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 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION  
 2017 ATHOL TO ORANGE ATHOL LIONS CLUB RIVER RAT RACE  
 SATURDAY APRIL 8, 2017**

REGISTER IN PERSON ATHOL DAILY NEWS- 225 EXCHANGE STREET, ATHOL, MASSACHUSETTS  
 March 1st, until Thursday April 6th from 8-8, when entries close.

REGISTRATION BY MAIL- by sending entry and \$42.00 check made out to : River Rat Race- P.O. Box 1000, Athol, Mass 01331  
 So that we receive it no later than Thursday April 6, 2017.

Please Print Clearly and Answer all information

1.....  
 NAME Town State Email address Phone  
 2.....  
 NAME Town State Email address Phone

TYPE OF CANOE: Aluminum Canvas Recreational Other (No canoes over 18 feet allowed)

I, as a contestant, fully understand that my personal safety and equipment are the sole responsibility of myself. any loss, or damage to, my person or equipment, regardless of the circumstances involved, is to be considered my responsibility. I have received and read the Official Rules. I also hereby waive and forever release...all related organizations, race directors, other sponsors, agents, representatives from all claims or cause of action which at any time I acquire as a result of participation in said. I attest that I am physically healthy and sufficiently trained to participate.

Date..... Signed ..... Age..... Team Captain M F  
 Signed..... Age..... First Mate M F

**ENTRY FEE \$42.00 Taken by: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Do not fill in below or detach stub- Race Committee will do it**

This stub is necessary to claim any award if eligible

**Reg. No.** .....

**Team**.....

**Starting position**.....

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**Receipt # .....Detach the registration and mail keep the official rules Reg taken by .....**  
**Official Rules Athol to Orange River Rate Race**

1. Canoes must be of a conventional type open construction design with no coverings from front to rear and in good shape. No sculls, Kayaks or Olympic type racing canoes are allowed. canoes must not be over 18 feet in length.
2. Front and back of canoes must be higher than the middle. Canoes shall be .14375Xlength, which shall equal the minimum width 4" above the keel at the canoe's maximum width. Canoes must not be over 18 feet in length. Center depth shall not be less than 11 1/2". No canoes over 18 feet will be allowed.
3. **Life jackets must be worn. (as designed)** during actual race and practice runs No Co2 vests or belts allowed.
4. Canoes must have sufficient flotation and safety lines. (6-8 feet long) must be attached to and stored in both bow and stern to aid in recovery.
5. Canoes must be propelled by single blade paddles only, no motorized or battery operated bailing devices allowed.
6. Canoes No portages allowed. Contestants must follow natural flow of river.
7. The Official Judges reserve the right to make all final decisions in regard to any part of the race.
8. Anyone under 18 years of age must have a parent or guardian to enter and as their partner.
9. Post position drawings will be held at the Athol Memorial Hall Friday April7th at 7:30 PM. All contestants should be present, as you will find out your starting number and receive final instructions. If for any reason you cannot attend, you may pick up your number at the Athol Daily News office before 11 a.m. Saturday. No one can pick up your number for you without a signed note.
10. The race starts on the east bank of the Millers River just upstream of the Main Street Bridge in Athol at 1:00p.m. Sat. April 8, 2017 and finishes 100 yards before the South Main Street Bridge in Orange. The race has a LeMans type start with contestants in their canoes lined up at rivers edge according to post position number. all canoes start at the same time. The starting signal is a single shot fired from a canon. Assembly time starts at 11:30 a.m. **First 45 canoes out of the river will be jiggged and measured. Must have receipt to receive any award.**
11. Trophies and cash awards will be presented at the **Orange Riverfront parkl** at 5:00pm following the race. In addition to regular dual first three place trophies, there will be a special dual for the first three canvas and first three aluminum. Also first three mixed, first three all girl canoes and men and women's recreation classes to cross the finish line after the first three, regardless of what place they finish. No smoking or alcoholic beverages allowed in hall.
12. Cash awards are determined by the number of entries. please include self addressed stamped envelope if you want confirmation that you are signed up.
13. **There will be no refunds.** More information is available at [www.riverratrace.com](http://www.riverratrace.com) or [www.atholdailynews.com](http://www.atholdailynews.com)

**No switching of partners is allowed once positions are drawn, or you will be placed at the back of the race.**

**Also, only return the top half (cut at dotted line, stub must return to committee with application) with payment.**