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**1<sup>ST</sup> WAVE GRABBER RACE A HUGE SUCCESS**

VICTORIA, BC, August 13, 2009...On August 12, 2009, the first race of the **Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) Wave Grabber Race Series** took place at the Gorge Rowing and Paddling Centre (GRPC). The race attracted paddlers of all types in single and double ocean kayaks, surf-skis, K1 (Flatwater Kayak) and more. International paddling medalists Dr. Ian MacKenzie (K1), and James Hill (Dragon Boat) showed up to participate in and support the event.

The Wave Grabber races can be done in a kayak, surf-ski, canoe, outrigger and paddle board, and is as casual or competitive as you want to be. For the 1<sup>st</sup> race, paddlers had the option of a 2km course or a 4km course on the Gorge Waterway. After racing, participants celebrated and socialized on the docks of GRPC and enjoyed a BBQ and prizes.

[MEC](#) & [GRPC](#) have started the Wave Grabber series to promote recreational paddling in the community, and invite any and all types of paddlers to attend. Races are \$10.00 to participate in and free to attend. We welcome anyone who's interested to come down and participate or cheer the paddlers on!

**Upcoming Race Dates**

Race 2: August 26

Race 3: September 9

Race 4: September 23

Race 5: October 7

**RESULTS 2KM COURSE**

NAME	CLASS	Course	TIME
Corrina Sacca	Single Kayak	2k	17:14.00
Sarah-Jane Chilton	Single Kayak	2k	17:20.00
Pricilla Knopp	Single Kayak	2k	20:28.00
Shanon Knopp	Single Kayak	2k	22:39.00
Kim Bilesky	Single Kayak	2k	22:45.00
Stephanie Keddy	Single Kayak	2k	22:47.00
Anna Young	Single Kayak	2k	22:52.00

**RESULTS 4KM COURSE**

NAME	CLASS	Course	TIME
Ian MacKenzie	K1	4k	19:03.00
Gareth Tudor-Jones	Surf Ski	4k	19:08.00
Jordon Pilon	K1	4k	19:17.00
Brett Craigen	Single Kayak	4k	20:48.00
Julian Biagi	Single Kayak	4k	20:52.00

Anne-Marie Survin	Single Kayak	4k	21:13.00
Marcus Krieger	Surf Ski	4k	21:17.00
Jefferson Blair	Single Kayak	4k	21:38.00
Kody Williamson	K1	4k	22:33.00
Pierre Ballester	Single Kayak	4k	23:01.00
Nigel Brown	K2	4k	23:03.00
Glen Pearson	Single Kayak	4k	26:45.00
Clinton Pearson	Single Kayak	4k	26:50.00
Erika Ladouceur	Single Kayak	4k	26:59.00
James Hill & Jude Knowles	Single Kayak	4k	27:45.00
Andrew Walker	Double Kayak	4k	27:59.00
Arlen McClaine	Single Kayak	4k	28:42.00
Lisa Fryer & Partner	Single Kayak	4k	28:55.00
Brandon Heyer	Single Kayak	4k	29:35.00
Jan Barkley	Single Kayak	4k	29:50.00
Adrian Surdu & Felix Haspel	Double Kayak	4k	29:59.00
Alex Knopp	Single Kayak	4k	32:44.00
Monica Butt	Single Kayak	4k	32:58.00
Kevin Kirkland	Single Kayak	4k	33:34.00
Tyler Laing	Single Kayak	4k	33:36.00
Katrina Knopp	Single Kayak	2k	44:25.00
Esther Knopp	Single Kayak	4k	44:26.00

**Check out Race Photos and general information at [www.wavegrabber.ca](http://www.wavegrabber.ca)!**

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**GO Rowing and Paddling Association of Canada** is a non-profit Amateur Athletic Association, and Registered Charity, dedicated to sharing the benefits of rowing and paddling sports with Canadians of all ages & athletic abilities. **GRPC (a GO Centre)**, offers community based rowing and paddling programs for all ages and abilities.

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