



December 5, 2008

Dear [Mayor's Cup NYC Kayak Championships Participant],

Thank you for your participation in this year's Mayor's Cup New York City Kayak Championships. New York City hosts a wealth of storied and historic sporting events and your involvement in the Mayor's Cup helps us build another wonderful tradition into the New York City Sports Landscape. Thank you for helping us revive NYC's tradition of competitive paddling, which dates back to 1927!

As you know, a unique set of circumstances led to the cancellation of this year's race. The Sports Commission was disappointed to have to stop the race but is very thankful that there were only a few minor injuries. The Sports Commission's primary concern for this event, and for all events, is safety. Our mission is to provide the best experience possible while operating in the safest fashion. Please be assured that planning is underway to make sure next year's race is the best—and safest—yet.

On behalf of the City of New York, the Sports Commission would like to thank all of the Mayor's Cup New York Kayak Championships participants for their understanding and cooperation on race day. We appreciate any feedback and look forward to welcoming the kayak community back to New York City for next year's race.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Kenneth J. Podziba". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the letter 'i' in "Podziba".

Ken Podziba  
Commissioner