

PUBLIC EVENT/SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

City of Somerville, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Application #: PEL25-000007

File #: 25-001834

Application for: Public Event

Organization name: Mystic River Watershed Association

Description: The Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle includes a 5K run/walk race and three paddling races (3, 9, and 12 miles), and a guided bike ride courtesy of Bike to the Sea. Walk, run, paddle, bike or cheer. There's something for everyone! All events are held at the DCR Blessing of the Bay Boathouse in Somerville. The 5K course continues along the Mystic River bike path and through DCR Torbert Macdonald Park. There are no street crossings on this flat course. Children's activities, music, information booths, food, and an awards ceremony are part of the event

Date(s): 05/18/2025

Setup starts at (time): 7am

Entertainment: Music

Attendees:

Max attendance at one time: 500

Maximum attendees accommodated: 600

Attendee fees or suggested donations: Those who want to participate in the races will have a fee between \$25-\$40. Spectators are free.

Social or cultural benefits:

This 5K run and three paddling races are open to the public. In the past, cultural groups and youth groups have created teams and participated in the race.

Event Contact: ShaSha Kingston

Event name: Mystic River Herring Run and Paddle

Location: A 5K run starting from Blessing of the Bay Boathouse (32 Shore Dr.) going along the bike path around Mystic River, Mystic Valley Parkway, and Fellsway and ending back at 32 Shore Dr. Also three paddling races starting from Blessing of the Bay Boathouse along Mystic River and Mystic Lakes.

Rain date(s): N/A

Event ends at (time): 3pm

Temporary Structures: Tents for local organizations to table. Size of tents is approximately 6 feet

Total people attending: 500

Total Somerville residents attending: 75

What is your budget for this event: About \$10,000

Financial benefits:

Paddle Boston, located at Blessing of the Bay Boathouse will receive business due to participants renting kayaks for their paddling race. Local business have been invited to sponsor the event, providing prizes to participants, which is great for exposure. Local nonprofits have been invited to table at the event.

Event Contact Phone: (617) 865-6580

Event Information	Yes/No	If yes, Describe
Open to the public?	Yes	MyRWA website, newsletter, social media posts. Paddle Boston will advertise at the boathouse.
Food served?	Yes	Light breakfast donated by local organization. Granola bars, fruit, pastries.
Caterer used?	No	
Alcohol served?	No	
Grill/open-flame device used?	No	
Streets blocked?	Yes	Lane closure: the right lane on Fellsway southbound from the barracks down to Shore Drive in Somerville near the Blessing of the Bay.
Sidewalks blocked?	No	
Describe any accessibility features available to		Handicap Porta-potty, back pads for kayaks

attendees/participants

Arrangements:

Police Detail:	Yes	Two Massachusetts State Police officers will be on site during race registration, assisting with traffic management. Once the race begins, one officer will relocate to the corner of Shore Drive and the Fellsway Bridge (racers turn onto Shore Drive at this point), assisting with race direction and /or the lane closure. The other officer will remain at the boathouse to be available if needed.
Parking (for Attendees)?	No	
Restrooms?	Yes	Flush will deliver and remove two porta potties day-of the event.
Liability Insurance?	Yes	We have insurance from Great American and Paddlesport
Will any public parks be used?	Yes	Blessing of the Bay Park
Has the event occurred in the last two years?	Yes	May 19th, 2024

Approved By:

CS Mayor, Approved

Kevin Roche, Approved

CS Traffic and Parking, Approved

Eric Weisman, Approved

Susan Yerkes, Approved with Conditions

Applicant also needs a park permit.

Charles Breen, Approved

Timothy Mitsakis, Approved

Kabir Bedi, Approved