

Centennial Park, Fort Myers

March 22, 2020 – 10:30 am -12:30 pm \$25 sign-up / \$250 Top Cash Prize & Gifts Proceeds benefit Calusa Waterkeeper

2-mile course / 4 Heats: Elite pro Surf-skis

14' – 17' Class Under 14' Class SUP Boards

PRIZES AWARDED AT 1PM IN CENTENNIAL PARK

Each contestant who registers will be awarded two tickets for the CONCERT FOR CLEAN WATER – March 22 from 4-9pm in Centennial Park RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CALUSA PALOOZA "RACE FOR CLEAN WATER" KAYAK AND PADDLE BOARD RACES

- 1. Races may be cancelled at organizer's sole discretion due to local weather or water conditions as issued the US Coast Guard or local safety agencies. [Registration fees will be reimbursed in case of cancellation]
- 2. All competitors must be "pre-registered" and will have paid our \$25 registration fee, signed the Rules and Regulations Protocol Statement, Eligibility Affidavit and Code of Ethics as well as a Liability Waiver and Image Release Waiver.
- 3. "Leashes" and PFD's (flotation devices) mandatory
- 4. Mandatory Race Rules Meeting for all competitors prior to race with visuals of route, position of spotting boats, safety protocols, etc.
- 5. All Heats will use the same 2-mile course for all levels and all competitors. We will not cross the channel.
- 6. Course travels East from starting point at Centennial Park, travels under Rt 41 bridge turning back at the City Marina. Racers will do 4 laos of the designated route to complete 2 miles.
- 7. Spotting Safety Boats (5 in total along Race Route) will be supplied by Power Squadrons and by Calusa Waterkeeper Ranger Academy
- 8. All Spotting Boats will have a safety evacuation plan and first aid on board
- 9. All Spotting Boats will have communication with other Spotting Boats and with Home Base (race start / finish line).
- 10. Three Spotting Safety Boats are in fixed positions along race route. Two "floaters" can travel to an area of emergency as necessary.
- 11. EMS will have emergency personnel at home base in Centennial Park
- 12. 4 Heats of up to 20 craft:

1. 8:00 am	

- 2. 9:30 am Mandatory Race Rules Meeting (disqualification for not attending)
- 3. 10:30 am Elite pro "Surf-skis Class
- 4. 11:00 am 14' 17' Class
- 5. 11:30 am Under 14' Class

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- 6. 12:00 pm SUP Boards
- 13. Register for your chosen heat at <u>http://ow.ly/HNkC50yiMDq</u> or email <u>manuel.aparicio.iv@gmail.com</u> for more info.
- 14. Once you register, you will be sent a mail with additional logistics, including Parking diagram
- 15. Winners will receive Awards, including prizes and medals at Calusa Palooza Awards Ceremony at 1pm in Centennial Park.

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