

DR. ERASMUS P. KITTY'S  
**GREAT  
WEST END  
& RAILROAD SQUARE**  
**HAND-CAR  
REGATTA**  
**& EXPOSITION**  
of MECHANICAL and ARTISTIC  
**WONDERS**

Form No. M21b

**HAND  
CAR  
SAFETY  
RULES**

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THE 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GREAT WEST END & RAILROAD SQUARE  
**HAND-CAR REGATTA & EXPOSITION**  
~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2008 ~  
11AM to 6PM - RACES at 1PM

# SAFETY FIRST!

## HAND-CAR RACE RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The handcar race is conducted on a course 700 feet in length.
2. A race team can be composed of up to five members.
3. All competitors must be at least 14 years of age. Special exceptions may be considered.
4. Each team must have a captain who is one of the five team members. Team Captain represents that all persons participating in, or associated with their team have agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of all rules herein stated. The Captain is the only person who may represent their team to the Race Officials. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring that their team is ready to race at the scheduled time.
5. Each team must register and sign a waiver prior to the race.
6. Safety must be a concern of all competitors while on the vehicle.
7. Team substitutes, known as alternates, will be allowed up until the time of check in for the race.
8. All teams must be present for the pre race safety meeting on the morning of the race, after checking in.
9. Teams will be assigned a time trial heat, which will be posted on race day. All teams are required to check in at the heat starting time. If unable to compete at the appointed time, the team will be moved to the end of the heat.
10. For Finals, the team's roster, as identified upon registration at the Time Trials, becomes the official roster for the Finals. If in the Finals a team is not prepared to race at its appointed time, the team will be moved back one position. If the team is not ready at the adjusted time, the team will be disqualified.
11. The race will be run regardless of weather, unless unsafe operating conditions exist, and all times will be official. The Race Committee will determine if such conditions are deemed to be unsafe.
12. Participants found in violation of rules or practices unethical or inimical to the event may be disqualified from competition. The Race Committee shall reserve the right to disqualify, remove or refuse entry of any team or team member whose conduct is or has been detrimental to the event, including but not limited to: willful violation of any rule, unsportsmanlike conduct, challenging or threatening any race official, or damaging/vandalizing property. The Race Committee shall have the right to enforce any disqualification for whatever term the committee feels the violation warrants, including indefinitely.
13. Competitors are expected to refrain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or other controlled substances prior to, or while operating the handcar. Any competitor found in violation of this rule will be disqualified from competition.
14. The Race Committee shall have the right to waive any rule (or portion thereof), if the committee determines it is in the best interest of the event, or when presented with proof of extenuating circumstances. The Race Committees decision is final.
15. The Hand-Car Regatta retains the right to use any photographs or other recordings depicting participants in this event for any purpose.
16. The Regatta Foundation & SMART assume no responsibility for any loss or damage to the property of participants.
17. **WAIVER:** In consideration of participation in the Great West End & Railroad Square Hand-Car Regatta & Exposition, participants, intending to be legally bound, do hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release forever any and all rights and claims for damage against the State of California, City of Santa Rosa, SMART and the Jones & White LLC Hand-Car Race Committee, their officers, employees, volunteers, and all sponsors of this event, and assigns from any and all injuries suffered by themselves while traveling to or from or while participating in this event. Participants attest that they are physically fit and understand

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this event requires strength and endurance, and recognize and accept the responsibility of participating in any event of such difficulty. Participants will assume their own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident or other incapacity or injury resulting from or occurring during their participation.

NOTE: The hand car races are timed by hand timers and are recorded to 1/100th of a second.

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I have read and understand and agree to abide by the Safety Rules and Regulations as written in this document. I accept full responsibility for my own safety at the 2008 Hand-Car Regatta.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_