



**MEDIA RELEASE - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
PERFECT NIGHT FOR FINAL RACE (#5) OF 2009 WAVE GRABBER RACE SERIES!**

VICTORIA, BC, October 9, 2009. On October 7, 2009, the final race of the **Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC) Wave Grabber Race Series** took place at the Gorge Rowing and Paddling Centre (GRPC). With perfect weather and water conditions, paddlers raced and socialized to wrap up the successful and fun 2009 Wave Grabber Race Series!

This new five race series attracted all types of paddlers in single and double ocean kayaks, surf-skis, K1 (Flatwater Kayak) and canoes - Racers chose from one, two or three laps of a 1.4km loop. After racing, participants celebrate and socialize on the docks of GRPC, enjoying a delicious BBQ and draw prizes.

Race #5 Results!

Course	Time	Name	Boat Type
1 lap	10:17.18	Connor Proctor	single kayak
2 laps	18:51.56	Monica Butt	single kayak
2 laps	20:28.19	Karina Socco	single kayak
2 laps	20:32.53	Sarah Jane Chilton	single kayak
2 laps	28:44.64	Sheila Tolentino	single kayak
2 laps	30:25.69	Seuk Jin / Ko Jimin Kim	double kayak
2 laps	30:49.82	Sandy Baliding Grace Do	double kayak
3 laps	20:51.56	David Nykl	K1
3 laps	20:53.65	Jerome Truran & Griffin Gilmour	K2
3 laps	22:42.30	Christie Avenant	surfski
3 laps	23:28.75	Coll Gordon	single kayak
3 laps	23:30.85	Richard Young	surfski
3 laps	23:34.75	Hurley P.	OC1
3 laps	26:39.89	Jen Mason	OC6
3 laps	26:39.89	M Munro	OC6
3 laps	26:39.89	Jude Knowles	OC6
3 laps	26:39.89	Karlie Windatt	OC6

3 laps	26:39.89	Marcus Krieger	OC6
3 laps	28:15.00	Andrian Surdu	single kayak
3 laps	32:07.83	Mathew Yee	single kayak

Leader Board – Top Times over entire series

ONE LAP

1. 10:19.18 Connor Proctor (single kayak)
2. 10:29.91 Monica & Seonaid (canoe)
3. 11:02.77 Sheryl Eldridge (single kayak)

TWO LAPS

1. 17:09.56 Roy Scally (single kayak)
2. 17:20.24 Tan Barkley (single kayak)
3. 17:48.41 Tim Green (OC1)

THREE LAPS

1. 19:45.65 David Nykl (K1)
2. 19:52.56 Jerome Truran (K1)
3. 20:53.68 Jerome Truran & Griffin Gilmour (K2)

MEC and GRPC have started the Wave Grabber series to promote recreational paddling in the community. Any and all types of paddlers were welcome to attend. Races were only \$10.00 to participate, including boat rental, race fees and BBQ. Private boats were also welcome.

For Race Series information, results, and photos, visit www.wavegrabber.ca.

GRPC and Go Rowing and Paddling Association of Canada would like to thank Mountain Equipment Co-op for sponsoring the event, as well as thanks all the paddlers, volunteers and staff who helped make this new series a great success. We hope to see everyone back, and more, for the 2010 Wave Grabber Race Series!

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