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The CRIT Returns to Downtown Market Square Sunday, September 20th!

The 5th Annual Smuttynose Brewing Co. Portsmouth Criterium will return to the streets of historic downtown Portsmouth on Sunday, September 20th. Thanks to our sponsors, hundreds of volunteers and race participants, and thousands of fans who come out each year to support our event, the Portsmouth Criterium has quickly become a popular event on the Portsmouth community calendar! We are the same weekend as the Telluride Film Festival, The Fairy House Tour and the new arrival, The NH Fish & Lobster Festival, which makes Portsmouth a very exciting place to be!

Criteriums are the most exciting cycling events to watch. They are a popular form of bicycle racing typically set up in downtown locations to showcase the speed, agility and power of the pro cyclist. The criterium course is closed to traffic, less than a mile in distance and punctuated by sharp corners and speeds of over 30 miles an hour. The Portsmouth Criterium has quickly become one of the highlights on the New England racing and community calendar! Come watch as they race around the 1 km course which includes sections of Congress, Daniel, Penhallow, State and Middle streets.

You are invited to join us for an afternoon of free exhibits in our lifestyle expo, **kids races presented by Portsmouth Regional Hospital (new sponsor this year)**, and activities for the entire family. There are the professional cyclists who kick off at 1:30 pm, but wait until you see hundreds of children racing up and down Congress Street! It's the kids who steal the spotlight! Bicycling is one popular way for an entire family to enjoy themselves while keeping healthy and getting into shape.

Race Day Schedule

Kid's Races 12:30 pm

Men's Category 4 Race 1:30 pm

Men's Category 3 Race 2:30 pm

Elite Women's Race 3:30 pm AND Elite Men's Race 4:30 pm

The Lifestyle Expo will take place along Market and Pleasant Streets from Noon to 5:00 pm and will showcase Portsmouth Criterium sponsors such as Portsmouth Regional Hospital and Papa Wheelies, plus many other outdoor retailers and health and fitness vendors.

For more details or to sign up to volunteer, please visit the Portsmouth Criterium website at www.portsmouthcrit.org or call Race Director, Susanne Delaney at 603.817.2736.

Bring the family and enjoy a great afternoon of cycling and fun in Market Square!