



1st Annual Bashabez Run Penobscot River Canoe & Kayak Race August 3, 2014

Start time 9 a.m.

Registration: 8am above
Joe Peas Rips on Cemetery St.

Ten classes offered for
recreational and racing canoes
and kayaks.

15.5 miles of mixed flat-water
and whitewater.

Class 2-2+; mostly fast moving
smooth water with four rapids
and numerous class 1 sections.

Finish at Brewer Riverside Park,
Hardy St, off South Main St.

HELMETS REQUIRED

The race course re-traces the route of [Chief Bashabez](#), the first Penobscot leader documented by the Europeans, from Indian Island to Brewer, where he led and met with other tribal leaders of “Norumbega,” a confederation of seven or eight Abenaki-speaking Indian nations. Another historic meeting took place across the river in 1604, when Samuel de Champlain followed the Penobscot River north and as far inland as Kenduskeag (now Bangor, Maine). Chief Bashabez and thirty Penobscots aboard six canoes arrived in Kenduskeag a few days later from a northern village, and the local Penobscots sang and danced in greeting. The Bashabez Run coincides with the final day of a contemporary celebration of tribal culture and community gathering during [Penobscot Indian Nation Community Days](#), held August 1-3. The race award ceremony will be held at the start of the Penobscot Pageant, a celebration of traditional song and dance.

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For race details: http://mackro.org/2014_info/bashabez_run_race_details.pdf

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