

**Medford Lakes Canoe Carnival
Safety Check List**

Use this form as your safety checklist. Safety director will provide the final form at the time of inspection

Floats which have not had a safety inspection and/or floats disqualified for safety reasons will NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOAT PARADE. Floats which violate safety rules during the float parade will be prohibited from further participation in the parade.

- A. Float Captain, or their designee, attended Captain's Safety Meeting. _____
Failure to attend the Captain's Safety meeting will result in a 50 point deduction from a Float's final score.

- B. Float is ready for inspection at proper time. _____

- C. One Coast Guard approved floatation device or life preserver for per person on float. (MANDATORY PER STATE LAW) _____

- D. Each person on the float is to have a glow stick, high visibility material (reflective strip), or water proof light attached to themselves or life jacket. Glow sticks will be provided by the Safety Inspectors at the time of safety inspection. _____

- E. All children under 12 years of age who will be on float must have demonstrated their swimming ability to the satisfaction of the Safety Coordinator. _____

- F. Non-swimmers have been identified and will wear Coast Guard approved floatation device or life preserver throughout the float parade and a "non-swimmer aboard" sign has been issued (see rule "O" below for sign placement). _____

- G. Additional Paddlers may be used (if additional paddlers are not used, you must notify head marshal) _____

- H. All wiring is properly shielded against splashing water, rain, dampness, conductive materials, etc. _____

- I. The generator and all electrical wiring and equipment are properly grounded. _____

- J. The generator is safely mounted and positioned. Generator has a working "night light." _____

- K. **No spare gasoline containers are allowed on the float. Fuel tank(s) have been filled prior to the start of the parade.** _____

- L. An approved fire extinguisher and a bucket of sand are on the float and easily accessible. _____

- M. No open flame of any kind will be on the float (exception: YMCA camp Ockanickon entry). _____

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Note: this check list is based on the Canoe Carnival Rules as adopted by the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors. For complete rule relative to any item below, see "Safety Rules."

- N. Float participants and paddlers have practiced an escape plan. _____
- O. All float participants must familiarize themselves with the non-emergency towing protocol. _____
- P. A tow harness is to be attached at each end of the platform or single canoe. Each tow harness will have a glow stick to illuminate the loop end. Glow sticks will be issued by the Safety Inspectors at time of inspection. _____
- Q. Float has an adequate anchor. _____
- R. Sea Anchors are required for floats with two canoes and optional for single canoes. _____
- S. All floats have properly displayed safety identification signs. Signs are of a bright, reflective material with proper numbering & lettering _____
- T. No items of any kind will be thrown/distributed to the audience from the float during the float parade. _____
- U. All two-canoe floats have their canoes covered and sealed with plastic sheeting to form pontoons. _____
- V. The total number of people, including paddlers, on float will not exceed 10. _____
- W. A flashlight is easily accessible by each paddler and the designated operator. _____
- X. Float has an easily accessible spare paddle for each paddler. _____
- Y. NO Alcoholic beverages of any kind will be on the float during the float parade. _____

TO BE SIGNED AT FLOAT INSPECTION ON CANOE CARNIVAL:

Approved for entry: _____ Disqualified for failure to meet Safety requirements: _____

Safety Inspector: _____ Time: _____

WE have read and understand the Medford Lakes Canoe Carnival Rules and Procedures.

Name:

_____ (float captain)

_____ (paddler)

_____ (paddler)