

# Paddler Profile

**Name:** Ryan Bennett

**Residence:** Ray Township, MI

**Years as MCRA member:** 2

**Age:** 13

**Canoe #: 189**



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

Brad Gross and Russ Reker.

2.) How did you get started in the MCRA?

Going to the AuSable River Canoe Marathon every year with my family and watching my Uncle Brad (Gross) paddle.

3.) Why do you continue to be an MCRA member?

Because it is so much fun.

4.) Who is your biggest supporter and why?

My Dad because he goes out and paddles with me.

5.) Favorite paddling memory.....

Paddling with Andy Triebold last year at Nationals in the C2 man/youth marathon race. Also I paddled with Steve Corlew last winter.



**6.) Favorite race to paddle in and why.....**

**I like the Klondike because it is in the winter and it is the first race of the season.**

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

**Just to do good in the races.**

**8.) If you could paddle one race this year with anyone who would it be, what race, and why?**

**To race in the C2 man/youth marathon at Nationals with my Uncle Brad (Gross).**

**9.) What would you tell a friend about canoe racing?**

**You don't just sit in the canoe and paddle, it is a lot harder than you think.**

**10.) What do you hope to learn this year?**

**What types of food and drinks the paddlers use during the marathon. This way I know what to eat next year when I hope to race the marathon.**

**Any last comments...**

**I am looking forward to paddling with Jeff Kolka this summer for 2 hours. I got that for a Christmas present from my Grandparents.**



**GOOD LUCK !**