



ACA New England Paddle America Club

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Sunday, August 3, 2014 1st Annual Bashabez Run Penobscot River Canoe & Kayak Race

HELMETS REQUIRED

- ⤴ Race Director: James Francis, Penobscot Indian Nation, Cultural & Historic Preservation, 817-7472
- ⤴ <http://www.penobscotculture.com/>
- ⤴ Start Time: 9am, Sunday August 3, 2014
- ⤴ Registration: 8am above Joe Peas Rips the north end of Indian Island on Cemetery St. ([44.960371](tel:44960371), -[68.649272](tel:68649272)) \$25, \$5 discount for ACA members.
- ⤴ Ten classes will be offered for recreational and racing canoes.
- ⤴ Finish at the Brewer Riverside Park, Hardy St, off South Main St (south of big Apple store).
- ⤴ Mixed flatwater and whitewater. 15.5 mi. Class 2-2+, mostly fast moving smooth water with four-five significant rapids and numerous class 1 sections.
- ⤴ 500 yd. portage at Milford Dam, Old Town side.
- ⤴ For intermediate to advanced canoeists and kayakers.
- ⤴ Historical flow for July is 4,000-6,000 cfs (3-5 ft)
 - (Eddington Water Gauge: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/me/nwis/uv?site_no=01036390)
- ⤴ Race times are expected to be 2 to 2-1/2 hours, and will coincide with an outgoing/low tide at the finish.
- ⤴ The width of the river will allow paddlers to choose from a number of possible routes rewarding those with good river reading skills. This stretch of the Penobscot is 300-400 yds wide with four significant, historic rapids and long stretches of shallow, fast moving current.
- ⤴ The start highlights the important role played by the Penobscot Nation on the Penobscot River and in the Penobscot River Restoration.
- ⤴ The portage will challenge paddlers early in the race. It also shows the achievement of the Penobscot River Restoration effort, revealing the remarkable change in the river downstream of the Milford dam to tidewater in Bangor with the recent demolition and the removal of Great Works and Veazie Dams.
- ⤴ The finish showcases the recreational and entertainment opportunities on the waterfront in Brewer and Bangor as both cities have turned to embrace the historic, free-flowing River.
- ⤴ Awards Ceremony at 1PM Indian Island Community Center in conjunction with the Penobscot Pageant.
- ⤴ Sanctioned by ACA New England Paddle America Club: Clayton Cole 944-0856, 285-7356.
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