

The sharks are winding up their birthing season so let's leave those inhibitions (along with your check books) in the car and get out there before those pups get much bigger. **The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Knot race is on!** So pick out your best Sunday go to meeting dry top and get your tail tow tether down to Lewes for some good clean fun!

When: Sunday 10-09-11 at 10:15 am - Please be IN the water and ready by then. We have a ferry to catch.

Where: Lewes Public Beach - Type in Bayview and Savannah, Lewes, Delaware, into your favorite map program or GPS. [Google Maps](#)

What: Excuse to "race" a gorgeous course with some of the most "seasoned" paddlers from the area. Check out [www.delmarvakayak.net](http://www.delmarvakayak.net) for some history on the race and the Course Maps.

Why: It's Free! I mean who could put a price on paddling our beautiful Cape with your fellow fun loving, swag hoarding, "racers"? I couldn't.

#### New this year:

- Wet Start - Yes you heard me. All "racers" will start standing next to their boats in at least waist deep water. Come dressed for immersion or else.
- Post "Race" Pot Luck\* - This year we are asking that you bring more than just your bananas to share (easy boys). Please bring along your favorite post-race carb-load to share and your discretely packaged beverage of choice. I am hoping that this will encourage more gear and skill sharing. To quote Sir Francis Bacon: "Knowledge is Power". Mmmm Bacon.
- Environmentally inspired and trendy "Green" trophy recycling program. Please bring all trophies looking for a forever home and they will be placed with a loving "racer". At least until next year.

#### Same as last year:

- Tee Shirts! Bring some petty cash (\$10.00) to pick one up for yourself so you can show the world that yes.... You where Knot there.
- Costumes – Wearing a costume is always encouraged especially if it involves flowery shorts, tiaras and maybe the occasional Viking helmet.
- Facilities – Please empty your tanks before arriving at the race as the City of Lewes boards up the public bathrooms after 9/30. This should "not" be a problem for those of us accustomed to paddling long distances in open water. We have our ways. Think of the wet start as a second chance for all you procrastinators.
- The race will be divided into one class per entrant. Even those with no class will be given one to use for the day.
- Parking: Plenty of it, courtesy of the City of Lewes. Leave your quarters at home because public parking is free after 9/30.
- Award Ceremony: Will be held simultaneously with the pot puck at Lewes Beach, weather permitting. Those of you accustomed to more formal accommodations better pack your foldy chairs and favorite spork.

➤ **If you are coming please let us know by participating in the poll at: [Poll](#)**

Surprise entries will result in a shortage of swag and many sad faces. And if you're not racing come cheer the others on and help carry us and our gear to our cars after the fun.

Don't forget to print and fill out your [Registration Form](#). It will be your ticket from lost to found if you happen to deviate from the course. Just sayin....

### **Safety:**

The conditions and the weather can be unpredictable. Please be equipped and dressed as conditions warrant. Not sure what you will need to make you safer? Always dress for immersion. Wear your PFD. And bring a skirt, hand pump and whistle (Real men wear skirts, just ask the Scots).

So let's all "not" get together for the fourth time to Knot Race! 20 years from now when some nosey News Corp. reporter asks... "Mam, were you really at the fourth Knot Race?" You will be able to look him straight in his beady little eyes and say... "I was Knot... Hey! Who are you calling Mam, Sonny!?"

See You on the Beach!

Jeff E.

\*Weather disclaimer... In the event the weather is not our friend the pot luck will be magically transformed into a more "formal" (please wear clothes) affair at a yet-to-be-named local watering hole. Though tested but not perfected, Course B is also a fully functional option if necessary.