

Welcome to the 2nd Annual Vermilion Port Authority Paddle Fest Poker Run! Sunday, June 16, 2019

The following information for 2019 Poker Paddlers will be helpful to ensure everyone has a safe, great experience. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Start/Finish: Vermilion Port Authority ADA Kayak Launch 777 West River Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089

Registration / Check-In: 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM:

- Check-in location: Vermilion Port Authority ADA Kayak Launch
- Pre-registration by June 9th - \$15. June 10-16th - \$20. **No Refunds, We go rain or shine.**
- All paddlers are required to check-in on Sunday at the Paddle Fest Poker Run Registration Area.
- A Vermilion Port Authority Poker Run application and waiver form is required for all paddlers at the check in.

At Check-In: All Paddlers

- Due to limited parking space, participants will be directed to leave their boat at the designated drop off area and go to the vehicle parking at the top of the hill or where directed by the Port Authority Staff.
- Report to the main registration table where each paddler will receive a Poker “Score Sheet”, floral lei, door prize ticket, & whistle. First 50 registered are also guaranteed a goody bag.

FYI: Restroom facilities are located near the north end of the parking lot across from the large boat docks

Weather / Safety-Related Changes / Announcements:

- Conditions will be monitored closely throughout the morning of the Poker Paddle.
- In the event of thunder/lightning, heavy rain or fog (that minimizes visibility), wind/rough water, and/or tornado warning/watch the Poker Paddle may be delayed or cancelled.
- Up to a one-hour delay in start time is possible, if needed due to weather.
- There is no inclement-weather date.
- Any/all changes will be announced the morning of the Poker Paddle

Phone access: Will be available at each stop along the course thanks to volunteers and staff.

Time Limitations: The Poker Paddle course will officially close at 11:45 AM. Prizes awarded at Noon.

Safety Boats / Kayakers: Safety boaters/kayakers (wearing YELLOW T-shirts) will be on the Vermilion River course to guide paddlers in staying on-course and to provide assistance as needed. Paddlers who need assistance should signal they need help with their whistle. If you should end up in the water grasp the bow (front) or stern (back) of any assisting kayak...and *never grasp the sides*.

All Poker Paddle Volunteers will be wearing YELLOW T-Shirts: The Poker Paddle is primarily a volunteer effort. Volunteers are exactly that: people giving of their own time to help provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all. Volunteers are not paid. This includes those working at registration, at the start, at the stops, on boats, in kayaks, in the water and at the finish...everyone. *It is expected that all participants treat every volunteer with respect.*

The **Vermilion Port Authority Paddle Fest Poker Run** is a non-alcoholic, non-competitive, celebratory, completion event. No official times will be kept. Those who want a record of their approximate time should plan to wear a watch.

Schedule of Events

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

- Offload and position your boat along grassy area. Vehicles shall be moved to the upper parking lot
- Check-in @ the registration area (ADA Kayak Launch area) pick up your packet. **Make Sure to completely fill in the back** of the Official Poker "Score Sheet"

9 AM and 9:30AM (depending on your start time chosen)

- Official welcome and pre-Poker Paddle meeting.
- Updated information and final instructions given.

9:30 AM - All participants should be on the water. Have Fun and discover our wonderful river!

11:15 - 11:45 AM - Finish at the Start Location! – Course closes 11:45 AM and all Poker "Score Sheets" with your name and info on the back **MUST** be turned in to qualify for prizes.

- Check in at the tables with your Official Paddle Fest "Score Sheet" to notify volunteers that you have finished.
- *If you do not complete the paddle for any reason, PLEASE* notify a volunteer so we do not have to call the Coast Guard to search for you.

11:30 AM – Noon - Post-Paddle Get Together: Winners announced, Door Prizes & 50/50 at the Launch site.

12:30 to ??? You are welcome to join us at the Har-Bar at Valley Harbor Marina (stop #1)

Rules & Regulations

Boating Laws

- All participants must abide by Ohio Boating Laws. Boat registration stickers are mandatory.
- Each person must have a PFD and a whistle in their boat at all times. It is strongly encouraged to wear them during the Poker Paddle. Whistles are to be used for emergency only.
- **Please help keep the Vermilion River clean and green by practicing Leave No Trace!**

Poker Rules

- The poker game score cards will be provided at check-in. Only one hand may be played per person.
- This is a 5-Card Draw poker event. Each player will draw five cards (one at each of five stops).
- There will be no 'Jokers' or 'Wild' cards issued for this event.
- Aces are only low when they are used to complete a wheel straight (i.e., A-2-3-4-5). A Q-K-A-2-3 straight or any variation thereof will not be permitted.

How to Play

- Each player will paddle to five designated 'Card Stops' along the route and draw one card from the volunteer's deck. (#1 & 2 on the west bank and #3, 4, 5 on the east bank of the Vermilion River.)
 - The players chosen card will be recorded by the volunteer on the players official score sheet.
 - Any evidence of tampering with the score sheet will result in that person's disqualification and forfeiture of fees.
- If any player would happen to draw a duplicate card of the same face value and suit that is already recorded on their score sheet, they shall continue to draw until a card that is not already on their score sheet is drawn.
- Once you have arrived back at the ADA Kayak Launch you will submit your completed score sheet to the judges table. All decisions are final!

Prizes

- **First, Second, and Third Prize** will be awarded to the top three players with the highest 5-card poker hand. If two or more hands are tied, those players will each draw a card(s) until a winner is determined.
- **Door Prizes:** Will be awarded at Noon at the ADA Launch
- **50/50 Tickets:** Will be available for purchase. They will be for sale for: 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5.
- **You must be present to win all prizes!** Winners are responsible for receiving their prize at the time of winning.
- In the interest of integrity and fairness, the Vermilion Port Authority will retain final judgment on all matters related to this event and the prizes awarded.

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