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FUN FACTS **For the Great New Jersey Duck Race**

- * The rubber ducks reach speeds of up to 5 mph as they race down Congo Rapids.
- * From start to finish, the duck race takes approximately 5-7 minutes.
- * Arnold Malsbury, a Six Flags Great Adventure employee, rescues any ducks that may get stranded along the way. Wearing hip boots, Arnold braves the rapids to free the fowl participants.
- * Thousands of NJ American Cancer Society volunteers help sell the duck sponsorships throughout the state for several months prior to the event. Additional ACS staff and volunteers help organize and run the event, along with about 35 Six Flags staff members.
- * Congo Rapids boasts 60 tons of artificial rock, four sets of rapids, one waterfall, a depth of 12 feet and a width that varies from 15 to 50 feet. Two main pumps of 450 horsepower each pump the water through Congo Rapids. This amounts to 167,000 gallons of water per minute! All water for the ride is recirculated.
- * For safety reasons, Congo Rapids maintains a minimum height restriction of 36" in order for Guests to board the ride. However, because of the ducks' buoyancy and swimming expertise, this restriction is waived for the duck race!
- * The "king of ducks" -- Daffy Duck -- serves as Master of Ceremonies for the duck race.
- * To launch the ducks, Daffy tugs on a long rope attached to a cage suspended by a crane above the water. After the ducks make the quarter-mile trip down Congo Rapids, they head into the final stretch toward a trap net strung across the end of the water ride. From the trap net, they float to a gate and are funneled into the waiting hands of Six Flags Great Adventure employee Arnold Malsbury, who plucks the winning ducks out of the swirling water.

