Message from the President

Hello Fellow Paddlers I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I am waiting for the weather to break so that I may get out and get some much needed practice and training in for the upcoming racing season. The calendar is full again of races throughout New York State as well as the surrounding states and of course the Nationals. I encourage everyone to get out and support the race directors that put in the time and effort to put on all the races listed in the calendar. We have the usual points series races that I also encourage you to participant in so that you may have the chance to win as many prizes as Joan Henry and Brian Watson have been known to win at the annual banquet in the fall. We at NYMRCA are also encouraging everyone to bring someone from outside the racing community to try the sport, whether it is a friend, coworker, relative or even a spouse. Maybe I could even get my wife into a boat and do a race. You never know. I bring to you some sad news as Chas Billingsley has resigned from NYMCRA as the president in order to relocate to Vermont for his new job. I wish Chas and his wife Diana all the best of luck and look forward to seeing them both at the races this year. I would like to thank Chas for all he has done to support NYMCRA. I will do my best to be filling in as president until the next election at the banquet in the fall. I would also like to thank everyone on the board of directors for all of their help and support with NYMCRA. The endless hours that Ed Greiner and his wife Kim put into compiling the annual race calendar, membership list and taking care of the books. Kim as also offered and was voted in by the remaining board members at the meeting in January to serve on the board until the fall. Sue Knapik, for all the time that goes into putting together this newsletter. Joe Schlimmer for being the webmaster and all of the other board members for all that they do behind the scenes. If you have any ideas that you think would benefit NYMCRA and its members may sure you mention it to any of the board members. We will be looking for some new board members in the fall to replace those terms with expire this fall. Getting back to racing the General Clinton will allow C-4s into the race for the first time ever, thanks to the prodding of Marc Gillespie. Maybe someday we will see Marc in a C-4. Jeff Pederson will be having 2 days of racing down on the Susquehanna in August and there is talk that the Empire State Games will return this year to Rochester, possibly July 26 -28. We will keep you posted as soon as we hear more. Please visit the website for additional and up to date information. I look forward to seeing everyone at the races.

Kevin Berl
Inspirational People in our Sport
By Michael Skivington

Sometimes you are able to meet people who inspire and leave you with a good feeling. Over the course of the last ten years or so I have been lucky to be able to become friends with two special people. The first gentlemen’s name is John Barrett and he is a canoe builder, paddle builder, fly fisherman, and long time paddler. John just turned 88 and has been paddling for over sixty years. A veteran of WWII and D-Day, John served as a decoder helping to break down the NAZI communication system. On a lighter note, John decided some fifty years ago that he would set a goal to paddle the number of times per year as his age. This past year he paddled 87 times – finishing his 87th time on December 7, 2012 on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor. He has not missed a year since initiating this challenge to himself. Quite an accomplishment. He even made the paper and TV with his endeavor. He is a very humble man and is inspirational to me and everyone he meets.

The other gentlemen’s name that I spoke of is Alex Gilbert. Alex, like John is 88 years of age and is a WWII veteran. He was a B-24 bomber pilot and engineer completing 33 missions over Italy and Germany. Approximately ten years ago it became my crazy goal to try and build a guideboat in memory of my father. Well, it became a lot bigger project than I assumed until I met Alex. Ironically, he was undertaking the same project. He helped me in so many ways and I am still in awe of his skills and craftsmanship. Alex lofted his own plans, built his own forms, and constructed a guideboat by the original methods of using screws, tacks, and the Grant lapstrake planking. Currently, I am finishing up his second guideboat which is tentatively going to be rowed in the Adirondack Canoe Classic by Peter Ross and Tim Henning (Hopeful that I can coax these two brave spirits into this adventure) It is Alex’s desire that this boat then be donated to The Boy Scouts of America.

The above two gentlemen remind me of Tom Brokaw’s description of THE LAST GREAT GENERATION. They are humble Americans who gave so much of themselves and have asked very little in return. I am proud to be able to call them my friends and glad that I was given the opportunity to enjoy their wisdom and fellowship.
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Message from NYMCRA Secretary, Peter Ross

Well we have done it again, wasted another perfectly good (sort of) winter. Skiing was ok in certain parts of the state, but I never really took advantage of the snow when it was on the ground. I felt some muscle giving way to fatty tissue as I sat in front of the fireplace more than I should have. I usually swim and take advantage of some indoor YMCA triathlon’s and did not even do that this year. However, as we start the downhill tumble towards spring, I have been rejuvenated and eager for yet another great canoe racing season.

When there were some warm breaks in the weather in early January, you could not help but get out in the boat and think about the upcoming races. Now it’s March and the season is starting to take shape with lots of new excitement. There will be a C4 class in this year’s General Clinton, which is drawing a fair amount of interest and pre-registration for the class is already over a handful. I hope this is not the year for low water! From an ever growing C4 class, there is the possibility of an additional race focused on the C4 in June; check the NYMCRA web site for information as it becomes available.

This year, the Empire State Games are scheduled to take place in Rochester. They will be held at one of our favorite Rochester racing venues, the Waterway Center on the Genesee River. It should be a great event!

This year it would be great to try and introduce someone new to the sport. So I challenge us all to share the fun, camaraderie, and the competition of NYMCRA.

Paddlers, now you can put your retired or unused equipment to good use!

Steve Corlew of Grayling, Michigan is seeking paddling equipment donations for a non-profit club focused on teaching canoeing to new paddlers. Donations of paddles, canoes and kayaks of any type are welcome, and even damaged gear can be repaired and put to good use. All donations are tax deductible. Contact Steve Corlew at graprograms@hotmail.com for further details.
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Saturday April 6
Cameron County Canoe and Kayak Classic
Registration 7:00 am - 11:30 at the Emporium Country Club 6 miles south of Emporium Pa. Along Rte 120.
First wave starts at noon.
Entry fees: $20.00/adult
Youth age 17 & under $10
Contact: Randy Bailey 814-546-2011 or beetlecamp@yahoo.com or on the web at www.canoeclassic.org

Saturday April 20
Upper Susquehanna Pedalers & Paddlers Spring Race
NYMCRA Canoe Points Race
12 and 18 Miles Oneonta, NY
Registration: Begins at 10am at the start. Race start: 11am, Rain or Shine
Classes: All NYMCRA Point classes, Pro, Recreation and Recreation Mixed
Awards: First three places in each division
Entry fees: Pre-registration $18/paddler for amateur and $22/pro paddler. All pre-registrations must be received by mail prior to race day. Race day registration $20/ amateur paddler and $25/pro paddler.
All checks payable to: Upper Susquehanna Pedalers & Paddlers
Mail to: Jeff Shultis, 7 Diane Drive, Otego, NY 13825
Contact: Jeff Shultis: 607-988-7898 or jrscanoe@aol.com
Course description: All classes start at Route 205 Bridge in Oneonta and finish at the Otego fishing access. Recreation classes, C-1W and any class with youth will finish when reaching the Otego access. All other classes proceed to Wells Bridge, turn a buoy and return to the Otego fishing access.
Hot food and awards immediately following at the Otego Elementary School.

Sunday April 21
Little River Ramble
Start and finish race from the Little River Boat Launch next to the Park Street & Canton Pyrites Rd. bridge, Canton NY
Registration 12:00-1:00 First Start 1:00
College and Recreational Race about 2 miles
Kayak and Marathon Class about 6 miles
Course will depend on water conditions.
Entry Fee : Adults $20 - SLVP adult member $15 - School Age students $5 - - College Students $Free
Classes will be decided on race day. No Pro Class. There will be a separate college class.
Recreation: Men, Mixed, Ad/Jr, Rec, Unlimited, Open, College
Marathon: C1 Open, C1 Stock Open, C2 Open, C2 Stock Open, K-1 M & W, War Canoe
Contact: Steve Coffin, 315-854-0881 or jigsawsc@yahoo.com
www.slvpaddlers.org

Wednesdays April – Sept.
SLVP Scramble Series
Informal club practice on the Little River, Raquette River & Grasse River
Contact: Steve Coffin, 315-854-0881 or jigsawsc@yahoo.com

Saturday April 27
Wappingers Creek Water Derby
Distance: 8 mi. downstream
Registration opens: 7:30 am
Start time 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Races start every two minutes on the minute.
Entry fee: $13.00 prior to April 19th; $17.00 after April 19th
No pro-boats allowed, but amateur cruisers OK in CC class
Approximately 8 mile run down the winding Wappingers Creek from Pleasant Valley to Poughkeepsie NY.
Canoe/ Kayak rentals available at start.
Contact: Mike Rodrigues – waterderby@aquaticexplorers.org
www.aquaticexplorers.org for race app.
Sunday April 29
**Run of the Charles, Boston, MA**
26 mi. pro marathon, 24 mi. relay for up to 10 paddlers, 19 mi., 9 mi. and 6 mi. races
Solo and tandem canoes and kayaks plus stand-up paddleboards
Start time & entry fees: Varies, based on race.
See website for more information.
Register today at www.active.com
Contact: Meg Schermerhorn to race, sponsor or volunteer, (508) 698-6810 x10 or charles@crwa.org
Visit www.charlesriver.org for more information.

Saturday May 11
**Ed Wessels Canoe Regatta**
32 miles C1 & C2 Am, C1 & C2 Pro
First start: 10:00 am
All Wessels races will start at the Otego boat launch. The boat launch is located about 1 mile east of the I-88 Otego exit, on the south side of the river.
Finish at Keith Clark Park
Checks payable to Sidney Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 2295, Sidney, NY 13838.
Contact: Ed Curley 607-433-0333 or 607-563-1524 or ecurley@stny.rr.com

Sunday April 28
**YMCA Cortland Canoe Classic**
Location: Truxton, NY, to Cortland, NY
Distance: 15 miles Classes: All NYMCRA classes + Rec classes
Registration: Register race day at Truxton Fire Hall from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Start: 10:30AM Sharp!
Entry Fee: $22 before Friday, April 26 - $25 on race day
Contact: Cortland YMCA at (607) 756-2893, Online at www.cortlandymca.org or www.cortlandsports.org

**Saturday May 18**
‘Round the Mountain Canoe and Kayak Races
**NYMCRA Kayak Points Race**
10 mi flat-water race
Registration: 9:00 – 10:30
First start 11:00 am
Entry fee is $25 per paddler. ($20 for AWA members)
Start is at the Ampersand Bay Resort on Lower Saranac Lake. Paddlers go around Dewey Mountain to the Finish Line in Saranac Lake Village.
All NYMCRA Classes plus C-4 and Voyageur Canoe.
Contact: Adirondack Watershed Alliance
PO Box 66, Lake Clear, NY 12945
518-891-2744 or grace@macscanoe.com

**Wednesday May 1 thru Sept 18**
**NNYP Weekly Time Trials**
Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM
Course is 3.65 miles on Mohawk River at Rexford, NY (Aqueduct Boat Dock)
$10 for the season, no charge for NNYP members
Contact: Alec Davis 518-399-1435 or alecdavis@earthlink.net

**Friday-Sunday May 3-5**
**Canton Canoe Weekend**
**NYMCRA Canoe & Kayak Points Races**
Location: Canton, NY
Distance: ½ - 14 miles
Saturday: C1, K1, C1 Pro, Rec races
Sunday: C2, K2, C2 Pro, team relays
Start Time: Varied
Entry Fee: $0-$30 Contact: Chuck Bolesh, 315-379-9241, bolesh1@gmail.com, www.slypaddlers.org and FaceBook
Saturday & Sunday June 8 & 9

**Madrid Canoe Regatta**
Many Classes. Register, start & finish at Madrid Community Park. Snack Bar & playground. T-shirts. Entry fee: $20/paddler ($15 SLVP members), Military & Veteran $15 Mil/Vet SLVP Member $10 $30/pro paddler per day, $5 youth (except pro)
Contact: Bernie & Amy Moulton: 315-322-4041 or bmoulton@twcny.rr.com or www.slvpaddlers.org

**Saturday June 8**

3, 9 & 12 miles

**NYMCRA Canoe & Kayak Points Races**
Register: 9:00 - 10:45
Start: 11:00
Amateur marathon (9 miles w/ 1 portage) - NYMCRA Points classes C2 Pro (12 miles w/ 2 portages)
11:45 Recreational Race (3 miles)

**Sunday June 9**

6, 13 & 16 miles

Register: 8:00-9:45 or Saturday evening
Start: 10:00
Amateur marathon (13 miles w/ 1 portage) Pro (16 miles w/ 1 portage). Rec. 6 miles

Weekend Rate:
1st race regular fee, 2nd race $10 – no additional t-shirt – excludes pro races

**Saturday June 8**

Wild Goose Chase
Lenox, Ma.
Distance: 9 miles
NECKRA classes for canoes and kayaks
Registration: 8am
Start: 11am
Entry fee: $15
Classes for canoes, kayaks and paddleboards.
Race course: flat water - a technical, narrow, suck water, shallow water and somewhat deep water race out and back on the scenic Housatonic River. Great lunch follows the race! Prizes.
Contact: Patty Spector
patty@joshbillings.com, 413-637-6913

**Saturday June 16**

**Tiadaghton Elm Canoe & Kayak Classic**
McElhattan, PA
C1 and C2 pro, K1 pro
Recreational & Competition Classes
Distance: 4 mile C2 and K1 classes followed by a 4 mile C1/K1 pro race
Registration: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Start time: 11:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
Enter fee: $15, $25 Pro
Contact Amy & Jeff Rankinen jrankin@pct.edu 570-660-5085 or 570-367-9200
Website: http://eteamz.active.com/telm or new site: www.lhnationals.com/telm
$2000 Pro Purse for C1 and C2 classes. K1 pro purse at least $200. Pro race starts allow paddlers to race both C2 and C1 classes

**Wednesdays June 19, July 17, August 21**

SLVP 3rd Wednesday Duathlon Series
Start time is 5:30 pm.
Located by the Little River Boat Launch off Park Street in Canton.
Free for all participants and all are welcome. Canoes and kayaks are allowed; one or two paddlers.
There is also a good chance that participants in need of a runner or paddler will be able to find someone at the event on race night. The race consists of one paddling leg of approximately 2 miles and two running legs that are about a 1 1/4 miles each.

**Thursday June 20**

**Towpath Regatta**
4.5 miles
Location: Mohawk River from Schenectady Riverfront Park, adjacent to Schenectady Community College to Aqueduct Park, Niskayuna
Registration: 5:30 pm Start: 6:30
Entry fee: Free
Contact: Geoffrey Moore 518-435-1704 or gmoore03@nycap.rr.com
This is a free family-fun event for all human powered boats.
Saturday June 29
Old Forge Paddle Classic
NYMCRCA Canoe & Kayak Points Races
Location: Town of Webb Navigation Dock, Old Forge Pond
Distance: Two Races 6 Mile & 12 Mile
Registration time: 7:30AM-8:45AM
Start time: 9AM.
Entry fee: $25
Contact: Sheila Brady
Phone: (315) 369-6043
E-mail: thorshannon@frontiernet.net

Sunday June 30
Black River Canoe and Kayak Race
NYMCRCA Kayak Points Race
Location: start at the DEC boat launch in Glenfield, NY and finish at the DEC boat launch in Castorland, NY
Distance: 23 miles (no carry)
Classes: canoe, kayak, war canoe
Registration time: 8:00 am
Start time: 9:00 am
Entry fee: $25
Contact: Jerry Haenlin, (315) 489-0368
Post race meal, free for racer, $10 per extra meal ticket

Thursday July 4th
Contoocook River Canoe & Kayak Race
Contoocook, NH
5 mi. (up & back), no motor boats, also short kids’ race/Barton Cup qualifier
All NECKRA & NYMCRCA classes
Registration: 9:30 – 10:45
Start time: 11:00
Racers invited to turkey roast after race. Bring a dish or beverage to share.
Contact: Priscilla Reinertsen at 603-746-6491 or prtsen1@comcast.net
See NECKRA website for driving directions www.neckra.org

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Saturday July 13
Armond Bassett Canoe and Kayak Race
NYMCRCA Canoe & Kayak Points Races
Location: Genesee Water Ways Center
149 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY 14611
10 Mile Marathon Race 3 Mile Fun Race 6 Mile C-1 Pro Race with Cash prizes
Registration: 8:30 am
First Start: 11:00
Entry Fee: $20.00 per paddler, Youth under 16, $10.00
Guide Boats, C4, all canoe and kayaks welcome!!!
T-shirts to the 1st 100, water and snacks provided, Awards,
***Food Available***
Contact: Kevin Berl (585) 733-4043
K_Berl@msn.com
Tim Henning (315) 926-5749
THenning3@rochester.rr.com

Saturday July 20
Electric City Regatta
NYMCRCA Canoe & Kayak Points Races
Location: Schenectady County Community College
Washington Ave, Schenectady, NY
12 mi. marathon, 3 mi. rec., 1 mi. fun race
All NYMCRCA classes plus C1 Pro
Registration 8:30
First start 10:00
Entry fee: $18, NNYP & NYMCRCA members $15
Contact: Ed Greiner 518-875-6497 or eleccityrace@yahoo.com
www.eleccityrace.org

Saturday-Sunday July 20- 21
Spike's Challenge
Grayling, Michigan
Contact: John Lucey jelucey@i2k.com
www.miracing.com

Saturday-Sunday July 27-28
AuSable River Canoe Marathon
Grayling, Michigan
www.miracing.com

Tuesday – Sunday August 6 - 11
USCA Canoe & Kayak Nationals
Newaygo, MI
Registration information: www.uscanoe.com
or www.newaygonationals.com
Saturday & Sunday August 17 & 18
Wells Bridge Canoe and Kayak Races
Wells Bridge, NY

**Two Day event this year!**

**NYMCRACanoe Points Race**

**Saturday August 17**, 3:00 pm C-1 Pro $500 purse, C-1 Amateur, C-1 Stock, K-1
Registration; 1:00-2:30, Race begins at 3:00
8 miles all classes – start in Wells Bridge paddle up stream past the Otego Fishing access to the highway bridge buoy turn around the abutment and return to Wells Bridge.

**Sunday August 18**, 10:30 C-2 Pro $1000 purse, C-2 Amateur, C-2 Stock, K-2
Registration 8:30-10:00. Race Begins at 10:30
11 Miles Pro, 10 Miles Amateur
Pro start in Wells Bridge with a sprint loop then head up stream 5 miles to buoy turn and back to Wells Bridge.
Amateur start in Wells Bridge go upstream 5 miles to buoy turn and back to Wells Bridge.
C-4 15 miles.
Fees: $25 Pro and Amateur
Contact: Jeff Pedersen
PO Box 245 Gilbertsville, NY 13776
jlped@frontiernet.net 607-783-2880
Camping will be available at the Wells Bridge Pavilion ¼ mile from the start/finish with water, electric and bathrooms.

Saturday August 31
Barge Chaser Canoe and Kayak Race
Kiwanis Park, Rt. 5S
Rotterdam, NY
Distance: Distance: 3 miles and 7 miles on the Mohawk River (between Lock 8 and Lock 9)
Registration: 10 am
First Start: 11 am.
All NYMCRA classes plus Recreation
Entry fee: $10/adult and $5/youth Picnic will follow bring a dish to share or pay $2
Contact: Linda and Bob Cooley, 518-393-9201, cooleylinda9@gmail.com

Saturday August 31
Remington II
Classes: any canoe, kayak, single, tandem, group, gender class
Registration: 9:00 am
Start time: 10:00
Entry fee: SLVP schedule $20.00 per paddler, $15.00 SLVP member, $10.00 military and veterans, $5.00 youth
Start in Rensselaer Falls on Oswegatchie River and finish at Heuvelton, NY.
Distance: 6 mi.
Downstream race with 2 short rapids which can be portaged easily on either side of the river. upstream option after awards.
Contact: Kerry Newell 203 Mount Alone Road, Heuvelton, NY 13654
315-344-7283 ineznewell@yahoo.com
www.slvpaddlers.org

Friday - Sunday September 6-8
Adirondack Canoe Classic
90 miles
Old Forge to Saranac Lake
**Entry deadline is July 20, 2013.**
Entry fee is $150 per paddler
A three-day paddling event following the original "highways of the Adirondacks" the inter-connected lakes, rivers ponds and carries from Old Forge to Saranac Lake. Preregistration is required. There are solo, tandem, 4-person and Voyageur canoes, solo and tandem kayaks and Adirondack guideboats.
There is a 275 boat limit. There are both competitive and "Open Touring" classes.
Contact: Adirondack Watershed Alliance
PO Box 66 Lake Clear, NY 12945
518-891-2744 or grace@macscanoe.com

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jlped@frontiernet.net

New and Used Canoes, Paddles, and Accessories
Saturday September 14
17th Annual Rochester River Challenge
Genesee Waterways Center, Rochester, NY
A Disabled Sports USA Warfighter Series Event and an inclusive event for paddlers with or without physical and/or intellectual disabilities presented by Cape Ability Outrigger Ohana, Inc., a chapter of DS/USA
300 meter sprint races on Genesee River
9:30 am-4:30 pm
Pre-registration necessary for seven-person teams
Fee: $25/ adult $12/ youth
Double hulled outrigger canoes provided as well as a steersperson.
All proceeds benefit CAOO to provide programs and services to paddlers with disabilities. All teams are assigned a race time; total time commitment is 1.5 hours. Race classes for men, women, open, masters and youth teams.
Contact: Jan Whitaker
janwhitaker@frontiernet.net or 585-292-6107
See: www.adaptivecanoeing.org for additional Information.

Saturday September 14
SLVP Try-A-Tri and Awards Banquet
Community Center, Madrid, NY
Contact: Steve Coffin, 315-854-0881 or jigsawsc@yahoo.com
www.slvpaddlers.org

Sunday September 15
37th Josh Billings RunAground Triathlon
The Berkshires; Great Barrington-Lenox, Ma.
No race day registration!
Start Time: 9:30am
Entry Fee: varies depending on category (4 person, 3 person, 2 person or iron-person teams)
36 categories with divisions for canoes, kayaks and paddleboards 2nd oldest paddle triathlon in the world!
Scenic bike race through 5 towns, 5 mile canoe or kayak sprint around Stockbridge Bowl, 6 mile run around the lake and finish down the main gate of Tanglewood in Lenox.
Contact: Patty Spector patty@joshbillings.com, 413-637-6913, www.joshbillings.com
Pre-registration only, see website.

Saturday September 21
Long Lake Long Boat Regatta
Long Lake, NY
Event features the North American Voyageur Canoe Championships, The New York State Collegiate C-4 Championships and the Adirondack Kayak Championship.
Distance: 10 and 15 miles
Registration: 9:00-10:30 AM
Start Time: 11 AM
Entry fee is $25 per paddler ($20 for AWA members)
Contact: Adirondack Watershed Alliance
PO Box 66 Lake Clear, NY 12945
518-891-2744 or grace@macscanoe.com

Sunday September 22
St. Regis Canoe Classic
Location: Paul Smith's College, Paul Smiths, NY
Distance: 4.7 mile, 7 mile, and 11 mile
Registration Time: 8-9:30am
Start Time: 10am
Paul Smith’s College will be hosting the St. Regis Canoe Classic, with the cooperative efforts of the Paul Smith’s College Marathon Canoe Team. A collegiate division will be included. Sodexo dining services will be cooking and serving the post-race lunch (included with entry), while the Canoe Team will organize the actual race and awards. Awards to top three finishers in each category. Mass start for all classes.
Contact: Kirsten Domas,
Office: (518) 327-6389 or E-mail: kdomas@paulsmiths.edu

Saturday September 28
Erie Canal Regatta
Fairport NY
Distance: 3.1 mi, 7.5 mi and 14.5 mi
Registration: 8:30 am to 30 min before race
Entry fee: $20 per paddler C1, C2, K1, K2
$50 per boat K4, C4, & war canoes
Start: 10 am 14.5 mi
10:30 7.5 mi
1 pm 3.1 mi fun race
Contact: Peter Abele 585 748-2628
Online registration and race information: www.eriecanalboatcompany.com/Erie_Canal_Regatta.php
Paddler’s Profiles

Name: Kevin Berl
Region of State: Western New (Rochester)

How long have you been paddling? 13 yrs.  Racing competitively? 13 yrs.
Favorite paddling location? Adirondacks
If C2/K2 most common partner? Rich Butts
Cross-training/fitness techniques? Bike Riding/Running/Snow Shoeing/Skiing/Working

Little known facts about yourself (Hobbies/Skills) I am an electrician by trade and renovate houses, own and manage rental property in my spare time. I have met a lot of great people thru canoeing racing who have always encouraged me to do my best and taken the time to help me with new techniques and pointers. It has also helped me stay in shape and see different waterways and places I would not have otherwise seen.

Name: Mary Schlimmer
Region of State: Central New York State.

How long paddling? Racing competitively? I have been paddling since about 2007 and competitively since 2009. I paddled before 2007 but that’s the year I got my first canoe.
Favorite paddling location: Starting at Well’s Bridge on the Susquehanna and paddling upstream. There’s always a great group to paddle with and you can learn a lot from everyone. There’s never a dull moment!
If C2/K2, most common partner? My sister, Theresa.
Cross-training/fitness techniques? Running, cross country skiing, weightlifting, road and mountain biking.

Little known facts about you (other hobbies/skills): Just learned how to downhill ski, still can improve a lot! I also enjoy crocheting and reality TV.

Most memorable racing experience: Definitely, without a doubt, has to be racing the the AuSable River Canoe Marathon for the first time in 2012! It’s something I’ll never forget. Everything that goes with it; a whole week of events, the racers, the fans and the sheer uniqueness of it is what makes it so great. Paddling at night and racing for almost 17 hours without stopping definitely makes you feel like you accomplished something pretty awesome!

Name: Gary Mclain, age 46
Region of State: Ballston Spa NY
Married Patty, 2 daughters, Taylor 14 and Brianna 11
Nicknames: Hot Dog, or Big G
Favorite training spot: Kaydeross Creek, Saratoga NY

Paddling history: started paddling at age 8, at 22 decided to give it up for a while. 1981 part of youngest team to finish the General Clinton 70, combined age of 30 years old. Many time Empire State Games Champion, with 5 Golds in 1987. After a 20 year layoff from racing, now back in Marathon racing for past 5 years. 3 time C-1 under 50 NYMCRA State Champion

Best race result: 3rd at 2012 Clinton, C-1 under 50 class.
This year, I am partnering with Phil Millspaugh, to race in the C-2 men’s class. We are entering the Ausable River Marathon as our goal for this year!
Charles River Watershed Association’s
31st Annual
Run of the Charles Canoe & Kayak Race
Sunday, April 28, 2013

Races Include:
Amateur 24-Mile Relay
Amateur 6, 9, and 19 Mile
Professional 24-Mile Marathon

Finish Line Festival at DCR’s Artesani Park
Live Music • Picnics • Food • Vendors

For more information, sponsorship, volunteer and more,
contact 508-698-6810 or rotc@crwa.org

www.CharlesRiver.org