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PHATWATER KAYAK CHALLENGE IX

What? You haven't heard of the Phatwater? Well, read on, fair citizen, for this is history in the making!

The Phatwater is a 42.5 mile Kayak and Canoe race on the Mississippi River, held the second Saturday of October. The IXth Annual Phatwater Kayak Challenge, 2010, will be held Saturday, October 9, 2010, in Natchez, Mississippi. The Phatwater is open to all classes: Unlimited Kayaks, K-1s, K-2s, K-4s, C-1s, C-2s, Surfskis, Outrigger Canoes, all recreational paddle craft, inflatable, strip-built and kit-boats. Hobie 'Mirage Drive' kayaks are permitted. Paddlers with physical disabilities are welcome.

The Phatwater does not allow paddle-wheel craft, homemade rafts, or use of an auxiliary motor of any kind, at any time. Participants unable to complete the Phatwater will be escorted to shore by one of our safety/chase boats.

To register for the Phatwater, 2010, please click on "SIGN ME UP", or register from 12 noon until 9 P.M. Friday, October 8, at the Under-The-Hill Saloon, on the riverfront, in Natchez. Online registration participants must be present Friday, October 8, at the Under-The-Hill Saloon, to sign ACA waiver and receive your race packet. Retail Phatwater-Kayak Mississippi items may be purchased at this time.

Registration for 2010 will be \$65. Non ACA members will be assessed an additional fee of \$5 for ACA event membership.

Kayak Mississippi-Phatwater IX will provide a free shuttle the morning of the race. All boats must be dropped at the Put-In, at Grand Gulf, prior to finalizing your registration at the Under-The-Hill Saloon on Friday, October 8. A map to the put-in can be viewed and downloaded here:

<http://www.kayakmississippi.com/downloads/PhatwaterDirections2010.pdf>

On site registration will take place from 8 A.M. until 9 P.M., on Friday, October 9, at the Under-The-Hill Saloon, in Natchez.

We have overnight security at the Put-In. Cockpit covers are strongly advised to prevent creatures of the night from taking up residence in your boat.

Limited 'Hardship Registration' will be held the morning of the Phatwater, at Grand Gulf, for those who cannot make it to Natchez by 9 P.M. Friday, October 8.

PFDs are mandatory for participation in the Phatwater, and must be worn at all times. Failure to comply will result in participants being removed from the course and denied participation in future Phatwater events.

All participants will receive a Phatwater T-Shirt among other items.

Trophies for each class will be awarded. Cash prizes will also be awarded to top finishers, with a cash bonus for the first paddler/s to break the existing record of 3:41:53, set in 2009.

For other information about prizes, categories, trophies, racing conditions, weather forecasts and river levels, safety, gear lists, Zeuglodon sightings, past Phatwater Results, photo galleries, or any other information, please sign up for the Phatwater Blog. This blog will be the new home for all future Phatwater Updates and will be adjusted accordingly. Other Phatwater Alerts, pertinent information, and late breaking news will appear in various locations throughout the Kayak Mississippi web site.

Once you've subscribed to the Phatwater Blog you will receive an email alert every time an update or news item has been added.

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Thanks y'all. See you in October—

