

Pisiquid Canoe Club

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Welcome to the 12th annual Fred Lynch Memorial War Canoe Challenge. The War Canoe Challenge is put on each year during Sam Slick Days to celebrate paddling in Windsor, community spirit and involvement on the waterfront, and to raise money to support the sport of paddling for the youth of the Windsor West Hants area.

The races will be held on August 3, 2008, Sam Slick Sunday. The event will begin at 10:30 am with crews racing each half hour throughout the day commencing with the final war on the water at 3:30 or 4:00 depending on the number of crews registered for the event.

Practice

Your crew is eligible for one practice session with a qualified coach during the weeks leading up to the event. This practice will be coordinated through Lynne Kirumira. (contact information provided) The practice will take approximately one hour and is usually scheduled on a week night however we will work to accommodate your crew. All necessary equipment will be provided however you should plan to get wet and bring a pair of old sneakers to wear in the boat.

Race Day (Aug 3th 2008)

Your crew will receive the time of your first race in advance so you can have a prompt and prepared team. Your first race will be between 10:30 and 12:30 on Sunday morning. (This time may vary by 30min if more than 12 teams register for the event) Subsequent race times will depend on the length of time it takes for your crew to complete the 200 meter course in your first heat. All crews will be guaranteed two races. Crews with times qualifying them for the final will race a third time in the last race of the day to determine the overall winner.

Your Crew

The War Canoe Challenge is a fun, community event with the intent of bringing people together for some summer fun on the water. Your crew should have a combination of men and women totaling a maximum of twelve willing participants. If you have a lot of adults with little or no experience you may want to go with a crew of ten to enhance the stability of the boat and to allow a little more room for each person in your crew to paddle. We encourage family participation and love to see paddlers of all ages enjoying the day.

Equipment

The Pisiqid Canoe Club will provide all the necessary equipment. You will be supplied with a war canoe, paddles, personal flotation devices and a kneeling pad (a bun). Your team should bring clothes to get wet, old sneakers for in the boat, and traditional items for outside on a summer day. I.e. water, sunscreen etc...

Team tee shirts or uniforms/costumes are certainly encouraged and appreciated by the hundreds of adoring fans watching the event from the waterfront.

If teams would like to set up banners or signs identifying their teams please feel free to do so.

Additional Fun

Sam Slick Days in Windsor will be going on around us. In close proximity to the War Canoe Challenge you will find food vendors, a beer garden, and sitting room on the lawn as well as many Sam Slick Days events for paddlers, families, friends and co workers. (Brochure enclosed)

Washroom and changing facilities are provided via portable toilets and Pisiqid Canoe Club facilities.

Fees

Please find enclosed your registration fee invoice. Cheques may be made payable to the Pisiqid Canoe Club and mailed to the above address. If you would prefer to make payment in person you may do so at your practice or simply call Lynne Kirumira to make alternate arrangements.

We hope this answers some of the questions you may have. Please feel free to contact Lynne Kirumira during the day at 798-5105 or 798-0293 at home with any War Canoe Challenge concerns.

We look forward to seeing you on the water.

Sincerely,

Lynne Kirumira – Commodore
Pisiqid Canoe Club