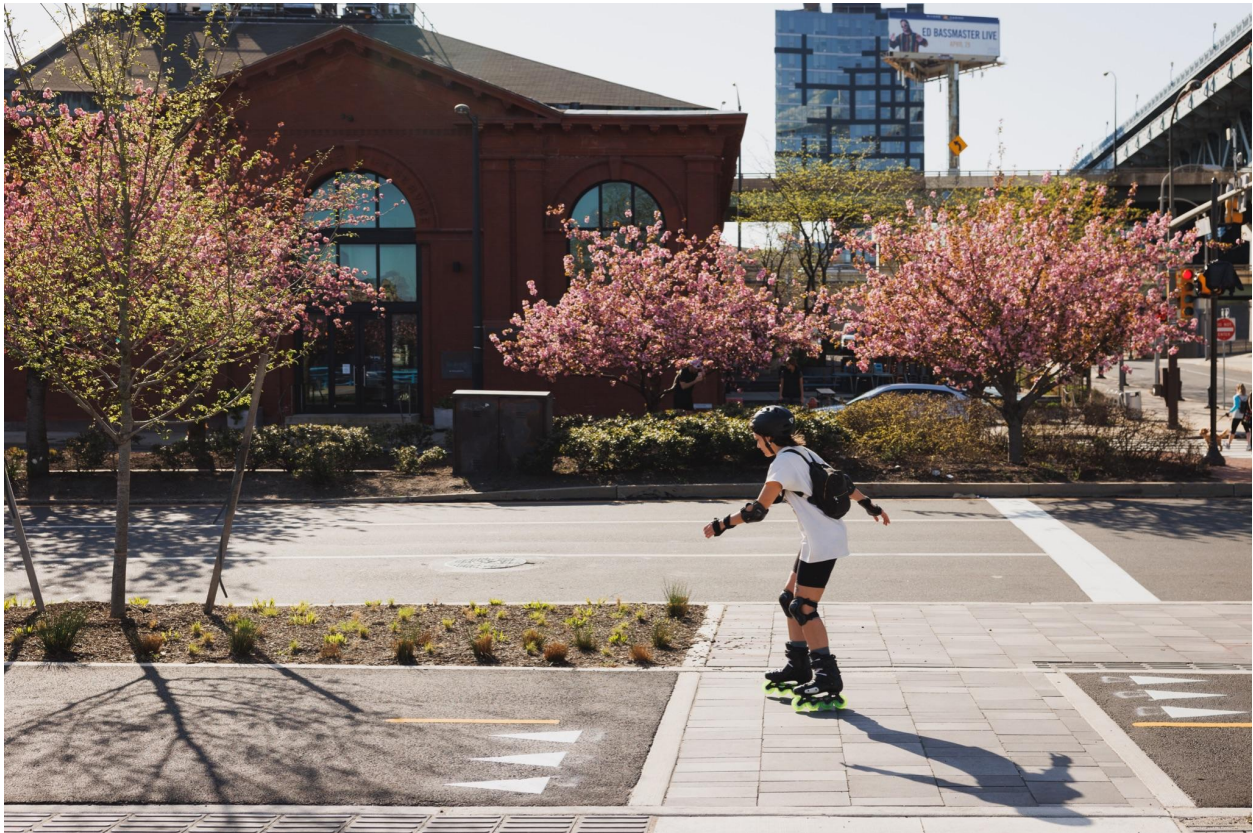


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**Spring 2023 on the Delaware River Waterfront - Dates and Details Announced**

*First Friday, an exciting new cohort of resident artists at Cherry Street Pier, Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest and Spruce Street Harbor Park opening dates, and safety tips along the Delaware River Trail.*



**PHILADELPHIA, PA (April 3, 2023)** – If the early blooming of the iconic cherry blossom trees along Delaware Avenue are not an indication that carefree warm weather days are imminent, then the opening of Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest and Spruce Street Harbor Park on May 12 is sure to seal the deal.

Summer on the Waterfront will run from Friday, May 12 through Sunday, September 24, 2023.

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation is pleased to announce the major dates and events for spring and summer on the Delaware River Waterfront. Also, in this release is a list of the new cohort of Resident Artists at Cherry Street Pier, and the introduction of DRWC's Delaware River Trail Safety Campaign, to ensure safe enjoyment of the city's most active and well-traveled trail.

### **Spruce Street Harbor Park**

Opening Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Closing Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023

### **Independence Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest**

Opening Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Closing Date: Sunday, September 24, 2023

### **Delaware River Waterfront Promenade - Fundraiser**

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

The Delaware River Waterfront Corporation is excited to present the organization's annual fundraiser, The Promenade - an evening of delicious fare from the city's most acclaimed restaurants, entertainment, and fireworks. The Promenade is a ticketed event with all proceeds benefiting the amazing arts programming on the Delaware River Waterfront. Learn more at: <https://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com/events/delaware-river-waterfront-promenade>.

### **Cherry Street Pier**

The 2023 cohort of Resident Artists at Cherry Street Pier is more exciting and diverse than ever! From watercolor, sculpture, and painting artists, to graphic designers, illustrators, and photographers, visitors can enjoy visiting the artists in their studios. Be sure to meet the new artists at April's First Friday, and browse [The Artists Shop](#), an online resource for shopping the incredible work from our artists.

Pier Hours of Operation (Artist Studio hours will vary)

Monday – Thursday: 12:00pm – 10:00pm

Friday: 12:00pm – 11:00pm

Saturday: 11:00am – 11:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am – 10:00pm

Key Event, Exhibit, and Market Dates

- PORTALS: Termite TV's 31st Anniversary Exhibition, April 7-23

Join us for a media extravaganza, *PORTALS*, to celebrate 30 years of experimental, activist, and community video created by Philly-based video collective Termite TV. Access to the exhibition is free and open to the public.

- First Fridays: April 7-December 1

Shop one-of-a-kind handmade finds from local creators and artists at the Artist and Artisans Market, explore the studios to see the Pier's resident artists at work and purchase an original piece of artwork. Plus, enjoy bites and sips from our local food vendors such as French Toast Bites.

- Otaku Con: April 14-16

Enjoy a fun-filled weekend of cosplay, vendors, gaming, food trucks, and more. Explore more than 70 vendors in the Artist Alley and Dealers row, and go head-to-head with free play and tournaments set up by Origin of Play or tabletop gaming with Cyber Gecko Games. Attendees will also be able to enjoy activities provided by Galactica City Pokemon Center and Gym, as well as be entertained by The Blerd Bar which will broadcast their podcast, provide games, and more. Free and open to the public.

- Artist and Artisans Market: April 7-December 1; First Fridays 4pm-9pm, select Sundays 12pm-5pm

Support local artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs at the Artist and Artisans Market at Cherry Street Pier. Pick up one-of-a-kind finds at the Pier while you stroll our marketplace and enjoy stunning views of the Ben Franklin Bridge and the Delaware River. Afterward, stick around for light bites or sips from our concessions or walk the Gallery to explore the latest exhibition.

### **Delaware River Trail Etiquette**

The new Delaware River Trail has become a beloved resource for easy, accessible transit along the Delaware River Waterfront. More than 340,000 pedestrians and cyclists have made the trail their go-to route to explore the city's cultural and commercial centers and the vibrant Waterfront neighborhoods that run along the 3.3-mile stretch.

With this trail-blazing new public space transforming how people navigate the Philadelphia Waterfront and beyond, it's important that trail-users have fun, be safe, and travel with care.

With separate zones for cyclists and walkers and joggers, the trail was designed with sharing in mind. As we approach the one-year anniversary of the opening of the new Delaware River Trail, DRWC is pleased to introduce the following guidelines for best practices on the trail.

<https://www.delawareriverwaterfront.com/places/delaware-river-trail1/trail-safety-tips>

### **RiverLink Ferry**

Opening Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

The RiverLink Ferry will return on Saturday, May 6 for weekend and special event service only. The Ferry will operate 7-days-a-week beginning Memorial Day weekend.

To learn more about the RiverLink Ferry, visit [www.riverlinkferry.com](http://www.riverlinkferry.com).

## **SUMMER ON THE WATERFRONT 2023 SPONSORS**

The Summer 2023 Season on the Waterfront is made possible by [Independence Blue Cross](#) and more to be announced.

## **DELAWARE RIVER WATERFRONT CORPORATION**

[DRWC](#) is a 501(c)(3) created in January 2009, exclusively for the benefit of the City of Philadelphia and its citizens. The fundamental purpose of DRWC is to design, develop, program and maintain public amenities such as permanent and seasonal parks, trails, and streetscape improvements to transform the Waterfront into a vibrant destination for recreational, cultural, and commercial activities for the residents and visitors of Philadelphia as is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan for the Central Delaware. Daily programming throughout the entire year is changing the way Philadelphians see and converse about the Waterfront, and is helping to create spaces and communities that connect residents and visitors to the Waterfront.

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