‘Round the Islands Race

Scheduled for Saturday, August 6th

The Higley Association sponsored ‘Round the Islands Canoe Race will be held August 6th, starting from the Big Rock Boat launch in Colton at 10:00A.M. with registration starting at 9:00A.M. The adult course measures four miles, the SUP course one to two miles and the fledgling course for those 14 and under is one mile. There are awards for the first three places in each class and drawings for merchandise prizes for all present.

What makes this race special is the focus on family fun. Success in racing depends on a combination of skill and equipment. Paddlers with recreational equipment cannot compete successfully with the sleeker race boats. To make the race fun for all there are classes for all levels of boats by length, hull material, and paddler gender. This makes it possible for everyone to have a chance at success.

In addition to the canoe and kayak classes there will be categories for guideboats, pedal kayaks and stand up paddle boards (SUP’s).

Following the other events fun pedal boat races will be held around a slalom course and are open to all (boat provided).

In addition to the races winners the Palmer family presents an award in memory of their Dad, C.M. Palmer, to the veteran paddler with the best finish in his or her class. Charlie was a long time resident of Colton, a paddler who explored waters from the Arctic Circle to the Everglades, and an enthusiastic participant in the race.

Other awards to be presented are the Phyllis Baker youth paddler award for the best attitude in a young paddler and the Chris Murphy Memorial Award to the woman best exemplifying Chris's love of the sport and her positive, supportive attitude.

For race information call 315-323-1862, Judy Fuhr.