

**RIVERSWEEP VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION FORM AND
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM**

1. **Risk of Activities:** I understand that participation in the activities of the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation, Inc. ("CRF"), the Catawba Riverkeeper, the Lakekeepers, and the Covekeepers (the "Activities") involves risks that may be greater than other common activities including but not limited to, risks involved with being on and around the water, of piloting and using boats and other water craft, of lightning and severe weather, of sampling potentially contaminated water and effluent, and the risks of personal injury and drowning. I have considered the risks and I am willing to accept and assume all risks relating to my involvement with the Activities. I hereby assume all risk of injury or loss of life to myself and/or loss or damage to property arising out of my participation in these Activities. I hereby release the CRF (including its employees, officers, directors, agents and successors), the Catawba Riverkeeper, the Lakekeepers, the Covekeepers, and volunteers (the "Riverkeeper Organization") from liability for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense arising out of or related to any such Activities and my participation therein.

2. **Health and Safety:** Understanding the risks involved, I hereby state that I am physically fit to participate in these Activities. I recognize that the Riverkeeper Organization is not obligated to attend to any of my medical or medication needs, and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. If I require medical treatment, emergency medical treatment or hospital care as a result of my participation in the Activities, the Riverkeeper Organization is released from any liability and is not responsible for the cost or quality of such treatment or care.

3. **Standard of Conduct:** I will be responsible for and comply with all applicable laws, regulations and standards of conduct, including, but not limited to, the Riverkeeper Organizations rules, standards and instructions for behavior set forth in training programs of the Riverkeeper Organization. Except in an emergency, I will not use or pilot any boat, vehicle, equipment or vessel owned or controlled by the Riverkeeper Organization unless I have completed all training required by the Riverkeeper Organization and by law, and I have received explicit authorization from the Catawba Riverkeeper or the Executive Director of CRF.

4. **Captains.** If authorized by the Catawba Riverkeeper or the Executive Director of CRF to serve as a boat "Captain", I will be responsible for and comply with all applicable Coast Guard, State and local (Marine Commission boating rules and regulations. I will exercise responsible and reasonable care with the boat(s) and its/their operation. I understand the Riverkeeper Organization holds insurance on its equipment and will, to the extent allowed under said insurance, to hold me accountable for normal wear or maintenance or accidents covered by such insurance. I will attend to and be responsible for any other damages or liability that result from my actions while involved with the Activities, including, but not limited to, violations of boating laws or accidents.

5. **Assumption of Risk and Release of Claims:** Understanding the risks described above and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Activities, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Activities. Except as provided above, I release and indemnify the Riverkeeper Organization from and against any present or future claim, loss, or liability for injury to person or property that I may suffer or for incidental actions, legal proceedings are brought against the Riverkeeper Organization. I agree to be represented as part of the Organization in the fullest extent of the law.

6. **Photography.** I agree to allow the Riverkeeper Organization to use my photo or likeness taken during the event to publicize and promote the event.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FORM.

CHECK BOX TO CONFIRM AGREEMENT

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____ **DATE** _____

Phone No: _____ E-mail: _____

ARE YOU PARTICIPATING AS A BOAT CAPTAIN? (PLEASE CHECK ONE) YES NO

NOTE: BOAT CAPTAINS MUST BE 21 OR OVER. BOAT CAPTAINS UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE MUST HAVE PASSED A STATE APPROVED BOATER SAFETY COURSE.

CONSENT OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN FOR PARTICIPANT UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

I am the parent or legal guardian of the above Participant, have read and understand the foregoing Release (including such parts a may subject me to personal financial responsibility), am and will be legally responsible for the obligations and acts of the participant as described in this Release.

I AGREE, FOR MYSELF AND FOR THE PARTICIPANT, TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

CHECK BOX TO CONFIRM AGREEMENT

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ **DATE** _____