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Fall River Grand Prix Scheduled for August

August 14-16, 2015, the Off-shore Powerboat Association will host the Fall River Grand Prix in Fall River, MA.

Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) racing is an off-shore boat racing sanctioning body offering unparalleled excitement on waterfronts along the east coast.

Offshore powerboat racing is one of the most exciting forms of motorsports racing available today. Over recent years, the sport has moved from long distance offshore point to point races to more of a circuit style race held as close to beachfronts as

possible for improved viewing.

Offshore racing draws a wide variety of fans and interest from companies as the boats themselves are high performance works of art designed to race on a course that has an ever changing surface that is unpredictable at best. The boats race in the ocean or on fresh water lakes. The expense of the equipment, fuel and travel required to participate in this sport draws an elite spectator base.

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1,173 Jobs Available

Looking for a job?

Visit froed.org then select the "Current Employment Opportunities" tab. Next click "Job Search" and this will launch an interactive database.

Within this database alone there are currently **1,173** employment opportunities within a 5 mile radius of Fall River.

Offshore Racing

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According to OPA, the fan base for offshore racing is primarily college educated, married individuals with household incomes greater than \$85,000.

Different types and classes of boats can compete in individual races on the same course at the same time. Boats most commonly seen in offshore racing include single or twin piston engine V-bottom boats, single or twin piston engine catamaran style boats, and turbine powered boats. Depending on the class, speeds vary from 60mph to 180 mph.

Race courses are diverse

and implement variations of an oval with 4 to 6 turns that are marked by large orange buoys. Points are awarded to all entrants of each race, but penalties are determined and accumulated for missing buoys or passing another boat illegally. The conditions out of the race course change dramatically from lap to lap.

Each race lasts approximately 1 hour and can cover 25 to 70 miles, depending on the speed of the boats within a specific class.

The race team with the highest number of points at the end of the season becomes the National Champion.



Above: Fall River's access to Mount Hope Bay, Narragansett Bay and the ocean make it an ideal location for offshore racing

Go Rogue Adventures

For the adventurers, nature lovers, sporting enthusiasts or anyone looking to try something new and enjoy the City of Fall River's waterfront, Go Rogue Adventures has just the thing for you: kayaking!

Fall River native David Rogue recently moved back to the City and was impressed with the development taking place on the waterfront. An avid kayaker for over 25 years, Mr. Rogue saw an opportunity to bring additional recreational activities to the waterfront.

Go Rogue Adventures offer kayak and pedal boat rentals and sales out of the Borden Light Marina (located at 1 Ferry Street) at the Topsy Seagull entrance.

Go Rogue Adventures will open on a limited basis this Friday, May 15, 2015 and ramp up as the summer approaches. Go Rogue Adventures is offering an introductory rate of \$30 for 2 hours on a recreational kayak.

Once the season is in full swing, Go Rogue Adventures will be open everyday from 8 a.m. to twilight, weather permitting.

Mr. Rogue thinks people will thoroughly enjoy this new opportunity noting, "Anyone

from first timers to experienced kayakers can enjoy a day on the river."

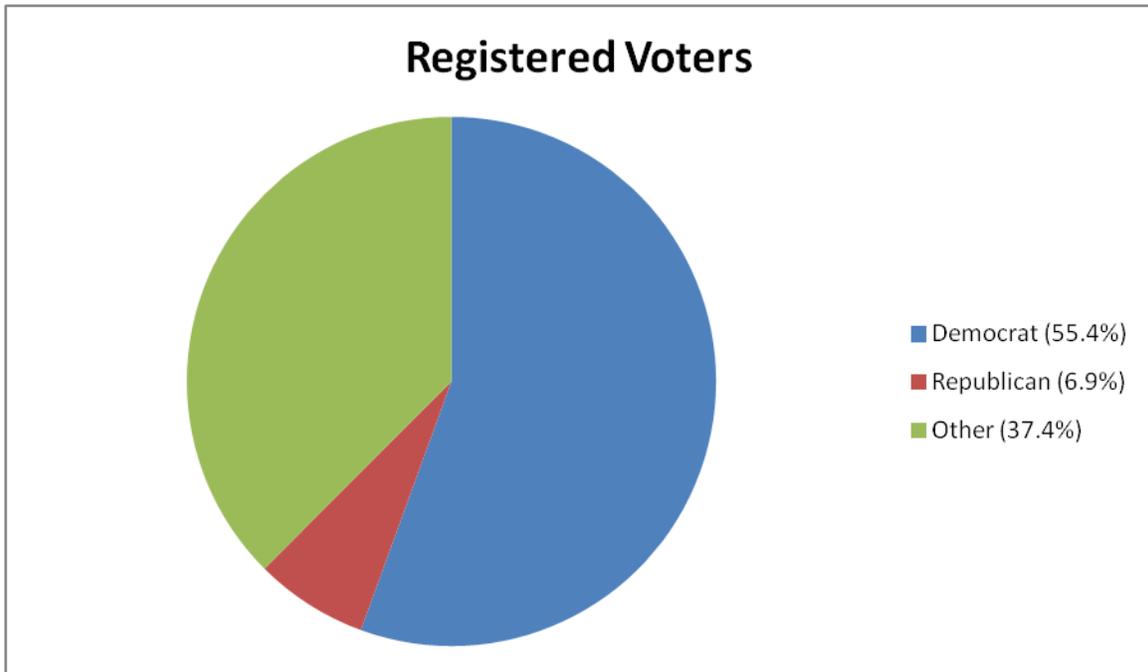
Mr. Rogue recognizes Kenneth Fiola, Jr., Executive Vice President of the Fall River Office of Economic Development for his assistance in getting the business started as well as Michael Lund of Borden Light Marina for his help in securing a launching space.

FROED's Kenneth Fiola, Jr. is excited to see the addition of Go Rogue Adventures to the development taking place on the waterfront noting, "David had a great idea to bring the sport of kayaking to the City thus offering people one more avenue to enjoy Fall River's waterfront. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank David for his investment in Fall River and encourage the public to try kayaking and enjoy a new perspective of our City."

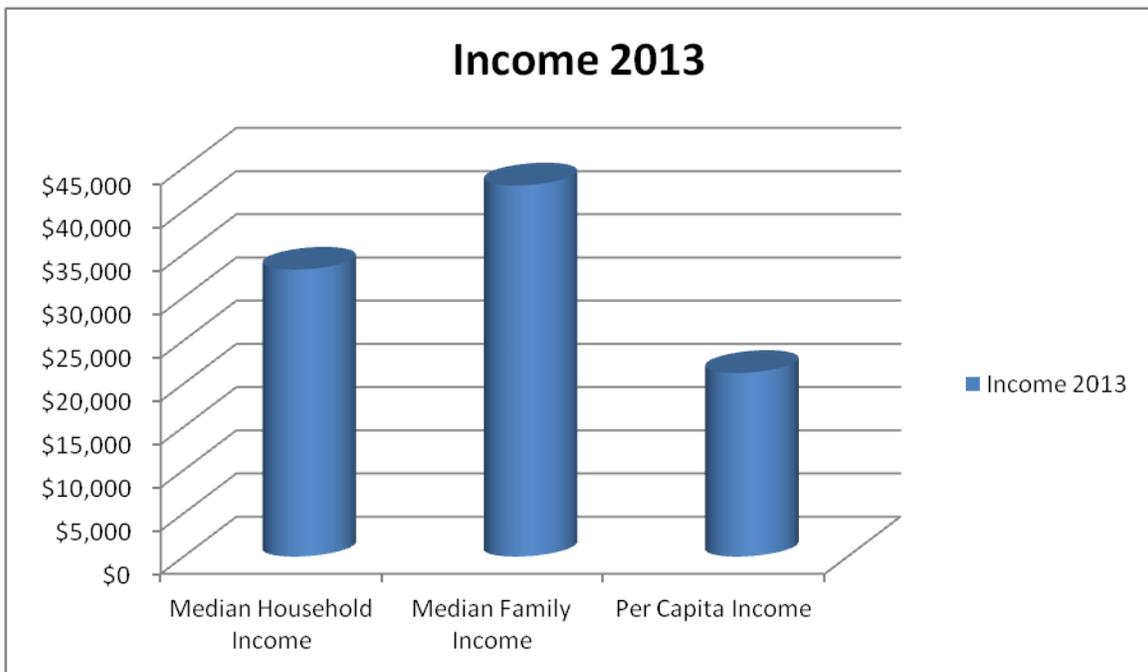
For additional information, visit: gorogueadventures.com.



Fall River by the Numbers...



*Source: Secretary of the Commonwealth of MA



*Source: US Census Bureau



Keeping Fall River working in Fall River.

FALL RIVER OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LEAN: Effective Business Solutions for the Office

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015 the Fall River Office of Economic Development will sponsor a technical assistance workshop focused on effective business solutions for the office as demonstrated through the LEAN philosophy.

Your competitive edge is linked to your ability to rapidly deploy effective business solutions.

This presentation will provide an overview of Lean's innovative system and proven methodology used to drive sustainable, continuous improvement and give your business the competitive edge while improving the bottom line. Lean is an operational philosophy used to achieve continual gains in productivity while satisfying customer's expectations for quality and timeliness.

Join Tom Pesaturo, Lean Expert and Principal of Exceeda Consulting, for this dynamic workshop.

This FREE event will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Cherry & Webb Building, 139 South Main Street, 4th floor, Fall River, MA and is sponsored by the Fall River Office of Economic Development.

Space is limited, so please register on line at www.msbdc.org/semass and click on event calendar or call 508-673-9783 x10.

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Fall River's Finest: Nancy Sorel

Born and raised in Fall River, MA, Nancy Sorel attended BMC Durfee High School where her passion for acting was fueled by the school's drama program. Sorel is also an alum of the ReCreation Summer Street Theater and the Fall River Little Theater.

Sorel received a degree in Theatre and Film from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Upon graduation Sorel pursued her acting career in New York City starring in Off Broadway plays, commercials and the role of Coco on the ABC daytime drama *One Life to Live*.

Sorel is an award winning Canadian-American actress known for many TV roles on series such as *Murder, She Wrote, The X-Files, The Outer Limits, Cold Squad, Da Vinci's Inquest, Stargate SG-1, Beverly Hills 90210, Doo-gie Howser* and *The 4400*.

Sorel is also known for her role of Sammy on Fox's sitcom *Down the Shore* (1992-1993). More recently Sorel played Clara Fine on *Less Than Kind* (2008-2013) and currently plays Claire Eastman on *Cashing In* (since 2009).

Other roles of Sorel includes *Crow's Nest* (1992) and *I Love You, Don't Touch Me!* (1997). Sorel was also in the TV movie *The Man Who Used to Be Me* (2000) alongside Rob Estes, William Devane and Laurie Holden.

In 2014 Sorel appeared in the movie *Heaven is for Real* playing Dr. Charlotte Slater.

In 2009 she won a Canadian Comedy Award for the TV series *Less Than Kind*.

Nancy Sorel currently resides in Canada with her husband, fellow actor Paul Magel and their two children.



Mission statement of the Fall River Office of Economic Development:

Incorporated in 1978 as a 501(c)(4) corporation to promote the prosperity and general welfare of the citizens of Fall River through the stimulation of economic strength and expansion of new and existing business.

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