



## **CARDBOARD BOAT RACE**

***Saturday, August 8, 2026***

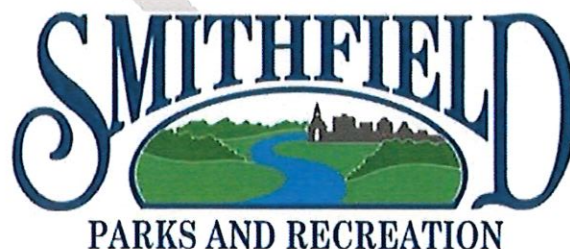
***at the***

***Smithfield Boat Ramp on the Town Commons  
295 N. Front Street, Smithfield, NC***

### **Schedule of Events**

8:00am... Boat Registration  
9:30am ... Boat Judging  
9:45am ... Captains Meeting  
10:00am ... Regatta Begins  
11:45am ... Awards  
@ the boat ramp  
9:00am - 12:00 ... DJ

See construction tips, regatta rules  
and more at  
[www.smithfield-nc.com](http://www.smithfield-nc.com)  
For more info call (919) 934-2148



***Rain Date: Saturday, August 22, 2026***

***Rain or Shine***



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# ***River Rat Regatta***

*on the Neuse*

- No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless: a) all persons on board are wearing a Personal Floatation Device (PFD), i.e. Life Jacket and shoes; and b) have their handmade paddles.
- **PARTICIPANTS MUST BRING THEIR OWN LIFE JACKETS—AS THEY ARE REQUIRED.**
- Helmets are required for participants 12 & under (we will have some for use) / Recommended for all participants.
- Boats are 2-man vessels.
- All entrants must ensure that their portion of the pit area has been cleaned prior to departure on Regatta Day. All boats must be removed from the park or cut apart and placed in trash containers.
- If your 2 person crew consists of a child and an adult, you will participate in the Adult Division.
- Youth Division is a 2-person crew - Ages 12 and Under.
- If there is any doubt about the construction of your vessel, judges reserve the right to use a probe, such as an ice pick, to test and verify that the vessel meets the rules as set forth above.

**ALL RACE DAY ENTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN WAIVERS AT CHECK-IN. ANYONE 17 AND UNDER MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT TO SIGN THEIR WAIVER AT THAT TIME.**

**(If you pre-register, parents must submit packets for all entries 17 and under, with signed waivers.)**

*Thank you for observing all the rules to make this event  
a safe and fun-filled afternoon!*





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***Remember...***

Race begins at the Boat Ramp, located at 295 North Front Street, and finishes at the Hwy. 70 Bridge.

## **8/8 RIVER RAT SCHEDULE**

**\*Boat Registration: 8:00–9:30am**

**\*Boat Judging: 9:30am**

**\*Captains Meeting: 9:45am**

**\*Regatta starts: 10am**

**\*DJ: 9am-12pm**

***(Rain Date: Saturday, August 22***

*If water is too high on rain date we will move inside  
Smithfield Recreation & Aquatic Center 600 M Durwood  
Stephenson Pkwy)*

Participants may PRE-REGISTER at Smithfield Parks & Recreation Department (600 M Durwood Stephenson Pkway., Smithfield, NC 27577) up until Thursday, August 6th. Questions contact: 919-934-2148.

***CHECK-IN IS EASIER IF YOU ARE PRE-REGISTERED!!!***

## **AWARDS:**

**Youth Division—Fastest (1st & 2nd Place)**

**Adult Division—Fastest (1st, 2nd & 3rd Place)**

**Overall—Best Decorated and Titanic Award (Most Memorable Sinking)**



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## REGISTRATION, WAIVER AND RELEASE

(Please Print Carefully)

BOAT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper: \_\_\_\_\_ Little Buddy: \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper Age: \_\_\_\_\_ / Little Buddy Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Teams w/ one Adult and one 12u entered in Adult Division)

Skipper Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Little Buddy Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emails: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Nos.: \_\_\_\_\_

I fully understand that training for and participating in activities such as the River Rat Regatta may result in accidents, illness or serious injury. I am voluntarily participating in the River Rat Regatta (hereinafter the "event") sponsored by Smithfield Parks & Recreation Department (hereinafter "P&R") with complete understanding of the risks associated with participation in the event.

I further acknowledge that this event requires participants to be in proper physical condition. By signing this Waiver and Release Form, I declare that I am medically able, properly trained, physically fit, and capable of participating in the event.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the event, I agree to release and hold harmless the premises owner and the event's sponsors, including P&R, its affiliates, agents, and employees, from all liability for any injuries and/or illnesses sustained, which may directly or indirectly result from my conduct or from the negligence of other participants in the event, and/or from the negligence of the premises owner or the negligence of the sponsors of the event, including the P&R, its affiliates, agents, and employees. I also acknowledge full and sole responsibility for any and all medical expenses that I may incur as a result of any injury and/or illness that occurs as a result of my participation in the event. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is binding.

I hereby grant my consent and permission to the P&R, its affiliates, agents and employees, to use my name, photograph, videotape, motion picture recording, voice, or likeness for P&R purposes, including pre and post event publicity.

I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand its contents. By my signature below, I consent and agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Skipper or  
Skipper Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Little Buddy or  
Little Buddy Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

