

REGISTRATION FORM

All participants must register for each event. Pre-registration is preferred. Please complete this form and return to the Neuse River Foundation with your check or credit card number to the address shown below.

Neuse & Trent River Classic and Trent River Challenge - \$25 per boat
(also includes all other kayak/canoe races)

- 4-Mile 8-Mile 17-Mile (27K)
- Open Kayak K-1 Age Group: _____
- Open Canoe C-1 Age Group: _____
- Open Canoe C-2 Age Group: _____
- Kayaks—Sea or Touring (18' and under) Age Group: _____

River Dawg Relay and/or Poker Run—\$10 per person (*fee includes both races*)

- Open Race Media & Specialty Races
- All Male Race All Female Race
- Poker Run

Riverkeeper Sunfish Regatta—\$20 per boat Sunfish Sail

Great Twin Rivers Raft Races—\$20 per raft

- Speed Race Regular Race Corporate Challenge (This race requires a corporate sponsorship donation of \$500 or more.)

Cardboard Box Race—\$10 per boat (\$10 additional fee will apply if NRF supplies materials)

- Pre-Built Boat On-Site Built Boat

Great Twin Rivers Rubber Duck Race

- \$5 ticket \$25 for 6 tickets \$50 for 12 tickets

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

CREDIT CARD # _____ Exp. Date _____

Neuse River Foundation, P. O. Box 15451, New Bern NC 28561

NEUSE RIVER DAYS!

June 2 – 4, 2006



**UNION POINT PARK
NEW BERN, NC**

4,8 & 17 Mile Kayak/Canoe Races

Great Twin Rivers Raft Races

Corporate Challenge Raft Race

Riverkeeper Sunfish Regatta

Neuse River Rubber Duck Race

River Dawg Relays & Poker Run

Cardboard Box Canoe Race

**NEUSE RIVER FOUNDATION
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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Friday, June 2

4:00–7:00 pm Pre-registration and reception hosted by Evening Breeze Outfitters (*next to the entrance of Lawson Creek Park*)

7:00 pm Bobby Bare in Concert at the Craven County Fairgrounds

Saturday, June 3

7:00 am All race registration begins (*entrance of Union Point Park*)

8:30am **8-mile Neuse River Classic**

9:00 am **4-mile Trent River Classic**

11:00 am **River Dawg Relays**

12:15 pm Canoe/Kayak Race Awards Ceremony (*Gazebo*)

12:30 pm **Neuse Riverkeeper Sunfish Regatta**

1:00 pm Raft Races Captain's Meeting (*Union Point boat ramp*)

1:30 pm **Great Twin Rivers Speed Raft Race**

2:00 pm **Great Twin Rivers Regular Raft Race**

2:30 pm **New Bern Cup Corporate Challenge Raft Race**

3:30 pm Raft Races Awards Ceremony

7:00 pm River Rats Baseball Game

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BridgePointe Hotel, Fisher Shores, Harbour Yachts,

Poor Charlie's Flea Market & Antiques

COUNTRY MUSIC ARTIST BOBBY BARE IN CONCERT FRIDAY NIGHT!

We'll kick off Neuse River Days this year with this special event at the Craven County Fairgrounds on Hwy. 70E. Co-sponsored by Bear Radio 97.9 and the Neuse River Foundation, the doors will open at 7:00pm, and refreshments will be available for purchase. Ticket prices range by location, so check our website at www.neuseriver.org or call the office at 252-637-7972 for more information. Advance ticket sales are recommended, but tickets can also be purchased at the door based on availability.

In his own quiet way, Bobby Bare has long been regarded as one of Country Music's most innovative and talented writer/performers. Called "an outspoken advocate for new directions in Country Music", "a shrewd judge of talent who helped bring attention to a number of superstars", and "a storyteller who reinvigorated the storytelling tradition in Country Music", Bare has proven to have all these attributes and more. Bare is funny, smart, very laid back, and an individualist who has imprinted his brand of Country Music permanently on the world.

Beginning his music career after serving in the Army, he toured with Pop artists such as Roy Orbison, Jay and the Americans, and Bobby Darrin, and also appeared on "American Bandstand." His top-10 hits include "Detroit City", "500 Miles (Away From Home)", "Miller's Cave", "Four Strong Winds", "It's Alright", "The Streets of Baltimore", and "(Margie's At) The Lincoln Park Inn." He won a Grammy for "Best Country Recording" with "Detroit City" and also was nominated over the next several years for "Best Country Single" and "Best Male Country Vocal Performance". He has recorded with Skeeter Davis, Liz Anderson, Norma Jean, Rosanne Cash, Lacy J. Dalton, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Chet Atkins, and Dr. Hook.

Over the years, Bare has built up a huge core of loyal fans in the US and abroad who turn out for every appearance, creating a party atmosphere by shouting out their requests and singing and clapping with every song. He continues to write and record, and is a lifelong fisherman.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Sunday, June 4

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| 7:30 am | Race registration and meeting for marathon (<i>at Pollockville public boat ramp next to Hwy. 17 bridge over the Trent</i>) |
| 8:30 am | 17-mile (27K) Trent River Canoe and Kayak Challenge |
| 11:00 am | Neuse Riverkeeper Sunfish Regatta |
| 1:00 pm | Workshops Commence (Union Point Park) |
| 2:00 pm | Poker Run |
| 2:00 pm | Marathon Race Awards Ceremony (<i>Union Point Park</i>) |
| 3:00 pm | Neuse River Rubber Duck Race |
| 3:30 pm | Cardboard Box Canoe Race |
| 4:00 pm | Sunfish Regatta Awards (Gazebo) |
| 4:00 pm | Neuse River Foundation Raffle |

DIRECTIONS TO UNION POINT PARK

From US 70 from Kinston: Exit 417, follow signs for New Bern. Union Point Park will be on the right after crossing the drawbridge.

From US 70 from Havelock: Take the first exit for New Bern, crossing the drawbridge. Union Point Park will be on the right after crossing the drawbridge.

From US 17 from Jacksonville: In New Bern, Hwy. 70 is called Martin Luther King Blvd. which becomes Neuse Blvd. When it gets downtown it becomes Broad Street. Continue on Broad Street to the traffic circle and turn right on East Front Street. Union Point Park will be on the left.

KAYAK & CANOE RACES

All races are sanctioned by the NCCRA and the ACA and the 17-mile (27K) race is sanctioned by USAKC. All races are open to the following categories:

- Open Kayak K-1
- Open Canoe C-1
- Open Canoe C-2
- Kayaks (*Sea or Touring, 18' and under*)

Each category is separated into male and female age groups (*18-29, 30-59, and 60+*). Race officials may combine age groups at their discretion if there are fewer than three participants in any age group.

Neuse River Classic (*8 miles*) This race is designed for the truly competitive racer. The course runs up the Neuse River beginning and ending at Union Point Park. Race times averages 1 1/2–2 hours.

Trent River Classic (*4 miles*) This race is for paddlers who prefer a shorter distance course and will run up the Trent River beginning and ending at Union Point Park with times expected to average 1–1 1/2 hours.

Trent River Canoe and Kayak Challenge (*17 miles, 27K*) This marathon is for any serious canoe or kayak racer who wants to test their skills on a variety of waters over the race course. Paddlers may earn points towards USACK national ranking. The race begins in Pollocksville at the Highway 17 bridge over the Trent River and finishes in New Bern at Union Point Park. The first seven miles passes through scenic, wooded areas which are sheltered. Soon after the Trent River widens with more wind or current exposure and boat traffic. Depending on wind and current flow it can either be a quick trip down the river to New Bern or a hard slog for the last three miles. Regardless of the weather, it's a lot of fun and a great paddle. Times expected to average 3–4 hours.

AWARDS

Prizes will be awarded both Saturday and Sunday, depending on the day of each race. The awards ceremonies will take place at Union Point Park at the gazebo.

TRENT RIVER CLASSIC

Overall winner and first place in each category

NEUSE RIVER CLASSIC

Overall winner and first place in each category

TRENT RIVER CANOE & KAYAK CHALLENGE

Overall winners in C-1, C-2, K-1 and Sea or Touring plus **first place in each category**

RIVERKEEPER SUNFISH REGATTA

First and second place, combined races

RIVER DAWG RELAYS

First and second place in each category

POKER RUN

Best overall hand and best hand at each water station

GREAT TWIN RIVERS RAFT RACES

Speed Raft—first and second place

Regular Raft—first place, crowd favorite, best theme, and slowest raft

Corporate Challenge—first place wins the New Bern Cup

CARDBOARD BOX CANOE RACE

First across the finish line, most ingenious design, best decorated, and crowd favorite.

GREAT NEUSE RIVER RUBBER DUCK RACE

First, second, last place, and several random drawings from the pack.

KAYAK & CANOE REGISTRATION

Pre-registration may be made either by mailing this form to the Neuse River Foundation office, at Friday's reception at Evening Breeze Outfitters, at Union Point Park Saturday morning, or in Pollocksville on Sunday morning. Early registration is encouraged.

- All participants must check in at registration prior to races.
- A Coast Guard approved PFD must be worn by every participant.
- An issued race number must be visible on the racer's PFD or boat.
- Proper safety precautions must be taken at all times.
- Racers must follow the designated courses.
- Any racer not finishing a race must report to a support boat or race official.

LAUNCH SITES & PARKING

Canoes & Kayaks. Launch sites for Saturday's races are located at the end of Pollock Street. Boats may be unloaded at the end of Pollock Street, but due to construction in the area, vehicles must be moved to a nearby parking area such as the Sudan Temple or Pak-a-Sak lot.

The launch site for Sunday's marathon race is at Pollocksville at the Hwy. 17 access next to the bridge over the Trent River. Free shuttles will be organized after the race.

Rafts. The launch site is located at the boat ramp between the Comfort Suites Hotel and Union Point Park. The parking lot within Union Point Park is reserved for rafts and vehicles.

Sunfish. The launch site and parking is located on the Bridgeton side of the Neuse at Nick Mathews, Inc., 321 Riverside Drive.



RIVER DAWG RELAYS AND POKER RUN

River Dog Relay Races. Each team will be composed of three members who may paddle canoes, kayaks or aggregates thereof. The course will be a closed loop of approximately 3/4 of a mile. Each team member will paddle the full loop before passing the baton to the next member. The winning team will be the first to have all three paddlers complete the course. These races are Neuse River Days favorites. They are fun to watch and are very competitive. Those with limited skill make up for it by their enthusiasm and desire to win. Four relays are scheduled and paddlers may participate in more than one race.

- Open relay race for any gender mix
- All female race
- All male race
- Media personalities & specialty races

Poker Run. Each participant will collect a playing card from five stations with the first and last on land at the beginning and ending of the run. Each racer will have five cards at the finish, and the person with the highest poker hand is the overall winner. Awards are also made for the highest cards from each of the three on-water station. The Poker Run is designed for those who do not want to race, but would still enjoy participating in an event and having a chance to win. The course is an approximate half-mile paddle with no pressure to finish first. Skill and endurance is not an issue. The only thing needed is a little luck in the draw and the ability to paddle a boat.

FREE INSTRUCTIONAL WORKSHOPS

Scheduled for Sunday, June 4, at Union Point Park, pre-registration is not required. Workshops will be led by experienced area guides/outfitters and may include limited on-water demonstration. Olympic Gold Medalist Greg Barton is scheduled to appear.

- Beginner Canoe Instruction • Fishing • Boating
- Safety • Beginner Kayak Instruction • Advanced Kayak

GREAT TWIN RIVER RAFT RACES

The raft races are great fun for participants and spectators alike! They are a breathtaking event for the rafters, and breathtakingly hilarious for the audience!

Course Description. The start/finish line is near the boat access ramp next to the Comfort Suites at Union Point Park. The course will be marked with spotters and safety boats and is scheduled from the boat ramp to the drawbridge and back. The launch site is located at the boat ramp next to the Comfort Suites. Raft vehicle parking is reserved at the Union Point Park parking area.

Safety.

- PFDs are required for all participants.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- No alcoholic beverages are allowed on the raft or in the starting area.
- No fires or flammable materials may be used.
- Water guns are allowed.
- Safety boats will assist any rafter in distress.

Speed Rafts. Rafts must be human-powered, and mechanical devices such as gears, pedals, paddle wheels, etc. may be used. Rafts may be single or team entries.

Regular Rafts and Corporate Challenge. Rafts must be human-powered without the benefit of mechanical devices. Oars, paddles, poles, etc. may be used. Rafts may be single or team entries.

NEUSE RIVERKEEPER SUNFISH REGATTA

Colorful 12-foot sailboats compete in multiple award races on Saturday and Sunday. The number of races, over a one-mile course in the Neuse River, will depend on wind and weather conditions. All races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing as prescribed by the US Sailing Association. Multiple courses are scheduled (*depending on the size of the course and wind*) and may be multiple times around a possible downwind finish and closed line.

CARDBOARD BOX CANOE RACE

That's right! It's a cardboard box race! All you need is a cardboard box, plenty of duct tape, and some plastic sheeting and you've got a canoe to race! Boats can be made at home in advance or we'll supply the "makings" on Sunday. The only rule is that the canoe cannot be made of anything other than a cardboard box of any size, duct tape and plastic. You'll also need to make your own paddle from the same supplies. Decorate it any way you want. Extra points are given for the most outrageous. First place goes to the canoe that actually finishes the course! Other fun prizes will be offered including best decorated, most ingenious and more! Entries may be individual or team. We'll launch from the boat ramp next to the Comfort Suites hotel.

Safety.

- All participants will wear a PFD.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied on the canoe by a parent or guardian.
- Safety boats, including kayaks & canoes, will be close by to aid any participant as needed.
- All participants must pre-register prior to the race. Registration will be open on Sunday.

GREAT NEUSE RIVER RUBBER DUCK RACE

Have you ever seen 1,000 or more yellow rubber ducks floating in the river? Now is your chance to "Adopt a Duck". Adoption papers will be available throughout the weekend, with the race taking place on Sunday afternoon. The more ducks are adopted, the more ducks are launched and the greater the chances for great prizes! Tickets are \$5 each with prizes going to first, second, and last duck to cross the finish line, as well as random drawings from the pack during the race. This is an excellent opportunity for children to be involved in a water activity as they can choose their own duck and root for its progress. You need not be present to win, but you'll miss all the fun!