

# Washington Canoe Club NEWS

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## Upcoming Events

**Oct. 21st - Fall Fun for WCC Toddlers:** Come paint pumpkins with our youngest paddlers! Please join us for a baby and toddler friendly fall event on October 21st. Activities include: pumpkin painting, chalk, blocks, and a romp through the leaves! Please bring clothes that can get messy and a lunch item to share. Please RSVP [on Facebook here](#) or to [cherylnorcross@gmail.com](mailto:cherylnorcross@gmail.com). NOTE: All participants must sign waivers, either [online in advance](#) or paper waivers at the event.



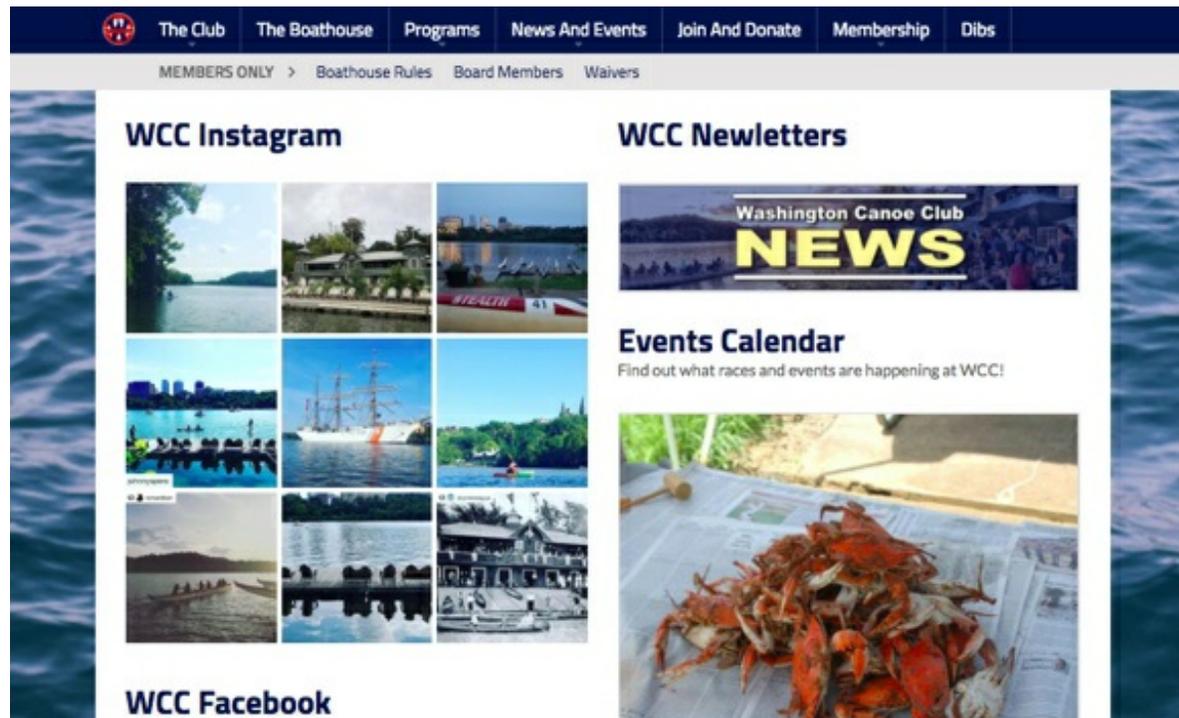
**Oct 28th - Frank Haven's 10K Race at WCC:** This is an annual *recreational* canoe race for WCC members. ALL are welcome! (You don't have to be on a racing team, newbies encouraged!)

**Oct 28th - Second Annual Alumni Picnic:** Following the Frank Havens race, WCC members and alumni are invited to join in a club picnic. Say hello to old friends, try out the new equipment, and take a tour of the boathouse!

**November (date TBA) - WCC Annual Meeting:** Date and details to be announced soon. All members are encouraged to attend.

# Website Update

The [WCC website](#) has been updated using the SportsEngine platform which provide numerous benefits to the club. There are some great new features for members.



**New Members-only Page:** On the new [Members-only page](#) under the 'Membership' tab you'll find such information such:

- **Board Members, Officers, Committees:** Put a face to the name. Learn which members are helping to keep the club business handled.
- **Equipment Damage Form:** See something broken at the club? Boat issues? Grills: Non-functioning grill? Submit a form so it can be addressed
- **Boathouse Rules:** Are dogs allowed at the club? Which boats are club boats and available for use? What is WCC's guest policy? Find all these answers and more.
- **Party Request Form:** Interested in hosting a group of 10 people or more? Submit this form to get your event approved
- **Volunteering:** An important part of the Washington Canoe Club culture. Send a note to the Volunteer Coordinator to lend a hand
- **Contact Us:** Contact a board member or elected official with a general comment or question.
- **Social Media Link:** Did you know we're on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter? Connect with WCC on social media (note: these links are also at the bottom of each newsletter).
- **Newsletter Archive:** Go back and read those great WCC Newsletters to remind yourself of what's going on at the club
- **Weather and Tide Schedule:** Keep informed of the weather and water conditions to keep your paddling day safe

**Calendar:** See what races and events are going on at WCC on the [new calendar](#). We will try to make sure every is here in the future.

**New Member Spotlight:** Be sure to check out the News page (under News and Events) for our new member spotlight - [Leo Cacatain - Getting Ever Faster Is His Goal](#). Thanks, as always, to Liz Pennisi for these great stories!

**DIBS (coming soon):** This will be the home for volunteering efforts. We will all be able to check [this page](#) and sign up to help out with things like boathouse cleanups, races, events and more.

How could the website be a better tool for you? Have an idea about what else we could share? Drop us a note at [logeditor@washingtoncanoecub.org](mailto:logeditor@washingtoncanoecub.org).

## Membership Update - Members Wanted!

We welcomed three more new members in September. When you see a new face around the club, please introduce yourself and say hello! Our Membership cap has been increased and we still have space to welcome new members. If you have a friend, family member, or colleague that shares our love of paddling and embodies the WCC volunteer spirit we would love to have them join our ranks!



If you have any questions about membership or how your friend/family member/colleague can join email the Membership Chair Allie Rabin at [membership@washingtoncanoecub.com](mailto:membership@washingtoncanoecub.com).

## WCC Racing Teams

### Upcoming Races:

Oct 7th - [Middle States Sprint Regatta and 10K](#) at the WCC.

Oct 14th - [Mini-Mental](#) OC1/2, Surfski, SUP at NCA (also in DC)

### Race Results

August 23rd to 27th - ICF Canoe Sprint World Championship in Racice, CZE: WCC and the USA were represented by Ian Ross and Ann Armstrong

August 26th - Broadkill River Canoe and Kayak Race in Milton, DE: (Theresa Haught, Will Rhodes, Bill Woodruff, Becca Pinkus) placed 1st in the C4 and Lisa Ramm and Louise Flynn placed 1st and 2nd respectively in women's kayak.

August 31st to September 4th - Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Races in Kailua Kona, Hawaii: WCC Men's team placed 12th in division and 40th overall out of 96 boats in the Saturday OC6 race, while Luke Rhodes placed 5th in division and 9th among OC1s on Sunday.

Sept 10th - Catalina Crossing to Newport Beach, CA: WCC Men's team placed 2nd in men's spec OC6.

Sept 8th to 10th - Adirondack 90 Miler from Old Forge to Saranac Lake, NY: Kelly Rhodes and Pam Boteler were 1st in C2 Amateur Women, Cheryl Zook and Becca Pinkus were 2nd in C2 Amateur Women, Luke Rhodes and Kate Mooney were 2nd in C2 Amateur Mixed, Elizabeth Pennisi, Will Rhodes, Liz Wissner, and Tom Cooney were 9th in C4 Mixed, and Kathleen McNamee and Dan Havens had a strong showing while dealing with illness during the race.

Sept 9th - Wye Island Regatta at Wye Island, MD: Bill Woodruff got 1st in Men's Kayak Fast Touring and Charlie Johnson got 4th in Men's Kayak Racing Single.

Sept 16th - Lighthouse to Lighthouse in Norwalk, CT: Pam Boteler got 1st in Women's Surfski and Lina Aragon got 1st in Women's Surfski 18ft and under



**Sept 3rd, Mile Rock Challenge Results:** Thanks to everyone who came out!

Jay and Doug standard canoe C-2 -- 41:35

Larry ICF C-1 -- 37:30

Juv sit-down C-4 -- 36:40

Quincy and Sarah OC-2 -- 34:24

Blaise ICF C-1 -- 34:07

Gavin and Ian ICF C-2 -- 29:22

Sam Rhodes OC-1 one lap -- 33:12

For future reference, Mile Rock Challenges are just-for-fun races and ALL MEMBERS all welcome to participate - newbies to expert paddlers and everything inbetween.

## **Volunteer Opportunity - Sat., Oct. 7th**

Race Day Volunteers Needed! For [Middle States and Masters Regatta](#) on Saturday, October 7 at WCC. There are two shift options: The morning shift (7:00am to noon) and the afternoon shift (noon to 7:00pm)

Positions include:

- Gate Security - for boat loading and unloading
- Parking Control - to expedite traffic flow
- Registration (setup/cleanup) - check signed waivers, hand out numbers and participant gifts
- Timing - time participants in distance race
- Cleanup

To register to volunteer, contact Charlie Johnson at [ecj5459@comcast.net](mailto:ecj5459@comcast.net). All volunteers are welcome - even if you only have a few hours to spare. Your help will be needed...and appreciated!

## **Unsung Heroes**

Two of the unsung heroes of WCC: Mark and Mercedes Baird!

Among other things they have built the Adirondack chairs on the dock, were spotted painting picnic tables not too long ago, and here they are recently applying sealant to the chairs they built [Chris Tousimis photo].

We all benefit from their efforts. Cheers to them!



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