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Dominion Riverrock river events will go on as planned, but participants must obtain a high water permit due to flood conditions

RICHMOND, VA – With water levels expected to rise as high as 16.3 feet by Saturday, May 17 at 12 p.m., Dominion Riverrock is requiring all [Kayak Freestyle](#), [Kayak Boatercross](#), and [SUP Cross](#) participants to **obtain a high water permit in order to compete**. High water permits can be purchased for \$10 at the fire station located at 411 E. Commerce Rd. All paddlers must also have bombproof rolls.

“The paddlers in these events need to be highly qualified experts that are comfortable paddling in boils, whirlpools, large waves and breaking holes,” said Sports Backers executive director Jon Lugbill. “We are both excited about having high water for this event and concerned for safety, so we want to make sure that only paddlers that feel comfortable on the river in flood take part.”

Lugbill is also the race director for these river events and reserves the right to prohibit anyone from participating based on his judgment of their skill level.

Any participants that do not feel comfortable on the river during flood conditions can request a refund by e-mailing info@sportsbackers.org. All refunds will be processed within one week.

For more information and festival updates, please visit www.dominionriverrock.com, ‘LIKE’ the [Dominion Riverrock Facebook page](#), and follow @RiverrockRVA on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#). The Dominion Riverrock mobile app is also available for download in the [iTunes app store](#) and [Google Play](#).

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About Dominion Riverrock

Dominion Riverrock, organized by Venture Richmond and the Sports Backers, began in 2009 and is now the nation's premier outdoor sports and lifestyle festival, bringing athletes, spectators, musicians, and even dogs to Brown's Island for a three-day festival against the backdrop of downtown Richmond's urban riverfront. The festival features a variety of outdoor sports including trail running, kayaking, biking, bouldering, slacklining, stand up paddleboarding, and dog jumping. The event was designed to promote Richmond's unique riverfront, downtown trails and whitewater rapids to outdoor enthusiasts. As a result of the creation of Dominion Riverrock, there is a stronger appreciation for the value of outdoor recreation throughout the entire Richmond region.