

Grayling Recreation Authority Presents

The Business Canoe Relays

Canoe and paddles are provided

Dear Potential Race Team Manager,

Have you ever wanted to yell **HUP?** Here is your opportunity! It is time for you to consider putting a team in the 2019 Business Relays. This will give you an opportunity to showcase your canoeing technique or publicly embarrass yourself and your co-workers, either way is fun.

We have made some exciting changes! We have a shorter course, with all participants paddling a short distance downstream and upstream.

Two members of your team will be put in a canoe and forced to paddle downstream, go around a buoy then paddle a short distance upstream where the other two members of your team do the same course. Your team will be competing for the fastest time in your class.

We have a class for everyone (men's, women's, and mixed) and plan on limiting the entries to fifty teams. The entry fee is just **\$20.00** per team; all equipment is provided. This year's scheduled dates and times are:

Penrod's on Thursday July 25th, 2019 4:20 p.m. to???

As always, we try to accommodate you with a starting time that fits your schedule. Each leg of the race takes only 15 minutes so exceptional physical fitness **IS NOT** a requirement. Only **two** members of your team need be from your organization, so you can trick your friends and or family into paddling. Remember this is a fun event so do not try to sneak any ringers into your line-up (see Rule #6).

We hope you come down to compete or just join in the fun. Please fill out the enclosed entry form and forward as soon as possible, race day is near.

Once again Grayling Recreation Authority is this year's coordinating organization for the event. If you need any information, contact Hanson Hills at 348-9266.

Sincerely,

Wendy Kelso
Programs Director

THE 31st. ANNUAL BUSINESS CANOE RELAY RACE

Thursday, July 25th. 2019 • Penrod's • Grayling

OFFICIAL RULES-

1. **You must enter to win – (absolutely no exceptions)**
2. Shortest elapsed time wins. Each canoe will have only two paddlers. Each class will be comprised of teams consisting of four people. **At least two of the four paddlers must be members of the sponsoring organization.**
3. Two members of your team will be put in a canoe and forced to paddle downstream, go around a buoy then paddle a short distance upstream where the other two members of your team will be waiting in their canoe. The second boat will take off after the first boat crosses the start/finish line. When the second boat crosses the finish line a total elapsed time is established.
4. A third member is allowed in the canoe as a coach, cheerleader, or guide, if said passenger does not assist with paddling or interfere with the other competitors. The only equipment they are allowed to carry is a map of the river.
5. The team may dress in colorful and entertaining attire as long as it is tasteful and not crude, rude, or socially unacceptable, for it may raise the fury of the judge who may impose penalties.
6. **NO RINGERS.** This is an event for those who do not race canoes in any other race. If you have raced in any MCRA, USCA, YMCA, or CYA event involving a canoe then you should not enter. Teams entering ringers and or racers as described earlier risk the embarrassment of disqualification and the publication of that in the local weekly tabloid. The only ringer exception (and there must always be an exception) is if the individual has not competed in such an event in over 25 years. They can request a waiver to compete.
7. The competitors will be defending and representing the honor and integrity of their organizations. Their results may be used as examples throughout the year of the organization's good standing in the community.
8. The judge may impose a penalty for canoes that start early, use unacceptable language and/or behavior. All teams are to display the traditional traits of sportsmanship and panache'.
9. All team members must be eighteen (18) years of age or older, unless the minor has a release signed by a parent or guardian. The release must be signed in front of the registration volunteers. Canoes and equipment are included with the entry fee.
10. **Entries are to be, mailed in or dropped off at the race office at the Grayling Mini Mall or Hanson Hills Recreation Area by 11:00 am on Thursday July 25th. Starting times will be available on Thursday at noon, (we'll give you a call). Trophies will be awarded after all participants have finished the race.**
11. **You "gotta" have fun.** It's one of those events that you are going to hate yourself for missing. Start practicing your acceptance speech for the awarding of the trophies.

31st. ANNUAL BUSINESS CANOE RELAY RACE
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2019

We desire to enter the Annual Business Canoe Relay Race to be held on Thursday July 25, 2019, at 4:15 p.m., and agree to abide by the rules of the race. The race will be a looped course starting at Penrod's. Trophies will be awarded to 1st place of each class.

TEAM MEMBERS:

1. _____ (Captain) Daytime Phone: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
- Alt. _____

Sponsor & Team Name: _____

Check Class Entered:

Four Men () Four Women () Two Men and Two Women ()

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per team(Great Deal!) Please Make Check payable to A.R.I.C.M

Preferred starting time: _____ p.m. Races are every 15 minutes.
(Please be aware that this time may not be your actual starting time, but we will try to accommodate you as best we can.)

Preferred Challenger "Grudge" Match: _____
(Grudge Challengers are encouraged to make tasteful public statements, write letters to the editor and send letters to would be challengers, highlighting the competition's anticipated capabilities in the upcoming race.)

ALL ENTRANTS READ AND SIGN BELOW

The undersigned waives any and all rights to claims against the Officers and Committee Members of the Au Sable River International Canoe Marathon, Inc., Old Au Sable, Penrod's Au Sable River Resort & Canoe Trips, Grayling Recreation Authority, employees or volunteers of Grayling Recreation Authority and any organization sponsoring the Au Sable River Marathon both individually and severally and acknowledges that the above organizations are assuming no responsibility to the undersigned.

Captain

Alternate
Entry Fee: paid/unpaid Check/Cash

Date received and by whom:

Mail this entry with fee to:
Au Sable River Relay Race
P.O. Box 911
Grayling, MI 49738

For further Details Contact:
Wendy Kelso 348-9266
GRA Race Coordinator
Please Make Check payable to: ARICM