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June 2026 Newsletter

What's New:

- Newaygo Power Paddle **WOMEN'S BONUS** - June 6-7
- Betsie River Canoe Race **C1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP** - June 13
- Muskegon River Throw Down - June 20-21
- Paddle Hard River Rampage - *E2 CHAMPIONSHIP* - June 27-28

Racers, please be sure to use your MCRA numbers. This helps race organization accurately score race results. Thank you!

Racers will score points on their 10 best races throughout the year.

Reminder: MCRA dues must be paid by April 1 to avoid late fees. Both paddlers must be current on dues in order to receive points and prize money.

Dues processing is now available online. If any members need assistance with registration issues, please reach out to the MCRA board and we will be more than happy to assist.

You can pay your dues by clicking the "join now" (pay by April 1 to avoid late fees).
Visit <https://runsignup.com/MemberOrg/MichiganCanoeRacingAssociation/Register>

Check out our tentative 2026 race schedule below!

2026 MCRA Race Schedule

This schedule is subject to change.

Newaygo Power Paddle – June 6-7 ***Women's Bonus***

Betsie River Race – June 13 ***C1 State Championship***

Muskegon River Throwdown – June 20-21

Paddle Hard River Rampage – June 27-28 ***E2 Championship***

Curley Memorial Canoe Race – July 11-12

Spike's Challenge – July 18-19

Mio "First Dam" Challenge – August 29-30

Tahquamenon Wilderness Canoe Race – September 19 & End of year awards



Newaygo Power Paddle - WOMEN'S BONUS

EQUAL PAY OUT MENS, WOMEN'S AND MIXED BOTH DAYS!!!

The more we raise, the more we hand out!

Pre-registration closes on June 4th (Thursday) at 10:00pm Eastern Time

C1 \$15 if pre-registered, \$20 Day Of

C2 \$20 if pre-registered, \$30 Day Of

<https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Newaygo/NewaygoPowerPaddle>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/765452563036097>

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Start Location: Al duChemin Park 5439 Washington St, Newaygo, MI 49337

Finish Location: New Bridge Access, [Sarrell St, Newaygo, MI 49337](#)

C2 Saturday June 6

9:30 AM Registration Opens

10:30 AM Briefing

11 AM E2 Race Start

11:05 AM E1 Race Start

Awards to follow immediately after the race DuChemin Park (Croton Pond)

C1 Sunday June 8

8:00 AM Registration Opens

9:00 AM Briefing

9:30 AM Race Start

Awards to follow immediately after the race at DuChemin Park (Croton Pond)

Course:

C2 is planned to be the full course- starting on Croton pond, going around the island, portaging Croton Dam and finishing at New Bridge Access. The race will be approximately 1 hour 45 minutes for the winning team.

C1 we will be using the landing below Croton Dam (by the bridge) as a starting line. The finish will be at the New Bridge Access. Winning men's time will be approximately 1 hour 40 minutes

If you have questions or comments, please contact

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Betsie River Canoe Race - C1 **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

June 13

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1258165812956059>

Green Lake DNR Boat Ramp
6101 Betsie River Rd
Interlochen, Mi 49643
United States

Race Times

8am Registration

C1: 9am race start

C2: 12pm (or two hours after last C1 finishes) race start

Lunch provided at the conclusion of the C2 race

Preregistration

Please contact Wes Dean to pre-register:

Text: 989-390-5647

Email: dean.wesleygrant@gmail.com

Pre-registration ends 6/12/25 at 7pm. Day of registration is available but please consider pre-registration as it helps us plan.

Payments will be collected the day of the race.

Pre-registration

C1 Entry - \$10 per Individual

C2 Entry - \$20 per Team

Race day registration

C1 entry - \$20 per Individual

C2 entry - \$30 per Team

Points will still be given individually for C1 and C2.

Race Course

Course will be finalized race morning but the start will be on a lake: Proposed course will start and

finish at the boat ramp.

C1 will proceed directly to the river and turn at the first buoy (before the backwaters area), before returning to the boat ramp. Estimated winning time is about 40 minutes.

C2 complete a parade lap in the lake before proceeding to the river. Competitors will then turn at the second buoy (by the grass lake dam campground), they will then return upstream and proceed directly to the finish line at the boat ramp. Estimated winning time is about 1 hour and 35 minutes.



Muskegon River Throw Down

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1471109764620049>

<https://www.rccra.net/#/>

June 20-21

Northshore Lounge
13691 W Shore Dr
Houghton Lake, MI

C1 Saturday June 20
Race Start 10am

C1 course: starts in front of The North Shore Lounge in heats of 15 boats at the farthest dock downriver instead of the old bridge. Go straight to the dam, portage river left, down river to the deadstream buoy (COUNTER CLOCKWISE) and back. Portage dam river right, finish in front of The North Shore Lounge. Heats will take off every 5 minutes. The finish will be at the old bridge (just look for Crystal & Alex).

C2 Sunday June 21
Race Start 10am

C2 course: starts in front of The North Shore Lounge in heats of 15 boats at the farthest dock downriver instead of the old bridge. Go down river and around the island (CLOCKWISE) to return back to the start and perform a buoy turn clockwise. Go to the dam, portage river left, down river to the dead stream buoy (COUNTER CLOCKWISE). Return to the ATV bridge and perform another buoy turn (COUNTER CLOCKWISE). Go back to the dead stream buoy (COUNTER CLOCKWISE), and return to finish at the old bridge.

Entry Fees:

C1: Pre-Register - \$15 Day Of - \$20

Pro C2: Pre-Register - \$30 Day Of - \$40

Am C2: Pre-Register - \$20 Day Of - \$30

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Paddle Hard River Rampage - E2 **Championship**

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1893244181553358>

Pre-Registration is from June 22nd – June 26th.

C1 Pre-Registration Cost: \$15

C2 Pre-Registration Cost: \$30 per boat

Cost increases \$5 per person once pre-registration closes.

Saturday June 27th

9:30 AM – C1 Registration Begins

10:30 AM – Pre-Race Briefing

11 AM – C1 Race Begins

Start at Conners Flats facing upstream. Racers go up to Townline, turn a buoy, and head to McMasters. Finish on the upstream side of the bridge.

Sunday June 28th

7:00 AM – C2 Registration Begins

8:30 AM – Pre-Race Briefing

9 AM – C2 Race Begins

Start at Conners Flats facing upstream. Racers go upstream to the island, turn it clockwise, head back to Conners Flats to turn a buoy counter clockwise, head up to Townline, turn a buoy clockwise, and head to McMasters. Finish on the upstream side of the bridge.

Both race awards will be Sunday the 28th following C2 race at 12:00 PM at the Paddle Hard Yard with a Taco Bar Courtesy of Paddle Hard.

Viewing Points:

- White Pine Campground
- Buoy turn at Townline
- Rainbow Bend Campground

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