

BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE UPDATE 6/18/08

Here are some updated to the race weekend as of 6/18/08 (subject to change)

DUE TO HIGH WATER the following changes will be made:

Down River Race TIME Changed to 10:30 for racers and 10:45 for Citizens.

ALL RACERS MEETING 10AM @ Johnsrud Beach

Down River Race will be a mass shore launch. Boats will be lined up by first come first serve on the beach at Johnsrud starting at 8am. There will be a start line from which you will run down to your boat and launch.

Sprint will be held at the Weigh Station. The course will take about 10min depending on craft. There will be at least one buoy turn and a possible portage over a gravel bar, subject to water level. We will try and have the course marked by 6pm Friday.

UNLIMITED KAYAK RACE. We will have an additional winner take all pot for unlimited kayaks. This will be for a separate cash purse, no points; boats must be solo and over 18'6". We will have a sprint at the Weigh Station at 12:30pm winner takes all \$250 and a down river Johnsrud to the Weigh Station for \$250 at 5pm. We will only run these events if 3 or more enter.

Additional Warnings and Cautions:

WATER LEVELS ARE HIGH. This means a lack of eddies so keep your boat upright. The rapids are very washed out allowing fairly rock free passage but use **EXTREME CAUTION. RACE AT YOUR OWN RISK.**

Floation is **HIGHLY** encouraged for all boats.

YOU MUST WEAR a US coast guard approved type 3 or 5 PFD vest.

NO Electric bailers, motors or other shenanigans. I will DQ any one not racing with the "proper spirit".

PARKING at sheep flats should be on the main road the lower parking lot will be for loading and unloading **ONLY!**