

**Welcome to one of the oldest races in the midwest!**

Throughout its history, the *Wisconsin River Canoe & Kayak Race* has hosted some of the nation's finest paddlers. It remains the largest, best attended canoe & kayak race in Wisconsin. If you do only one canoe or kayak race this summer, this is the one to enter!

The all-downstream course ends at *Victoria Riverside Park* in Muscodia. Racing Canoe & Kayak Unlimited classes start at *Bob's Riverside Resort* in Spring Green (21-mile course). Standard/Cruiser, C2 Racing Women (short course), Junior & Youth/Adult Racing canoe, and Fast & Touring kayak classes start at the Otter Creek landing at Lone Rock (15-mile course). Recreation Canoe & Kayak (short course) start at Gotham (8-mile course).

This stretch of the *Wisconsin River* is known to recreational paddlers for its beautiful scenery and numerous places to camp. The fast current, shallow water, and shifting sandbars challenge every paddler's river reading skills and paddling technique.

**Caution!**

- Beware of drop-offs on the downstream side of sandbars!
- A post-race swim may be refreshing but be careful of the strong current!

**Pre-registration for the race is open through July 3, 2009.**

**Race day registration is available at each starting area until 30 minutes prior to the first race start.**

**Race rules and regulations**

- Ages as of race day: C2 Masters, 40+; C1 Masters, 40-59; C1 Veterans, 60+; Youth, 15 and under; Juniors, 16-18, Back-Over-the-Hill, combined age of 110 or more
- No boats designed for racing allowed in the recreational classes
- All boats subject to inspection by race officials to verify class
- Race officials' decisions on boat qualifications are final
- Classes with fewer than 3 entrants may be combined with other classes
- United States Canoe Association (USCA) racing rules apply
- Single-bladed paddles only in canoe events
- The race will take place rain or shine
- Each paddler must have a US Coast Guard approved pfd readily accessible
- Water level (or choice of course!) may require portaging across sandbars
- 21-mile participants may take the short cut near Otter Creek
- If you abandon the race, you must advise the safety boat or finish line officials
- USCA Cruisers, super aluminum, and whitewater racing canoes may race Standard class
- Only boats meeting USCA Cruiser (4x32) or proboat (3x27) specs qualify for C2 Racing classes
- At finish line, racers must pass between the orange buoys near the left bank
- All entrants must sign a waiver prior to participation
- All entrants under 18 must provide parental consent form signed by parent or guardian

**Entry form**

**July 11: NEW "Saturday Night Special" C1 & K1 Bonus Race** — free to *Wisconsin River Race* participants

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CIM C1 Man Open   | <input type="checkbox"/> K1M K1 Unlimited Man   | Start at 5:00 pm Saturday evening from Victoria Park, Muscodia. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIW C1 Woman Open | <input type="checkbox"/> K1W K1 Unlimited Woman | Race will be about 45 minutes, an upstream/downstream loop.     |

**July 12: 2009 Wisconsin River Canoe & Kayak Race** To pre-register, send completed entry form (and check made to WCRA) post-marked by July 3, 2009 to: *The Wisconsin River Canoe & Kayak Race*  
Please circle above and below the events you are entering. N5152 Clausen Road, Burlington, WI 53105

(Heats will be announced at registration)

**21-mile races** (10:00 am)  
(Bob's Riverside Resort, Spring Green)

**15-mile races** (10:30 am)  
(Otter Creek landing, Lone Rock)

**8-mile races** (10:30 am)  
(Pine River/Buena Vista Landing, Gotham)

- A C2 Racing Men
- B C2 Racing Mixed
- C C2 Racing Women
- D C2 Racing Men Master
- E USCA C1 Man
- F USCA C1 Man Master (40-59)
- G USCA C1 Man Veteran (60+)
- H USCA C1 Woman
- I K1 Kayak Unlimited

- J C2 Standard/Cruiser Men
- K C2 Standard/Cruiser Mixed
- L C2 Racing Women
- M C2 Racing Junior
- N C2 Racing Youth/Adult
- O C2 Racing Back-Over-the-Hill
- P K1 Fast Kayak Man
- Q K1 Fast Kayak Woman
- R K1 Touring Kayak Man
- S K1 Touring Kayak Woman

- T C2 Lions Club Challenge (all service clubs)
- U C2 Recreation Men
- V C2 Recreation Mixed
- W C2 Recreation Women
- X C2 Recreation Youth
- Y K1 Recreational Kayak Man
- Z K1 Recreational Kayak Woman

**Paddler #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on 7/12/09): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Paddler #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on 7/12/09): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Entry fees, cost per person:</u>	<u>Pre-registered</u>	<u>Race Day fee</u>
Adults (21- or 15-mile)	\$20	\$25
Juniors (21- or 15-mile)	\$15	\$20
Youth (any race)	\$10	\$15
8-mile race	\$15	\$15

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**CANOE / KAYAK #**

**Shuttle Service:** There is a car shuttle service from the start to the finish line for a charge of \$10 per car. the number of shuttle drivers is limited, so please pre-register for the shuttle service.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes! Please shuttle my car.  
 (Include \$10 shuttle fee below)

WCRA Membership\* (Optional): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Race Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shuttle Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 By check  or by cash  **Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make checks payable to:  
 Wisconsin Canoe Racing Association

\* WCRA Memberships: Individual \$15; Family/Household \$25

The 2009 Big Five Challenge is sponsored by the Muscoda, Avoca, and Blue River Lions Club, and by members and friends of the Wisconsin Canoe Racing Association. [www.wicanoeracing.com](http://www.wicanoeracing.com)

NEW "Saturday Night Special"!  
CLASS I bonus races

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# 2009 Wisconsin River Canoe & Kayak Race:

## The Big Five Challenge

July 11 & 12, 2009

Spring Green to Muscoda, WI  
21-mile, 15-mile, and 8-mile races

GREAT DOOR PRIZES

GREAT FOOD from the LIONS CLUB

**The Big Five Challenge: July 12, 2009 + NEW: Saturday Night Special races, evening of July 11**  
**Welcome to the 44th Annual Wisconsin River Canoe & Kayak Race**

The Wisconsin Canoe Racing Association invites paddlers from all states to take part in the *Big Five Challenge*. The "Big Five" refers to IA, IL, MI, MN, and WI. Paddlers finishing and placing in the top five of their class (in all 15-mile and 21-mile races) win points for their home state.

Points are awarded per paddler:

- 1st place: 6 points
- 2nd place: 4 points
- 3rd place: 3 points
- 4th place: 2 points
- 5th place: 1 point

The Traveling Trophy, a traditional walnut paddle is awarded to the state racing association whose state residents earn the most points.

### Big Five Challenge Champions

1993 – Illinois	2001 – Minnesota
1994 – Illinois	2002 – MN-WI tie
1995 – Illinois	2003 – Wisconsin
1996 – Illinois	2004 – Minnesota
1997 – IL-WI tie	2005 – Wisconsin
1998 – IL-WI tie	2006 – Wisconsin
1999 – Wisconsin	2007 – Minnesota
2000 – Wisconsin	2008 – Wisconsin

### Race Contacts

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3350 Interlaken Dr, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

**Mark Cupp** (608) 739-3188  
Information for Lions Service Club Challenge only

For additional information and maps to the three starting lines, visit the Wisconsin Canoe Racing Association's website: [www.wicanoeracing.com/Muscoda/](http://www.wicanoeracing.com/Muscoda/)

**Camping at Muscoda: Riverside Park**  
Box 499, Muscoda, WI 53573 (608) 739-4094

**Camping at Spring Green: Bob's Riverside Resort**  
S 13220 Shifflet Road, Spring Green, WI 53588  
(608) 588-2826 [bobs@mhctc.net](mailto:bobs@mhctc.net)