



VENICE CANALS ASSOCIATION

# 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION!



## DUCK RACE FUNDRAISER & DOWNWIND REGATTA

Bring the family out for our *Biggest Neighborhood Tradition of the year!*

**SAT, JULY 4  
10 AM - 4 PM**

**SHERMAN &  
GRAND CANAL**

**DUCKY  
PRE-SALE DAYS**

**SAT & SUN  
JUNE 20 & 21  
JUNE 27 & 28  
(12-4PM)**

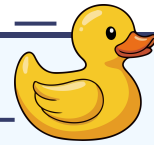
**DUCKS JUST  
\$5 EACH**

*(at Dell Ave across  
Linnie Canal park)*



**12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Live Music & Local Eats**

- Live music by *Circa '77*
- Local eats & treats
- Duck Crew merch
- Photo booth



**1:00 PM Sharp:  
THE GREAT DUCK RACE**  
at Sherman & Grand Canal  
pedestrian bridge  
with Councilwoman Traci Park  
**Duck sales & decorating table  
10AM - 1PM**

**2:00PM:  
DOWNWIND REGATTA**

If it floats, it's a boat! Build a wildly creative, 100% wind-powered vessel. Line up at the Sherman & Grand Canal starting zone at 2:00pm.  
**Registration required\*.**  
Race kicks off at 2:15pm.



**3:00PM  
CEREMONY:  
Prices & Awards**

- Top 3 Duck Finishers
- Top 3 Fastest Regatta Vessels
- The "Best Dressed" Creative Award

All proceeds support preserving and protecting the historic Venice Canals — beautification, bridge rehab, plantings, safety initiatives, events & more.

**\*FLIP OVER TO FILL OUT YOUR REGATTA ENTRY & SAFETY WAIVER!**

To help support the VCA 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration and other fun events, please consider donating or volunteering. If you're not a VCA member yet, please join us!

[VeniceCanals.org](http://VeniceCanals.org)



# DOWNWIND REGATTA FORM

## Rules, Guidelines & Safety Agreement



### OFFICIAL REGATTA RULES

- **Propulsion:** All vessels must be strictly wind-powered only. No motors, paddles, or manual pushing allowed once the race starts. Let your imagination run wild!
- **Preparation:** All entries must be fully built, prepped, and ready prior to assembly at the starting line.
- **Bridge Clearance:** Vessel sails and masts must be able to fit safely under the bridges along the canal race route.
- **Safety Requirement:** ALL children under 15 years old on boats **MUST** wear life vests at all times during the race. No exceptions.
- **Registration:** This form must be filled out completely and turned into the Race Committee at the start line prior to 2:00pm.

### Captain's Entry Sheet

Cool Boat Name: .....

Captain & Crew Names: .....

Neighborhood Address: .....

Phone/Cell Phone: .....

Email: .....

Signature (Parent/Guardian if Minor): .....

Date: .....

### THE LEGAL STUFF (ASSUMPTION OF RISK & WAIVER)

#### RACE ENTRY AGREEMENT - Please Read Carefully

If you do not agree to these conditions, you must not participate in this activity. In consideration of acceptance of my/our entry by the Venice Canals Association ("VCA") in the July 4th 2026 Downwind Regatta ("the Activity"), I/we acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. Designing, building, and racing my/our vessel in the Activity is completely at my/our own risk. I/we undertake the Activity of my/our own free will and am/are responsible for my/our own safety. I/we understand the Activity will not be supervised by trained lifeguards or safety officers. Those individuals volunteering to assist with the event take no action to mitigate natural risks and offer no guarantee of safety. All individuals under 18 must have this form signed by their parent or legal guardian.
2. I/we understand children on boats **MUST WEAR** life vests during the Activity. I/we have carefully read, understand, and agree to be bound by this agreement.
3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK: THERE ARE RISKS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY, AND I/WE FREELY ASSUME ALL RISKS, INCLUDING PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH TO MYSELF AND MY CREW, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO MY VESSEL AND ITS EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS UNFORESEEN RISKS.
4. WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I/WE WAIVE ALL CLAIMS, FOREVER RELEASE AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE VCA, IT'S MEMBERSHIP, AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS WELL AS ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN SPONSORS OF THE ACTIVITY, FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY AND ALL INJURY ARISING FROM MY/OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY.

Signature (Parent or guardian if minor): .....

Date: .....