



Canoe Club Challenge 2014 Finale'
Southeastern U. S. Wildwater Championships!
Calling all racers of all skills and boat types and a dozen volunteers!
When: Slalom - Sat August 16th; Downriver- Sunday a.m. August 17, 2014
Where: Nantahala River, Bryson City NC

VOLUNTEERS:

We need 6-8 volunteers to help with gate judging/time on Saturday. On Sunday we can use a few volunteers to help with registration 6 volunteers to help with timing at the finish line. No experience is necessary, we will teach you. See Schedule can Contacts below and let Todd and John know.

RACERS (of all levels and boat types):

The Southeastern U. S. Wildwater Championships, the oldest whitewater race in the Southeast, lives on and has become hugely popular!!!! This will be our 46th year for the classic top to bottom downriver/wildwater race. Under the joint sponsorship of the Nantahala Outdoor Center, in conjunction with the Canoe Club Challenge (slalom), and the GCA, the weekend of racing and good times has become a huge event.

We are delighted to keep the classic top to bottom downriver/wildwater race as a key component of the finale' of the NOCs "Canoe Club Challenge" series. The slalom races will be held on Saturday, and the downriver/wildwater race will be held Sunday morning. You can earn participation points for your club by racing in both the downriver race and up to two slalom races, and there will be a boat raffle based on these points at the end of the event series. For more information see: <http://noc.com/events/canoe-club-challenge-3>

The Downriver Championships will begin in mass start waves and run 8 miles from the Forest Service's private boater put-in just above Patton's Run to Finish Rock just upstream of the NOC. The race is geared towards all paddlers and will likely include a few USA Team members who will be participating in the "championship" classes. To keep it interesting, the Georgia Canoeing Association will continue the tradition of paying you \$100 if you break any of these course records:

- K-1 – Terry White, 42:04.85, 1981
- K-1W – Kathy Bolyn, 45:20, 1989
- C-1 – John Pinyerd, 46:43, 1997
- OC-2 - Bill Baxter and Les Bechdel, 50:06 1983
- C-2 – David Jones and Mike Hipsher, 45:11, 1989
- OC-1 – Angus Morrison, 50:12, 1983.

In the tradition of the Southeastern's, recognition will also be given for the fastest downriver winners in these classes:

- Charlie Patton Award – fastest solo canoe (C-1 or OC-1)
- Julie Wilson Award – fastest female
- Ramone Eaton – OC-2.

These winners' names and the fastest boater overall, usually a K-1, also are engraved on the old Southeastern's trophies.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 16	Time	Location
Slalom Registration	10 - 11 am	Big Wesser BBQ
Slalom Volunteer Mtg.	11 am	Takeout Beach
Competitor's Meeting	11:30 am	Takeout Beach
Beginner Slalom START	12 pm	Bridge Gates
Advanced Slalom START	2:30 pm	Bridge Gates
Awards Ceremony	5 pm	Takeout Beach
Live Music	7 pm	Big Wesser BBQ

Sunday, August 17	Time	Location
Volunteer Meeting	9 am	Wayah USFS Put-in
Downriver Registration	9:15 - 10:30 am	Wayah USFS Put-in
Competitor's Meeting	10:30 am	Wayah USFS Put-in
Downriver START	11 am	Wayah USFS Put-in
Awards Ceremony	1 pm	Takeout Beach

Come and race, volunteer to help with the race, or just watch and share the good times. For further information and updates about the Southeasterns see <http://www.gapaddle.com> or <http://noc.com/events/canoe-club-challenge-3> . To volunteer or for more information contact:

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See you there!!!