

21st Annual Thunder in the City

Powerboat Poker Run August 1-3, 2025

Rules and Regulations & Safety Information

First and foremost, Safety is our first priority, but having fun is our main goal. We adhere to Poker Run America Assoc. rules and regulations. You will find all rules in the packet. They are for your safety, the safety of other participants, and the safety of your crew.

THUNDER IN THE CITY POKER RUN ENFORCES A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION DURING THE RUN OR AT LUNCH BY THE CAPTAIN & CREW. If you are found to be drinking alcohol at any time during the event, until the designated location of the event official termination (2:00pm 8/02/25 termination Card Stop # 5 TBD) your sticker will be removed, and you will be disqualified and ejected from the run. No refunds, no dinner, and no poker cards – no exceptions will be made.

POKER RUN START PROCEDURE

START will be as follows: First wave for boats 80 mph and OVER and second wave 80 mph and UNDER.

Wave 1 will depart at Approx 10:00
Wave 2 will depart at Approx 10:15

The Official Pace boat (Pace Boat TBD) will have an Orange or Yellow flag. NOTE: Boat or Boats will be equipped with flags leaving the docks. NOTE: One single wave boat departure may be implemented given the size of fleet.

WE WILL PROCEED NORTH ON THE CANAL BEHIND THE FLAGGED PACE BOATS, AT APPROX. 45 MPH PACE IN DOUBLE SINGLE FILE WITH A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BOAT NEXT TO YOU, UNTIL WE REACH THE MOUTH OF THE CANAL - TO OPEN BAY. DO NOT PASS THE PACE BOAT UNTIL THE PASSENGER WAVES AND DROPS THE ORANGE OR YELLOW FLAG.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE START OF THE RUN IS ALWAYS THE MOST CRITICAL, SO ESTABLISH A LANE AND STICK TO IT. MOST OF ALL STAY ALERT TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

In addition, This is Critical!! Please ensure that your passengers raise their arms and hands over their head when coming off plane to let following boats know of your decrease in speed.

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PRA RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A POKER RUN IS NOT A RACE
2. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PDF) MUST BE WORN BY ALL PARTICIPANTS AT ALLTIMES. PFD's MUST BE COAST GUARD APPROVED AND CONFORM TO AN INDIVIDUAL'S SIZE AND WEIGHT.
3. ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR PFDS AT ALL TIMES WHEN ON THE WATER. IN ADDITION, CAPTAINS MUST WEAR SAFETY LANYARDS TO THEIR ENGINE KILL SWITCHES WHEN RUNNING.
4. PACE BOATS ARE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE AND ALL DRIVERS MUST COMPLY WITH AND FOLLOW THE LEAD BEHIND THE PACE BOAT. A MINIMUM DISTANCE OF 300 FEET MUST BE MAINTAINED.
5. PASSING THE PACE BOAT RESULTS IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.
6. IDENTIFICATION STICKERS MUST BE TEMPORARILY AFFIXED TO THE BOAT IN A VISIBLE POSITION NEAR THE HELM. ALCOHOL MUST NOT BE CONSUMED DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY BY THE CAPTIAN & CREW MEMBERS.
7. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ISSUED WRIST BANDS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. NO WRIST BAND – NO ACCESS!
8. DRIVERS MUST WEAR AN IGNITION SAFETY TETHER FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE ON BOARD.
9. PARTICIPANTS MUST LOOK BEHIND TO SIGNAL A SPEED REDUCTION OR COME OFF PLANE BY ALL ON BOARD WAVING THEIR ARMS OVER THEIR HEADS AND SHOULD ALWAYS OBEY NO WAKE, AND SPEED RESTRICTIONS.
10. IN CASE OF A BREAKDOWN OR ACCIDENT, PARTICIPANTS MUST HOLD THEIR POSITION AS BEST AS POSSIBLE AND AS A COURTESY TO ONCOMING BOATERS YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN AND CHECK ON DISABLED BOATER.
11. FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CREW AND OTHER BOATERS, PARTICIPANTS MUST PICK A LANE AND STICK TO IT. A SAFETY ZONE OF ATLEAST 200 FEET ON ALL SIDES IS RECOMMENDED. LANE CHANGES MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A SAFE MANNER. ALWAYS CHECK!!!
12. PARTICIPANTS MUST ENSURE THAT THEIR BOAT CARRIES SUFFICIENT FUEL TO REACH THE NEXT SCHEDULED STOP.

13. ALL BOATS MUST CARRY A SAFETY KIT THAT CONFORMS TO LOCAL REGULATIONS, ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:
- a. FIRST AID KIT
 - b. VHF
 - c. CELLULAR PHONE
 - d. FLARES
 - e. BOTTLED WATER
 - f. ADDITIONAL CLOTHING
 - g. ANCHORS AND LINES
14. NON-COMPLIANCE OF ANY OF THESE RULE AND REGULATION WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

A DISQUALIFICATION MAY RESULT FROM:

15. DANGEROUS OPERATION OF A BOAT AS MAY BE VERIFIED BY WITNESSES.
16. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE DRIVERS MEETING.
17. THE OPERATION OF A BOAT THAT FAILS AN ON-DEMAND SAFETY CHECK BY A POKER RUN SAFETY OFFICIAL, MAY INFORCE YOU TO COMPLY OR YOUR BOAT NUMBER STICKER WILL BE REMOVED & YOUR BOAT DISQUALIFIED.
18. ABUSIVE ACTION OF LANGUAGE, DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE EVENT.
19. DRINKING OF ALCOHOL DURING THE RUN.
20. PFD's NOT WORN WHILE OPERATING YOUR VESSEL DURING THE EVENT.
21. ALL BOATS MUST FOLLOW COAST GUARD REGULATIONS AS WELL AS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS.
22. FAILURE TO PASS A COAST GUARD OR ON-DEMAND SAFETY CHECK.
23. THE DECISION OF THE SAFETY OFFICIAL AND OR SAFETY COMMITTEE WILL BE FINAL.

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**WE TAKE YOUR SAFETY SERIOUSLY
BE SAFE.....AND ENJOY THE EVENT!!**

*** EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND INFORMATION ***

- **VICTOR / GENERAL NUMBER: 302-218-7390**
- **JENNIFER / GENERAL SECONDARY NUMBER: 302-383-1308**
- **SEA TOW: 410-335-6818**
- **US COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE: 800-418-7314**
- **UNION HOSPITAL ELKTON MD: 410-398-4000**
- **MARYLAND DNR MARINE POLICE: 410-260-8888**
- **US COAST GUARD STILL POND: 410-778-2201 OR CHANNEL 16**
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: CHANNEL 16**
- **VESSEL ASSIST TOWING: 800-207-5651**
- **ANCHOR BOATS: 410-287-6000**
- **CHESAPEAKE INN: 410-885-2040**
- **RANDY NUZZO HELO PHOTOGRAPHER: 804-339-8039**