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*THE 24th ANNUAL*

## **OUTDOORS, INC. CANOE AND KAYAK RACE AND FESTIVAL**

*(On the Mississippi River, Memphis)*

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2005 @ 10:00 a.m.

**For information, call race director, Joe Royer at**

**901.722.8988 (10 a.m. – 6 p.m. CST) or [JoeRoyer@OutdoorsInc.com](mailto:JoeRoyer@OutdoorsInc.com)**

Race information website: [www.OutdoorsInc.com](http://www.OutdoorsInc.com)

### ***Outdoors, Inc. Canoe and Kayak Race Facts:***

Recognized by Paddler Magazine of Steamboat Springs, CO in its “Best Everything” issue, October 2003. Featured in Seattle-based Canoe & Kayak Magazine, Hull Speed of San Francisco, CA and Southern Living Magazine.

World class athletes who have competed in the past 3 years include:

- **Greg Barton** of Seattle, WA - USA double Olympic Gold medallist, double Bronze medallist, 4 World Championships, and current US National surf ski champion, returning to Memphis as the 4-time winner and holder of the race course record
- **Michael Herbert** of Roger, AR – Pan Am Gold medallist, 2001 winner of the Outdoors, Inc. Canoe and Kayak Race, beating Greg Barton
- **Oscar Chalupsky** of Durban, South Africa – 10 times World Paddle Ski / Ocean Kayak Championships in Hawaii
- **Herman Chalupsky** of Durban, South Africa – 2004 Outdoors, Inc. Canoe and Kayak race champion and 2004 World Surf Ski Champion at Molokai, Hawaii
- **Ekaitz Sayes** of Spain – European Champion (23 and under)
- **Chris Hipgrave** of Bryson City, NC, native of Purley, England – US Wildwater National Team member
- Over 500 recreational to expert paddlers from Memphis and the Mid-South!

Race organization:

- Registration at 4 Outdoors, Inc. locations by 6 p.m. Friday, April 29
- Check-in Sat., 4/30 at 7 a.m. at race start site, north end of Green Belt Park
- All barge traffic on the Mississippi River stops by order of the US Coast Guard
- Memphis police and harbor patrol will be on duty
- Tennessee State Wildlife Resources Agency will be on duty

***The largest canoe and kayak race in the southeastern United States!***