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**Wavechaser Paddle Series**

Attn: Mike Martinez  
5616 Wintergreen Dr.  
Newark, CA 94560

Dear Sir:

Your marine event application is approved for the following:

<b>Permit Number:</b>	<b>SF-09-1222-1223</b>
<b>Event:</b>	<b>U.S. Surfski Championships</b>
<b>Dates:</b>	<b>August 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 – 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>
<b>Event Type:</b>	<b>Surfskis</b>
<b>Number of Participants:</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>See application</b>
<b>Point of Contact:</b>	<b>Mike Martinez – (650) 670-7108</b>
<b>Sponsor Provided Safety:</b>	<b>7 Boston Whalers</b>
<b>Requested Coast Guard Resources:</b>	<b>None Requested</b>
<b>Safety Zone Requirements:</b>	<b>None Required</b>
<b>Environmental Review:</b>	<b>Categorically excluded from environmental review NEPA -90 (CATEX attached)</b>

Marine event sponsors are responsible for the safety of their events. This permit does not exempt the event sponsor or participants from any Federal, state or local laws or regulations, including county no-wake zones. You may be required to obtain additional permits required by applicable local municipalities, the State of California or other Federal agencies. This permit does not grant permission to use any private property that may be impacted by your event without the consent of its owner. In addition please note that this permit does not allow closure of any navigable waterway or placement of unapproved buoys associated with your event. **Unless you have already done so please contact Sergeant Danny Lopez of the San Francisco Police Department Marine Patrol at (415) 409-1020 and Sergeant Scott Mayberry of the Marin County Sheriff's Marine Unit at (415) 499-7437 and notify them of your intentions so they may advise you of any additional local requirements.**

Parts of San Francisco Bay and adjacent waterways are considered "narrow channels or fairways" by the U.S. Coast Guard. **Please remind all event participants that this permit does not exempt them from following Rule 9 of the Navigation Rules, which prohibit interference with vessels that can only navigate within these areas.**

**For your safety and the safety of others, we must require that you check in with Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) San Francisco before you make any last minute changes to the location or time of your event, before your event begins and immediately after it concludes.** VTS can be reached at (415) 556-2760 or on VHF-FM Channel 14 (156.7 MHz). This requirement is necessary to ensure that your event is considered as VTS Controllers continually evaluate the ever-changing traffic.

U.S. COAST GUARD  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION  
FOR

**Wavechaser Paddle Series**

**“U.S. Surfski Championships”**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23rd, 2009 – 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**USCG Sector San Francisco Marine Event Permit SF-09-1222 - 1223**

The marine event described in the attached permit has been thoroughly reviewed by the U.S. Coast Guard. It has been determined by the undersigned to be categorically excluded under current Coast Guard CE #35(a) from further environmental documentation, in accordance with 2.B.2 and Figure 2-1 of the NEPA Implementing Procedures, COMDTINST M16475.1C, since implementation of this action will not result in any:

1. Significant cumulative impacts on the human environment;
2. Substantial controversy or substantially change existing environmental conditions;
3. Impacts which are more than minimal on properties protected under the National Historic Preservation Act;

AUG 20 2009  
Date

  
Preparer

Marine Event Coordinator  
Title/Position

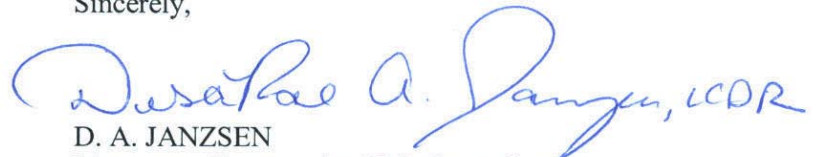
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Date

  
Responsible Official

Chief, Waterways Management Division  
Title/Position

We hope you have a safe and enjoyable event. If you have any questions or need to advise us of any changes to your event, please contact MSTC Brian Clark at (415) 399-7440 or [Brian.D.Clark@uscg.mil](mailto:Brian.D.Clark@uscg.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deshae A. Janzen, LCDR". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'D'.

D. A. JANZSEN  
Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Coast Guard  
Chief, Waterways Management Division  
By direction

Copy: U.S. Coast Guard Station Golden Gate  
U.S. Coast Guard Station San Francisco