact Natalie.

**Schedule:** *Friday:* Hang the gate wires and course. The course will be closed until completed.  
*Saturday morning:* Finish hanging the course (if necessary). Practice runs may be taken after the course is complete. Late Registration and check-in from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.  
*Saturday afternoon:* 1:00pm – 3:00pm Slalom clinic. Course is closed to all except clinic participants. Practice runs can be taken after the clinic is over.  
*Sunday:* Competitors meeting at 8:30 am. Race starts at 9:00am. Course takedown is immediately after the race, followed by awards.

**Questions:** Contact Natalie Thomas, [nthomas1@consolidated.net](mailto:nthomas1@consolidated.net), phone 724-935-5482, leave message. Not available after Aug. 23, 2011

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Name: _____ Address: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Club: _____ ACA #: _____ <b>Birthdate:</b> _____ Email: _____	<b>ENTRY FEE</b> (per boater) \$14.00 for first class _____ \$8.00 for second class _____ \$5.00 Late Registration fee _____ \$5.00 ACA Event Membership _____ (nonmembers only) \$3.00 Day Use fee (non camping) _____ Camping \$7.00 per night/person wkend _____ \$6.00 per night/person wkday _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____
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Check off the appropriate boxes for the class(es) you want to enter; maximum of two. Expert = A or B ranked; Intermediate = C, D or unranked. Age Groups: Cadet = birthdate 1997 or later (age 14 or less); Junior = birth year 1993-1996 (ages 15-18); Master = age 40 or older. Birthdate is required above.

Class	Expert	Intermediate	Cadet	Junior	Master	Partner's Name
K-1						
K-1W						
C-1						
C-1W						
C-2						
C-2W						
C-2Mixed						
OC-1 M						
OC-1 W						
OC-2						
OC-2Mixed						
OC-2W						
K-1 Plastic						
K-1W Plastic						
Other (Specify)						

List names and classes of participants with whom you are sharing a boat: \_\_\_\_\_  
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A slalom clinic will be offered at 1:00pm to 3:00pm on Saturday, August 27, 2011. You must be in the clinic to be on the course during this time. Do you want to participate in the clinic? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**In order to race or participate in the slalom clinic, you must fill out and sign an ACA waiver and release of liability. Forms must be signed and included for adults and minors with your entry form!**