

## Round the Mountain Canoe and Kayak Race Results

May 13, 2017

The 'Round the Mountain Canoe and Kayak races took place in nearly perfect paddling conditions on Saturday in spite of dire weather forecast predictions. Warm temperatures, high water and nominal wind led to some very fast times and a tightly contested field of paddlers on the 10.5 mile course around Dewey Mountain in Saranac Lake. The Ampersand Bay Resort, on Lower Saranac Lake, once again hosted the start of the race. A variety of boats from guide boats to a stand up paddle board one two three and four person canoe teams and a strong field of recreational, touring and unlimited kayaks were in the flotilla.

Fastest time of the day honors went to kayaker Jim Mallory, of West Henrietta, cruising to victory in the Men's over 50 Unlimited Kayak class in a time of 1:22:47. The father and daughter team of Paul and Jo Ann Olney, of Westernville, had the fastest canoe time winning the C-2 Amateur under 50 class in a time of 1:30:24.

Local winners included Carrie Hall of Lake Placid and her partner Howie Dower in the C-2 Stock Mixed over 50 race finishing in 1:42:29; Randy Young of Saranac Lake and Mark Winter of Bloomingdale in the C-2 Amateur men over 50 race finishing in 1:32:27; Janet Findlay and David Hunter of Lake Placid winning the C-2 Amateur Mixed over 50 race in 1:33:03; Royal McDonnell of Paul Smith's winning the Unlimited Kayak under 50 race in 1:30:47; and the "Blue Crusher Flowers" (Beth Donnelly, Heidi Kretser, Jessica Cook and Chrissy Hayden) winning the C-4 Women's race in 1:49:09.

Paddlers and spectators were able to check out the boats and accessories of Adirondack Lakes and Trails Outfitters at their annual demo days at the Finish Line and the Adirondack Amateur Radio Association provided communications around the course during the event.

The Round the Mountain Canoe and Kayak races were sanctioned as New York Marathon Canoe Race Association Points Races. The Adirondack Watershed Alliance organized the event. The next paddling event on the local calendar is June 3 in Tupper Lake. For more information go to the AWA pages at [www.macscanoe.com](http://www.macscanoe.com)

The first in a series of NYMCRA sprint series races was held at the Finish line of the 'Round the Mountain with 6 tandem canoe teams dashing for the cash. Following a LeMans start, and a raucous buoy turn, around a brave volunteer in a kayak, the team of Roger Henry and Tim Henning came away with the victory. Thank you to Ed and Kim Greiner of Greiner Home Improvements and Grass River Boatworks for sponsoring the fun event. Look for more sprints at future points races.

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