

THE CATCH



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Canoe Kids Camp



More photos and videos of the fun times at Canoe Kids Camp are available on our FaceBook page. Thank you to all the coaches and instructors who showed our campers an amazing time!



***The Catch** shares news about SNCC and its members
So you can **stay connected** with SNCC and its members.*

WODs

Western Ontario Division



Correction: Unfortunately, SNCC did not win the Para Burgee as posted in the August edition of The Catch despite a good showing from our para-athletes. That honour went to Balmy Beach Canoe Club. Keep up the good work, Lindsay, Marilyn, and Shelley!

Below are more pictures of the regatta by local photographer Anthony Gallaccio. See his FaceBook page for lots of great shots from the weekend (July 31-August 1).



Aimee



Walker

Jonothan

Western Ontario Division Trials & Championships at the WIL



Austin



Safety Boat Driver Kelly



Learn to Paddle with Wellspring

In early August, SNCC organized a Learn to Paddle Dragon Boat session with Wellspring. Wellspring is a local, not-for-profit charitable organization that offers a wide variety of programs and services to meet the social, emotional, restorative, and informational needs of people living with cancer. A good time was had by all!



Photos provided by Gwen Vernon.

Outrigger Canoe

Photo by Brian Marotta



Photo by Brian Marotta



Photos by Joan Crawford



Canoe Kayak Provincial Championships

August 14-15 on our home course, here in Welland. These photos are from Anthony Gallaccio's Facebook page. Visit him for more pictures. Thank you for sharing with us, Anthony!



Para-athlete Lindsay



Marilyn in OC-1



Look at the hardware that our para-athletes have! Well done Lindsay and Marilyn! Photo by Joan Crawford.



Masters paddler, Alan



Coach Tim



2021 Sprint National Championships

Team SNCC at Nationals 2021: L-R Sarah, Aimee, Tim, Austin, and Josh. Not pictured: Isaac. Photos from SNCC's Facebook page.



Nationals were held in Ottawa from August 24-29, 2021 at Rideau Canoe Club. Well done to Team SNCC! Congratulations to Austin who won three silvers in U-18 C-1 1000m, 500m, and U-17 C-1 1000m and gold in U-17 C-1 500m.



The U23 and Junior World Championship team will be flying out to Montemor-o-Velho, Portugal for their start of their event from September 3-6th. SNCC's Austin Pigeon is on the Junior Men's Canoe team.

The Olympic Hopes Regatta will take place in Racice, Czech Republic from September 10-12th, 2021. Austin is on the Men's Canoe, U-17 team.

Read all about the announcement of Canada's Championship Teams on Canoe Kayak Canada's website [here](#). Watch some of the racing at Nationals on YouTube here: [Day 1](#), [Day 2](#), [Day 3](#), [Day 4](#), [Day 5](#), [Day 6](#), and [Day 7](#).

Head Coach KC and her daughter Gabrielle at Provincials. Photo by Joan Crawford.



September Birthdays

Canoe/Kayak

Josh Abbott-Tate

Lindsay Davis

Walker Davis

Colleen Kenyon

Edward Spivak

Dragon Boat

Shannon Allan

Mary Doan

Jessie Richard

Maureen Wheelock

Coach

Janet Corbett



Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics

Congratulations to all the Canadian Olympic Athletes on their achievements at the Tokyo Games. Special note of the Canoe Sprint team members who brought home some hardware, especially in the debut of women's canoe events.



The Tokyo Paralympics are scheduled for August 24 to September 5. Canoe sprint events will take place September 2-4. Canada's Para canoe team for the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games will see three athletes make their first Paralympic appearances, as the Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Canoe Kayak Canada announced the selection of [left] Brianna Hennessy (Ottawa, ON), [right] Andrea Nelson (Markham, ON), and [centre] Mathieu St-

Pierre (Shawinigan, QC). For more information on these athletes, refer to the Canoe Kayak Canada website [here](#) or the Canadian Paralympics website [here](#).



Update from the Commodore

Enlarging the Compound

SNCC has purchased 3 new/used sea-containers, two 40' and one 20'. We are currently arranging for the 3rd one to be transported to our location. We are looking for another 20' and a 40'. Sea-containers have gone up significantly in price (near double) and are hard to find. Contractors are very busy and it has been hard to get quotes. It may be spring before any construction is done. SNCC is still gathering quotes before we make final plans. We are looking for contractors to move fencing for us and awaiting a quote on building a deck. We may build a deck with a roof or perhaps put a roof across two 20' containers. We may put awnings on containers.

Canoe Kids Camp

Canoe Kids Camp was our most successful year yet with 20-22 campers every week for 10 weeks all summer long. The campers had such a great time that many joined our Developmental program which doubled in registration numbers.



OC Program

The OC program was slow to get started. The boats were late to arrive and rigging them for each use proved to be time-consuming. SNCC had to find space to keep them rigged. Orientations were popular with 25 members taking part during July and sessions have started back up with new members wanting to race them in the



dragon boat and OC1 club races. Another dozen orientation sessions will be done by the end of August.

It has been difficult to run a rental program for OC1s because SNCC does not have full time staff available outside of Canoe Kids Camp. SNCC members can email OC1 coaches Joan Crawford, Gwen Vernon, and Brenda Arndt to arrange for orientations and rentals as requested, but there was little demand. SNCC hopes to improve access to these boats for 2022.

Fall Programming

Fall programming will take place as normal for Canoe/Kayak programs. Registration is available for most Canoe/Kayak programs already. Dragon Boat fall programming will depend on covid numbers and fees will be determined based on attendance. OC1 fall programming will depend on dragon boat programming and on demand.



Winter Programming



Winter programming will take place and the format and location will depend on covid. If the City of Welland opens the indoor tank this year and SNCC can provide them with an acceptable covid plan, all SNCC programs may use the Welland International Flatwater Centre. Zoom workouts remain an option.

Board of Directors

The Board met on a weekly basis leading up to Spring/Summer sessions and then took July and August off. The next Board meeting will be on Zoom on Thursday September 9.

SNCC Fun Day!

Thank you Anthony Gallaccio for these great pictures from August 28. For more pictures see Anthony's FaceBook or SNCC's FaceBook.



Canal Dragons, Special Needs Dragon Boat Crew



Lindsay, Para-athlete



Kathleen, Masters



Bernadette



Kendra

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Pictures and story ideas for **The Catch** can be emailed to Kathleen: kat_reardon@hotmail.com



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