



General Clinton Canoe Regatta Hall of Fame 2013



Bruce Barton: Has 28 Regatta finishes, one of only two paddlers to win both C-2 and C-1 Pro races AND have record times in each. In 1990 Bruce and Serge Corbin won C-2-Pro event in 6:36:04; Bruce was the C-1-Pro winner in 2000 with a time of 7:12:16. Both records still stand. Bruce has mentored several young Michigan paddlers and has partnered with them in many Clinton races.

Dr. Ken "Doc" Benson: Though he served only one year as chairman (1968), Doc was a 40-year volunteer, and was always in the thick of the action on the Regatta grounds. Ran the Chicken Barbecue for many years; was a race starter and also worked the finish line booth. He encouraged many locals to volunteer at least once and never took "no" for an answer.



Al Camp: Won the 1969 Pro race with Jim Root. Al is one of the original 700 mile club members and has 18 finishes. Owner and designer of the original Camp Paddles & Canoes for many years. He was one of the originators of NYCRA/NYMCRCA canoe racing associations in the early seventies.



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Richard "Dick" Davies: Simply put, Dick is the Regatta's one and only Historian, logging recaps of every race of every Regatta. Dick also created the very popular Regatta Museum at General Clinton Park. A Race Committee member for 44 years, he was Overall Chairman twice and Race Entry Chairman from 1976-83. His only foray into the 70-miler was a win with a young untasted paddler named Bob Zaveril in the Men's Comp. Cruising in 1970.



LaFever Brothers: Andy and Jim paddled the first canoe across the finish line at Dix's Flat in 1963, and won the 1964 race. Jim has nine finishes; Andy, an original 700 mile club member completed 24 races; Don has 31 finishes and counting. Combined, the brothers have 17 first-place 70-mile trophies with Don's 11 wins in 8 different classes leading the way.

Priscilla Reinertsen: With her 30 finishes, Priscilla is the first female in the 2100 mile club. Her 8 total wins in 4 different classes include, four Women's Competition Cruising (CC), two Mixed CC, one Mixed CC Masters and one Women's C-1-70. Priscilla is active in both the United State and New England Canoe Racing Associations.





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Jeff Shults: Jeff has logged 33 race finishes including one Pro title (with Bob Zaverl in 1981) and two Men's CC Masters titles (with Max Steinbacher in 2000 & 2001). Jeff has sponsored the very successful Upper Susquehanna Paddlers and Peddlers (USPP) Canoe Race on the Susquehanna each spring for many years. It serves as the "season opener" for many local competitors.



Lloyd Sipple : Lloyd was General Clinton Park's caretaker for many years. He planned and supervised the layout, design and building of all roads, and nearly all park structures. He installed the sound system, planted trees and mowed the grass. Lloyd also conducted the legendary Olde Tyme Band, the Regatta's only live musical entertainment for several years. Chaired the 1974 Regatta, but was an annual fixture for decades.



2012 Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony



Congratulations to all!

