



2018 FORT LAUDERDALE PIRATE FESTIVAL PADDLEBOARD RACE RULES

The Race Committee promotes a safe, family-oriented event. We encourage all participants to act in a responsible sportsman-like manner, obey all safety requirements and paddleboard raft race rules, assist their fellow paddleboarders when necessary, and above all, enjoy the event. Remember, safety comes first! Watch out for fellow paddleboarders, lend assistance when needed, and have fun. The winner shall receive an award.

1. All participants are required to read these Rules.
2. All participants shall complete the “Risk Awareness Acknowledgement, Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Agreement.”
3. Race course starts and finishes in front of Esplanade Park.
4. The anticipated duration of the race is from approximately 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The festival at Esplanade Park and along Riverwalk will run from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and will offer live entertainment, children’s play area, games of skill, pirate encampment, arts and crafts vendors, food, and libations for all!
5. We encourage the use of water guns and super soakers but NO WATER BALLOONS shall be permitted.
6. No alcohol is to be consumed during the race. Participants must be able to “walk the plank” in a straight line in order to participate. There will be plenty of libations available at the festival and along Riverwalk afterwards.
7. All minors and dogs must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. No one under the age of 12 may participate in the race.
8. Each participant must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times during the event.
9. All entries must display their competition number in plain sight.
10. All entries must run the entire course under their own power to be eligible for first place only. 2nd and 3rd place will not be recorded.
11. Anyone exhibiting unsafe behavior will be disqualified and could be permanently banned from the event.
12. All paddleboards must be removed from the course at the end of the event.
13. In the event a manatee or leatherneck turtle is sighted in the waterway, officials must be notified and all participants must paddle to the side of the river and await the all clear when the animals have departed the area.