

**Medford Lakes Canoe Carnival  
Safety Check List  
revised March 27, 2023**

Use this form as your safety checklist. The 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 may 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 waterproof 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 “Q” below for sign placement). \_\_\_\_\_
  
- G. All wiring is properly shielded against splashing water, rain, dampness, conductive materials, etc. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- H. The generator and all electrical wiring and equipment are properly grounded. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- I. The generator is safely mounted and positioned with exhaust directed away from paddlers, operator(s), and others on the float. Generator has a working “night light.” \_\_\_\_\_
  
- J. **No spare gasoline containers are allowed on the float. Fuel tank(s) have been filled prior to the start of the parade.** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- K. An approved fire extinguisher is on the float and easily accessible. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- L. No open flame of any kind will be on the float \_\_\_\_\_
  
- M. Float participants and paddlers have practiced an escape plan. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- N. Tow ropes must be installed at the bow and stern of the floats.  
  - 1. Each rope must be 20 feet long with a loop centered at the tow end \_\_\_\_\_

2. Tow ropes must have 2 points of contact with the float to insure even towing. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Each tow harness will have a glow stick to illuminate the loop end. The Safety Inspectors will issue glow sticks at time of inspection. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Ropes must be easily accessible. See Safety Diagram for reference \_\_\_\_\_

O. Float has an adequate anchor. \_\_\_\_\_

P. Sea Anchors are required for floats with two canoes and optional for single canoes. \_\_\_\_\_

Q. All floats have properly displayed safety identification signs. Signs must be no less than 18" x 18". \_\_\_\_\_

1. Float numbers must be prominently displayed in 3 places (two show-side front and back & one lakeside back). \_\_\_\_\_

2. If applicable, non-swimmer aboard sign must be displayed on the lakeside back under float number. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sign indicating the number of people on the float must be displayed on the lakeside back under float number. \_\_\_\_\_

R. No items of any kind will be propelled nor distributed to the audience from the float during the float parade. \_\_\_\_\_

S. All two-canoes floats must have their canoes covered and sealed with plastic sheeting to form pontoons. \_\_\_\_\_

T. The total number of people, including paddlers, on float will not exceed 10. \_\_\_\_\_

U. A flashlight is easily accessible by each paddler and the designated operator. \_\_\_\_\_

V. Float has an easily accessible spare paddle for each paddler. \_\_\_\_\_

W. NO Alcoholic beverages of any kind will be on the float during the float parade. \_\_\_\_\_

X. Total float height from the water is not greater than 40 feet. \_\_\_\_\_

**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 or Representative)