

MCRA News

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Another season has begun.

2007 Race Schedule

rch 24	Klondike Race	Chris Rudolph
April 22nd	Burlington C1 Pursuit Race WI *	Fritz Hansen
May 5-6	Roscommon Pro-Am	Fred Mills
May 12-13	Onaway Canoe Race	Steve Watson
June 3 rd	Midland	Brad Gross
June 17-18	Paddle Power	Martin Ecker
June 30-1 st	Pestigo River, WI	Ev Crozier
July 7-8	MidTown Real Estate Classic	Garth Greenan
July 14-15	Harry Curley Memorial Race	Chris Rudolph
July 21-22	Spike's Challenge	John Lucey
July 28-29	AuSable River Canoe Marathon *	ARICM
Aug. 5th	Vassar Race	Dale Newton
Aug 7-12	Nationals at Warren, PA	USCA
Aug. 18-19	Sault St. Marie	Tony Short
Aug. 25-26	Mio's "First Dam" Canoe Race	Peggy Smutek
Sept. 8th	River Raisin Canoe Race	Bill Fick
Sept. 15th	Tahquamenon Wilderness Race	Linda Richards

* non points race

President's Letter

Special Invitation to Become Canoe Race Mentor

You are invited to be a mentor to kids interested in learning more about canoe racing. This is an opportunity to match experience with young canoe paddlers. You will have the opportunity to answer questions, share stories and paddle with someone beginning in canoe racing. We will be matching you for a season to build a relationship. Please contact Lynne via email or telephone to become a part of this program. Please call if you want to be a mentor or you are interested in being mentored! We'll share more details if you contact me.

Lynne lynnewitte@juno.com or 586-201-5695

Thank you to everyone who shared their words of encouragement and the flowers from MCRA at the death of my brother and former MCRA member, Mark Bartley. Lynne

Remember the next few weeks the rivers will be full of fishermen. Common courtesy is something we should all practice. Ray I'm going to quote you because I believe you said it best.

"We should all try to make the effort to use the lower sections and avoid some of the heavily fished areas like town through Camp 10 and Mio to McKinley. We would be highly *beep*(upset) if they were casting lines during the Marathon or even Spike's or Mio races." Ray

Weyerhaeuser Roscommon ProAm

Sat. May 5th C-2 Race 12 pm
Sun. May 6th C-1 Race 10 am

Deflated fees!!!

Be Prepared to be Flashed!!!

Please arrive early to register.

C-2 is the regular course

C-1 is a time trial

Thou Shalt Not Park in the Church Parking Lot!!!

Please park in the canoe livery parking lot, north of the bridge. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

PADDLERS

1. Slow Down, Reduce Your Wake[100' above & below anglers]
2. Ask Which Side To Pass On [after dark, look for a light that will direct you to correct side]
3. Be Aware That Fisherman Can't Hear – OR – Move Very Well in Moving Waters
4. After Dark, Please Use A Small Red Light So Fishermen Know You Are There
5. Please do not move or cut any wood or debris in the river, it is in many cases providing trout habitat. The liveries ensure the river is navigable.
6. Do not use privately owned docks without permission.
7. Do not trespass on private property to use or leave the river.

6th Annual Onaway Canoe Race

Exact same course and times as last year

C-1 race Saturday evening May 12th, 5:30 pm ---Begins at Kleber Dam on Kleber Pond (Kleber Dam Rd.). It's a looped course, predominantly a pond race. Finishing time between 40 and 80 minutes.

C-2 pro race (expert and div. II) Sunday May 13th, 10:30 am --- Begins and ends at the Tower Pond boat ramp behind the softball field and fire hall on M-68 in Tower. 4 portages with the longest being about 200 yards. Race time will vary from 1:45 - 2:30.

There will be pick-up boats on the ponds for turnovers due to boat wakes at the start.

*****Special Interest*****

There will be a banquet after the race on Sunday at the fire hall. Unlike past years, this meal will cost a nominal \$5. This meal is provided by Onaway High School's class of 2008. They will earn all the profits from the meal so please plan on attending what should be a good meal for a charitable cause.

USCA Winter Meeting Highlights

The USCA has added 3 new classes C-1 & C-2 stock in men's and women's to be run with the Cruisin Class. This class will be a Demo Class a stock boat is one that is off the rack with not concave lines. Also a C-1 unlimited class, can use a rudder with a single blade paddle. This is to be run on Wednesday as is the Demo class during Nationals. They dropped the outrigger class except for adaptive paddler. Also next winters meeting other classes will be looked at and will be dropped if they do not have enough participation. They changed the sea kayak from day 2 to day 1 with a special award for the 1st K-2 mixed.

Nationals 2008 will be in Bristol IN and Matt Streib will be the host. The races will start in Mottville and end in Bristol town park. The Aluminum Nationals will be in Texas in '08. Nationals '09 dates are Aug. 11-16.

Also USCA insurance will remain at \$4.50 but they will offer a reduced rate of \$4 for a list of names of who entered the race, so the USCA can send membership forms to those who are not members. They will not sell the list to anyone.

Dwight Walker

For Sale

2006 and 2005 Au Sable Marathon DVDs available through Justin Griffith, monumentpride@yahoo.com, Phone 989-820-5196.

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

Paddle bags with draw string, royal blue fleece material, will fit up to 54" length. Custom iron-on patches upon request too. \$25/each, call Pat Spaulding at 810-694-3131 or dgspaulding@comcast.net.

Crozier-built V-1. 3 years old with a couple repairs. Lightweight setup, all carbon including gunwales, sliding rear footbrace. Totally race-ready with center cover, paddle clips, seat foam, jug holders and foot straps. \$3250 Call Steve Watson (989) 733-8530 or e-mail s_watson75@hotmail.com

Perception Spirit white water kayak. Comes with Paddle, Helmet, Float Bags, and light that can be mounted on the bow of the boat. \$215 or best offer. The boat is located in Roscommon MI. I can be contacted by email, Tony Medina, tonyjmedina90@yahoo.com or by phone 989-275-5370

LeVas Paddles in stock, \$270. ZRE Paddles Med. wt. \$190. Lt. wt. \$215. Med.Power Surge \$210. Lt. Power Surge \$235. Contact : Tom Canon 517-332-1701 or thomascannon@juno.com

C-2 pro-ready. All carbon fiber racing canoe. Carbon slides, foot straps, carbon padded seats, bailer ect. Never seen water. Bagged by the bag lady. Built by Serge Corbin. Need to sale due to back injury. Asking \$3300.00/OBO For more info. Call Marty at 586-294-8784

Check out the website and see what information is available on the MRCA Forums: training dates and times in your area, items for sale, paddlers looking for partners and race information. See all this at <http://miracing.com/>

Klondike Canoe / Run Race Results 2007

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C-1 Results

#	Time	Name	
1	147	45:32	Russ Reker

2	15	45:38	Bill Schmitz
3	129	46:43	Bruce Byrnes
4	146	53:55	Ashley Marsh
5	X	55:21	Mike Poland
6	168	55:33	Jason Hatfield
7	107	58:01	Garth Greenan
8	31	58:07	Cameron McClain
9	113	58:26	Chris Scully
10	64	1:00:16	Grant Tally
11	777	1:04:08	John Hazel
12	12	1:12:08	Kirk Lieber
13	32	1:12:32	Kari Wainwright
14		1:12:35	Justin Griffith

C-2 Results

#	Time	Name	
1	89	34:50	Steve Corlew & Matt Streib
2	87	35:35	Ryan Halstead & Rod Halstead
3	5	38:19	Bruce Barton & Matt Meersman
4	126	39:11	Brad Gross & Mitch McMillan
5	XX	40:08	Tom Trudgeon & Josh Sheldon
6	00	40:42	Mike Bradford & Bob Bradford
7	98	40:57	Ray Yehl & Dan Gary
8	08	41:03	Colin Hunter & Nick Walton
9	36	41:48	Mike Garon & Doug Gillin
10	39	42:03	Mark Bialek & Bill DuBois
11	T	42:14	Spencer Derenzy & Dave Lawe
12	68	42:20	Steve Krantz & Chad Brandt
13	119	42:30	Tim Feldkamp & Joe Roman
14	148	42:37	Sean Casey & Josh Taylor
15	104	42:52	Todd VanDeven & Jerry Killingbeck
16	49	42:54	Ray Trudgeon & Carrie Montgomery
17	112	42:55	Ted Matthews & Rod Matthews
18	35	43:11	Pete Mead & Al Widing Jr.
19	86	43:32	Tony Short & Austin Short
20	44	43:35	Dwight Walker & Ed Lazar
21	09	44:56	Al Widing Sr. & Fred Mills
22	32	44:57	Joey Kimsel & Erik McCausey
23	79	45:54	Ray Quick & Martin Spees
24	94	46:59	Frank Smutek & Amy Solak
25	54	47:44	Ellen Thompson & Lynne Witte
26	95	50:12	Rick Gillings & Mindy Bennett
27	L	57:52	Mike Grenier & Bill Wright
28	7	57:22	Troy Harris & Kevin Ornatowski
29	DNF		Steve Skillman & Dennis Butler
30	DNF		Jon Thompson & Jason Thompson
31	DNF		Justin Denno & Jorden Wakeley