

2017 Riversport/SPWT Slalom Race
Penn Cup Race #3
August 19-20, 2017
Confluence, PA

Location:

Ramcat Rapid, Middle Youghiogheny River, Confluence, PA. We will be operating on the Paddler's Lane Retreat property, right at the river. For directions, seek out your favorite internet mapping site and search for 255 Paddler's Lane, Confluence, PA 15424 (or www.paddlerslane.com).

Accommodations:

Camping is available on-site for \$7.00 per person per night; if you are not camping on site a day use fee of \$3.00 will apply. **Please pay all fees with your race entry.** Flush toilets and showers are available; the camping and/or day use fees help offset the related costs. Paddler's Lane is a private campground that the owners are allowing us to use as a race site. Please respect their property and rules and leave your campsite cleaner than you found it.

Please proceed slowly while driving on Paddlers Lane (one lane road) and yield to oncoming cars if possible. Park in the marked parking lot for the campground; there is no parking on the grass in camping area (but you may utilize the marked road for vehicle unloading).

If you do not wish to tent, alternatives may be found with the Paddler's Lane B&B (website listed above) or possible additional Bed & Breakfasts scattered throughout the area (check <http://www.visitconfluence.org>).

Course:

The course will consist of 18-25 gates. It is semi-controlled water so it could be shallow Class II to Class II+ or III if it storms in the days prior. A beginner to easy intermediate course should be expected.

Classes:

See the entry form for classes.

Entries:

The complete entry form and appropriate ACA waiver should be sent to Rich Kulawiec, Riversport SPWT Race Registrar, PO Box 1117, Sparks, MD 21152. Make checks payable to Rich Kulawiec.

Each competitor must fill out a separate entry form, i.e. two per tandem boat. Entry forms must be postmarked prior to August 11, 2017. Late registration will be accepted until 1:00pm at the race site on Saturday, August 19. A late registration fee will be charged on that day. Participation is limited to the first 100 boats properly paid. **Please do not mail the entry form after August 11th, bring it with you and register on site.** The race organizer will be on site at Paddler's Lane as of August 17 and will not be able to retrieve mail. To ensure you get the T shirt size desired, please have your entry in by August 1, 2017.

Rules: Decked boats will race under the USACK Whitewater Slalom Racing Rules with modifications. Places will be decided based on the better of 2 race runs. Open boats must comply with the boat specifications of the ACA National Whitewater Open Canoe Committee and will race under open canoe rules.

Work Assignments:

All competitors will be given work assignments. Failure to complete work assignment will result in disqualification. Important note: The course will be hung on Friday August 18 – the race organizers would be grateful for any and all assistance in course construction.

Limits:

There is a limit of 100 boats for the race, entries to be taken in order received. There is a limit of 3 classes per person.

Eligibility:

All competitors must be amateurs by ACA definition, and must also be competent swimmers. The race is restricted to members of the ACA. Nonmembers may purchase a \$5.00 participation membership (for insurance purposes), good only for this race.

State Park Regulations:

Ohiopyle State Park is on the far side of the river from the race site. If you need to be on that property (helping with course setup or take-down) please be respectful of park patrons on the bike path, wildlife and vegetation. Pick up all litter you see. (We need a permit to hang gate wires on their trees so please be on your best behavior at all times).

Registration:

Look for the registration table to check-in for clinics, verify that your registration was received and complete or late register. Registration closes at 1:00pm Saturday, August 19. **Registrations will not be accepted on Sunday morning!**

Schedule:

Friday: Hang the gate wires and course. The course will be closed until completed.

Saturday: Finish course construction (if necessary). Open practice from course completion to 1:00 pm. Late Registration and check-in from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Slalom clinic 1:00pm – 3:00pm (if desired by the competitors, course is closed to all except clinic participants). Open practice 3:00 pm - dusk.

Sunday: Competitors meeting at 8:30 am. Race starts at 9:00am. Course takedown is immediately after the race, followed by awards.

Questions:

Contact Rich Kulawiec, rsk@rockandwater.org or Wayne Lentz at lentz_wayne@yahoo.com or 724-880-8840. The race organizer will be at the race site after Aug. 16, 2017 and may not be able to immediately respond to contact.

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