



CReW CLUB NEWS

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The Season has begun!!!!!!!

Well the pool season has pretty much come to an end. We can always accommodate people who want to use the pool but it is now time to get out and hit the local rivers!

Let me start by welcoming Aime-Jean Lavigne into the club. His skills and great attitude will be welcome. We will all be able to learn a lot from him and no doubt be able to share a lot of our enthusiasm with him as well. Bienvenue Aime-Jean!

Quick recap to date:

March 25th saw us all out at the home of Mary Jane and Frank (and all the boys). Thanks for opening your home to us. We got the chance to look at and plan our summer together and so the calendar (on the website) is now looking busy!

Of course we also got to celebrate the first year of the club. Thanks again to everyone for making this possible.



March 31st saw the dock and ramp opened up for the season. WE almost lost it to the ice this spring but our efforts and will proved stronger than the river (this time....)

And then along comes April:

April 1st: Zachary out on the Ottawa river at the Champlain Bridge tearing up Montreal wave.

April 11th: CReW spent a couple hours at St-Lawrence College showing kayak videos and displaying kayaks at the student union. The school was quiet but the videos are always fun to watch. We will get back there in the fall.

Later that day Cheryl joined us in Williamstown for some ramp time and her first and very successful river run!

April 13th: Back to the Champlain bridge in Ottawa. Aime-Jean and Zachary joined me in Ottawa to get some practice time for the Level 6 Rodeo. Water levels were low and the weather did not make us smile but we had a good time and worked out some kinks.

April 14th: CReW day in Williamstown. Adam and Sean, Cheryl, Khalhela, and Sean Blaine joined us in Williamstown for a day of ramp time and a river run on the Raisin River. Water is still cold and produced a couple excellent screams! Thanks Sylvie for the hot soup at Lunch. (Mary Jane: The pie was really



good!) At the end of the day we held a ramp competition. We were looking for originality and courage mixed in with skill and some good old luck. Well: Sean Hakvoort showed us that he will be a force to be reckoned with this year getting first place from our judges. Cheryl also impressed us with her runs down backwards and so placed second in the comp. The weather held up for us as well.

April 15th: CReW and the Raisin River Race.. Congrats to all of you who raced in the cold and wet weather that we had for the day. The water level was good though! See, the rain really is a good thing!

So check out the next page to see what is coming up!



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- 1- Every Tuesday evening we will hold ramp sessions here in Williamstown.
- 2- Thursday evenings, weather permitting, some of us will be out in Valleyfield.
- 3- Friday April 20th will see us back at the Champlain Bridge in the afternoon to get some more practice time in for the Rodeo. If you want to come out and try the wave let us know.
- 4- **LEVEL SIX RODEO:** April 21st and 22nd: Come out and compete (competition levels for all skills and ages) or come out to see what can be done with a kayak. It is an excellent competition, a chance to watch some friends (Robert, Zachary and Aime-Jean) in action and see what the Ottawa paddling community has to offer as well.
- 5- **WORLD FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS:** April 29th thru May 5th: Come check out one of the days and see the worlds best in action on the famous Bus Eater Wave on the mighty Ottawa River. they will all be there: The Canadian Team, Team USA, and others from around the world. It will be like nothing that you have ever seen before. See <http://www.worldfreestylekayakingchampionships.com> for more information on the specific dates and times. We can make a club outing out of this one!
- 6- **PALMER FEST:** May 18, 19 and 20th: Here is an event that is worth attending whether you are an advanced paddler or a beginner. 4 2-hour clinics, camping, food and entertainment with loads of other paddlers all in one place on the Madawaska River. Do not miss this one. It is awesome. Check out https://www.rapidmedia.com/palmer_fest/palmer_fest.php you will not be disappointed. Sylvie, Zachary, Emily and I are going and have made this a tradition. I hope that many of you will come!
- 7- For coming events and outing (including Valleyfield, the Petite Nation and palmer Fest) in May go to www.cornwallwhitewater and check out the events calendar.

If anyone has ideas for other great events or outing please let us know and we will see what can be done;

Keep in touch and we'll see you all very soon

Zachary, Sylvie, Emily and I look forward to paddling with you all again soon.

Robert Zwanenburg

