

MCRA NEWS

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Another Season Has Begun!!

2006 Race Schedule

Mar 25-26	Klondike Race	Chris Rudolph
April 22nd	Burlington C1 Pursuit Race *	Fritz Hansen
May 6-7	Roscommon Pro-Am	Bill Torongo
May 13-14	Onaway Canoe Race	Steve Watson
May 20th	AuSable Spring Trials *	ARICM
June 3rd	Midland	Brad Gross
June 10th	Ann Arbor	
June 17-18	Paddle Power	Martin Ecker
July 1-2	MidTown Real Estate Classic	Garth Greenan
July 15-16	Harry Curley Memorial Race	Chris Rudolph
July 22-23	Spike's Challenge	John Lucey
July 29-30	AuSable River Canoe Marathon *	ARICM
Aug. 6th	Vassar Race	Dale Newton
Aug 8-13	Nationals at Pestigo, Wisconsin *	USCA
Aug. 19-20	Sault St. Marie	Tony Short
Aug. 26-27	Mio's "First Dam" Canoe Race	Peggy Smutek
Sept. 9th	River Raisin Canoe Race	Bill Fick
Sept. 16th	Tahquamenon Wilderness Race	Linda Richards

From Lynne Witte: President MCRA

What is a name?

MCRA races will initiate an Expert 2 division this racing season. What a great opportunity to race against other teams who are new to racing in Michigan. Teams will use the same canoe spec. as the Expert 1 division, (V-1, Corbin, Hassell, Gillis, JD Pro, ...) and will be awarded monetary prizes. If you wonder ... should I race Expert 1 or 2 ask Bruce Barton, he'll guide you. (517-568-3702)

New Racing Opportunities

You have 4 new races and rivers to explore this summer. Join us for races in Midland, Ann Arbor, Van Etnan Lake and up at the Soo. A **HUGE** thanks to all our sponsors and race chairman. If you live near a race – they'd benefit and love your help!!

New Age Class Award for C-1 Paddlers.

IF you train in a C-1, join us and race it. At the end of the season a new break out prize will be awarded to men by 5 year age groups. Women will be awarded in 2 different age classes. You need to paddle to win some extra cash and develop C-1 racing friends.

*Non point races.

End of the Year Awards Get Together

We need a location for the 2006 Get Together.

If you have any ideas or information please contact Lynne Witte at lynnewitte@juno.com.

Enclosed is the updated June and August Calendar pages for the MCRA Calendar. Please attach these to your calendar. 4 new races were added after the calendar was printed.

For Sale

Crozier C2 carbon spectra Pro V1-A with sliding seats and rear bailer. It's three years old in real good condition and light weight, always garage kept and covered. \$2,200.00 Marty Spees, speesmk@aol.com, marty@gouldengineering.com, 810-845-3344

2005 Ausable River Canoe Marathon DVD & VHS 45 Minutes. Cost \$20, shipping included. For more information, and details on the video coverage, contact Justin Griffith, monumentpride@yahoo.com, 989-820-5196.

I am taking orders for Levasseur paddles. Contact Ryan Halstead at 989-348-5869 for more information.

For sale: 2 52" Medium weight Zaverall Paddles. New. \$160 each. Irene Borak, Roscommon, 989-275-7076

Wanted

I am looking for an OC1 - 1 man outrigger canoe. My name is Margaret and my email address is fgearly@yahoo.com

Pro Boat 3x27 canoe to race in the AuSable Canoe Marathon. A 3x27 canoe that would allow two people who have about a 30 to 50 pound weight difference would be preferred, but any Pro Boat will be considered. Please contact Wally Werderich at (630)553-7551 or walldozer@aol.com.

C1 to race. Old but trustworthy will do, Diller XX or J 203 preferred. Tired of looking at you all from the back and far away want see you up close! Martin Ecker at Ecker@netpennt.net

Looking for a C1. Contact Paul Harvey at pmharvey@mtu.edu

I am looking for a C1. I am brand new to the sport of canoe racing so it doesn't have to be special. I weigh 155 lbs. Ernie Luedke (715) 359-6595

Looking for an Amateur boat. Robert Scarcella (989) 826-5289

Wanted to buy used C-1 contact Charlie Lannen at chaslannen@yahoo.com

Paddlers looking for Paddlers

Looking for a partner for the 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. I have entered the marathon twice. Finished one of those two times (2005). Looking for someone with some experience, I would like the opportunity to learn from my partner. I will be living in Higgins Lake this summer so being from that particular area would also be a plus. Thanks, Joe Leusby, 989-621-0053, JL_QB_10@hotmail.com.

Looking for a partner for some small races and also the 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. I have entered the Marathon four times and finished it four times. My best finish was 24th in 2004. I live in Mio and have June, July, and August off because I am one of those school teachers. Thanks, Ashley "FLASH" Marsh, Home 989-826-3981, Cell 989-390-1820, Email - IMFLASH@hotmail.com

Looking for partner for 2006 AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Have completed the race 4 times. Bob Stockton - bobstockton2@hotmail.com

ROSCOMMON CANOE RACE

C2 and C1 Races May 6-7, 2006

Schedule of Events

- **Saturday** - C2 Race starts at Noon in Wallace Park.
- C2 Pro - \$25 entry fee - \$1000+ Purse
- C2 Amateur - \$20 entry fee - Trophies to first three
- Same looped Course as past years
- Buoy at Deerheart Valley Road for the Expert class
- Buoy at Steckert Bridge for the Amateur class.
- Start and Finish in Wallace Park. (1 1/2 to 2 hours to Finish)
- Awards will be in the Wallace Park after the race. (@2:30)

- **Sunday** - C1 Race starts at 10am in Wallace Park
- C1 - \$10 entry fee - normal payout
- Looped Course with buoy at Steckert Bridge
- Start and Finish in Wallace Park. (less than 1 1/2 hours to Finish)
- Awards will be in the Wallace Park after the race.
- Due to Church on Sunday morning, thou shalt not park in the Church parking lot. Brian Quinlan (owner of Hiawatha canoe) will allow us to use his parking lot for the C1 race on Sunday Morning. That will keep us in good standing at the Church.

For Info Contact: Bill Torongo, 1216 Esther, Roscommon, MI 48653
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River Etiquette

Paddlers

1. Slow Down, Reduce your Wake!
(100 ft. Above and Below Anglers)
2. Ask Which Side to Pass (Look for a Light to direct you to correct side.)
3. Be AWARE that fishermen can't HEAR or Move very well in moving water.
4. Please use your Light so fishermen know you're there. (small red light)

Anglers

1. Carry a red light, Let them know you are there.
2. Motion them which side to pass. (at night use light to show this.)
3. Don't Move – Hold Your Postion!!
4. Be careful with your Casting!!! (Hooks are Dangerous)

Klondike Canoe / Run Race Results 2006

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C-2 Results

Place	Boat#	Time	Name
1	1	36:31	Andy Triebold (Spring Arbor, MI) Matt Rimer (Homer, MI)
2	87	38:59	Ryan Halstead (Grayling, MI) Rod Halstead (Grayling, MI)
3	163	40:43	Matt Meersman (South Bend, IN) Jim Harwood (Grayling, MI)
4	89	43:05	Mandy Streib (Bristol, IN) Matt Streib (Bristol, IN)
5	35	43:33	Pete Mead (Traverse City, MI) Al Widing Jr. (Fenton, MI)
6	38	43:43	Tim Triebold (Spring Arbor, MI) Tom Trudgeon (Grand Ledge, MI)
7	50	44:09	Ray Yehl (East Tawas, MI) Dan Gary (Oscoda, MI)
8	66	44:52	Steve Watson (Onaway, MI) Tony Short (Indian River, MI)
9	126	44:55	Colin Hunter (Grayling, MI) Jason Hall (Crystal, MI)
10	32	44:58	Jerry Killingbeck (East Tawas) Joey Kimsel (Oscoda, MI)
11	13	45:49	Sean Casey (Grayling, MI) Josh Taylor (Grayling, MI)
12	123	46:35	Dwayne Barnes (Copemish, MI) Amy Solak (Traverse City, MI)
13	25	46:38	Lynne Witte (Mt. Clemens, MI) Tom Cannon (East Lansing, MI)
14	90	47:12	Robert Smith (Roscommon, MI) Spencer Derenzy (Grayling, MI)
15	18	48:04	Mark Bialek (Kalamazoo, MI) Todd Vandeven (Battle Creek, MI)
16	73	48:42	Greg Nelson (Marquette, MI) Nate Winkler (Traverse City, MI)
17	126A	48:48	Brad Gross (Pinconning, MI) Mitch McMillan (Clare, MI)
18	43	49:17	Ray Trudgeon (East Lansing, MI) Tad Hill (Livonia, MI)
19	44	50:26	Dwight Walker (Hasting, MI) Ed Lazar (Grosse Pointe, MI)
20	112	50:30	Ted Matthews (East Tawas, MI) Rod Matthews (Oscoda, MI)
21	26	50:55	Joe Pollock (Edmore, MI) Tim Chapple (Interlochen, MI)
22	62	51:03	Carrie Montgomery (Mikado, MI) Debbie Graham (Oscoda, MI)
23	156	52:48	Robert Mitchell (Redford, MI) Nick Walton (Haslett, MI)
24	09	53:39	Al Widing Sr. (Mio, MI) Frank Smutek (Luzerne, MI)
25	77	53:41	Rick Sika (Traverse City, MI) Tyler Sika (Traverse City, MI)
26	00	54:16	Bob Bradford (Lapeer, MI) Jan Bradford (Lapeer, MI)
27	95	55:55	Mindy Bennett (Prescott, MI) Rick Gillings (Prescott, MI)
28	42	56:15	Cheryl Lucey (Grayling, MI) Ellen Thompson (Lewiston, MI)
29	57	56:47	Sarah Webb (Hubbard Lake, MI) Marcia Rimer (Horton, MI)
30	144	59:11	David Spaulding (Grand Blanc, MI) Martin Spees (Flint, MI)
31		59:25	Ray Quick (Millington, MI) Ray Quick III (Millington, MI)

C-1 Results

Place	Boat #	Time	Name
1	4	44:22	Bruce Barton (Homer, MI)
2	147	44:27	Russ Reker (Lapeer, MI)
3	157	44:48	Jon Webb (Hubbard Lake, MI)
4	15	47:19	Bill Schmitz (Commerce, MI)
5	232	51:16	Jon Thompson (Lewiston, MI)
6	68	56:35	Joe Webb (Hubbard Lake, MI)
7	64	56:48	Grant Tally (Flat Rock, MI)
8	13	56:56	George Stockman (Okemos, MI)
9	107	1:00:30	Garth Greenan (Portage Run, MI)
10	128	1:01:43	Martin Ecker (Muskegon, MI)
11	112	1:07:27	Chris Scully (Lincoln, MI)
12	K1	1:13:27	Michelle Collins (Gladwin, MI)

Klondike 5K Run Results

Place	Time	#	Name	Home	Age	Class
1	20:06	10	Scott Garnett	Whittemore, MI	15	15-17 M
2	21:10	16	Joey Kimsel	Oscoda, MI	25	21-25 M
3	21:31	8	Greg Vanderveen	East Tawas, MI	36	36-40 M
4	22:28	20	George Botos	Tawas City, MI	35	31-35 M
5	27:39	27	Paul Westberg	Oscoda, MI	58	56-60 M
6	27:46	19	Paul Pallagi	Oscoda, MI	52	51-55 M
7	30:21	22	Tina Pallagi	Oscoda, MI	50	46-50 W
8	33:26	14	Mary Lou Peacock	Oscoda, MI	50	46-50 W
9	33:58	15	Carol Kocik	Metamora, MI	48	46-50 W
10	34:23	11	William Thompson	Harrisville, MI	55	51-55 M
11	36:24	13	Judy Sheldon	Greenbush, MI	58	56-60 W
12	39:35	12	Billie J. Thompson	Harrisville, MI	54	51-55 W
13	44:09	18	Marcia Rimer	Horton, MI	46	46-50 W
14	44:10	17	Sarah Webb	Hubbard Lake, MI	44	41-45 W
15	44:10	9	Peg Smutek	Luzerne, MI	63	61-65 W

Klondike 10K Run Results

Place	Time	#	Name	Home	Age	Class
1	54:32	30	Jon Webb	Hubbard Lake, MI	45	41-45 M
2	55:19	2	Dan Gary	Oscoda, MI	47	46-50 M
3	56:43	8	Sherry Davidson	Harrisville, MI	53	51-55 W

Thanks for coming everyone

ONAWAY CANOE RACE

C1 and C2 Races May 13-14, 2006

Schedule of Events

- **Saturday** - C-1 Race starts at 5:30 pm.
- Race is the same as last year starting/finishing at Kleber Dam.
- Entry fee is \$10 with a purse of \$750.
- Winning time will be about 45 minutes.

- **Sunday** - C-2 Race starts at 10:30 am.
- Race starts and finishes at the boat launch on Tower Pond behind the firehouse/softball diamond just north of M-68.
- Entry is \$20 with a purse of \$1500.
- Winning time will be about 1:45 but most boats will take over 2 hrs.
- There are still four portages like every year so far.
- A bow cover wouldn't be a terrible thing to have with you for Kleber Pond.

For Info Contact: Steve Watson, 19389 Malone Hwy., Onaway, MI 49765 s_watson75@hotmail.com

Paddlers to be Inducted to

MCRA Canoers Monument

July 15th at 3:00

Do you have pictures or articles to share.

1. Jerry Grant
2. Norm Rodgers
3. Pat Widing
4. John Kellogg
5. Robert Kellogg
6. Elmer Kellogg
7. James Wakeley
8. Karl Neal Ketter
9. William Bill Dingman
10. Bronco Bill Brownsen

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Round Robin Fun Race

June 3rd in Midland

More information will be available in the next newsletter and also on the website.

NEEDED: Timers for our races.

As everyone knows the people that put on the races also participate because of this we need timers. All the race coordinators would appreciate any assistance that you can provide: helping with registration, setting up buoys or cleaning our debris on the course. Just call your local race director or Lynne Witte to see how you can help