



# CReW CLUB NEWS

## December 19<sup>th</sup> 2006

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First and foremost:

### MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEARS and ALL THE BEST IN 2007,

This has been an amazing year of new paddle friends and I want to thank each and everyone of you for joining us and making our club a success!

It has been a while since the last news letter and that is not due to the lack of activity but rather the overabundance of it.

Where to begin....

We invite everyone to check out our new picture gallery on our website. We now have a calendar type format (thanks to the services provided by Dropshots and all our event pictures and videos are posted there. Enjoy.

- 1- VALLEYFIELD: November 5<sup>th</sup> saw Sean Blaine, myself and some local Valleyfield paddlers enjoying some time out on the river. Zachary joined us but was not sold on the water temperature so elected to be the group photographer.
- 2- KAYAK POLO: On November 10<sup>th</sup> several of our members and some welcome guest got together for the first kayak polo session!!! I was nervous as heck about it and could only cross my fingers that it would go off without a hitch. Well lucky me! With the participation of Adam and Sean Hakvoort, Sean Blaine, Zachary, Sylvie, Aime-Jean Lavigne and Jean-Sebastien and the great help and support offered by Frank Hakvoort we all had a really good time. It is excellent exercise and gives everyone the chance to improve their paddles skills. On top of that we worked on hand rolling and Adam and Sean led the way. They have both got it down. Sean Blaine and Sylvie are also very good at this. Zachary will have it nailed down soon too.
- 3- NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY. On November 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 till 6:30 at the Cornwall Aquatic Center CReW, along with "Partir d'un Bon Pas", and supported by Jackson Kayaks and H2O Performance Paddles, put together an awesome event for the areas kids. About 60 kids in 1.5 hours. What a blast. Lots of smiling kids, every kid left with a prize from Jackson Kayaks, CReW, RIOT KAYAKS and various other sponsors. The only problem we had was that the time went by too fast! Once again: Thanks to all the volunteers who participated and worked to make this the success that it was. We will do it again!
- 4- November 24<sup>th</sup> we were back in the pool in Alexandria for another Kayak Polo match. Did I mention that this is a lot of fun? Really it is! More rolling practice, precision paddling, sprinting, and bracing! This will go on all winter. I am expecting to be seriously outdone by our younger members come next summer on the rivers!
- 5- November 25<sup>th</sup>: Sean and I headed back to Valleyfield for some more cold water fun! We both pushed our limits a bit more and decided to seal launch off the top of the source of the river. Pictures will do this more justice so stay tuned to the website for the next outin and we will get some shots. 'nuff said.  
(haha!!! I finally stuck my first clean loop. Lots of air and back in the hole. Got so excited though that I sucked down a lot of water and got blown out shortly afterwards. Note to self: keep your mouth closed!)
- 6- On December 6<sup>th</sup> we held a kayak class for a group of 4 from the Alexandria area. Some could roll and other were just starting out. Everyone had a good time and left with some new skills.
- 7- December 8<sup>th</sup> was another great kayak polo session. Now we close the pool activities until the new year.
- 8- We also provided a CReW gift certificate for the Cornwall Outdoor Club's Christmas party and also to the Canadian Helicopters Christmas party. Kinda looking forward to seeing who won them.



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### WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE COMING WEEKS:

- 1- CHRISTMAS!!!! Not much river time in December. However, the snow board season is here but the snow is not cooperating!!!!!! So: On the day of Christmas Eve (that would be Sunday) some of us are planning a short run on the raisin river. Might even include a jump off the ramp. I will paddle in my Elf hat to keep with the festive spirit. Anyone who wishes to join us is very welcome! The boats and gear are here. All that we need is you!
- 2- January and February will be months for pool sessions and kayak polo.
- 3- A date has not yet been fixed but we will be inviting all our members to our home here in Williamstown for a celebration of CREW's first year and everyone will have an opportunity to propose plans, outings and events for the following year.  
This is your club and we hope you will help us make it everything that it can be!

Once again:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEARS

AND

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!!!

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

Robert Zwanenburg

