

Paddler Profile

Name: Lynne Witte

Residence: Mt. Clemens, MI

Years as MCRA member: Since 1970

Age: 54

Canoe #: 54

Date: February 18, 2009

2008 Final Stats:

C-2 Points 27th Place

C-1 Points 68th Place



How did you get started in the MCRA?

Watching the AuSable River Canoe Marathon in the 1960's as a youngster.

When you started, which MCRA member(s) provided you with the most instructional help?

Butch Stockton and Bob Welch.

Why do you continue to be an MCRA member?

The MCRA is the best canoe racing organization in North America.

Favorite paddling memory.....

Crossing the finish line in Oscoda in 1988 with Jim Myers in 4th place and setting a new mixed record time of 15:05.

Any tips for training when you are working full time?

Get in the school work before school so I can train afterwards. Some days are tough, but being a school teacher and having my summers off is perfect.

Goals (if any) for the 2009 season.....

To compete competitively in my 30th AuSable River Canoe Marathon in July.

If you could paddle one race next year with anyone who would it be, what race, and why?

With Solomon Carriere in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon to give it one more shot at a mixed record time to Oscoda. The year we raced they LENGTHENED the race to a new finish line downstream!

Favorite paddler to race with and why.....

Tough to limit this to one. Bob Bradford and Solomon Carriere (males) and Connie Cannon (female). What determined and tough individuals they are, yet they have an amazingly fun time while training and race hard.

Do you train all year for racing?

Yes, I cross train all year for canoe racing. I will ride a mountain bike, cross country ski, and now dog sled through the winter. Cross training helps keep me motivated to get back on the water in the spring and summer.

If you could give one tip to a paddler just starting to race, what would it be?

Find an experienced paddler(s) to get in the basic techniques in order to develop good habits from the beginning. For all young paddlers, come on out and get some of us experienced paddlers in your canoe as many times as you can. We all have different ideas to share.

