



## Mission Reach Flotilla Festival 2018 Water Parade & Contests' Rules

### Registration Application Process

- Prior registration for both the Flotilla costume contest and paddling parade is required. There will be no on-site registration for the costume contest.
- Register online at [www.sariverfound.org/flotilla](http://www.sariverfound.org/flotilla)
- Registrations are limited in number and will be received on a first come first served basis until Friday, April 12, 2018.
- Participants can sign up for 3 categories:
  - Decorate Yourself
  - Decorate You and Your Pet
  - Float Only (In the water parade, no decoration)

**Registration must be completed by Friday April 12, 2018**

*Contact Information provided on this form will be used to provide details, logistics, and parking passes/ information. Please make sure the e-mail address and phone number you provide are the best ways to reach you.*

### Flotilla Water Parade Rules:

- Safety first!
- Life jackets must be supplied by the participant.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.
- Radios or any other electrical equipment are not allowed.
- Alcohol and/or bottled glass beverages are not allowed on the river.
- Motorized or inflatable watercrafts are not allowed on the river.
- Horse playing or splashing in the river is not allowed.
- Participants will be required to move their own vessel and decorations about 200 feet and down a slope from the unloading area to the paddling area. Event staff and volunteers may not be able to assist.

### **Costume Contest Rules:**

- No decorations allowed on the canoes, kayaks, or paddleboards, and no part of the costume is allowed to touch the water during the paddling parade.
- Decorations may not prevent the wearer from safely paddling. Items too bulky, heavy, or inhibiting visibility will not be allowed on the water. For questions about permissible costumes, please contact Matthew Driffill at 210-302-3222.
- No logos or other self-promotion is allowed on watercraft.
- This is a family-friendly event. Costumes must be tasteful for all viewing audiences.
- Clothing and shoes must be worn.
- The throwing of confetti, beads, candy, or party decorations in the river or to spectators is strictly prohibited.
- Life jackets are required for all participants regardless of age and must be worn at all times while on the water. Decorations can be attached to life jackets as long as they do not inhibit their function.
- Pets must sit fully on the watercraft and not swim alongside. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of your pet, please contact Matthew Driffill at 210-302-3222.

### **Other Logistics:**

**Distance:** Watercraft will begin upstream of VFW Blvd to start the parade. The parade will travel a distance of approximately 1km downstream to Padre Park. Watercraft will then travel 1km back upstream to disembark near to where they began. Participants will receive parking permits to park in the VFW lot to unload/ load their paddling equipment. (see parade route map below)

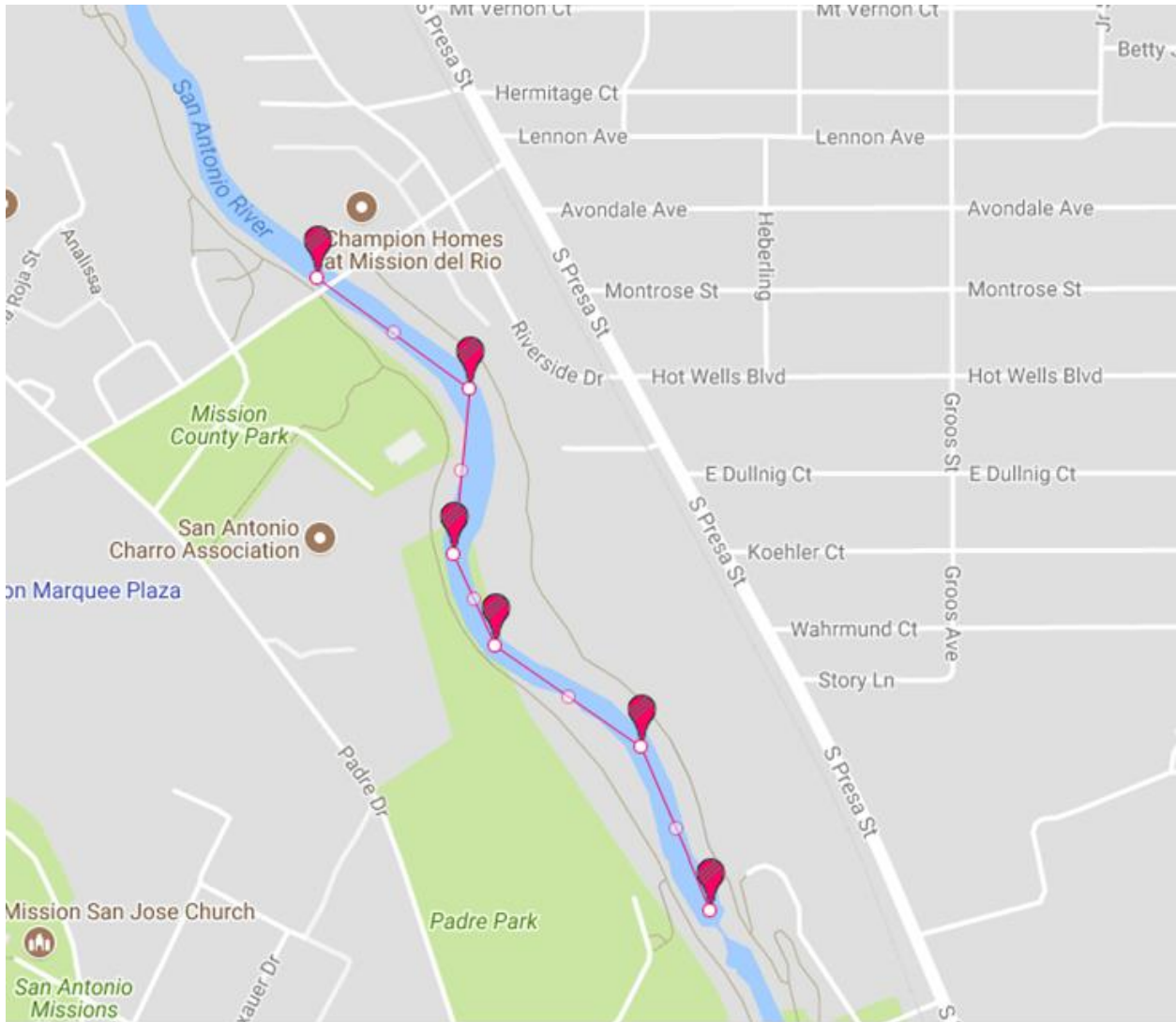
**Time:** Drop off as early as 8:00am, watercraft must be on the water in the proper order (provided by Staff upon check-in) and ready for judging by 10:45am. Vessels will travel as a group downstream from 11:00am-11:30am. Then return upstream and loaded into vehicles. Awards for judged floats will be announced at 12:30pm on the Main Stage.

**Order:** The Flotilla water parade participants will be lined up in the following order:

1. Decorated People with their pets
2. Decorated People
3. Float Only (no decoration)

**Awards:** A first and second prize will be awarded for both the “Decorate You and Your Pet” and “Decorate Yourself” categories.

Please direct questions to Matthew Driffill, San Antonio River Authority Recreation Superintendent, at 210-302-3222 or [mdriffill@sara-tx.org](mailto:mdriffill@sara-tx.org).



Parade route map: begins and ends at VFW Bridge, turnaround near Padre Park. Roundtrip 2km.

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