



*****MEDIA ALERT *****

The return of the Mare Island PedalFest featuring urban cyclocross races
All ages event showcases the rich history of Mare Island by way of the bicycle

What: 2nd Annual Mare Island PedalFest **The Mare Island Brewing Co**, in partnership with **Ride Napa Valley** and **Musto Studios**, announce the return of **Mare Island PedalFest**, Sunday, September 26th, in support of the **Mare Island Historic Park Foundation** and the **Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition**. PedalFest is an experience which can't be found elsewhere; the Wet Mile Urban Urban Cyclo-Cross is a three-mile multi-lap race through the island which enables cyclists to ride through 143 years of naval shipyard history including through and around shipbuilding gantries, alleys, winding trails, buildings, twisted staircases, railroad tracks, inspiring historic and bay views, jumps and a few wet bumps.

When: Sunday, September 26th, 2021

Where: Mare Island, Vallejo CA - start/finish/festival located at the Mare Island Brewing Co, 850 Nimitz Ave, Vallejo, CA 94592

Who: PedalFest is a family-friendly all ages cycling event with multi-faceted activities for cyclists of all levels and abilities: racers, bike tourists and cycling spectators.

Three cycling experiences available:

- 1) **Lap of the Shipyard** - A family-friendly educational bike tour, ages 1-101 (\$25 per family)
- 2) **Kids Bike Rodeo** - Kids only bike skills in enclosed area sponsored by Bike Vallejo, ages 3-12 (free event)
- 3) **Urban Cyclo-cross races** - Beginners to Advanced bike races - ages 6 and up (\$20 - \$50)

Along with individual races, a team relay race called the "Lonesome Louis" relay will also be held. According to local historians, when the Island was shuttered in 1996, one bike – eventually dubbed "Lonesome Louis" – remained chained to a fence for over a decade. The winning team will have their name engraved on the "Lonesome Louis" trophy to be housed at the Mare Island Brewing Co. If not racing or touring, participants and spectators are invited to join the start/finish home base located at the Mare Island Brewing Co. Eat, drink, cheer and meet the event's partners and beneficiaries. There is no cost to spectators to watch the event or join the festival.

What else: New to the 2021 is a special offer to all participants in the September 25, 2021 Super Prestige Cyclo-Cross Series. A complimentary beer by Mare Island Brewing Co. will be given to those cyclists showing their [Valley Spokesman Rowell Ranch Castro Valley](#) race bib.

About PedalFest: Inspired by Congressman Mike Thompson (CA-05), who started an initiative to get more people moving, especially on bikes, Mare Island PedalFest is focused on gathering all ages and abilities for two-wheeled fun, food and frivolity and offers a unique day of motion and memories as participants can ride as fast or slow as chosen, enjoy nourishment by the Mare Island Brewing Co, and listen to the sounds of fans and cyclists during this multi-activity bike affair. The event benefits the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation, as well as the Napa Valley Vine Trail Coalition (a non-profit organization dedicated to building a 47-mile bike and walking path from the Vallejo Ferry to Calistoga). Event tickets for Lap of the Shipyard support the Historic Park Foundation and \$5 of every race entry sold is directed to the VINE TRAIL.

Details and registration at: MareIslandPedalFest.com

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