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Venice Canal Association Presents the Annual 4th of July Duck Race Fundraiser 2026

*Rubber Ducky Race, Live Music, Wind-powered Regatta & Community Celebration
Return to the Historic Venice Canals This Independence Day*

VENICE, CA — The Venice Canal Association (VCA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to preserving and celebrating the historic Venice Canals, is proud to announce the return of its beloved annual **4th of July Duck Race Fundraiser** on **Friday, July 4, 2026**, from **1:00pm to 4:00pm** at **Sherman & Grand Canal** in Venice, California.

The Duck Race has grown into one of the most anticipated community events on the Westside of Los Angeles — drawing hundreds of Venice neighbors, families, and visitors for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun, friendly competition, and neighborhood pride along one of the city's most unique and cherished landmarks.

"The Venice Canal Duck Race is the highlight of our summer — it brings the whole neighborhood together in a way that's truly special to this community."

This year's event features the crowd favorite **Rubber Ducky Race** — where rubber ducks are released into Sherman & Grand Canal and race to the finish line, the **Downwind Regatta** — a race of homemade wind-powered boats built by local residents — along with live music by local band **Circa '77**, local tacos and ice cream, a **Duck Decorating Table**, and Venice Canals **Duck Crew hats and tees**.

Why this fundraiser matters? This is the Venice Canal Association's biggest community celebration and fundraiser of the year. All proceeds directly support the VCA's mission to protect, preserve, and enhance the Venice Canals. Funds raised support canal beautification, bridge rehab, saltbush plantings, maintaining our coastal access trail, canal events, community programming, and more.

EVENT DETAILS AT A GLANCE

■ Date	Friday, July 4, 2026
■ Time	1:00pm – 4:00pm (Duck sales open at 10:00am)
■ Location	Sherman & Grand Canal, Venice, California
■ Duck Race	1:30pm — rubber ducks released into the canal by our Councilwoman Traci Park!
■ Regatta	2:00pm — Wind-powered homemade boat race
■ Live Music	Circa '77 performing throughout the afternoon
■ Food	Local tacos, frescas & ice cream (vendor TBD)

■ Prizes	7 prizes including Duck Race (1st/2nd/3rd), Regatta (1st/2nd/3rd) & Best Dressed
■ Kids	Duck Decorating Craft Table for children of all ages
■ Duck Sales	\$5.00 donation per duck — pre-sale weekends June 20–21 & June 27–28, 12–4pm
■ Website	VeniceCanals.org

Ducks may be purchased during pre-sale weekends on **Saturday & Sunday, June 20–21** and **Saturday & Sunday, June 27–28** from **12:00pm to 4:00pm** across from the Duck Park at the corner of **Dell Ave & Linnie Canal (Court D)**, and on **July 4th from 10:00am to 1:00pm** at Sherman & Grand Canal. Last year's event sold out — early purchase is encouraged.

ABOUT THE VENICE CANAL ASSOCIATION

The Venice Canal Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to preserve, protect, and celebrate the historic Venice Canals — a rare and irreplaceable part of Los Angeles history. Built in 1905 by Abbot Kinney as a replica of Venice, Italy, the canals were restored in the 1990s and today serve as the centerpiece of one of LA's most distinctive neighborhoods. The VCA advocates for canal maintenance, organizes community events, and works to keep this landmark accessible and vibrant for generations to come. Learn more at VeniceCanals.org.

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The Venice Canal Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All proceeds from the 4th of July Duck Race Fundraiser support VCA programs and the preservation of the Venice Canals.