

## **TEXAS CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION**

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**August 2005**

What an exciting time of racing we have had since the last newsletter! The Safari was a great race with so many stories and sub-stories that it could probably have a book written about it. As a racer you go through your own personal trials during the Safari but, I am once again amazed by the bank support crews and those offering encouragement down the river. To everyone who filled a water jug, filled an ice pack (or worse of all cleaned a water jug or ice pack), filled a bike bottle, timed a split, or handed all of the above into a boat...THANK YOU! To the organizers of the race and the slew of volunteers...THANK YOU! The results of the TWS can be accessed from the TCRA web page.

The TCRA USCA State Championships were well attended even with a scheduling conflict with the (unofficial) Texas Water Safari Party. They might well have been called the Wade Binion State Championships as our VP swept every race he was entered in. The Howell's once again were great hosts and they went out and solicited a slew of door prizes from the local businesses. See Ginsie Stauss' article inside for more details.

The TCRA Aluminum Championships are later this month. Find those folks from the Safari that paddled aluminum in the Aluminum and Novice Divisions and drag them to the races. We need to learn a way to include these folks who have come to racing through the TWS and bring them to racing in general. Our Membership Chairmansip has been emty for quite a while and as we all know "everybody's job is nobody's job!"

Registration was high from the Neches Race and the results should be available online soon. THE CR 100 is on the Horizon and, while not creating quite the buzz of its inaugural year, promises to once again be a great event.

Included in this newsletter is the Ballot for the 2006 board of directors. It is restricted to current members. Remember, if you don't vote you can't complain!

See also the article inside about the 1<sup>st</sup> annual TCRA banquet to be held November 5<sup>th</sup> in Luling after the clean-up. Pete Binion has been doing a great job with this.

The Martindale Triathlon could use some more Volunteers. Just because you're racing doesn't mean you can't help out!

See you on the River

Jay Daniel

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# TCRA USCA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP RACES

July 23rd & 24th Howell Canoe Livery Columbus

## Men's C-2 (8 Mile)

Wade Binion/Armin Lopez	1:11:46
Tad Hill/Zac Hill	1:13:58
Jeff Glock/Bob Spain	1:18:31
Frank Gray/Neville	DNF

## Men's C-2 Masters (8mi)

Richard Steppe/John Jackson	1:15:30
Jim Pye/Pete Binion	1:22:01

## Women's C-1(4 Mile)

Holly Nelson	0:47:06
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## Women's C-1 Masters (4 Mile)

Cindy Meurer	0:47:53
Ginsie Stauss	0:48:47

## JR K-1 15-17 Women

Sarah Walliser	0:20:33
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## Youth C-1 12-14 Men

Max Feaster	0:21:53
Philip Rask	0:22:16
Daniel Zeek	0:28:42

## JR C-1 15-17 Men

Jonathan Zeek	0:19:43
Peter Rask	0:21:47

## JR C-1 15-17 Women

Katie Walliser	0:26:33
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## Youth K-1 12-14 Men

Max Feaster	0:20:10
Philip Rask	0:20:32
Daniel Zeek	0:23:11

## Youth K-1 12-14 Women

Rebekah Zeek	0:22:05
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## Cadet C-1 9-11 Men

Jonathan Rask	0:03:29
C J Pye	0:04:27
Josh Zeek	0:06:44

## Cadet C-1 9-11 Women

Melinda Zeek	0:03:27
Ashley Robinson	0:03:33

## ADULT/CHILD

Armin Lopez/William Dunn	
Wade Binion/Ashley Robinson	
Don Zeek/William Zeek	
Gary Robinson/Allison Robinson	
Jim Pye/ C J Pye	
Mary Robinson/ Kyle Robinson	

## JR K-1 15-17 Men

Jonathan Zeek	0:35:29
Peter Rask	0:36:49

## Cadet K-1 9-11 Men

Josh Zeek	0:02:50
Jonathan Rask	0:02:40

## Cadet K-1 9-11 Women

Melinda Zeek	0:02:57
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## Cadet C-2 9-11

Melinda Zeek/Josh Zeek	0:06:48
Jonathan Rask/Sarah Rask	0:07:42
William Dunn/C J Pye	0:09:05
Ashley Robinson/Allison Robinson	0:12:11

## Mixed C-2 (4 Mile)

Wade Binion/Brenna Abbit	0:36:29
Armin Lopez/Ginsie Stauss	0:39:29
Richard Steppe/Erin Magee	0:39:31
Grady Hicks/Cindy Meurer	0:39:52
West Hansen/Holly Nelson	0:40:03
Jay Daniel/Stephanie McFerrin	0:41:03
Bruce Abbit/Julie Odel	

## Jr C-2 15-17

Janathan Zeek/Sarah Walliser	0:38:11
Peter Rask/ Jamie Newman	0:41:02
Katie Walliser/Abbie Kittle	0:49:59

## C-2 Women (4 Mile)

Kathie Derrick/Sarah Walliser	0:40:54
Ginsie Stauss/Holly Nelson	0:41:07

## C-2 Women Masters (4 Mile)

Cindy Meurer/Ginger Turner	0:42:58
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## C-1 Men (8 Mile)

Wade Binion	1:17:49
Zac Hill	1:18:05
Tad Hill	1:18:07
Jeff Glock	1:18:30
Tim Anglin	1:19:47

## C-1 Men Masters (8 Mile)

Bob Spain	1:20:57
Dave Bartell	1:21:33
R D Kissling	1:21:55
Grady Hicks	1:25:14
Pete Binion	1:25:14
Jim Pye	1:28:54

If you came to the State Races this year then you know what a great event it was!

It was a competition blending the old and the new, young and the... well let's just say some of us were glad to see the new master's classes added to the women's division's. The Howell's were thrilled to have us there again. Two indoor bathrooms, a wrap around porch with ceiling fans, cold drinks for sale and posters with photos of racers all over the place inside their new big room made us feel more than comfortable. They also got door prizes together from local businesses, took names and had drawings at the final awards ceremony. Mike Riley cooked up some of the best fish I think he's ever put out there, with lots of wonderful side dishes to go along from various folks.

Jay and Kristin (Now Mom and Dad Congratulations!!!) did a fantastic job of getting all of the different races, paddlers and places together! There were a lot of familiar names and a lot of names that will be familiar soon if you haven't hear of them before.

Kathy Derrick brought a nice group of junior racers, Rask's, Zeek's, Walliser's, a Feaster, a Kittle. Racers brought their children, Jim Pye's son C.J., Gary and Mary Robinson's daughter's, Ashley and Allison, and I brought William Dunn. Look for these names in the results and if the finishing times were listed, you would see a few of their finishing times are faster than the adults.... They are fast and getting faster folks!

The new course around the island was fun, Much more interesting than just going around and around! Check the results for more info... but for a quick run down of the adult races, The first 2 races of the day Saturday were Men's C-2 and Women's C-1. Wade Binion and Armin Lopez took 1st in the Men's C-2. The Michigan Men, Tad and Zac Hill, came in 2nd. Every place in the race was fought hard for. There were at least 6 boats out there. Richard Steppe and John Jackson took 1st in the Men's C-2 Masters. Nothing was easy. Women's C-1 started just after the Men's, we did not go around the island. We did two loops equaling 4 miles. Holly Nelson took off and did not look back! She was awarded 1st place and Cindy Meurer took 1st in the new Masters Woman's C-1. We could use a few more racers out there. I was the only other racer out there! I tried to catch Cindy and Holly but just couldn't do it. That afternoon it was HOT!!!! The Mixed race had 7 boats competing. Wade Binion and Brenna Abbit were very fast. Wade said that she was not a paddler. I think we'd all agree that, "was" is the key word here now! Armin Lopez and Ginsie Stauss managed to hold onto 2nd place after switching places two times during the race and edging out Richard Steppe and Erin Magee in a sprint to the finish line! Of course we won't look at the fact that Sarah Walliser and Jonathan Zeek raced at the same time and finished ahead of us right? They were in the Jr class after all... There were many jr races that afternoon and I hope that Kathy writes something up sometime about those races. I get confused.

I can report that Armin Lopez and William Dunn were able to win the Adult/Child race this year with Wade Binion and Ashley Robinson just seconds behind them!

Men's C-1 and Women's C-2 were at 9 the next morning.

There were 11 Men's C-1 boats out there! All were ready to race. We had 3 Women's C-2 teams all ready to races as well. Again the name is Wade Binion. He dominated this race. After the first loop Wade came around and he went around the corner before another racer showed. Wade apparently flipped over at the final buoy and had trouble getting the water out. After pulling over to a dock to empty his boat and get back in he was able to continue his race. At the finish line Zac and Tad Hill had almost caught up to Wade and they came in 1-2-3. The rest of the racers were not far behind. Bob Spain won the C-1 Master's. The Women's C-2 race was a good one! We were all neck in neck for a while there going up through the rapids... boats banging... Kathy Derrick and Sarah Walliser were able to stretch it out and claim the victory with Me and Holly close behind them then Cindy and Ginger who were able to claim 1st in the new Women's C-2 Masters division.

Everyone who came paddled hard and did their best!

...Some walked away with newspaper articles, trophies, door prizes, and some with high hopes and determination for next year.

I personally feel blessed to be healthy enough to have been there. We missed Teddy Grey who could not be at the races this year due to an illness in her family. We hope she can make it back next year! I hope we all can, Peace now, Ginsie



## Remaining Races For 2005

See the TCRA Website for race details & Contacts

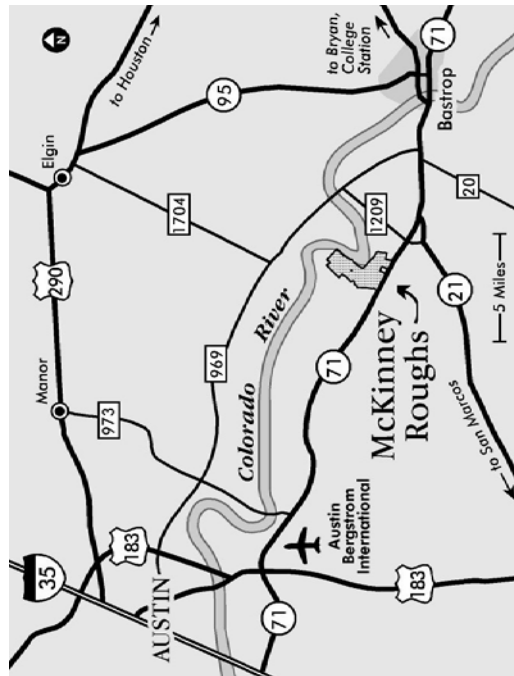
8/20/2005	Bastrop	Aluminum State Championship
8/27/2005	State Championships for ICF Class boats	Location Bastrop, Texas (near Austin) length 20 miles of free flowing river with minimal obstructions 20 Miles Contact Lee Deviney, 512-306-8058
9/3/2005	Colorado River 100	Bastrop to Columbus, Colorado River Adventure/Competitor 100 Miles
9/10/2005	Trinity River Challenge	Louisville to Dallas, Trinity River Variety of Classes, 11 miles
9/17/2005	Jr Texas Water Safari	San Marcos to Staples TWS Classes 16 Miles.
10/1/2005	Come and Take It Canoe Race	Guadalupe River, Gonzales, TX Unlimited, USCA and Recreational Classes, 11 miles. Mark Henneke 830-672-2779
10/15/2005	Dickinson	C-1, C-2, K-1 Classes. Long course is 4 miles. Entry fee \$5. KIDS ONLY
10/15/2005	Buffalo Bayou Regatta, Houston TX	This long running race has been moved to the fall to eliminate the early racing season conflicts
10/29/2005	Martindale Triathlon	
11/5/2005	Fall Cleans-up	Luling Dam to Palmetto State Park
11/5/2005	1st Annual Banquet	Luling Golf Course Clubhouse
11/12/2005	Dickinson	Paul Hopkins Park Marathon, 5 miles
12/3/2005	San Marcos Solo	San Marcos River, San Marcos to Staples Solo Classes 16 miles.

The 2005 TCRA State Aluminum Championships

Hosted By:

Texas Canoe Racing Association

Lower Colorado River Authority



HWY 1209 is approximately 1 mile past McKinney Roughs Nature Park on the left hand side of HWY 71. Fisherman's Park is located at the end of Farm Street in downtown Bastrop. From HWY 71 take a left onto Pecan St. after the Colorado River Bridge and head toward downtown Bastrop. Travel North on Pecan Street to Farm St. and take a left, and follow Farm St. to Fisherman's Park. The park features a boat ramp, parking, playground, and picnic sites.

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## 2005 TCRA State Aluminum Championships

August 20, 2005  
Start Time: 9:30 a.m.



Start: HWY 969 & Colorado River  
Finish: Fisherman's Park, Bastrop

**2005 TCRA  
State Aluminum  
Championships**

**The course**

This 14 mile race begins at the HWY 969 bridge outside of Bastrop, TX and finishes at Fisherman's Park in Bastrop. The course follows the Colorado River as it winds into the Gulf Coast Plains. River levels vary, but there are no portages.

**How to get there**

Take HWY 71 East from Austin, heading toward Bastrop. Take a left onto HWY 1209 five miles before entering Bastrop (across from Diamond Shamrock). Follow 1209 for about 5 miles, arriving at the FM 969 junction. Head North (left) on FM 969 for less than a quarter of a mile. As FM969 crosses the Colorado River there will be a sizable bridge that marks the starting point. Boats will be assemble beneath the Colorado River Bridge at this point.



**Boat Classes and Specification**

**Championship classes:** Mens, Mens Masters, Women

**Boat Specs:** Aluminum canoes, maximum length 17' 4" minimum width 34.5" @ center of gunwales

**Non-Championship Classes:** Junior & Novice

**Boat Specs:** Any recreation canoe (aluminum, plastic, wooden, etc.); no racing boats will be allowed to compete in this class

**All racers must carry two Coast Guard Approved life jackets in each canoe**

**Prizes and Awards**

Medals to top three finishers in each class

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the championship classes: Mens, Mens Masters and Womens

The Colorado Cup, a special award, will be given to the fastest novice canoe whose paddlers are from within the following counties of the Lower Colorado River: Travis, Bastrop, Fayette, Colorado, Wharton, Matagorda.

**Transportation**

Transportation will available from the finish line on the day of the race from noon to 3:00 p.m. A shuttle bus will run during these times so that racers may leave their vehicles at the FM 969 bridge (starting point). No charge

Application for the 2005 TCRA State Aluminum Championships

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Age\_\_\_\_

Male\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ County\_\_\_\_\_

State\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Partners Name\_\_\_\_\_

Class: Mens\_\_\_\_ Mens Masters\_\_\_\_

Womens\_\_\_\_

Junior\_\_\_\_ Novice\_\_\_\_

Entry fees per person: Mens, Mens Masters and Womens classes are \$12 for TCRA members and \$17 for non-TCRA members; juniors are \$6 and Novice is \$12

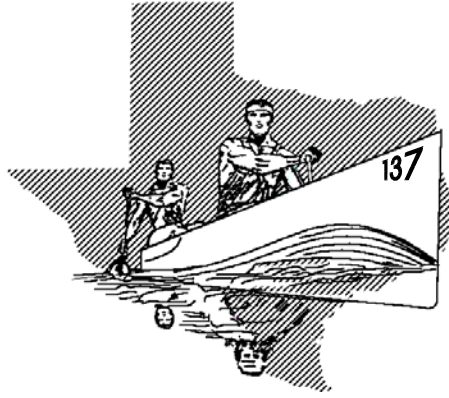
Total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Pre registration: Send application to Wade Binion, 13459 Hopes Creek Road, College Station, TX 77845

Make checks payable to TCRA

Day of Race registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the race start at the HWY 969 bridge. For Shuttle information Contact Cody Ackermann 512-303-5073

# MARTINDALE TRIATHLON



## *The Oldest Triathlon in Texas*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2005

SPONSORED BY THE TEXAS CANOE RACING ASSOCIATION

**CANOE !**  
(6 miles)

**RUN !**  
(7.2 miles)

**BIKE !**  
(16.5 miles)

**Hotels, canoe and kayak rentals, course map, shuttling and other race information available at**

**MartindaleTriathlon.com.**

### Course Description

**Canoe** - Start at San Marcos City Park. ¼ mi after the start is Rio Vista dam. Recommended portage left if you are unfamiliar with Rio Vista. Portage over Thompson's Island dam is not allowed. You must take out on the concrete walkway at Cape St. Portage on the right side of the road and put back in the river just above the bridge. At 4 ½ miles is the confluence of the San Marcos and Blanco rivers. Turn right. Cummins Dam 400 is yards downstream from river confluence. Mandatory portage right around Cummins Dam. Canoe finish is 1 mile from Cummins Dam. Stop and pull canoe out above the Westerfield bridge on the right. **A USCG approved PFD must be in the canoe or kayak for each person.**

**Run** starts when your canoe reaches Westerfield bridge. Continue right from the river takeout uphill on County Rd 266 for 1.5 miles. Turn left on Hwy 621 at the top of the hill. Continue on Hwy 621 for 4.5 miles. Turn left on Hwy 1979. Continue on Hwy 1979 for 1.5 miles to the run leg finish at Shady Grove Campground. The run course is not closed to traffic.

**Bike** – Start at Shady Grove Campground on Hwy 1979. Turn left on Hwy 621/Hwy 1979. Right on FM 1339. Right on FM 3353. Right on Hwy. 1979. Right on Hwy. 621. Left on Hwy. 1979 back to Shady Grove. This is a loop course and is almost all rolling hills. **Helmets are required.** The bike course is NOT closed to traffic and you must follow all traffic laws

Canoes, kayaks and bikes are not provided by the race sponsors. You are responsible for your own canoe or kayak and bike at all times.

### Awards

- **Fastest Split** - Special recognition to the fastest splits: Run (male and female); Bike (male and female); Paddler (one team from each division excluding Relay).
- **Division Awards** to 6<sup>th</sup> place in each division.
- **Master's** - Special recognition to first finishers in each division that are age 40 as of race day.

### Divisions

**Team (Men's, Women's, Mixed)** – Consisting of 2 team members. One team member must run, the other must bike, and both must paddle together in the same canoe or kayak. **Both team members running and biking is NOT allowed.**

**Solo (Men's, Women's)** - Consisting of one person who must canoe or kayak, run, and bike.

**Relay** – 3 person team consisting of any gender. 1 team member runs, 1 team member bikes, 1 team member canoes or kayaks. Not eligible for the Fastest Split Award.

Checks payable to **TCRA.**

Mail completed form and fees to: Cindy Meurer

2609 Pinewood Terrace  
Austin, TX 78757

**Circle Division Entered:** Men's Team Men's Solo Mixed Team Women's Team Women's Solo Relay

**Team Members:**

**Team Name (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (M/F) \_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size \_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ USAT# \_\_\_\_\_

Race Day Age \_\_\_\_

(Teams/Relay Only) – Indicate your event. Run / Bike / Canoe

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Gender (M/F) \_\_\_\_

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T-shirt size \_\_\_\_

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**Fees**

- USAT members: \$40 per person
- Non-USAT members: \$49 per person (includes \$9 insurance fee; sign and send USAT Waiver)
- Texas Canoe Racing Association members receive a \$5 discount.
- USAT card and photo id must be presented at time of race packet pickup
- Add \$5 for each team member for entries received after October 23<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration**

- **No race day registration! All entrants must pre-register.** On-site registration available Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> at Shady Grove Campground in Martindale TX.
- All non-USAT team members must sign an insurance waiver in order to pick up race packet.
- Race packets may be picked up on-site Friday evening or Saturday morning pre-race by 9:00am.
- All team members must attend the race briefing at Shady Grove Campground Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am.
- Register online at **active.com**, register by mail, or register on-site Friday evening October 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm.
- Free t-shirts to first 100 registered racers and all volunteers. Free post-race meal to all entrants and volunteers.
- Full refund available only if notice of withdrawal is by 8:00pm Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Photo Id required for packet pickup.

**Schedule**

Friday October 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm – 8:00pm	On-Site registration and packet pickup at Shady Grove Campground.
Saturday October 29 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am – 9:00am	Race packet pickup at Shady Grove Campground
	8:15am	Race briefing at Shady Grove Campground
	10:00am	Race start at San Marcos City Park
	1:30pm	Meal – Shady Grove Campground
	2:00pm	Awards – Shady Grove Campground

**READ THIS DOCUMENT (THE "WAIVER AGREEMENT") CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING. THIS WAIVER AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND WILL LIMIT OR ELIMINATE YOUR ABILITY TO BRING A FUTURE LAWSUIT.**

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I understand and acknowledge that I am legally agreeing to the statements in the following paragraphs of this Waiver Agreement by affixing my signature below and that these statements are being accepted by USA Triathlon (hereinafter "USAT") in consideration for (i) allowing me to become a member of USAT, (ii) issuing me a single event license or permit, and/or (iii) permitting me to participate in any USAT sanctioned event; and I further understand and acknowledge that my statements are being relied upon by race sponsors, organizers, administrators, volunteers and other parties defined below as the "Released Parties."

1. I acknowledge that a triathlon, duathlon, or other multi-sport event (hereinafter "Event") is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and carries with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property damage. I acknowledge and agree that it is my responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to safely participate in an Event, and I attest and certify that I am or will be sufficiently fit and physically trained to participate in any Event which I elect to enter. I have no physical or medical condition which would endanger myself or others if I participate in any Event, or would interfere with my ability to safely participate in any Event. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my competition equipment and my conduct in connection with any Event. I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol and/or drugs before, during and after any Event and I recognize that consumption of alcohol and/or drugs might impair my judgment and/or motor skills. I assume full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with my consumption of alcohol and/or drugs.

2. On behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns, and anyone else who might sue on my behalf, I HEREBY WAIVE, RELEASE, and FOREVER DISCHARGE USAT, all Event sponsors, Event producers, Event staff, administrators, officials, contractors, vendors, and organizers (including race directors), volunteers, all other persons or entities involved with an Event, states, cities, towns, and other governmental bodies and locations in which an Event or portions of an Event takes place, and the officers, directors, employees, agents, insurers, other participants and representatives of all of the above (collectively, the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, causes of action, damages, losses (economic and non-economic), and liabilities of every kind (collectively "Claims"), for death, personal injury, or property damage, which may arise out of, result from, or relate to my participation in, or my traveling to or from, any USAT sanctioned Event, including but not limited to any Claims for theft, damage to any equipment, negligence, partial or permanent disability, Claims relating to the provision of first aid, medical care, medical treatment, or medical decisions (at an Event site or elsewhere), and any Claims for medical or hospital expenses.

3. I acknowledge and ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS and aspects of an Event. I acknowledge that running, bicycling, swimming and other portions of an Event are inherently dangerous and I understand that I will be participating in an Event at my own risk, that I am responsible for the risk of participation in an Event, and that I am waiving and releasing my legal rights to sue for any injury or damages arising out of or resulting from my participation in an Event. I further understand that any injury or damages incurred may be the result of negligence, omission or carelessness by the Released Parties.

4. I FURTHER COVENANT and AGREE NOT TO SUE any of the Released Parties for any of the Claims that I have waived, released, or discharged herein. I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties from any and all expenses incurred, Claims made, or liabilities assessed against them, including but not limited to attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, arising out of or resulting from, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, my breach or failure to abide by any part of this Waiver Agreement, my breach or failure to abide by any of USAT's Competitive Rules, and my actions or inactions which cause injury or damage to any other person.

5. I AGREE to abide by the Competitive Rules adopted by USAT and the Guide to Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods of Doping adopted by the United States Anti-Doping Agency. I AGREE that prior to participating in an Event I will inspect the race course, facilities, equipment, and areas to be used, and if I believe or become aware that any are unsafe, I will immediately advise the Race Director. I FURTHER GRANT to Event organizers, USAT, and their licensees the right, permission, and authority to use my name, voice, picture, or photograph, in any broadcast, telecast, commercial advertisement, promotion, or other account of an Event, and I WAIVE any rights to future compensation to which I might otherwise have been entitled for such use.

6. The parent or legal guardian who signs the Waiver Agreement on behalf of a minor, incapacitated and/or mentally challenged person (hereinafter "Said Person"), hereby acknowledges that he or she has the legal capacity and authority to act on behalf of Said Person to legally bind Said Person to the Waiver Agreement. The parent or legal guardian who signs the Waiver Agreement agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties for any expenses incurred, Claims made, or liabilities assessed against them, as a result of any insufficiency of legal capacity or authority to act on behalf of Said Person in the execution of the Waiver Agreement.

7. If any provision of this Waiver Agreement shall be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Waiver Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

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(Athlete or Participant)

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** **X** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent or Legal Guardian for Persons under Eighteen (18) Years of Age or Legal guardian of incapacitated and/or mentally challenged person)

**Name of Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** **X** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Relationship to Minor or incapacitated and/or mentally challenged person:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## BANQUET / HALL OF FAME STATUS

The TCRA is currently working towards finalizing two long term goals;

### 1. Hosting an annual fall banquet.

The purpose of the banquet will be to recognize and celebrate both individual achievements, including point system champions (paddler of the year awards), as well as contributions made by individuals and groups to the sport of canoeing and the preservation of the resources necessary to enjoy our sport. One goal of the banquet will be to bring closure to each racing season and generate excitement about the year to come.

The first banquet will be held in the evening, immediately following the fall cleanup (11/05/05), and will induct the first group of members elected to the canoeing hall of fame.

Luling Golf Course's Club house will be the site of this first banquet with a catered barbeque meal. The banquet is free to club members. It would be helpful to RSVP to Pete Binion at [pbinion@txcyber.com](mailto:pbinion@txcyber.com)

### 2. The establishment of a TEXAS Canoeing Hall of Fame.

Purpose and Justification for the Establishment of the Canoeing Hall of Fame.

Although it is widely accepted that those individuals who have chosen the world of the canoe, participate not for recognition, but the vast rewards offered by interacting with Mother Nature in a special sport.

The purpose of the hall of fame is to give canoeing a way to preserve its history by keeping alive the accomplishments and undertakings of those who have gone before us, and in so doing, recognize the individuals that stood out and contributed to the canoeing world, giving those that follow a sense of direction and confidence.

The nomination of the initial candidates may be made by any member of the public, canoeing clubs and river organizations. The candidates should be nominated for their accomplishments in the sport of canoeing and or to the preservation of its resources. The TCRA is currently accepting nominations for the hall of fame. Nominations should include a statement justifying an individual's contributions and/or accomplishments. Please e-mail nominations to [pbinion@txcyber.com](mailto:pbinion@txcyber.com)

Your input is welcome. Please forward any ideas you may have towards these endeavors to [pbinion@txcyber.com](mailto:pbinion@txcyber.com) or [jhdaniel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhdaniel@sbcglobal.net).

## 2006 TCRA Board - Election Ballot

This is your official ballot for the election of the Board of Directors of the Texas Canoe Racing Association. Only this ballot or a copy of it will be accepted. Please vote for ten directors from the current membership. You will find a list of the members in this issue of the newsletter. You should include at least one member of each sex among your selections. At least one member of each sex will be represented on the board. Family memberships are entitled to two votes.

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The following is a list of members who have expressed an interest in serving on the board.

Cindy Meurer	Grady Hicks	Wade Binion
Bob Spain	Ginger Turner	Richard Steppe
Frank Gray	Erin Magee	Jay Daniel
Ginsie Stauss	Charlie Lewis	

Ballots must be received or postmarked no later than **September 1, 2005**.

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## Points as of 08/02/2005

Spring Cleanup  
Green's Bayou  
East Fork West Fork

Hidalgo Falls  
Unlimited Championship  
Texas River Marathon  
Pecan Paddle

Dupont - Seadrift  
Texas Water Safari  
TCRA State Championships

### Women - Open

<u>Paddler</u>	<u>USCA</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cindy Meurer	47	0	27	74
Erin Magee	13	39	8	60
Holly Nelson	19	0	40	59
Ginsie Stauss	49	0	8	57
Mary Tipton	0	0	40	40
Sandy Yonley	0	0	40	40
Ginger Turner	28	0	8	36
Brandy Zeek	4	0	22	26
Ana Johnson	0	0	23	23
Tina Burgos	0	0	21	21
Stephanie McFerrin	9	0	9	18
Lisa Waskom	0	0	15	15
Laura Startz	0	0	15	15
Kathie Derrick	8	0	4	12
Ann Best	11	0	0	11
Teddy Gray	10	0	0	10
Brenna Abbit	8	0	0	8
Ann Reitzer-Smith	0	8	0	8
Jackie Silvius	0	0	8	8
Donna Nance	0	0	8	8
Debra Lane	0	0	8	8
Kristin Daniel	0	0	8	8

### Women - Youth

<u>Paddler</u>	<u>USCA</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sarah Walliser	40	0	20	60
Melinda Zeek	32	0	8	40
Rebekah Zeek	15	0	15	30
Katie Walliser	16	0	6	22
Sarah Rask	13	0	8	21
Ashley Robinson	19	0	0	19
Jacqueline Harrity	6	0	7	13
Ruth DeGray	7	0	6	13
Jamie Norman	7	0	5	12
Rachel Thompson	4	0	6	10
Allison Robinson	10	0	0	10
Hannah DeGray	5	0	5	10
Brenna Shannahan	6	0	4	10
Elise Turner	8	0	0	8
Amanda Thompson	3	0	5	8
Kathryn Mendenhall	0	0	8	8
Abby Kittle	7	0	0	7
Carmen Harrity	7	0	0	7
Kirsten Paddock	7	0	0	7
Cathe Turner	6	0	0	6
Lucy Southard	0	0	4	4

### Men - Open

<u>Paddler</u>	<u>USCA</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wade Binion	63	0	20	83
Richard Steppe	36	8	32	76
Jeff Glock	44	7	6	57
Grady Hicks	21	0	34	55
Henry Dornak	0	38	15	53
Jim Pye	30	0	22	52
Bob Spain	49	0	0	49
Armin Lopez	23	0	24	47
Pete Binion	11	0	27	38
Jay Daniel	3	0	35	38
West Hansen	4	8	24	36
R.D. Kissling	0	15	21	36
Tommy Yonley	0	0	35	35
Cory Laskoskie	0	6	28	34
John Jackson	31	2	0	33
Fred Mynar	7	0	23	30
Tim Rask	0	0	29	29

### Men - Youth

<u>Paddler</u>	<u>USCA</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jonathan Zeek	39	0	35	74
Jonathan Yonley	12	0	28	40
Jonathan Rask	27	0	7	34
Stephen Rask	20	0	12	32
Max Feaster	22	0	8	30
Peter Rask	26	0	4	30
C J Pye	17	0	8	25
Dan Zeek	8	0	15	23
Josh Zeek	22	0	0	22
Andrew Herbert	8	0	8	16
Phillip Rask	8	0	8	16
William Dunn	14	0	0	14
Jake Paddock	7	0	7	14
Philip Rask	14	0	0	14
Tim Olson	7	0	7	14
Henry Harrity	8	0	6	14
Reese Sessions	6	0	8	14

David Bartell	0	29	0	29	Danny Andrews	8	0	5	13
Karim Aziz	20	0	8	28	Johnny Turner	5	0	7	12
Patrick Cosgrove	20	0	8	28	Daniel Zeek	12	0	0	12
Tim Anglin	4	0	24	28	Sam Purcell	4	0	8	12
John Bugge	27	0	0	27	Joshua Zeek	4	0	7	11
Jimmy Doran	24	0	0	24	Ben Hebert	4	0	6	10
David Hatton	24	0	0	24	Jonathan Walliser	3	0	7	10
Daniel Cruz	0	0	24	24	Jonathan Foley	3	0	6	9
Aaron Gibson	0	0	23	23	Carl Feaster	3	0	6	9
Jerry Cochran	7	0	16	23	Jeremiah Jackson	0	0	8	8
Gary Gibson	0	0	23	23	Jamie Newman	7	0	0	7
Scott Johnson	0	0	23	23	Travis Hicks	0	0	7	7
Don Zeek	6	0	16	22	Joshua Foley	7	0	0	7
Bobby Smart	6	0	15	21	Eric Manghan	0	0	6	6
Vance Sherrod	0	0	20	20	William Zeek	6	0	0	6
Mark Simmons	0	0	20	20	Aidan Foley	6	0	0	6
John Maika	0	0	20	20	Kyle Robinson	3	0	0	3
Pat Petrisky	0	0	20	20					
Brad Pennington	6	7	6	19					
Ken Startz	0	1	18	19					
Darryl Jiral	11	0	8	19					
Gib Hafernack	17	1	0	18					
Harry Marsales	0	0	18	18					
Paul Ohlemacher	6	0	12	18					
Michael Rendon	0	12	4	16					
Emmett Rhoden	0	0	16	16					
Michael Felchak	0	0	16	16					
Leroy Gonzales	0	0	16	16					
Phillipe Blouin	0	8	8	16					
Terry Alford	0	0	15	15					
James Green	0	0	15	15					
Jason Locke	0	4	10	14					
James Ward	8	0	6	14					
Phil McDowell	0	0	14	14					
John Dupont	0	0	14	14					
Jeremiah Jackson	14	0	0	14					
Scott Schiller	0	0	14	14					
John Hafner	0	0	14	14					
Roy Tyrone	14	0	0	14					
Tommy Fuchs	0	0	14	14					
Weihan Lin	0	0	14	14					
Zac Hill	14	0	0	14					

For sake of brevity, paddlers whose points are below a certain point are not printed.  
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**Buffalo Bayou Regatta and Outdoor Expo Celebrates  
34 Years of Racing on Houston's Buffalo Bayou**

**Over 150 Canoes and Kayaks Expected**

**WHAT:** Texas' largest canoe and kayak race: The Buffalo Bayou Regatta. Houstonians of all ages are encouraged to participate in the 15-mile USCA-sanctioned race along the scenic Buffalo Bayou.

Those not wanting to paddle can catch the outdoor fun and cheer on the racers at the Outdoor Expo located at the finish line. Paddlers and outdoor enthusiasts can try out the newest in outdoor sports trends and gear! Family fun will include recreational sports, live music, food and drinks.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 15

**WHERE:** BUFFALO BAYOU  
**Starting Line:** San Felipe near Voss  
**Finish Line:** Sesquicentennial Park in Downtown Houston  
**Outdoor Expo:** Sesquicentennial Park in Downtown Houston

**TIME:** Regatta registration starts at 7:30 a.m. Race starts at 9:00 a.m.  
Outdoor Expo starts at 10:30 a.m.

**WHAT  
ELSE:**

- ◆ 150 canoes and kayaks all vie for first place
- ◆ Beginner and competitive paddlers alike are welcome to join in the fun
- ◆ Divisions for the Regatta include:
  - *The Corporate Cup Challenge* – corporate team members
  - *The Unlimited Divisions* – Single and double men and women's canoe and kayak participants
  - *Styrofoam Cup* – awards to participants who pick up the most trash along the bayou
- ◆ Prizes will be awarded to the top three place winners in the Corporate Cup, Unlimited and Styrofoam Cup divisions
- ◆ To register for the 2005 Buffalo Bayou Regatta, visit [www.buffalobayou.org](http://www.buffalobayou.org) or contact Trudi Smith at 713-752-0314 for more information
- ◆ Benefiting Buffalo Bayou Partnership and its programs enhancing Houston's historic Buffalo Bayou

*This is annual post-race, wrap-up issue of the Hotline, written in the days immediately following the Safari. Please excuse if it's more incoherent than usual..--Hotline Writer email [palmettohotline@yahoo.com](mailto:palmettohotline@yahoo.com)*

Is it just me or is this race getting easier every year? All the emergency rooms from Luling to Tivoli were empty for the first time in several years and it looks like Gonzales and Victoria will raise taxes to make up for the loss in Safari racer revenue. I suppose **Tom Goynes** is correct in saying that this ain't a man's race anymore like it was 30 years ago. But perhaps Tom has lost virtually all of his cache, this being the first year since 1968 that he wasn't a racer, team captain or head judge. Could it be true that his only contribution was parroting clichés like “Suck on these Chinese plums” and “Over-hydration's a killer”? Oh, how the mighty have fallen!

### RANDOM THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS

- How many more times are you paddlers going to get sucked into the sweepers between Cuero and Victoria? It's not like they've never been there before. **Zoltan** told the River Guru that he purposely wrapped his boat to mark that dangerous tree for the following paddlers similar to the way that he blocked up the dangerous low water Palmetto bridge a couple years ago. Seems to me like Zoley's bucking for the Safety Director's position for next year's race.
- Looks like **Don Zeek** lost his grip on the Kleenex Speech Traveling Trophy for the most tearful speech at the banquet. **Richard Steppe** snatched the trophy when he got so choked up that he couldn't utter a word as he wiped the tears from his eyes. Overheard one of the **homeschoolers** say, “**The Lord** works in mysterious ways.” The RG wished He could have worked a similar miracle on **West's** vocal chords.
- The **Ohle Pride/Red Green** boat proved the RG correct once again that no one could possibly mistake them for a Mensa meeting. They assured that they would lose at least one place by giving the **Arkansas Boys** info on every short cut and tricky spot in the river. They didn't even copy **Rocky Harbor's** old trick of supplying good info for the first few tricky spots and then telling the Arkies to take the “special shortcut” down Cornfield Cut. That team lost every bit of their Safari respectability.
- Then this same boat of **Bayou Boneheads** sat out in the bay and purposely snapped off their rudder, hoping to send two of the members to the flagpole and assure themselves a place in history next to the **Theilmann/Zoltan** 5-man boat of knuckleheads arriving in two groups hours apart. Louisiana has permanently quarantined **Terry** and the other three for besmirching the reputation of every backwater hick in the state.
- In a year that promised so much and delivered so little head-to-head competition at least there was the **Jackson-Bugge** slugfest. Two guys pushing each other to their limits, only they didn't crack...-the solo unlimited boats around them did. How do we explain to novices that the hardest way to race is C1 now? Thanks a lot, guys! On second thought, the newbies have been getting a free ride for a while. Maybe it's time they thought that solo was best run using the 2 C's...C1's and Sea Kayaks.
- The most incredible post to the Safari bulletin board had to be from the team that wrote to complain about the Safari splits. Do you need the RG to spell it out for you? Who cares if the split summary shows that you quit at the checkpoint upstream or downstream of the Highway 87 bridge? You still dropped out. Remember, **finishers have stories, the rest have excuses.**

- And speaking of splits... The “they’re slow, no they’re fast, no they’re slow” team of **Puermas Suerte/Cory** are now the current Safari record holders for split time between the Luling 90 bridge and Zedler Dam run...nicknamed “The winter of our discontent” since in Texas winters are soooooo short. Slower teams on this section are known to go as long as an hour in between contact with the outside world. Miss your hand off at 90 and you’ll be several minutes without fresh water. (Oh, man, I’m scaring myself.) Good work lads! Now all you have to do is learn to hold that pace for an additional 253 miles to be considered pretty good.
- It was deja-vu all over again to see a **Rask** family member take the C-2 trophy except this year it was the **Rask boy** looking like he was boycotting barbershops, not the teammate of the Rask like last year. The RG is beginning to suspect that there’s a Sampson factor that helps out in the cruiser class. **Wade Binion** already has the Goldilocks name taken, but **Steve R.** could always snap up “Repunzel”.
- RG was stunned that **Mike Shively** checked out of the race while leading the Solo Unlimited. By law don’t you have to be behind the sea kayak to drop out of this class? Or is it an automatic disqualification?
- Back in the day there was an expression “I want whatever drugs he’s on!” Those astute safari watchers know who I’m talking about, but without referencing the specific individual, class or boat number involved, the R.G. does NOT want whatever drugs he was on.
- I don’t think **Steppe**’s consoling the **Koslosky/Weber** boat by telling them he counts anything entering the bay as a finish was much help. Seems that the thing that upset the team the most was that they didn’t get a helicopter ride after shooting the flare like **John Maika** promised they would.
- Finally, a special note to the three “**Runner-up**” boats this year. THIS WAS YOUR CHANCE-THE MYNARS WEREN’T HERE!!!! WHY DIDN’T YOU PADDLE? Not overheard in any of the three boats- “I was thinking I’d rather get third trying for first than get second-then I figured if I’m going to get third anyway, why push myself?” Repeat as you move down the rankings.

### SCENES THE RG WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SEEN.

1. **Canadian Bob & Don** and the **Incredible Erin** commiserating about the sauna-like conditions while zonked out on the river bank.
2. **Tommy Y**’s look of terror as the GIPL boat with wife, **Sandy** passed them while the team feverishly worked to repair the busted rudder pedal.
3. **John Stockwell** pleas for any penalty under four hours for not using his life jacket in the bay crossing.
4. The belly laughs and chop-lickin’ going on at the **Mynar** team meeting in preparation for the 2006 safari.

### MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST

The RG overheard lots of conversations between team members this year. Test your knowledge of the various teams. Answer key is at the bottom

1. Paddler: “A salted plum! A salted plum! My kingdom for anything Tom Goynes recommends!”  
 A) The Bob Boat                      B) Marek U.                              C) Norm T.

2. Solo-er: "You know that boat dock a few yards upstream of this checkpoint?"  
Team Captain: "Yeah, what about it?"  
Solo-er: "The repairman hammering on the boards called me a paranoid little weirdo... in Morse code!!"  
A) Henry Dornack            B) John Stockwell            C) John Bugge
3. Stern: "Look, give me one good reason why I should give up sky diving."  
Bow: "Thud..."  
Stern: "You mean 'thud... ouch!' or just 'thud'?"  
A) The John-Boat            B) Arkansas Boys            C) Slaughter Boat
4. Stern: "What is the difference between ignorance and apathy?"  
Bow: "I don't know and I don't care."  
A) GIPL Boat 2005            B) Brandi/Sarah            C) Kiefer/Cory
5. Bow Seat: "I'd rather drink a pint of what's in the bottom of this boat than listen to any more of your singing."  
A) Cowboys            B) Horsefly's Homeschoolers            C) Roberts/Ecton
6. Middle Seat: "On that last portage, I think we re-defined the Chinese Firedrill."  
A) Vance Boat            B) Hansen & Co.            C) Arkansas Boys
7. Stern: "You're not playing solitaire again are you, Dad?"  
Bow: "No, it's a hallucination."  
Stern: "Oh, ok. Put the 8 on the 9."  
A) The Zeeks            B) The Parkers            C) The Elvigs
8. Male: "After all these months of training together and paddling the prelims this year, I'm still getting a tingling feeling being out here on the river with you."  
Female: "Don't get emotional on me. It's just the battery pack that shorted out."  
A) The Johnsons            B) The Startz            C) The Webers

**Answers:** 1. (A) 2. (C) 3. (C) 4. (A) 5. (A) 6. (B) 7. (B) 8. (All of the above)

**Scoring:** Give yourself 5 points for each correct answer. For incorrect answers, give yourself negative 2 points and dip your rump in a bottle of Vaseline. Tally up your score to determine your Safari ranking.

**Less than 10:** Rank novice. Spend more time at Herbert's eating and drinking with the safari paddlers in order to improve your score.

**11 to 25:** Experienced paddler. You've probably woken up from the dream of "They started the race and I can't find my boat" several times already.

**25 to 40:** Safari veteran. You've got more money invested in canoes than in your house and the smell of contact cement and epoxy resin are aphrodisiacs to you. Get a life!

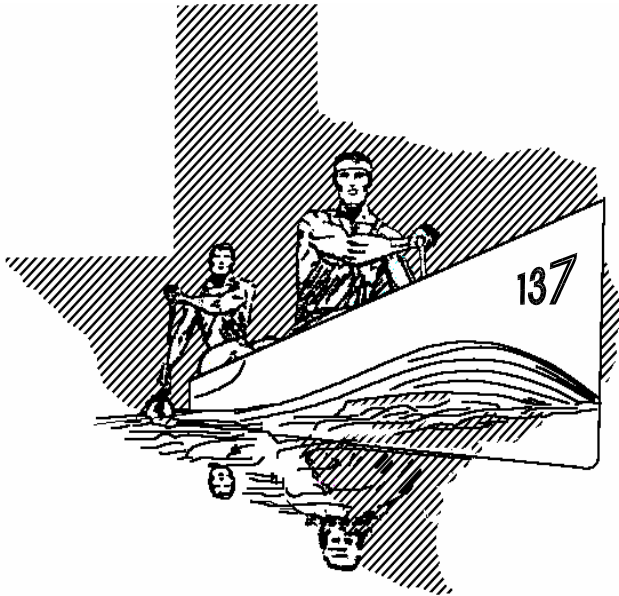
**Over 40:** Typical safari paddler. You take this race way too seriously. You also flunked math.

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