

SPECTATOR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & INFO.



THURSDAY: JULY 17TH, 2025

1pm – 5pm: Event Merchandise Tent Open at the Harbor Municipal Marina.

5pm – 8pm: Official kick-off to the 1000 Islands Charity Poker Run! Street Party on Riverside Drive. Party and see some high-performance boats up close.

Riverside Drive will be closed from James Street to Merrick Street during this time.

6pm - 8pm: Weekly Waterfront Concert, featuring Minus Mike. Frink Park, downtown Clayton.

8pm - 10pm: Live music outside on the Patio at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel.

FRIDAY: JULY 18TH, 2025

All day – Watch the offshore boats arrive at the Clayton Harbor Municipal Marina.

11am: Boat Rides for Make-A-Wish Families at the Harbor Municipal Marina. (DOCKS WILL BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC)

11am–7pm: Event Merchandise Tent Open at the Harbor Municipal Marina.

3pm–9pm: Docks open to the public. Meet the drivers & see the boats on Display in the water.

8:30pm: Stereo Wars Contest & Judging for Best Light Show at the Docks.

9pm–12am: Live music by Off the Record outside at the Harbor Hotel.

SATURDAY: JULY 19TH, 2025

10:00am: “Waves of Wishes” – Uncle Sam’s Boat Tour leaves Clayton Harbor Municipal Marina.

(Tickets available online at: 1000islandsrun.com/charity/waves-of-wishes/)

10:15am: Start your engines and Boats leave the Dock!

10:15am-10:30am: Staging begins in front of 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, heading West

10:30am: POKER RUN STARTS

10:45am - 11:15am: First Stop at Cape Vincent, NY

11:15am: Re-start from Cape Vincent, NY

12pm – 2pm: Second Stop & Lunch at Scenic View Park in Alexandria Bay, NY

Event Merchandise will be for sale at Village Docks!

1:45pm: “Waves of Wishes” – Uncle Sam’s Boat Tour leaves Alexandria Bay

(Tickets available online at: 1000islandsrun.com/charity/waves-of-wishes/)

2:00pm: Engines start again leaving out of Alexandria Bay

3:00pm: Third Stop in Ogdensburg, NY

4:00-4:30pm: Boats arrive back in Clayton at Harbor Municipal Marina

9:45pm: Fireworks Display in front of Harbor Hotel. Sponsored by DJP Financial & Dorr Marine

9pm–12am: Live music by Gridley Paige outside at the Harbor Hotel.

Thursday Night Street Party – Thursday, July 17th:

- **Thursday, July 17th, 5pm-8pm.**
- **1000 Islands Charity Poker Run Event Kick-Off & Street Party. High-Power Boats on display, Mercury Racing Trailer & more!**
- **Riverside Drive, between James St. & John St. will be closed during this time. No traffic or Parking!**
- **There will be no parking from 4:30pm - 8:00pm on the block between James St. & Merrick St. on Riverside Drive for this event.**
- **There is free public parking available at the Clayton Lion's Field, behind Watertown Savings Bank & on several of the side streets.**

Spectator Information for Run on Saturday, July 19th:

Suggested Viewing Areas for Spectators on Land:

Anywhere along the water in Downtown Clayton
Anywhere you can see the break wall in Cape Vincent
Anywhere along the water in Downtown Alex Bay

Suggested Viewing Areas for Spectators on the Water:

Please be extra careful if you're boating over the weekend as boat traffic will be heavy - and fast in places.

**** PLEASE STAY CLEAR OF THE CHANNEL WHEN YOUR BOAT IS NOT IN MOTION ****

Morning Run - Head of Grindstone Island or Carleton Area
Afternoon Run - Goose Bay, Chippewa Bay, or Singer Castle Area

Back this year, Uncle Sam's Boat Tours is providing boats for the "Waves of Wishes" Boat Tours which will provide spectators with two different opportunities to see the Poker Run firsthand and be right in the middle of all the action! The first Boat Tour will depart the docks in Clayton at 10:00am and the second from Alexandria Bay at 1:45pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.1000islandsrun.com/charity/waves-of-wishes/


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