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Tip of the Hat

To those participating in the 2023
Autism Acceptance Walk

61st Canton Canoe Weekend is May 5-7

Chicken BBQ Dinner and Recreational Canoe Races

CANTON — A weekend of activities begins on Friday afternoon, May 5, when paddlers take part in the downriver tour on the Grasse River from the Pyrites boat launch at Taylor Park in Canton.

The downriver paddle follows much of the original 1962 racecourse.

On Saturday and Sunday all races begin and end at Taylor Park. Pro paddlers from

across the US and Canada will compete in the C-1 Pro World Championship on Saturday and the C-2 pro races on Sunday.

Amateur and recreational races will be held on Saturday and Sunday, and the weekend will wrap up with 'Try out a Boat' on Sunday afternoon. Whatever your paddling skills, there is fun to be had at Canton Canoe Weekend

If you like to bike, ride to the Little River Boat Launch and cheer on paddlers between 11 a.m. and noon, or ride to Taylor Park and "Try Out a Boat" between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on National "Ride A Bike Day", May 7

GT's Family Restaurant will be at Taylor Park on May 6 from 12:30 p.m.- 4 p.m, cooking up a chicken BBQ. Order in advance at the Canton Canoe

Weekend website to guarantee your dinner.. DJ Double Dutch will be on site providing some great tunes between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Weekend Schedule

Friday May 5

4-6 p.m. - The Rushton Tour, a 4.5 mile downstream recreational paddle from Pyrites to Taylor Park. Launch

See CANOE A7



Recreational races pass the Rushton adaptive canoe/kayak launch at the 2022 Canton Canoe Weekend. The 61st Canton Canoe Weekend starts on May 5. Provided photo

Canoe

From A1

any time between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Saturday May 6

9:30 a.m. - Modern Rushton Races. Recreational races of 1, 3, 5 or 8 miles in length

11:30 a.m. - Recreational Races Awards Ceremony

12 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Music by DJ Double Dutch

12:30 p.m. - C-1 Pro World Championship and C-1/K-1 Amateur Races, 14 and 12 miles in length

12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. or until sold out - GT's Famous Chicken Barbecue - order a full meal or 1/2 chicken

3 p.m. - C-1/K-1 Race Awards Ceremony

3:30 p.m. - Joe Randi/Rushton Relay (Family & Friends, High School, College Challenge and Open Divisions). A fun 2 mile race!

4 p.m. - Raffle Drawing for a Rushton style cedar strip built "Wee Lassie" canoe package, GRB custom colored canoe paddle and antique canoe bookcase

Sunday May 7

10 a.m. - C-2 Pro, C-2 Amateur and K-1 Special races, 14 and 12 miles in length

12:45 p.m. - C-2/K-1 Race Awards Ceremony

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - Try out a Boat: try out a canoe, kayak or paddleboard with assistance from St Lawrence Valley Paddlers

To register for a race, reserve a chicken dinner, or for more information visit: www.cantoncanoeweekend.org