

National Canoe Poling Championships
Carrabassett River
New Portland, Maine
May 24, 2014

Open Wildwater

1. Chip Cochrane	4:09:28
2. Scott Stepenuck	4:39:60
3. Nelson Walker	5:56:55
4. Mena Schmid	6:22:17
5. Steve Ouillette	6:49:28

Open Slalom

	1 st Run	2 nd Run
1. Chip Cochrane	6:44:31	DNR
2. Scott Stepenuck	7:55:22	7:54:43
3. Nelson Walker	13:08:24	DNR
4. Mena Schmid	13:30:65 +50= 14:20:65	15:23:81
5. Steve Ouillette	16:22:09	14:44:13

Masters Wildwater

	Raw Time	Adjusted (-1% each year >50)
1. Chip Cochrane	2:20:70	2:16:48
2. Nelson Walker	3:21:24	2:51:05
3. Eric Marchbein	4:09:00	3:21:69
4. Steve Ouillette	4:17:43	3:49:11

Masters Slalom

Run	Adjusted (-1% each year >50)	1 st Run	2 nd
1. Chip Cochrane		2:40:87	DNR 2:36:04
2. Steve Ouillette		4:19:00	DNR 3:50:51
3. Nelson Walker		DNF	4:36:11 3:54:69
4. Eric Marchbein		7:33:31+60=8:33:31	DNF 6:55:78

Intermediate Wildwater

1. Steve Melamed	2:37:20
2. Mike Blashford	2:37:70
3. Matt Hopkinson	2:38:65
4. Eric Marchbein	3:04:40
5. Andrew Bartleet	4:22:30

Intermediate Slalom

	1 st Run	2 nd Run
1. Steve Melamed	4:38:37	4:20:06
2. Matt Hopkinson	5:35:47+10=5:45:47	4:26:20
3. Mike Blashford	DNF	4:24:78+50= 5:14:78
4. Eric Marchbein	6:20:06	DNF
5. Andrew Bartleet	5:48:15+50= 6:38:15	DNF

National Slalom Poling Cup:	Chip Cochrane
Combined Century Poling Cup:	Chip Cochrane
National Wildwater Cup:	Chip Cochrane
Masters Lambert Poling Cup:	Chip Cochrane
Ed Hayden Poling Cup:	Steve Melamed

Handicap for the Masters Class each year the competitor is over age 50, 1% of their time is subtracted.

Penalties: +50 seconds for each missed gate, +10 seconds for touching a gate.

DNF = Did Not Finish

DNR = Did Not Run

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to help timing. Thank you to all the polers for attending and assisting with river safety.

Thank you to Chip and Lani Cochrane for organizing/hosting the National Canoe Poling Championships.

Thank you to Mike Blashford from the American Canoe Association for attending this event and bringing some ACA memorabilia to share.

Thank you to Mena Schmid for taking pictures, and maintaining the www.canoepoling.org website. See pictures from the Nationals at: <http://canoepoling.org/Nationals/2014/>

Matt Hopkinson is embarking on a fundraising canoe poling trip, *The Spawn of Hal*, up the Penobscot River starting June 1, to help remove dams and restore the ability for salmon to swim upstream to spawn. See more at www.penobscotrivers.org and donate to the cause at www.crowdrise.com/uptheriver and follow his blog at www.voodoocanoe.com

Next year the New England Poling Championships will probably be Memorial Day weekend, or the weekend after in Maine hosted by Chip Cochrane. The National Poling Championships will be coordinated with the Great Rappahannock White Water Canoe Race in Fredericksburg, Virginia, the first full weekend in June hosted by Chris Stec.

See you standing tall on the river,
Scott Stepenuck
ACA National Canoe Poling Chair