

2007 Frank Havens 10k Canoe Challenge

Place	Names	Time
C-2 Women Open		
1	Kelly Rhodes – Caroline Brosius	1:02.18
2	Kathleen McNamee – Cheryl Zook	1:06:59
C-2 Women 35+ Average Age		
1	Freda Rosso – Mary Gibbs	1:07.04
C-2 Women 50+ Average Age		
1	Susan Welchman – Coralie Miller	1:18.49
C-2 Men Open		
1	Ian Ross – Coach Derek	1:00.00
2	Kevin Humphries – Erik Werner	1:00.07
3	Andrew Soles – Martin Lowenfish	1:05.34
C-2 Men 35+ Average Age		
1	Blaise Rhodes – Will Rhodes	58.59
C-2 Men 50+ Average Age		
1	Jim Ross – Dan Havens	58:54
2	Larry Lubbers – Bob Davis	1:03.32
C-2 Mixed 35+ Average Age		
1	Karen Sue Febey – David Armstrong	1:02.28
2	Ed Sharp – Terry Lee Hume	1:10.15
3	Mike Robinson – Alyssa Peacock	1:11.01
C-2 Mixed 50+ Average Age		
1	Mitch Potter – Amy Potter	1:06:46
2	Audrey Dannenberg – Dick Hoffman	1:11:42

Friends of the Washington Canoe Club sponsored the 2007 Frank Havens 10k Canoe Challenge. The race was held on Saturday, October 27th at the Washington Canoe Club in DC, the start and finish of the race. The weather was very rainy and threatening throughout registration, but cleared and stayed calm during the race.

Boat certification was under the very capable and experienced eye of Ed Sharp. All boats were declared to be 'non-spiffy' and eligible for the race.

All classes were C-2, and were available for Men, Women, and Mixed, 18 and younger, open, 35+ average age, and 50+ average age. There was a mass start of all classes. A total of 15 boats started – and completed – this year's race.

The course was a two-mile loop, with the turns at WCC and upriver. The final turn was around Key Bridge – to add the final distance for the 10kK and allow a good view of the finish for the spectators. There was, indeed, a sprint for the finish several times as the top boats were even going into that final turn.

Bonnie Havens worked the registration table. Jay Goodrow provided on-water safety. Due to the imposing presence of the safety boat, no one had trouble.

When all boats had returned to shore, a breakfast buffet was served as a restorative.

Frank Havens (Gold Medalist in C-1 10,000 meters, 1952 Olympic Games, Helsinki) presented awards to the top three boats in each class. Again this year the awards were handmade miniature canoe paddles – true works of art from Dan Havens. Participant t-shirts were presented to all participants.

Thanks to all who helped with the 2007 competition: Jim Ross, Jay Goodrow, Ed Sharp, Dan Havens, Linda Ross, Frank Havens, Bonnie Havens, Sam Byrd. Sincere apologies to anyone accidentally left off the list. And many thanks to the participants in the 2007 race. We hope to see you again next year.

Regards.

Mary Garland,

President, Friends of the Washington Canoe Club