

## Boat parade, race, music highlight Peekskill Celebration

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PEEKSKILL — What do a blimp, a Formula 1 racecar, and dragon boats have in common?

They will all play a part in the 14th annual Peekskill Celebration, a three-day Hudson River fete estimated to attract tens of thousands of people.

The festivities will kick off from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Riverfront Green with a concert featuring Professor Louie and the Crowmatix. An addition to the evening is an illuminated parade of boats from the Peekskill Yacht Club, following the concert.

"Peekskill Celebration has really become a much-anticipated event every year," said celebration vice chairman William Powers. "It's a free event and during these tough economic times, it's nice for families to be able to come together and enjoy each other's company, as well as all that Peekskill Celebration has to offer."

On Saturday, a full day of activities will start at 7:45 a.m. with the Jan Peek 10K race and Fun Walk. The day continues with "Dragons on the Hudson" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in which teams of more than 20 paddlers race across the river in colorful, 41-foot-long dragon boats.

Also, Saturday there will be an Elton Brand Youth Basketball Clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Underground Railroad tours from 10 a.m. to noon. In addition, there will be arts and crafts booths, a classic car and motorcycle show at the Riverfront Green, along with "Bucketful of History," in which educator Jim Taylor and a group of re-enactors and craftsmen will do a Colonial demonstration.

Two new highlights will be a MetLife blimp flyover from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and an appearance by Jonathan Summerton and his Formula 1 car, organizers said.

Saturday's finale will start at 9:15 p.m. with the "Fireworks Extravaganza," an Entergy-sponsored event simulcast on WHUD, 100.7 FM. Peekskill Celebration will conclude Sunday with the Old Timers Stickball Tournament from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.