

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Canaligator Race

**What is a Canaligator Race?** Hundreds of green, numbered, rubber alligators will be released from the Union Street Bridge into the Erie Canal. The canaligators will float downstream to the finish line. The first 5 canaligators and the last 5 canaligators to reach the finish line are the winners.

**Why Canaligators?** A former Spencerport resident walking along the canal saw a log floating in the canal and told his girlfriend it was a “canaligator”. The Canal Days Committee heard the story and decided to use canaligators for their annual race.

**How does it work?** People pay to “adopt” a canaligator. They receive a numbered ticket that matches a number on the bottom of the canaligator. Winners do not need to be present to win the prizes. Only 1000 tickets are available.

**When is the Canaligator Race?** Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

**How much do the tickets cost?** \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets.

**Where is the race held?** East of the Union Street Bridge in the Erie Canal.

**How can I purchase a ticket for the race?** July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup> tickets can be purchased at Abbotts, 138 S. Union Street and at the Ogden Town Hall, 269 Ogden Center Road. July 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> tickets can be purchased at the Information Booths at the Canal Days Event.

**What prizes will be awarded?** Check back as the prizes are now being solicited.

**How will the money raised by the race be used?** All proceeds will be used on projects benefitting the Village of Spencerport and/or The Town of Ogden. In prior years benches and bicycle racks have been purchased for downtown Spencerport, picnic benches with roofs have been purchased for Ogden Town Park, and funds were given for a sign at the Aurora House.

**What happens to the canaligators after the race?** Volunteers collect them after the race and save them so they can be used again next year.