

Marathon C1 Woman Junior Championship & Barton Cup C1 Challenge

C1 Woman Junior Championship & Barton Cup Challenge (short

course) – Saturday, August 9 (position, boat number, name, state, age, time)

- 1 Z4 Sarah Tompkins (MI) **B**, 18 – Barton Cup Winner* 2:07:57
- 2 Z2 Nathalie Hanson (MI) **B**, 16 2:15:13
- 3 Z10 Lilly Manns (MN), 16 2:15:41
- 4 Z9 Alice Flanders (MN), 16 2:19:19
- 5 Z5 Anna Tompkins (MI) **B**, 14 2:26:35
- 6 Z1 Katherin Donovan (NY), 16 2:32:06
- 7 Z3 Jaclyn Stone (MI) **B**, 13 2:33:07
- 8 Z8 Ellen Roy (MN), 17 2:39:06
- dnfZ6 Teegan Harrington (MN), 16 dnf

Special Recognition: Anna Tompkins 1st 12-14; Jaclyn Stone 2nd 12-14

* Sarah Tompkins also received a Zaveral canoe paddle, donated by the Wisconsin Canoe Racing Association.

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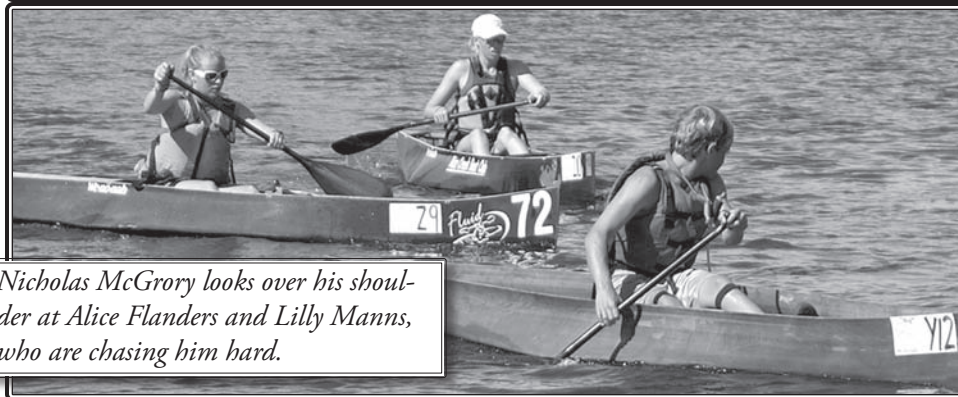
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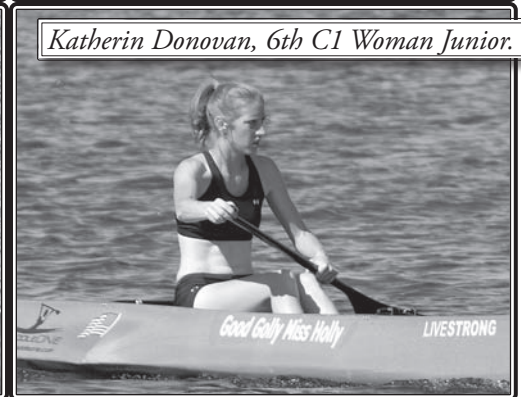
Above, Nathalie Hanson, 2nd C1 Woman Junior, with Chris Tompkins chasing her to the upstream buoy. Below: Anna Tompkins going for the buoy, followed by Katherin Donovan and Jackie Stone.



Sarah Tompkins, C1 Woman Junior champion and Barton Cup winner, catching Jeff Lindstrom.



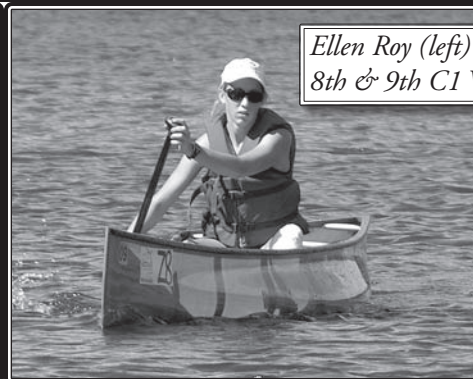
Nicholas McGrory looks over his shoulder at Alice Flanders and Lilly Manns, who are chasing him hard.



Katherin Donovan, 6th C1 Woman Junior.



Jackie Stone, 7th C1 Woman Junior.



Ellen Roy (left) and Teegan Harrington, 8th & 9th C1 Woman Junior.



Battle Wounds

..... Sarah Tompkins



Butterflies take flight in my stomach as I bandage up my fingers with white sticky medical tape. The blisters on six of my fingers sting as each wrap of tape goes around. I have been canoeing for three years. "How could I be getting this many blisters now?" I think. I bend my fingers like I am scratching the air.

"Oh! Is it really that bad?" my teammate **Nathalie** asks.

"No, I just don't want to get anymore." I finish wrapping my sixteen blisters and prepare my boat. The boat I am using is not owned by our club. I borrowed it from **Don Browning**. Definitely better than my boat last year, I think, as I adjust the seat and foot rests. Last year at *Nationals*, I came in second to one of my teammates. It was hard, as she was younger and had a nice boat that was faster than mine. This time, I get the nice boat.

I put my boat in the tiny opening between the dock and the shore. The water is very cold. I was already freezing when I woke up this morning, so I put on many layers. But now I am down to my shorts and bathing suit in the cold water. I slip into my boat and as I paddle away, my mom and dad wish me luck with a cheerleader like "Go **Sarah!**"

I have to paddle about fifty yards up stream to the starting line. All the youth canoeists, boys and girls, all ages, start together. I am in the Woman Junior division: sixteen to eighteen year olds.

The starting line is marked by two round orange buoys. We sit in our boats waiting for the race to start. Most of us, trying not to flip over, are paddling around and moving in and out of each other's space. The area for the start is no larger than a quarter of a football field.

We all manage to come up to the starting line. There are only minutes now until the race starts. The butterflies in my stomach take flight again. I turn to my left and talk to my friend **Erik** who is also in a black C1.

"So I hope this start isn't like the one yesterday!" he says.

"Yeah! They didn't give us any warning. They were like, Ready? POW!" I laugh.

On our left is a pontoon boat. It has two men in it. They are the starters. Right now they are talking on their walkie-talkies to people on shore. As they keep talking, the racers start getting bored and start to talk, too. Suddenly, the men in the pontoon interrupt the murmur.

"We'll sound the gun when everyone is lined up at the start. There will be no warning," the starter says. The butterflies beat harder.

"The race will begin in one minute."

We all begin to converse again, all wondering if the start will be anything like yesterday. Then the air is split by a loud crack. In less than four seconds five things run through my brain: Was that the gun? It was! Crap! Wait, I'm not ready! Move arms! MOVE! I immediately dig my four-ounce paddle into the water pulling it back, feeling the force of a four-hundred pound paddle. My boat jerks forward. I dig in again and again forcing the water behind me with a solid swoosh. The water swirls and splashes around me as I hammer into the surface. The boats next to me crash into each other. I am out of their way, making a break for it. I pull ahead of the rest and take a full lead pushing my arms into near numbness.

I push myself through the thick water two miles up stream then ten miles down stream. I keep digging in, forcing the river past me while the gap between me and the second place paddler grows wider and wider. I am in first place in my division! Wait, don't get too excited. Anything can happen and I don't want to jinx it. I glance behind me panicked each time by the sight of a canoe. The canoe behind me is too far away to see who is in it, but I don't dwell on this. I keep pushing forward.

After what feels like hours I come to the giant highway bridge. This is the point I need to kick it up a notch. The finish line is only about a mile away from the bridge. I want to finish strong. I think: I'll stroke a little faster after the bridge. I begin to speed up. As I pass under the structure I begin digging in a little deeper

and stroking a little faster. My arms shout back at me, almost refusing to push any harder. I ignore them.

I come around a familiar bend and see a tiny orange dot in the distance. This is my goal. The bright orange buoy beams excitement and accomplishment at me. I glance behind me to see my competition. There is no one in sight.

My body tingles with adrenaline and excitement. It's time to put it in high gear and finish with a bang! I dig as deep as I can and push my canoe forward with energy made from thin air. My body fights back and my arms are going numb. I can't feel anything but the boat flying forward.

I can hear the distant enthusiastic cheers coming from shore. They give me the boost I need. Now I am soaring. I am so close to it I can feel the victory.

With only a few feet left, all I can see is the finish. Everything turns into a slow motion dream-like stage. Then I reach my goal. The tip of my canoe passes by the bright orange buoy. Loud cheers ring through my ears. I proclaim my pride and raise my paddle above my head, screaming out my excitement. I exit my boat, leaping onto shore. I hug my family and slap hands with others, showing my blistered fingers for all to see, displaying my battle wounds.

Afterward, there is an awards ceremony. Everyone gathers around the back of the building on shore. There is a long table holding many trophies and medals.

Next to the table is a microphone where they announce the winning canoers. A man walks up to the microphone. His name is **Larry Liquori**. He is the president of the *United States Canoe Association*. He begins naming paddlers.

The racers walk up to him, receiving their prizes. He calls up **Jackie, Anna**, and then **Nathalie**. Now I know it's my turn. The butterflies return and flutter in excitement.

Larry calls my name and I rise out of my seat. Cheers surround me as I walk toward my prize. He hangs a heavy gold medal around my neck and shakes my battle-wounded hand. And I think to myself, "I love this!"

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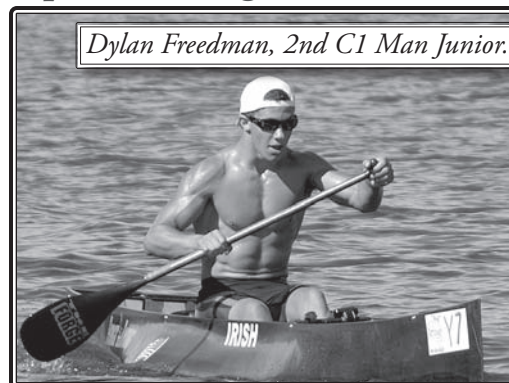
1	Y3	Griffin Williams (MI) - B , 18 – Barton Cup Winner*	1:49:16
2	Y7	Dylan Freedman (NY), 17	1:49:44
3	Y1	Josh Quintel (MI) B , 17	1:58:43
4	Y6	Erik VanDis (MI) B , 18	2:02:21
5	Y14	Aaron Vidusek (IL) B , 17	2:02:55
6	Y13	Thomas Sayger (AR) B , 17	2:06:52
7	Y8	Jeff Lindstrom (IL) B , 15	2:08:54
8	Y11	Ethan Evenson (MN), 17	2:10:50
9	Y2	Chris Tompkins (MI) B , 16	2:18:40
10	Y12	Nicholas McGrory (MN), 14	2:19:59
11	Y4	Chad Cannon (MI), 11	2:32:21
12	Y9	Justin Reker (MI), 13	2:38:41
13	Y10	Ryan Bennett (MI), 13	2:42:20

Special Recognition: Chad Cannon 1st 9-11; Nicholas McGrory 1st 12-14; Justin Reker 2nd 12-14; Ryan Bennett 3rd 12-14

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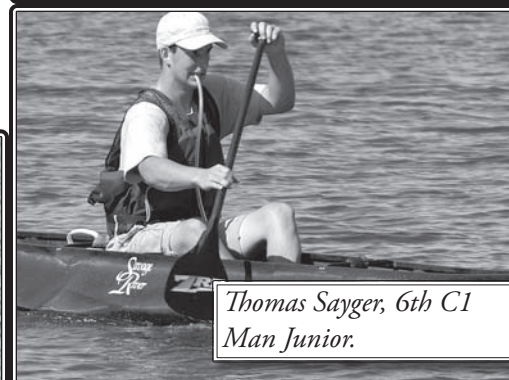
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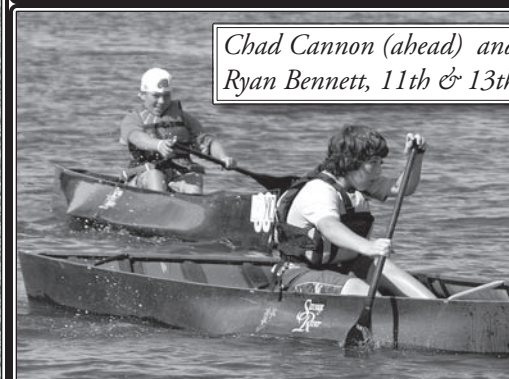
Josh Quintel, 3rd C1 Man Junior.



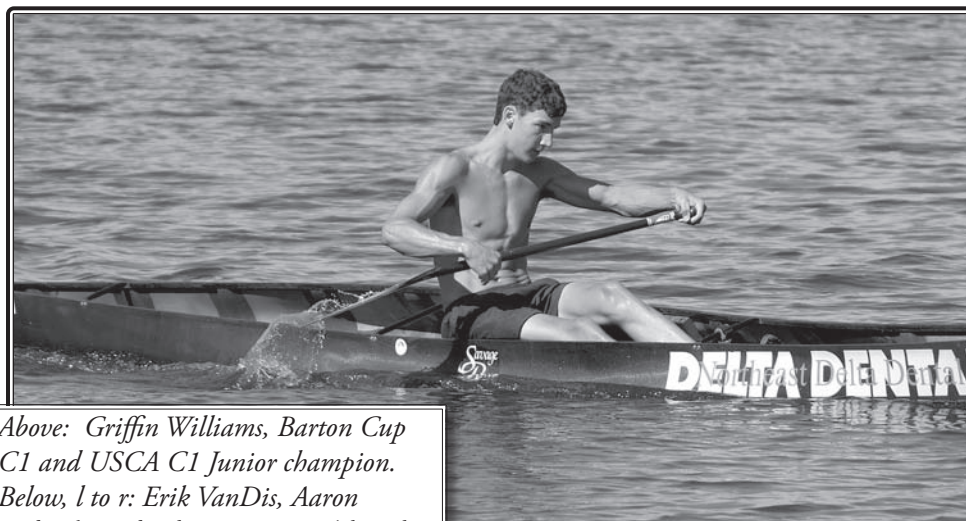
Thomas Sayger, 6th C1 Man Junior.



Justin Reker, 12th C1 Man Junior.

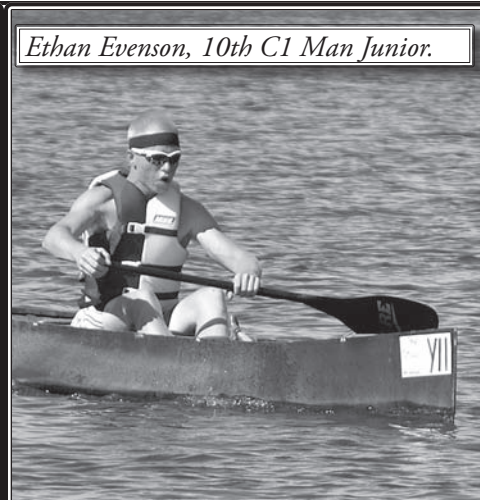


Chad Cannon (ahead) and Ryan Bennett, 11th & 13th.



Above: Griffin Williams, Barton Cup C1 and USCA C1 Junior champion.

Below, l to r: Erik VanDis, Aaron Vidusek, and Ethan Evenson, 4th, 5th, and 10th C1 Man Juniors.



Ethan Evenson, 10th C1 Man Junior.

Marathon K1 Woman Junior and K1 Man Junior Barton Cup Challenge

Austin Schwinn, 2nd K1 Man Junior.



K1 Woman Junior Barton Cup Challenge (short course)

– Friday, August 8 — (position, boat number, name, state, age, time)

- 1 N1 Nathalie Hanson (MI) **B**, 16 - Barton Cup winner* 1:58:02
- 2 N3 Sarah Tompkins (MI) **B**, 18 2:04:08
- 3 N2 Jaclyn Stone (MI) **B** 13. 2:14:55
- 4 N4 Anna Tompkins (MI) **B**, 14 2:14:59

* Nathalie Hanson also received an *Epic Kayak's* kayak paddle, donated by Greg Barton's company, *Epic Kayaks*.

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Jackie Stone, 3rd K1 Woman Junior, with Luis Comelli behind.



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- 2 M7 Austin Schwinn (IN) **B**, 17. 1:41:25
- 3 M2 Chris Tompkins (MI) **B**, 16 1:58:30
- 4 M4 Erik VanDis (MI) **B**, 18 2:01:42
- 5 M8 Luis Comelli (GA), 15 2:08:49
- 6 M6 Tomáš Kratka (IL), 14. 2:10:07
- 7 M5 Martin Kratka (IL), 11 2:54:23

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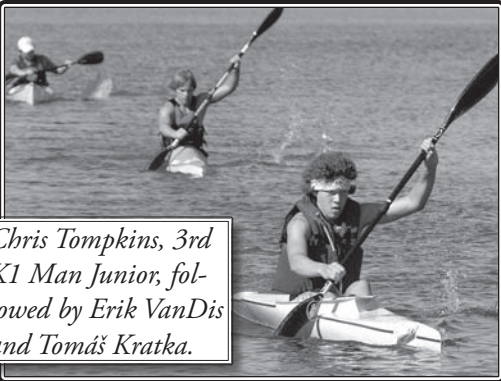
Anna Tompkins, 4th K1 Woman Junior, with Luis Comelli beside.



K1 Junior start: Griff Williams, K1 Man Junior Barton Cup winner, followed by Nathalie Hanson, the Woman's Barton Cup winner, and Sarah Tompkins, 2nd K1 Junior Woman.



Chris Tompkins, 3rd K1 Man Junior, followed by Erik VanDis and Tomáš Kratka.



Tomáš Kratka, 6th K1 Man Junior.



Martin Kratka, 7th K1 Man Junior.



C1 Woman Barton Cup winner, Sarah Tompkins, kneeling. Standing, l to r: Katie Donovan, Alice Flanders, Nathalie Hanson, Anna Tompkins, Lilly Manns, Jackie Stone. Paddle donated by the Wisconsin Canoe Racing Association (WCRA).



C1 Man Barton Cup winner, Griffin Williams, kneeling. Standing, l to r: Nicholas McGrory, Chad Cannon, Josh Quintel, Justin Reker, Erik VanDis, Dylan Freedman, Aaron Vidusek, Ryan Bennett, Thomas Sayger. Paddle donated by WCRA.



K1 Man Barton Cup winner, Griffin Williams, kneeling. Standing, l to r: Austin Schwinn, Chris Tompkins. Paddle donated by Epic Kayaks.



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