



**Raritan River Collaborative's
FIRST ANNUAL!**

Sunday Oct. 11, 2009, 1PM

A gentle 6-mile float from Riverside/Bakelite Park in Piscataway to the Rutgers Boatdock in New Brunswick, passing by colorful Autumn foliage and under the historic arch bridges of the Raritan.

Arrive with your canoe or kayak and life vest at Riverside (Bakelite) Park for sign-in between 12PM – 12:45PM. (Directions and details attached).

Vans will return paddlers to Riverside Park between 3 – 5PM.

Events at Rutgers Boatdock include:

- **Snacks and drink**
 - **Booths by local organizations**
- Free T-shirt for participants!**

Donation: \$10 per person

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY OCT. 1

(Space is limited. Event will be canceled in the event of heavy storms, lightning or small craft advisories.)

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Also see www.blueraritan.org.**



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Event Date: Sunday, Oct. 11th, 2009, Sign-in between 12PM – 12:45PM at Riverside (Bakelite) Park

Donation: \$10/person, Please make checks out to Rutgers University.

Pre-registration deadline: Thurs. Oct. 1st, 2009. Register early to insure a space!

What to bring: - Water Bottle - Sunscreen - Hat/Sunglasses - Dry Bags (for personal belongings)

THIS IS A BRING-YOUR-OWN-BOAT EVENT.

YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN CANOE OR KAYAK AND LIFEJACKET (PFD)

Paddler #1 Name: _____ Over 18 years of age? Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____ T-shirt Size (circle): Adult S M L XL

Paddler #2 Name: _____ Over 18 years of age? Yes ___ No ___

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

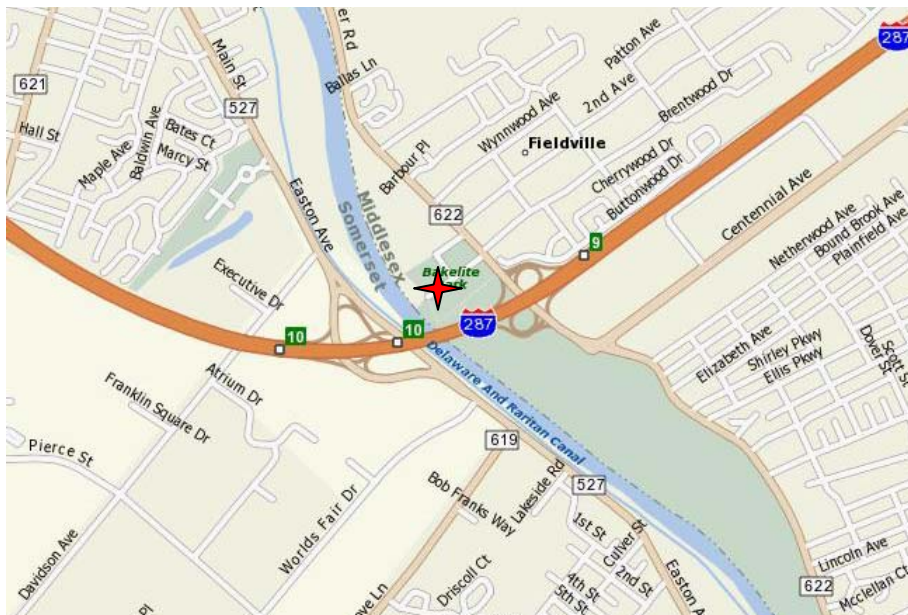
E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____ T-shirt Size (circle): Adult S M L XL

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Float begins at 1:00pm at Riverside (Bakelite) Park in Piscataway Twp. (Directions below).
2. All participants must arrive between 12PM and 12:45PM to register, sign a waiver, get wristband, and attend mandatory safety talk.
3. The event is **“bring your own canoe/kayak.”** One and two-person kayaks and canoes permitted. (No motorized crafts).
4. **All paddlers must bring and wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Lifejacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD),** in good and serviceable condition and of appropriate size for the intended user. Non-compliance will result in inability to participate.
5. Paddlers must have canoe/kayak experience.
6. Paddlers will stay together in a group.
7. Children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult while paddling.
8. Paddlers must stop to provide assistance to any other paddler who appears to be in distress.
9. Safety boats and kayak safety sweeps will be present on water during the event.
10. Float will end at approximately 3:00pm at the Rutgers Boat Dock in New Brunswick.
11. There will be transportation for paddlers only, not boats, from the ending point back to the start. Security will be available at the boathouse for boats that are picked up before 5PM.
12. The event is rain or shine, but will be cancelled due to heavy storms, lightning or if small craft advisories are issued. Paddlers will be notified by 10AM the day of the event.



From Rt. 287 heading North: Exit 9 (River Rd.). Make right and then immediate left into Park. (Sign says Piscataway Elks, proceed to rear of park toward River for parking area.)

From Rt. 287 heading South: Exit 9 (River Rd.). Make left, cross Rt. 287, then immediate left into Park. (Sign says Piscataway Elks, proceed to rear of park toward River for parking area.)



Map showing starting point in Piscataway to ending point in New Brunswick.