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2020 De Soto Heritage Festival Plastic Bottle Boat Regatta Saturday, March 28th, 2020 10:00A.M.

Date : Saturday, March 28th 2020
Location: Palma Sola Causeway, S.W. end
Time: 10:00 A.M. (Boats must be on site by 9:00 a.m.)
Fees: \$10.00 per Crewe Member (Elementary, Middle and High Schools)

*****School Teams should be limited to 6 Crewe or less. Contact us if you have more than 6 Crewe members.**
\$15.00 per Crewe Member, 18 and over

Contact Name: _____
(Captain of Team)

Complete Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Organization Represented: _____
(Name of School, Club or Business)

Name of Craft: _____

Boat Classification; please circle one **A B C D E F**
(Please see page 2 for classifications)

IMPORTANT!!!

****If you have a vessel entered in more than one classification, please fill out a separate entry form for each classification, and confirm at time of submission. Each craft is limited to three classifications.**

****Boat inspections, if required, will be performed on site. Corrections to boats must be made prior to racing in any event. Judges instructions are final.**

Please complete this Entry Form and accompanied Release Forms, sending them into the Hernando De Soto Historical Society office with your entry fee, Payable to H.D.H.S. to:

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For additional forms or release forms please visit www.desotohq.com

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS March 13, 2020.



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BOTTLE BOAT REGATTA RULES AND REGULATIONS

- I. **Classifications** – The student classifications may have their heats and final races prior to adult races. Crewe members whose age may be questioned should have proof of age available in case of protest. Manpower for all categories is as follows: Minimum of two Crewe members and a maximum of 12 Crewe members. Any size boat may be used.
- A. Age 10 and under (Elementary School) Team Crewe
 - B. Age 11 – 14 (Middle School) Team Crewe
 - C. Age 15 – 18 (High School) Team Crewe
 - D. Civic, Business, Collegiate & Individual Crewe – Age 18 and older.
(Men and Women allowed)
 - E. Hospitality Challenge – Age 18 and older.
(Men and Women allowed)
 - F. De Soto Cup Challenge – Will run the length of the course, turn around and race back to the finish line. Age 18 and older. (Men and Women allowed)
 - G. Paddleboard – Will run the length of the course on a Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP)

Note: Classifications may be combined, day of race, depending on level of participation.

II. **“How to participate in the De Soto Heritage Festival Bottle Boat Regatta”**

- A. Select plastic containers only – (**Maximum size of one gallon**). You will need enough to float your crewe and equipment your boat will carry. Each gallon plastic container will float eight pounds of weight. **20 one-gallon containers are suggested for each Crewe member.**

12 Crewe Members = 240 one-gallon plastic containers.

Adjust for smaller teams.

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- B. Reseal your plastic containers to make them watertight.
- C. Assembling your entry for the big race.
 - 1. Use anything to put your boat together as long as the bottles provide the **primary flotation. Foam expanding insulation is prohibited.** You may use glue, wood, rope, wire or cloth.
 - 2. Plastic containers providing primary flotation must have bottom surface in contact with water. No bottom cover is allowed except for lashings, chicken wire or screening with a minimum of ½” continual spaces.
- D. All entries may be inspected on race day. Judges instructions for corrective actions are final. All boats must be fixed/corrected before they race. Decisions by judges in this regard are final
- E. Select classifications from above list (page 2) and mail-in or drop off signed entry form and fees.

III. **Important Safety Notes**

- A. Races will be conducted under strict safety regulations. The safety of all contestants and spectators is of paramount importance and the co-operation of all is necessary in providing a safe, fun-filled and successful event.
- B. Pick-up boats will be provided to accompany racers and first-aid facilities will be available. All trial runs must be done before race day and should have adult supervision.
- C. Boats will be permitted in the water only to participate in the appropriate race for which they have qualified. Any boat in the water at other times interfering with a race will be disqualified.
- F. Contestants in all divisions under the age of 18 must wear a life jacket or vest meeting the safety standards of the U.S. Coast Guard. Life belts are NOT permitted. Any one over the age of 18 must have a life jacket on the boat.**

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN LIFE JACKET

- E. Glass containers are not permitted for safety and ecological reasons.

IV. **Rules For Races**

- A. Boats may participate in more than one classification with a **different Crewe** for each classification. If you, or other team members, are entering in two classifications, an entry fee must be paid for both classes. **A Maximum of three classes for each boat will be allowed.**

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- B. Event judges may inspect all entries on race day. Judges instructions for corrective actions are final. All boats must be fixed/corrected before they race.
- C. Craft must be of original construction and buoyancy must be dependent upon the use of plastic containers. **Maximum size of plastic containers will be one gallon.** Your boat must have breather holes in the deck to release trapped air. The judges will disqualify boats where **plastic bottles are not providing the primary flotation.**
- D. Vessels must be propelled by paddles only – no oars or oar locks. **NO ENGINES OR MOTORS ARE PERMITTED INCLUDING BATTERY OR ELECTRIC OPERATED POWER SOURCES.** Boats may not be pushed by Crewe or by outside assistance.
- E. The use of mechanical devices, such as bicycle chains, sprockets, etc., are not permitted. Oil or grease is not permitted on any vessel.
- E. Contestants will begin the race in their respective boats behind a line indicated by the starting line flags. Any boat crossing the starting line before the starting gun will be **DISQUALIFIED.**
- G. While racing, boats must stay inside the designated race course. Any boat straying outside of that area will be **DISQUALIFIED.**
- H. Winners are determined if your team makes the **FINALS** in your class. All teams will be guaranteed a minimum of two races! In most classes, elimination rounds will be necessary.
- I. As soon as each race is completed, all boats will immediately go to shore, whether they have reached the finish line or not. This will clear the way for the next race.
- J. All contestants must remove their boats to their home or the designated refuse areas at the finish line after the race. **NO LITTER PLEASE!!!**
- K. Decisions of the judges will be final. Please keep in mind this is a family-oriented event. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will be considered grounds for disqualification.
- L. **PARENTAL CONSENT, BY SIGNATURE, IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR ALL CONTESTANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18.**

V. Prizes

1st Place, 2nd Place, & 3rd Place team trophies will be awarded for all classes.

The winner of class F will be invited to the De Soto Heritage Festival Grand Parade. The winner will receive an application including rules and **release waivers for Grand Parade** which **does include age restrictions.**

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RELEASE FORM

The undersigned assumes all responsibility for any and all risk of damage or injury that may occur to the undersigned during participation in the 2020 De Soto Heritage Festival Bottle Boat Regatta. In consideration of being accepted as a participant in the Regatta, the undersigned **hereby releases and discharges the Hernando de Soto Historical Society, Inc., its Board of Directors, its staff, their members, agents and sponsors from all claims, demands, rights of causes of action present or future, whether known, anticipated or unanticipated, and resulting from or arising out of an incident to the undersigned's** participation in the 2020 De Soto Heritage Festival Bottle Boat Regatta. I have read and understand the terms and rules of the Bottle Boat Regatta. In addition, I hereby authorize the use of any photographs, motion picture or other material related to the event for publicity, promotional or news purposes by the various media, as authorized or approved by the Hernando de Soto Historical Society.

ALL PARTICIPANTS – ADULTS – MINORS – GUARDIANS, everyone in your group must sign this release acknowledgement to be allowed to participate. Any participants under the age of 18 require a parent or guardian name, signature and contact number.

Organization Represented: _____
(Name of School, Club or Business)

Name of Craft: _____

Crewe Member Information:

Name: _____

Signature of Participant
or Parent/Guardian (if minor): _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Age (if Minor): _____ Adult Shirt Size: _____ Youth Shirt Size: _____

If you would like to order extra shirts, please do so here!! *(Nominal Fees May Apply)*

Adult T-Shirt Size: _____ QTY: _____ Youth Large: _____ QTY: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR APPLICATION AND ENTRY FEE