

CHARLES CITY CHALLENGE – EVENT DESCRIPTIONS 2013*
***(SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON PARTICIPATION AND WATER CONDITIONS)**

Kayak Boater Cross: Race to be run in heats of 4 through the entire course. Racers will be starting below the Main Street Bridge with a floating start, and racing over ¼ mile through a course set with downriver and upriver gates finishing at the boat ramp area. Each racer must make each gate before moving on to the next. Intentional pushing, pulling, grabbing, or other contact of competitors or their boats will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification. Separate Open and Novice categories for Men's and Women's, Playboat/Freestyle Kayak (under 7' or obvious playboat design), Longboat Kayak (over 7').

Kayak Rodeo: To be held in Doc's Drop or Exit Exam depending on water level, this traditional kayak rodeo will be judged using ICF scoring system. Open Men's and Open Women's.

Kayak King of the Wave: This event will feature 3 or 4 kayakers attempting to simultaneously surf the wave on Dam Drop. With a floating start just above the feature the boater will drop into the feature and if they catch the wave their individual timer will start their clock. This clock runs as long as they stay on the wave; when they fall off the wave their timer pauses their clock. The boater can then catch the eddy and reenter the wave a.s.a.p., once they are back surfing the timer restarts their clock. The boater with the most total surf time in the 5 minute session moves on to the next round. Same safe contact rules apply. Open Men's and Open Women's.

SUPer Cross: Race to be run in heats of 3 or 4 through the entire course. Racers will be starting below the Main Street Bridge with a floating start, and racing over ¼ mile through a course set with wide downriver gates finishing at the boat ramp area. Intentional pushing, pulling, grabbing, or other contact of competitors or their boats will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification. Open Men's and Open Women's.

SUP Best Surf: Surfing on the Midwest's premiere SUP wave, Dam Drop. This competition will give boarders several chances to get on the wave in this jam style format. Open Men's and Open Women's.

SUP Down River Distance Race: This event will start and finish upstream of the whitewater park. This mass start, flatwater race begins at *time TBD* and races *distance TBD* to a finish line at the suspension pedestrian bridge (Park Dr. or 101 Clark St.) Open Men's and Open Women's.

Canoe Boater Cross: Race to be run in heats of 4 through the entire course. Racers will be starting below the Main Street Bridge with a floating start, and racing over ¼ mile through a course set with downriver and upriver gates finishing at the boat ramp area. Each racer must make each gate before moving on to the next. Intentional pushing, pulling, grabbing, or other contact of competitors or their boats will not be tolerated and could result in immediate disqualification. Separate race categories for Solo (OC-1) Men's and Solo (OC-1) Women's, as well as Mixed Tandem (OC-2) canoes.

Canoe Obstacle Race: This race will feature both single and tandem canoes racing through the entire course in a timed event. Racers will be starting below the Main Street Bridge with a floating start, and racing over ¼ mile down to the boat ramp area. A course will be set with gates and special bonus obstacles. Separate race categories for Solo (OC-1) Men's and Solo (OC-1) Women's, as well as Mixed Tandem (OC-2) canoes.

Youth Kayak Down River Race: This will be a time trial style kayak race with one boat at a time running through the entire course. Racers will be starting below the Main Street Bridge with a floating start, and will race over a ¼ mile through the course set with wide downriver gates, finishing at the boat ramp area. Any Whitewater or Recreational/Sit-on-top Kayak is permitted. Racers are also allowed to have a guardian escort or follow them through the course. Competitors must be under 16.

Youth Kayak Best Trick/Surf: This event will be a jam style format where the competitors will do their best moves on the most kid friendly feature of the day's level. Competitors must be under 16.

Helmets and PFD's (Personal Floatation Devices, or life jacket, life vest) required for all competitors. Floatation (Float Bags) required for all Kayaks and Canoes in all events. SUP leashes required on all boards.