

Chicago River Flatwater Classic

Boat Class ID Chart



Please select the class in which you wish to compete. For detailed descriptions of the classes see the Class Guidelines on the next page. Please record the class number on the registration form.

Please note: Classes have been amended to better reflect the composition of our participants.

Canoe Classes

1. C-2 Adult/Junior
2. C-2 Women Touring
3. C-2 Men Touring
4. C-2 Women Competition Cruising
5. C-2 Men Competition Cruising
6. C-2 Mixed Touring
7. C-2 Mixed Competition Cruising
8. C-2 Mixed Aluminum
9. C-2 Mixed Master Touring/Aluminum
10. C-2 Mixed Senior Touring/Aluminum
11. C-1 Women's Canoe
12. C-1 Men's Canoe

Kayak Classes

13. K-1 Junior Kayak
14. K-1 Women's Downriver
15. K-1 Men's Downriver
16. K-1 Women's Sea Kayak
17. K-1 Men's Sea Kayak
18. K-1 Master Women's Kayak
19. K-1 Master Men's Kayak
20. K-1 Senior Women's Kayak
21. K-1 Senior Men's Kayak
22. K-1 Women's Open Racing
23. K-1 Men's Open Racing
24. K-2 Adult/Junior Kayak
25. K-2 Mixed Open Racing

Other Classes

26. Open Racing - anything seaworthy and paddle-powered not already specified above
27. The Friendly Float - No Contest

Age and Gender Groups

Children must be five years of age or older on the day of the race to participate per insurance specifications.

Junior: 17 or younger on race day

Adult: 18-45 on race day

Master: 45-64 on race day

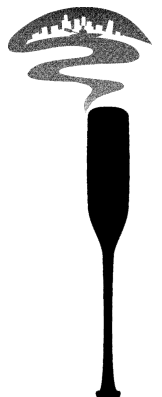
Senior: 65 or older on race day

Mixed classes are open to paddling partners of male/male, female/female, or male/female.

K or C-1 denotes a boat with one paddler.

K or C-2 denotes a boat with two paddlers.

A boat with more than two people must register under class 26 or 27.



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Boat Class Guidelines



Use these handy descriptions to figure out what kind of boat you have and which classes you can enter.

C-1 Canoe Class

Solo (one paddler) canoe, no passengers

C-2 Canoe Class

Tandem (two paddlers) canoe, no passengers

C-2 Touring (Standard) Class

Minimum 50 lb. weight limit. Canoes made of wood, plastic, fiberglass, or weighted Kevlar will be allowed.

Touring - A canoe that is a product of a regular manufacturer (home built canoes that meet the spirit of these rules are allowed) and is intended for recreational (not racing) use. Minimum width at the 4" water line is .15 times the length. No graphite materials allowed. The canoe can not be modified from the original configuration, except that the middle thwart can be replaced with a carrying yoke of identical length. Seats and foot braces can be added but no seats can be removed. USCA standard boats are not allowed.

C-2 Competition Cruising Class

Cruising - A canoe of any material with a maximum length of 18'6" and a minimum width at the 4" water line of .14375 times the length. The minimum bow height is 15.5" and the minimum height of the remainder of the canoe is 11.5". A minimum of 25 lbs. of buoyancy must be provided. USCA Cruisers and Standard canoes meet the specifications for the class.

Aluminum Class

Aluminum - A canoe that is the product of a regular manufacturer and is intended for recreational (not racing) use. No modifications are allowed except bulkheads and seats may be removed, flotation can be moved but not reduced and new seats and foot braces can be added. Any holes drilled must be filled. Maximum length is 18'6".

K-1 Downriver Kayak Class

Downriver Kayak - A kayak of any material with a maximum length of 4.5 meters (14' 9.17") and a minimum width of 60 cm (23.62"). These are "whitewater" or "recreational" kayaks. No skegs or rudders are permitted.

K-1 Sea Kayak Class

Solo (one person) kayak conforming to any sea kayak design. No Olympic or training kayaks allowed.

K-2 Kayak Classes

Tandem (two person) kayaks with varying age groups and designs.

Open Racing Class

Anything goes! Anything seaworthy and paddle powered, that is. ICF canoes, ice canoes, stand-up paddleboards, outriggers, etc.

The Friendly Float - No Contest

Non-competitive. Unlimited number of participants per boat (within rated capacity); any seaworthy, paddle-powered boat may enter. Everyone in the boat must be registered and have a signed waiver.

