

## Medford Lakes 2017 Canoe Carnival Safety Check List

Use this form as your safety checklist. Safety director will provide final form at time of inspection

**Floats which have not had a safety inspection and/or floats disqualified for safety reasons will NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FLOAT PARADE. Floats which violate safety rules during the float parade will be prohibited from further participation in the parade.**

- A. Float Captain, or their designee, attended Captain's Safety Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_  
**Failure to attend the Captain's Safety meeting will result in a 50 point deduction from a Float's final score.**
  
- B. Float is ready for inspection at proper time. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- C. One Coast Guard approved floatation device or life preserver for \_\_\_\_\_  
per person on float. (MANDATORY PER STATE LAW)
  
- D. **Each person on the float is to have a glow stick, highly visibility material (reflective strip), or water proof light attached to themselves or life jacket. Glow sticks have provided by the Safety Inspectors at time of safety inspection** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- E. **All Children under 12 years of age who will be on float have demonstrated their swimming ability to the satisfaction of the Safety Coordinator.** \_\_\_\_\_
  
- F. Non-swimmers have been identified and will wear Coast Guard approved \_\_\_\_\_  
floatation device or life preserver throughout the float parade and a  
"non-swimmer aboard" sign has been issued (see rule "O" below for sign placement).
  
- G. Additional Paddlers may be used (if additional paddlers are not used, you must notify head marshal) \_\_\_\_\_
  
- H. All wiring is properly shielded against splashing water, rain, dampness, \_\_\_\_\_  
conductive materials, etc.
  
- I. The generator and all electrical wiring and equipment are properly grounded. \_\_\_\_\_
  
- J. The generator is safely mounted and positioned. Generator has a working \_\_\_\_\_  
"night light."
  
- K. **No spare gasoline containers are on float. Fuel tank(s) have \_\_\_\_\_  
been filled prior to the start of the parade**
  
- L. An approved fire extinguisher and a bucket of sand are on the float. \_\_\_\_\_  
Both the fire extinguisher and the bucket of sand are easily accessible.
  
- M. No open flame of any kind will be on the float \_\_\_\_\_  
(exception: YMCA camp Ockanickon entry).

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*Note: this check list is based on the Canoe Carnival Rules as adopted by the Medford Lakes Colony Board of Directors. For complete rule relative to any item below, see "Safety Rules."*

- N. Float participants and paddlers have practiced an escape plan. \_\_\_\_\_
- O. **Tow Ropes are to be 20 feet long with a loop at the tow end.**  
**Each tow rope will have a glow stick to illuminate the loop end.**  
**Glow sticks will be issued by the Safety Inspectors**  
**at time of inspection.** \_\_\_\_\_
- P. Float has adequate anchor. \_\_\_\_\_
- Q. **Sea Anchors are required for floats with two canoes and**  
**optional for single canoes.** \_\_\_\_\_
- R. **All floats have properly displayed safety identification signs.**  
Signs are of a bright, reflective material with proper numbering & lettering \_\_\_\_\_
- S. No items of any kind will be thrown / distributed to the audience from  
the float during the float parade. \_\_\_\_\_
- T. All two-canoes floats have their canoes covered and sealed with plastic  
sheeting to form pontoons. \_\_\_\_\_
- U. The total number of people, including paddlers, on float will not exceed 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- V. A flashlight is easily accessible by each paddler and the designated operator. \_\_\_\_\_
- W. Float has an easily accessible spare paddle for each paddler. \_\_\_\_\_
- X. NO Alcoholic beverages of any kind will be on the float during the float parade. \_\_\_\_\_

**TO BE SIGNED AT FLOAT INSPECTION ON CANOE CARNIVAL:**

Approved for entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Disqualified for failure to meet Safety requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Safety Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**WE have read and understand the Medford Lakes Canoe Carnival Rules and Procedures.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (float captain)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (paddler)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (paddler)