

American Canoe Association
National Canoe Poling Championships
Rappahannock River
Fredericksburg, Virginia
June 6, 2015

Open Wildwater

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| 1. Chip Cochrane | 4:26:52 |
| 2. Matt Swift | 4:55:34 |
| 3. Scott Stepenuck | 4:59:40 |
| 4. Clem Swift | 5:11:95 |
| 5. Mike Blashford | 5:21:16 [Intermediate] |
| 6. Steve Melamed | 5:46:58 |
| 7. Nelson Walker | 6:07:18 |

Open Slalom

| | 1 st Run | 2 nd Run |
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| 1. Chip Cochrane | 5:25:29 | DNR |
| 2. Scott Stepenuck | 6:30:57 | 5:58:04 |
| 3. Matt Swift | 6:41:67 | 6:22:31 |
| 4. Clem Swift | 8:00:66 | 7:38:37 |
| 5. Nelson Walker | 9:11:28 | DNR |
| 6. Steve Melamed | 10:05:44 | 10:22:16 |

Masters Wildwater

| | Raw Time | Adjusted (-1% each year >50) |
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| 1. Chip Cochrane | 1:54:42 | 1:49:84 |
| 2. Matt Swift | 2:08:04 | 1:57:80 |
| 3. Nelson Walker | 2:41:19 | 2:15:40 |
| 4. Dave Stockdill | 3:14:81 | 2:57:28 |
| 5. Fred Klingener | 4:44:27 | 3:36:05 |

Masters Slalom

| | 1 st Run | 2 nd Run | Adjusted (-1% each year >50) |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Chip Cochrane | 3:36:84 | 3:30:55 | 3:22:13 |
| 2. Matt Swift | 4:06:24 | 4:24:78 | 3:46:54 |
| 3. Nelson Walker | 6:46:47 | 6:16:89 | 5:16:59 |
| 4. Dave Stockdill | 8:52:18 | 8:22:85 | 7:37:59 |

Intermediate Wildwater

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| 1. Mike Blashford | 5:21:16 [with Open] |
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Intermediate Slalom

| | 1 st Run | 2 nd Run |
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| 1. Mike Blashford | 6:05:41 | DNR [with Masters] |
| 2. Dave Stockdill | 8:52:18 | 8:22:85 [with Masters] |

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| 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: | Mike Blashford |

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

Note: there were not enough Intermediate competitors to officially make a class, however, Mike Blashford had the fastest times of those who qualified for the intermediate class, so was presented the Ed Hayden Cup this year but will still be eligible for the Intermediate Class next year.

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This race weekend was held in coordination with the Great Rappahannock Whitewater Canoe Race (<http://www.grwcr.org/>). A 5 mile downriver race was held Saturday morning, unrelated to the National Poling Championships. The results of the Poling racers in the downriver run in hours:minutes:seconds were:

1. Scott Stepenuck 1:01:15
2. Steve Melamed 1:03:54
3. Matt Swift 1:04:16
4. Clem Swift 1:05:56
5. Chris Kowalski 1:20:36

Next year the New England Poling Championships will probably be the first weekend in May in Maine hosted by Chip Cochrane. The National Poling Championships will probably be in southern New England (Connecticut) and may be hosted by Nelson Walker. More details around New Years.

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