

# Chicago River Flatwater Classic

## Boat Class Identification Chart

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

1. C-2 Adult/Youth Adult Over 29/Youth Under 15
2. C-2 Women Touring Canoe Weight: Minimum 50 lb.
3. C-2 Women Competition Cruising
4. C-2 Men Touring Canoe Weight: Minimum 50 lb.
5. C-2 Men Aluminum No Super Aluminum Hulls
6. C-2 Men Competition Cruising
7. C-2 Mixed Touring Canoe Weight: Minimum 50 lb.
8. C-2 Mixed Aluminum No Super Aluminum Hulls
9. C-2 Mixed Competition Cruising
10. C-2 Master Touring/Aluminum Canoe Weight: Minimum 50 lb.
11. C-2 Master Competition Cruising
12. C-1 Women's Canoe
13. C1 Men's Canoe
14. K-1 Women's Downriver Kayak
15. K-1 Men's Downriver Kayak
16. K-1 Women's Sea Kayak
17. K-1 Men's Sea Kayak
18. K-1 Senior Women's Kayak
19. K-1 Senior Men's Kayak
20. K-1 Women's Open Racing
21. K-1 Men's Open Racing
22. K-2 Adult/Youth Kayak
23. K-2 Open Racing
24. Open Racing
25. No Contest "The Friendly Float"

Please note: special class registration is available for disabled paddlers.

### Age Groups

Children under six years of age on the day of the race are not allowed.

Youth: below age 15 on race day

Junior: Ages 15-17 on race day

Adult: 18-44 on the day of the race

Master: 45-64 on the day of the race

Senior: ages 65 or higher the day of the race

Women can compete in any class labeled men's. However, men cannot compete in women's classes.



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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 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 inches and the minimum height of the remainder of the canoe is 11.5 inches. A minimum of 25 pounds of buoyancy must be provided. USCA Cruisers and Standard canoes meet the specifications for this 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 meter (14 feet 9.17 inches) and a minimum width of 60 centimeter (23.62 inches). 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.

### **Open Racing Class**

Anything Goes! (Anything seaworthy and paddle powered, that is) - ICF canoes, K-2 kayaks, ice canoes, voyageur canoes, safari canoes, dragon boats, etc.)

### **No Contest ("The Friendly Float")**

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 signed a waiver.

