



## RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT

River Stewards: Dan Triman

Date: 07-15-17

Starting Location and Time: UVA Boathouse – SF Reservoir (9:00 AM)

Ending Location and Time: UVA Boathouse – SF Reservoir (11:00 AM)

Weather: Clear Skies Recent Precipitation: Mostly Dry

USGS Gauges: Earlysville 1.70 ft (60 cfs), Palmyra 2.44 ft (90 cfs)

Water Color: Mostly Clear Water Odor: None Air Temp: 80° F

DO: 4 ppm PH: 8 Turbidity: 10 JTU Water Temp: 32° C

Water Testing Location: UVA Boathouse Dock (38°05.8'N 78°29.2'W)

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### Land Use:

Residential mainly along the banks of the Reservoir, with some private commercial properties as well, such as Cornerstone Community Church.

### Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:

Turtles, Fish, Tree Swallows, Deer. Green vegetation along the banks.

### People Interactions:

This was our yearly paddle with the local Big Brothers Big Sisters group. We had 6 matches (pairing of child and their adult match), for a total of 12 participants. Many of the children (elementary school age) had never been in a boat on the water before. We started at the UVA Boathouse dock and did an out and back paddle towards the Dam, and then headed back to the UVA Boathouse dock. There were also a significant amount of other people out in boats today, including kayaks, fishing boats, and rowers.

### Litter and Pollution:

There was only 1 or 2 pieces of small trash found today.

### Overall Summary:

It was a very successful paddle / event today and everyone had a good time. The water levels were decent even with the recent dry period we have been experiencing. All the participants got to learn about some of the work RCA does and why we try to keep our water healthy and clean.

### Actions Needed – level of priority (1 highest/5 lowest):

None



Figure 1: Getting everyone's PFD's on before the paddle



Figure 2: Everyone selecting their canoes for the paddle



Figure 3: Carrying a canoe down to the dock



Figure 4: Starting the paddle heading towards the Dam



Figure 5: Paddlers enjoying the Reservoir



Figure 6: Working together to paddle the canoe





Figure 7: Stopping to pose for a photo in the canoe



Figure 8: Flowers blooming along the bank of the Reservoir



Figure 9: Paddlers taking a break



Figure 10: RCA Board Member JD Brown with paddlers



Figure 11: Some of the rowers seen today



Figure 12: View of the Reservoir looking downstream





Figure 13: View of the Reservoir heading back to the dock



Figure 14: RCA staff member Eli Connell helping with boats



Figure 15: RCA Canoes lined up after the paddle



Figure 16: Enjoying some snacks after the paddle



Figure 17: Resting after finishing the paddle



Figure 18: Group photo of all the paddlers