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Welcome to the "Mississippi" Paddler- not the Minnesota Paddler.

We have 4 articles where the Mississippi is central. It just happened that way. This is also the Summer, Fall, Winter edition. You could find most of the content already floating around on the web, but I'll finish the year with a summary, and use the same layout and moldy green that I started with in January.

Going by date, the first event was the **Mississippi River Boat Ballet**. Putting together a river performance takes a lot of guts. A few of our members were part of this performance. I have included a lot of videos [links to mp3s] and photos of the practice sessions.

The next event was the **Mighty Miss Marathon**, Relay, and 12 Mile race. Rollie is very enthusiastic and has organized what hopes to be an annual event. I was on a support crew (of two) and it was very pleasant, compared to racers constantly paddling for 55 miles.

The third event was the canoe/kayak bike share project. Very unique. The **Mississippi River National Park** wants to give people a chance to get out of the car and explore the Park. Implementation is coming soon! We'll let you know, hopefully early summer.

The Paddle Forward event actually took place along the length of the Minnesota River, but they did end the odyssey by taking the Mississippi to Harriet Island.

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*Cover- Sunset, finale. James Davies*

*Looking upriver, as boats head towards Ole Olson Park*

*From the by-laws of the MCA:*

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:


- to unite in common organization those persons who are interested in all phases of recreational canoeing, professional and amateur canoe racing, canoe camping, and related activities
- to formulate and maintain standards for the guidance of members and others interested in canoeing
- to exchange information about canoes, canoe equipment, river, lakes and other waterways, campsites and other matters of common interest to members
- to promote and encourage conservation of wilderness, waterways and campsite and such other matters as will maintain and improve conditions for canoeing
- to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the corporation is organized
- to aid and assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further, accomplish, foster, or attain any of such purposes.

# Annual Meeting in February 2016

Place and Time to be determined (brew pub in St. Paul?)

Inquire about a position on the board. [communications@mncanoe.com](mailto:communications@mncanoe.com)

The calendar below is from our website [mncanoe.org](http://mncanoe.org) . It shows typical events the MCA sponsors, or likes to promote, or might be interesting to our members.

June 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Rapids Riders Canoe U  River Rambler Cruise Zumbro	1 Monday Rookie Racers Training	2	3	4 Hoigaard's Paddle Derby  CCS-Summer Paddling Nights	5	6 River Rambler Cruise U. St. Croix
7 River Rambler Cruise U. St. Croix	8 Monday Night Rookie Racers	9	10	11 Hoigaard's Paddle Derby  CCS-Summer Paddling Nights	12 BWCA EXPO	13 BWCA EXPO  River Rambler Cruise - OPEN  Paddle The MN River In A Day  Chippewa Triathlon
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28	29	30				



Liz

## \$500 “TEENS ON THE WATER” GRANT RECIPIENT:

# WILD RIVER ACADEMY

## WILD RIVER ACADEMY

### 5 CRITICAL SERVICES

- ◆ Outdoor and camping skills through over-night canoe expeditions
- ◆ Educational programs during canoe trips to learn from key stakeholders in local river basins
- ◆ Teamwork + character building opportunities
- ◆ Canoe trainings and knowledge of local recreational opportunities and water access points
- ◆ Experiential learning surrounding agricultural, industrial, economic, social, environmental, and political issues on rivers. On this trip, students canoe and camp in between educational programs along the river.

**Wild River Academy**, a non-profit operating out of Minneapolis, MN, uses the river as a classroom to empower and educate the next generation of water stewards and recreationalists. We are very excited to receive grant money from the Minnesota Canoe Association this year to support youth programming on local rivers!

Wild River Academy will use the MCA funds to support our third year of educational canoe trips on the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. WRA works with underserved youth, charter schools, and community groups.

Last season we took 10 low-income youth from College Possible to canoe and camp along the Minnesota River for five days. The girls fully immersed themselves in the outdoors. They learned how to fish, presented on their trip to the Minnesota River Congress, and met with key stakeholders in the basin. One of our participants from that trip said,

*“This trip was all about getting out of your comfort zone and trying something you’ve never*

*done before. I’m really proud of all of us. Even though we struggled, we still pulled through. I feel a great connection with all of these girls. I’m going to remember this trip.*

*It was a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of us. Most young people don’t have the opportunity that we have right now. It’s important to take a week to put down my phone, put down my laptop, and just try to enjoy nature and see what our environment has to offer. I would like to thank the Wild River Academy for opening our world -- something new.” - Dorette Binh, 17, College Possible student.*

Thank you MCA for supporting environmental education and place-based opportunities for youth in Minnesota! To learn more about Wild River Academy and how to get involved with our upcoming Paddle Forward expedition on the Minnesota River, visit [www.wildriveracademy.com](http://www.wildriveracademy.com)

Liz Just  
Co-Founder Paddle Forward







The Minnesota Canoe Association presents the:

*Save the Date!*

# Far North Symposium

Saturday April 2, 2016

St. Louis Park Rec Center  
3700 Monterey Dr  
St. Louis Park MN 55416

[www.stlouispark.org](http://www.stlouispark.org)

Registration online at Minnesota Canoe Association website

Monday, January 4, 2016. [www.mncanoe.org](http://www.mncanoe.org)

Mail in registration instructions [www.mncanoe.org](http://www.mncanoe.org)



# Wind and Waves: St. Croix River

MCA Fall Color Cruise 10-10-2015

By David Shanteau



We met at the put in at **Osceola Landing** on the St. Croix River at 9:30 AM. It was a beautiful sunny day in the seventies with up stream winds. The autumn colors were not quite at peak yet. There were 24 participants: 13 from the University of Minnesota Concrete Canoe Club, the rest were all MCA members or friends.



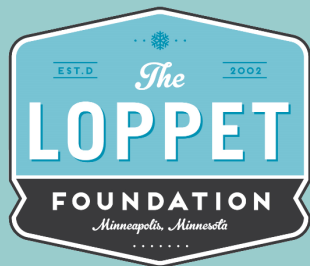
After running the shuttle and picking the lead and sweep boat, we started paddling downstream into the wind and waves. We proceeded down to the lunch spot, a sandy spot at the upstream end of Big Island. After lunch we traveled down the east channel around **Big Island**.

Shortly after joining the main channel, the powerful wind-generated waves swamped a canoe! The wind pushed the water up over the bow. The canoe took on water and waves and went right over! The canoeist's Charly Yang and Koua Thao, with the help of others and a passing power boat, got their canoe to the river left (east) shore. Charly and Koua were safe, although wet. After retrieving all the equipment and emptying out the canoe, Charly and Koua got back in and proceeded down river left where the waves were not as large. They were accompanied by two tandem canoes, one kayak, and one solo canoe.

At a place across from **Log House Landing** we crossed the river to join the rest of the group. The whole group then paddled close to the river left shore till the wind was lessened by a bend in the river.

The group continued on to the take out at **William O'Brien State Park**. The distance from the canoe swamp to the take out is about 2 1/2 miles about a half hour paddle.

After everyone was on shore a car was sent with the shuttle drivers to pick up the cars and return to the take out. While the shuttle was being wrapped up, the boats were being loaded. Everyone declared that a good time was had by all and that the St. Croix was Beautiful.



## Autumnal Equinox Paddle September 27, 2015

**The MCA/Loppet Foundation got together for an evening on Cedar Lake. It was a super way to celebrate the turning point towards winter with the fall Equinox Paddle. The photos are from the Chain of Lakes as the sun sets. It was a perfect evening of paddling.**

*Pssst- the actual date of the Equinox is September 23, but Sunday the 27th is on the weekend*

*Photos: Sinthang Has*



## MAPLEWOOD Community Center

Dave Shanteau and Mary Hoffman manned the booth at the April 18, 2015 Maplewood Family Outdoor Expo.

The best booths had live animals, or anything interactive. If the MCA attends this expo again, we MUST have a fun interactive activity. A rescue bag rope toss game, where the contestant aims for a cutout of a stranded paddler?

Dave's child-size light weight paddle caught a lot of attention.

No water demos available! Only dry land.





# The Right Formula For Success?

Test Run for Canoe/Bike Share System Thursday, 9-10-15

By Mary Hoffman

I was thrilled to be invited to a test run for a Canoe/Bike Share system. The Mississippi River National Park Service's Outdoor Rec Planner, Susan Overson, and Ben Rasmussen, Consultant, USDOT, Volpe Center arranged the test run. About 20 paddlers, from various interested agencies, participated by canoeing 9 miles down the Mississippi River from the Mississippi West Regional Park to Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park. At Coon Rapids, we each hopped on a Nice Ride bike. We rode back "upstream" to our cars at MWRP. It was a gorgeous, sunny Thursday, with a slight current, and wind at our back. What we didn't realize is that heading back, the wind would be in our face!

## What is the Right Formula for Success?

The purpose of the test run was to develop criteria to determine the best location for the pilot project. This would be the first canoe/bike share system in the nation. Safety is a major issue. Finding the ideal length or route is important. Businesswise, can canoe share stand alone if the model is not good for Nice Ride MN. Operation and maintenance are ongoing expenses. Plus, this is a national park that owns no land!

We learned that a 9-mile paddle is good for a full day, but stopping at Peninsula Point Park would make a nice short trip. The 12-mile bicycle ride back to the put-in took us along West River Road to Hwy 169, then residential streets in Anoka and Ramsey. We were concerned the off and on-road sections were not continuous, also unsafe or noisy in some sections. A second test run was made on October 6 - CRD West to North Mississippi Regional Park (7.5 mile paddle/7 mile bike ride). Unfortunately, I had to work that day.

The plan is to implement the project in mid-2016. A lot has happened since the first test run. At least six river/bike paths have been evaluated, trying to discover a route that is accessible to a critical number of users, safe enough, near visitor centers and the "right" length. One good candidate may be the route from North Mississippi Regional Park and Boom Island (downtown Minneapolis). If you were visiting downtown, you could unlock a bike, and take Mississippi River Trail (MRT) to the canoe station at NMRP, then take a leisurely 3.5 mile paddle back down the river. The MRT is paved on both sides of the river.

See pages 18-19 for a draft of the plans.

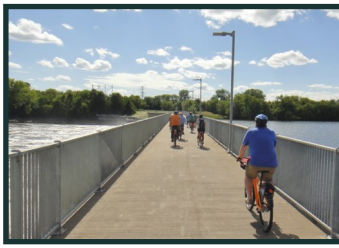


## Canoe Sharing Comes to the Mississippi River

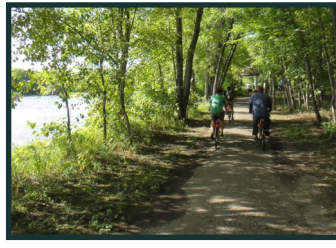
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A short video, Channel 12 filming our outing.





**START**– NICE CONCRETE PATH  
OVER COON RAPIDS DAM



ASPHALT BIKE PATH ALONG  
THE RIVER



DETOUR ACROSS A  
CONSTRUCTION SITE



**END OF THE DAY**- DIRT ROAD INTO  
MISSISSIPPI WEST

## Safety and Finances

REI has contributed \$20K in addition to NPS funds (\$132.5K) and is seeking approval to provide the boats, pfd's and paddles. Read the draft of the project proposal to learn more of the specifics. But it is a draft from December 2014, pages 18-19 at the end of this newsletter. Our partners recommended using mostly kayaks and that the system be for more experienced paddlers. We will be recommending outfitters, training programs and paddles, and other options for beginners since it is a self-serve system and want it to be a safe and enjoyable experience.

## History

### Ramsey County, MN

Five years ago, a self-serve canoe station was set up on Sunfish Lake. No cost for use, but you must register for a swipe-card. Over 1000 "swipe-card" users have been counted. The residents are happy with this service. From the City of Ramsey website, "The City of Ramsey, in conjunction with grant funding from Anoka County State Health Improvement Program (SHIP), has installed a self-service canoe and kayak kiosk at Sunfish Lake, located at 6330 Sunwood Drive. The kiosk holds two single-person sit-in kayaks and two three-person canoes. Paddles and life-vests are also provided."

### Albert Lea, MN

This year, in Albert Lea, MN, a similar self-serve station was installed. Look for Golden Point, a newly improved soft launch at Frank Hall Park. Albert Lea has at least 15 miles of lakeshore to explore. At the southeast end is the entry into the newly established Shell Rock River Water Trail. *Not all maps will show the new locations and designation.* The Albert Lea Lakes Foundation donated and installed the station, which is made is southern MN. Bill Howe manages the station via the link [ipaddleport.com](http://ipaddleport.com). Hundreds of paddlers have used the boats this first summer.



the participants

**"Thank You"**  
for providing all  
the equipment &  
transportation





# Mighty Miss Marathon, Relay, and 12 Mile

Saturday, August 1, 2015

By Rollie Ring-Jarvi



The total entries for the first annual Mighty Miss event was 32 boats. The 55 mile race had 14 entries, with one relay team of 10 paddlers. The 12 mile race/recreation had a total of 18 entries with 9 in the race and 9 recreational entries. **Results** on pages 20-22.



Beaver Island Landing

We had a beautiful day with ideal conditions for the race which made for an enjoyable day for spectators/crews and race officials.

## 55 Mile Marathon St. Cloud to Champlin

Incredible finish for the 55 mile race with a two seconds separating first and second place what a race! **Joe Manns** and **Zach Handler** edged **David Nelson** and **Kjell Peterson** by two seconds after paddling 55 miles, winning in 6:29.48 for the race from St. Cloud to Champlin Park (Mississippi Point Park).

## 12 Mile Race Elk River to Champlin

12 mile race was won by **Ethan Evenson** on a surf ski in 1:29.17 winning by over 11 minutes. Nine recreational entries enjoyed a fun 12 mile paddle from Elk River to Champlin.

The race will take place again next year with a new date - stay tuned - probably late June or July. We will have more time to help promote and attract paddlers - we especially would like to have more relays and young paddlers join us in 2016 for the Mighty Miss Year Two.



Finish at Champlin Park (Mississippi Point Park)



Spoils of victory



# Mighty Miss Marathon, Relay, and 12 Mile



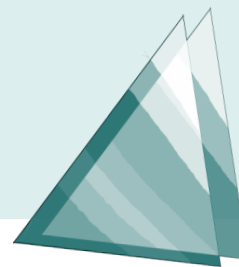
Results on pages 20-22.



# Mississippi River Boat Ballet

July 31, 2015

By Mary Hoffman



**The water is the stage and the boats are the dancers - Patrick Scully**

## Ole Olson Park

Take 49 boaters, with a very wide range of skills, a moving river, a commitment to practice sessions during June and July, and try to choreograph their movements. Plus, add a live orchestra and film the event using drones with limited battery life. Patrick Scully pulled it all together!

You had to be there to really appreciate the feat. After watching hours of practice sessions without any music, it just seemed slow and not very dynamic. But on the evening of the live performance, the entire atmosphere changed. As the Improvestra orchestra began improvising, the river and the dancers came together. The music gave it backbone. The live audience added tension. You could see genuine awe in the paddlers faces. They were energized. Wow! This is cool! We are doing this! The audience loves us (even though the sun is in my eyes and I can't see them)! It's not everyday you are part of a live performance, on a river, on a gorgeous summer evening.

I've put together a few photos and videos. They give an idea of what the event was like, but they are not able to capture all the elements of the performance. Bravo to Patrick, Kalen (paddle master), Deb (stage manager) and all the players.

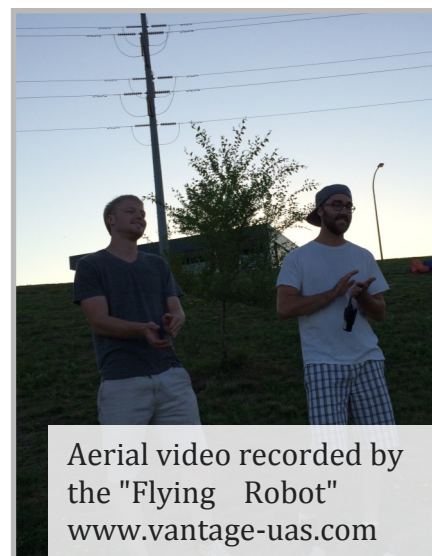
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## Improvestra Orchestra, Adam Conrad Ferguson



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## Max Behrenbrinker Peter McGough-Pose







John Akre submitted this video for the Mississippi Minute Film Festival  
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Patrick Scully describes the boat ballet.  
Ole Olson Park, Minneapolis  
1:24

**July 31, 2015 ♦ Ole Olson Park**  
**Patrick Scully, Choreographer/director**  
**Kalen Keir, Paddle master/assistant director**  
**Deb Ervin, Stage manager**

**Improvestra**  
**Adam Conrad Ferguson, Improvestra Director**  
**Todd Smith, Technical director/sound**  
 Guitar/bass - **Eli Elstad ♦ Drums - Lars Johnson**  
 Flute - **Sam Tygiel ♦ Clarinet/sax - David Hirsch**  
 Trumpet - **Noah Ophoven-Baldwin**  
 Trombone - **Benjamin Bussey**  
 Violin - **Gretta Hunstiger ♦ Viola - Jill Thompson**  
 Cello - **Greg Byers & Amanda Burgdorf**

**Special thanks to**  
**Darill Berry ♦ Minneapolis Rowing Club**  
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**Above the Falls Sports ♦ Bob Schmitz ♦ Eric Grant**  
**James Muellner ♦ Sarah Peters**  
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**Twin Cities River Rats ♦ Riverfront Festival**  
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**Tom Case and Sara Rubinstein**  
**Chris and Rushinka Hage ♦ Patrick's Cabaret**  
**Linen Effects ♦ fabrik/Potsdam ♦ Guy Wagner**

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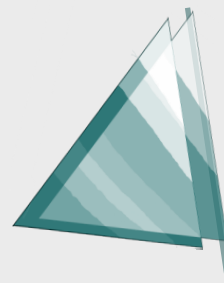
If you'd like to know the particulars of the show, this is the most comprehensive list I could find.

A grant from the Legacy Fund helped to make the show possible, along with many volunteers and donors.

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## Mississippi River Boat Ballet 2015

### The Dancers at practice...



#### KAYAKS

Notice the difficulty keeping a line. The sun is in their eyes, it's hard to see their landmark, and the current is strong.

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#### SUPs

Looking good!

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#### MINNEAPOLIS ROWING CLUB

The swiftest, fastest, sleekest.

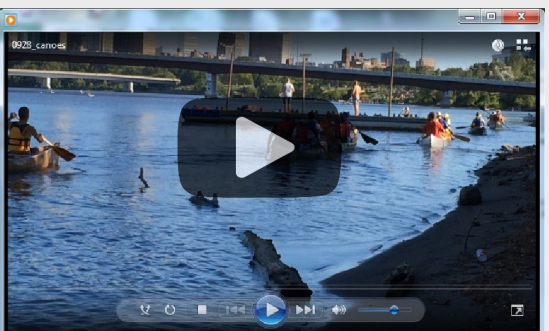
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#### TANDEM CANOES

Graceful

0:17



#### CANOES

Canoes at 2X speed

Notice the River Rats setting up for a performance. The boats had to get off the river early that night. Imagine having to share the river...

0:51



# Minnesota River—Final Stretch

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Paddle Forward Trip-Wild River Academy

## Gorgeous Day

While the some of the MCA-er's were struggling down river, against the wind on the St. Croix, a few of us decided to accompany the Paddle Forward group into St. Paul. Today would be their final day paddling the entire length of the Minnesota river, having started out at Big Stone Lake on August 30, 2015. Paddle Forward made visits to communities along the way. Invitations were given to local paddlers to join them for the day.

Our flotilla stopped at Pike Island, at the confluence where the Minnesota river meets the Mississippi. We waited for the Mississippi Parks Connection fleet. They were paddling 10-person Montreal canoes from Wilderness Inquiry. About one hundred paddlers headed into St. Paul.

## Improved Boat Landing

The cruise ended at Harriet Island. Live music was playing while we had burgers and drinks. REI comes through again, along with Mississippi Parks Connection and the MN DNR. All of this combined to celebrate the **recently improved Kelley Landing on Harriet Island**. If you've been to the landing before, its roomy and muddy. Now, the landing is thinly covered with chunks of rock (sandstone?). The rock does give more stability than mud, but wear your shoes. The new steps are about 3-4 feet wide, very solid. They lead up the slope to the parking area, a satellite toilet, and picnic grounds.

Under the Mendota Bridge, Fort Snelling



Urban Boatbuilders came with their skin-on-frame super lightweight canoes.



Pike Island at the confluence of the Mississippi (left) and the Minnesota river (right).





# Women's Round Robin- July 4, 2015

Emily Johnson, Race Organizer

Sinhang Has , Photography



**T**he course was set at Cedar Lake, Minneapolis. The race consisted of 5-8 minute sprints, having the chance to compete against every other woman who signed up.

**Sign up in 2016!**





# Paddle with Ranger Judy– September 27, 2015

## Long Lake Meadow Unit—Another Gorgeous Day on the River



Are you looking for somewhere to paddle in the Twin Cities?

Next season, try the [Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Paddle with Ranger Judy](#) program. Judy was our guide on this 10 mile excursion, assuring us that we'd see some of the best wildlife habitat and scenery around!

Eagles and herons were easy to spot. We also saw flocks of pelicans, gracefully swirling around, way up high on their migration route. This trip was open to all paddlers. The only requirement was basic paddling skills and bringing your own equipment. Shuttle was provided!

The Minnesota River trip, 10 miles, ran from Sorensen Landing (near 35W) to Picnic Island, Fort Snelling State Park.

*-I met Judy years ago at a whitewater canoeing class. She is now with the US Fish and Wildlife Service.- Editor*



No chance for a rest break – mud was too deep!



Black Dog power plant—switching from coal to natural gas by 2018

## Excerpt from December 2014 pp 4-6:

### National Park Service

Mississippi National River and Recreation  
Area Five-Year Alternative Transportation  
System Implementation Plan

2015-2019

**Project Title:** Canoe/Kayak and Bike Share Pilot Project

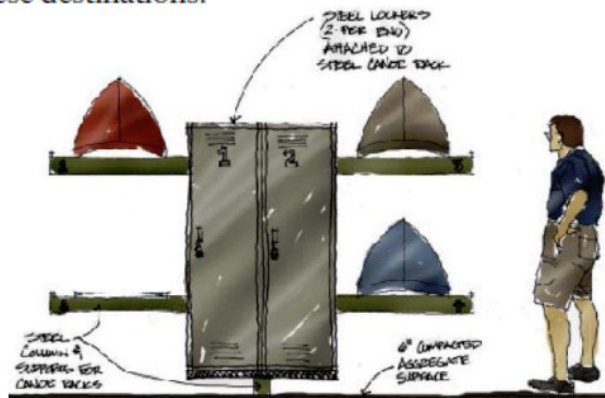
#### *Canoe/Kayak Share Component*

**Location:** Anoka County (Anoka and Coon Rapids Dam nodes)  
**Contact:** Susan Overson, NPS; Mark Riverblood, City of Ramsey; Karen Blaska and Jeff Perry, Anoka County; Erick Wrede and Paul Purham, Minnesota DNR; Lisa LaCasse, City of Anoka

**Cost:** \$52,500

**Description:** This project proposes to install three accessible canoe/kayak share systems, one at Mississippi West Regional Park, one at Akin Riverside Park, and another at Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park, all in Anoka County. Bike share bikes and accessible docks near these locations (see components below) will enable roundtrip bike and accessible paddle opportunities in the MNRRA between these destinations that include a regional park, water access, bike/ped trails, and nearby transit. This pilot project will, therefore, encourage the elimination of vehicles typically used for these activities in the MNRRA. Each self-serve canoe/kayak share system includes a steel rack that can hold up to eight canoes and/or kayaks, swipe card readers installed on metal lockers, master controller with power supply, magnetic door locks, armored pull apart cables, installation, wiring, and software. In addition, six canoes and/or kayaks with paddles and lifejackets would be purchased for each system.

The canoe share system currently installed at Sunfish Lake in the City of Ramsey has proven a huge success with over 900 subscribers using the system. The canoe share pilot project will provide a free recreational opportunity to visitors and residents who do not own or cannot afford to invest in a canoe or kayak which, with paddles and pfds, could cost at least \$1,000. Mississippi West and Coon Rapids Dam Regional Parks are within emerging and existing Alternative Transportation Nodes in the MNRRA and are adjacent to rail and bus service and nearby MNRRA attractions and activities. Combining the canoe and bike share system would enable visitors to completely leave their cars behind to reach and enjoy these destinations.





### *Bike Share Component*

- Location:** Anoka County (Ramsey emerging node, Anoka and Coon Rapids Dam nodes)
- Contact:** Tony Desnick, Nice Ride Minnesota
- Cost:** \$30,000
- Description:** Nice Ride Minnesota will place 10 (for a total of 30) of its orange bike share bikes (pictured below) near each of the three canoe/kayak share stations. This series of three canoe/kayak and bike share stations along the Mississippi River in Anoka County will allow visitors to borrow (at a low cost) a canoe or kayak, put it in the river, paddle downstream, take out the canoe or kayak, and instead of driving, they could bike back to where they started their trip.



### *Accessible Dock Component*

- Location:** Anoka County (Ramsey emerging node, Coon Rapids Dam node)
- Contact:** Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks
- Cost:** \$50,000
- Description:** ADA-accessible docks will be installed at Mississippi West Regional Park in Ramsey and at Coon Rapids Dam as well. These docks will allow visitors with limited mobility to use the canoes and kayaks available at these locations.

### **Project Title:** Coon Rapids Dam Boat Launch Improvements

**Location:** Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park (Coon Rapids Dam node)

**Contact:** Karen Blaska, Anoka County Parks

**Cost:** \$430,000 (requesting \$86,000)

**Description:** Anoka County is proposing to rehabilitate the roadway and vehicle/trailer parking lot at the Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park in Coon Rapids, MN, which will serve as a takeout location for the canoe/bike share system. This project will include reclaiming the existing asphalt, grading, and repaving; repairing concrete curb; installing a sidewalk/trail for easy access to the boat launch and dock; rehabilitating the concrete planks at the launch; creating a pull off area for boaters to clean, drain, and dry their boats; installing asphalt decals and signs relating to the control of aquatic invasive species; and installing a bike/paddle MRT/MNRRRA sign/kiosk.

# 2015 Mighty Miss 55 Mile Marathon Race

## Official Results August 1, 2015

Boat #	Boat Choice	Category	Last Name	Age Group	Final Time	Class Place	Overall Place
6	Pro-Boat	Male	Manns	36-49	6:29:48	1	1
6	Pro-Boat	Male	Handler	36-49	6:29:48	1	1
83	Pro-Boat	Male	Nelson	36-49	6:29:50	2	2
83	Pro-Boat	Male	Peterson	36-49	6:29:50	2	2
46	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Ellis	50-65	6:31:30	1	3
46	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Rudquist	50-65	6:31:30	1	3
96	Pro-Boat	Male	Stolen	36-49	6:34:39	3	4
96	Pro-Boat	Male	Peterson	36-49	6:34:39	3	4
8	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Lidberg	36-49	6:45:20	1	5
8	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Johnson	36-49	6:45:20	1	5
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Dahl	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Zophy	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Canny	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Berg	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Gardnet	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Jarpey	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Peterson	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Peterson	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Sullivan	>65	6:45:28	1	6
97	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Sullivan	>65	6:45:28	1	6
11	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Kueffer	36-49	6:49:50	2	7
11	Pro-Boat	Mixed	Stolen	36-49	6:49:50	2	7
14	Pro-Boat	Male	Menk	36-49	6:58:06	4	8
14	Pro-Boat	Male	Has	36-49	6:58:06	4	8
1	Kayak	Male	Pula	>65	7:03:52	1	9
15	Pro-Boat	Male	Olson	36-49	7:07:08	1	10
2	Surf Ski	Male	DiPasquale	50-65	7:32:35	1	11
3	Kayak	Male	Anderson	36-49	8:09:55	1	12
4	Kayak	Male	O'Link	21-35	9:50:25	1	13
9	Citizen Canoe	Male	Johnson	21-35	10:09:36	1	14
9	Citizen Canoe	Male	Wattenhofe	21-35	10:09:36	1	14



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## Time Sheet August 1, 2015

Boat #	Last Name	Boat	Category	Age Group	Start	Clearwater	Snuffie's	Ellison	Babcock	Finish Time
1	Pula	Kayak	Male	>65	###	9:30:00	10:32:40	11:45:00	13:21:00	15:03:52
2	DiPasquiale	Surf Ski	Male	50-65	###	9:32:30	10:43:40	12:00:00	13:45:00	15:32:35
3	Anderson	Kayak	Male	36-49	###	9:37:35	10:51:50	12:30:00	2:15:35	16:09:55
4	O'Link	Kayak	Male	21-35	###					17:50:25
46	Ellis	Pro-Boat	Mixed	50-65	###	9:23:51	10:22:00	11:31:12	13:00:00	14:31:30
46	Rudquist	Pro-Boat	Mixed	50-65	###	9:23:51	10:22:00	11:31:12	13:00:00	14:31:30
6	Manns	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:24:10	10:21:18	11:29:00	12:58:10	14:29:48
6	Handler	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:24:10	10:21:18	11:29:00	12:58:10	14:29:48
0	0	0	0	0	###					
8	Lidberg	Pro-Boat	Mixed	36-49	###	9:29:10	10:29:25	11:38:00	13:10:00	14:45:20
8	Johnson	Pro-Boat	Mixed	36-49	###	9:29:10	10:29:25	11:38:00	13:10:00	14:45:20
9	Johnson	Citizen-Canoe	Male	21-35	###					18:09:36
9	Wattenhofer	Citizen-Canoe	Male	21-35	###					18:09:36
97	Dahl	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Zophy	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Canny	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Berg	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Gardnet	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Jarpey	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Peterson	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Peterson	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Sullivan	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
97	Sullivan	Pro-Boat	Mixed	>65	###	9:26:00	10:30:00	11:40:30	13:12:40	14:45:28
11	Kueffer	Pro-Boat	Mixed	36-49	###	9:25:50	10:25:05	11:36:30	13:11:40	14:49:50
11	Stolen	Pro-Boat	Mixed	36-49	###	9:25:50	10:25:05	11:36:30	13:11:40	14:49:50
96	Stolen	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:23:54	10:22:20	11:31:10	13:00:05	14:34:39
96	Peterson	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:23:54	10:22:20	11:31:10	13:00:05	14:34:39
83	Nelson	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:24:00	10:21:18	11:29:00	12:58:00	14:29:50
83	Peterson	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:24:00	10:21:18	11:29:00	12:58:00	14:29:50
14	Menk	Pro-Boat	Male	36-49	###	9:29:40	10:33:44	11:45:30	13:21:40	14:58:06

# 2015 Mighty Miss 12 Mile Race

## Official Results August 1, 2015

Boat #	Boat Choice	Category	Last Name	Age Group	Final Time	Class	Place	Overall Place
38	Surf Ski	Male	Evenson	21-35	1:29:17	1		1
36	Surf Ski	Male	Birkholz	36-49	1:40:35	1		2
33	Kayak	Male	Harrington	50-65	1:41:58	1		3
35	Kayak	Male	Jordeth	50-65	1:44:22	2		4
39	Canoe	Male	Pesta	50-65	1:44:32	1		5
39	Canoe	Male	Soltis	50-65	1:44:32	1		5
31	Kayak	Female	Bauer	50-65	1:47:59	1		6
34	Citizen Canoe	Mixed	Hunstiger	>65	1:54:46	1		7
34	Citizen Canoe	Mixed	Pasion	>65	1:54:46	1		7
32	Canoe	Male	VanGorden	>65	1:56:22	1		8
37	kayak	Male	Chastain	50-65	2:01:32	3		9
30	Open Race	Mixed	Gustafson	36-49	DNS			
30	Open Race	Mixed	Anderson	36-49	DNS			
60	Canoe	Female	Borowick	36-49	3:08:44	Rec		Rec
60	Canoe	Female	Woll	36-49	3:08:44	Rec		Rec
61	Kayak	Female	Harden	50-65	2:44:10	Rec		Rec
62	Kayak	Female	Evenson	50-65	2:44:40	Rec		Rec
63	Canoe	Mixed	Bancroft	21-35	3:14:52	Rec		Rec
63	Canoe	Mixed	Anderson	21-35	3:14:52	Rec		Rec
64	Canoe	Male	Marx	50-65	2:20:52	Rec		Rec
64	Canoe	Male	Durband	50-65	2:20:52	Rec		Rec
65	Canoe	Female	Hanson	21-35	3:11:15	Rec		Rec
65	Canoe	Female	Dorff	21-35	3:11:15	Rec		Rec
65	Canoe	Female	Lunneborg	>65	3:11:15	Rec		Rec
66	Canoe	Male	Huotari	>65	2:31:25	Rec		Rec
66	Canoe	Male	Hendrickson	50-65	2:31:25	Rec		Rec
67	Canoe	Mixed	Lundmark	50-65	2:29:29	Rec		Rec
67	Canoe	Mixed	Lundmark	50-65	2:29:29	Rec		Rec
68	kayak	Mixed	Deets	0	2:48:16	Rec		Rec
68	kayak	Mixed	Deets	0	2:48:16	Rec		Rec

# MCA Board Meeting Minutes

11-18-2015

Board Members in Attendance: Kevin Groeneveld, Mary Hoffman, Emily Johnson, Bob Anderson, David Shanteau, Sinthang Has

Guests: Mary Bauer attended. She wants to be a board member. The board is in favor.

**Treasury** Mary Hoffman knows someone who could do our books independently. (Chris Sanden's wife)

**USCA Insurance** due January, M&2nd to pay now. ~\$700. Add link to insurance policy.

[http://www.uscanoe.com/Content%20Images%20and%20Docs/Sanctioning\\_and\\_Insurance/USCA 2015 Insurance Program.pdf](http://www.uscanoe.com/Content%20Images%20and%20Docs/Sanctioning_and_Insurance/USCA_2015_Insurance_Program.pdf)

## Fall Color Cruise

Financial Statement

\$5.00 per person 18 years and over. Under 18 free. USCA insurance fee was \$3.50 per person all ages. 22 people 18 and over and 2 people under 18 attended. David already paid the request fee of \$60.00.

Insurance Owed	\$84.00	(\$3.50 x 24)
Insurance Request	\$60.00	(upfront cost)
Insurance Balance Due	\$24.00	
Amount Collected	\$110.00	
Remainder	\$26.00	
Postage	\$2.57	
Final Amount	\$23.43	

**Wild River Academy** accepted our \$500 grant. They paddled the entire length of the MN River. They will be writing up a report of the trip.

**Far North:** Looking for a new location as old one will be closed. Past cost for facility was \$800. Has may be able to get us into Harding High School may be a source with an auditorium.

Proposed for April 2, 2016

**Annual Meeting:** Date is in the bylaws. Tentative date is February 13.

Brainstormed ways to get people to attend. Maybe at a brewery. Bob will check with Lake Monster brewery. Emily to check with Save the BWA group to see if they want to meet at the same time & place.

## Paddle Bags

Emily knows someone who could sew paddle bags for us. Has to be material that does not hold water. David to get a quote from Dan Cooke.

-Kevin Groeneveld

# MCA Board of Director positions:

The Board meets once per month for about two hours in the evening. Meeting dates are set by the new Board. Presently, we have been meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at Midwest Mountaineering in Minneapolis. It is not necessary to attend all Board meetings. Below is a brief description of the duties for each position. We have been operating without a full board.

Your skills are needed in PR and social media.

**President** is Chief Executive Officer, presides over meetings of the Board of Directors and of members, actively manages MCA business and sees that all orders and resolutions of the Board are carried into effect, and serves as ex officio member of all standing committees.

**Secretary** keeps minutes of all Board meetings, submits minutes to the editor of the newsletter for publication, and performs other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors, maintains a separate record of the "Policies" of the MCA Board, and maintains records of all MCA property and its location.

**Building and Materials Director** is responsible for promoting MCA activities relating to canoe and kayak building.

**Director at Large** serves 3-year staggered terms. We have had some vacancies so some terms are not less than 3 years. They have no specific duties, but advises the Board on all matters and may fulfill duties of vacant director positions as agreed upon.

**Treasurer** acts as Chief Financial Officer, decides all matters pertaining to the financial assets of the organization, keeps full and accurate accounts of all transactions of a financial nature, tracks the current year's budget against the actual income and expenses, and submits a quarterly summary of the financial condition of the MCA.

*May hire a bookkeeper with the Board's approval.*

**Membership Director** is responsible for insuring that an accurate roll of members in good standing is kept, recruits new members, and insures that appropriate materials are sent to members (e.g., membership card, membership kit, MCA publications).

**Racing Director** promotes canoe racing and related activities of the MCA.

**Education and Safety Director** promotes MCA activities in safety instruction as well as education in technical skills of canoeing and kayaking.

**Communications Director** is responsible for the promotion and publication of all editions of books, pamphlets, newsletters, magazines, or other written or electronic materials printed or published by the MCA.

**Cruising Director** is responsible for promoting canoe cruises and related activities of the MCA.

**Vice President** performs the duties and exercises the powers of the President during the absence or disability of the President.

## MCA Membership Categories

Category	1 Year	3 Year	Description
Individual	\$20	\$55	23 years and older
Youth	15	40	22 years or younger
Family	25	70	Spouse/partner + children

Inquire about membership at [Member Sign Up](#)



# Annual Meeting in February 2016

Place and Time to be determined



Apply for a position on the board.

The calendar from our website [mncanoe.org](http://mncanoe.org) shows the events the MCA sponsors, or likes to promote, or might be interesting to our members.

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## June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Rapid Riders Canoe U  River Rambler Cruise Zumbro	1 Monday Rookie Racers Training	2	3	4 Hoigaard's Paddle Derby  OCS-Summer Paddling Nights	5	6 River Rambler Cruise U. St. Croix
7 River Rambler Cruise U. St. Croix	8 Monday Night Rookie Racers	9	10	11 Hoigaard's Paddle Derby  OCS-Summer Paddling Nights	12 BWCA EXPO	13 BWCA EXPO  River Rambler Cruise - OPEN  Paddle The MN River In A Day  Chippewa Triathlon
14 BWCA EXPO	15 Monday Night Rookie Racers	16	17	18 Hoigaard's Paddle Derby  OCS-Summer Paddling Nights	19 River Rambler Cruise Kickapoo  Wisconsin Canoe Symposium	20 River Rambler Cruise Kickapoo  Wisconsin Canoe Symposium  Sweetheart Canoe Derby CANCELLED!!!!
21 Wisconsin Canoe Symposium  Sweetheart Canoe Derby CANCELLED!!!!	22	23	24	25 Hoigaard's Paddle Derby  OCS-Summer Paddling Nights	26	27 River Rambler Cruise Kinni  U Care Tri-Loppet
28	29	30				



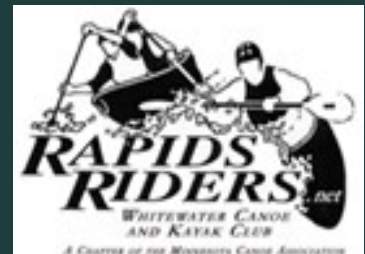
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