



**2011 US Open & Wildwater East Coast Junior Team Trials  
Nantahala River, March 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Hosted By: The Nantahala Racing Club, Wesser NC**

Come race with us at the 2011 US Open & Wildwater East Coast Junior Team Trials on the Nantahala River March 26th and 27th, 2011.

**Information For Racers**

Please note that this information may change as the need arises and at the discretion of race organizers. Check back at [www.usawildwater.com](http://www.usawildwater.com) frequently for the latest updates. This event will be part of the US Open.

Race Format - Team Trials will consist of two Sprint races both on Saturday March 26th, 2011 where the times will be combined for a sprint result; and a single Classic race on Sunday March 27th, 2011. Saturday's sprint course will start a little above Patton's Run rapid located at the Forest Service put-in at the head of the river, and will end below Patton's Run rapid, approximately 100 seconds downstream. Sunday's European length classic race is also on the Nantahala River and will start at Ferebee Park put-in and finish below the Ledges Rapid approximately 3 miles downstream.

Race Schedule - A competitors meeting will be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2011 at 10:00am at Rivers End Restaurant located at the Nantahala Outdoor Center, Wesser, NC where the final race information will be announced, last minute announcements made and race bibs made available. A complete but tentative event schedule is listed below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Meeting Place</b>
<b>March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>WILDWATER</u></b>		
	8:00 - 9:30 am	Registration	Rivers End Restaurant
	10:00 am	Competitors Meeting	Rivers End Restaurant
	11:00 am	Sprint Begins	Patton's Run
<b>March 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>WILDWATER</u></b>		
	10:00 am	Competitor's Meeting	Parking Lot, Ferebee Park
	11:00 am	Classic Begins	Ferebee Park
	1:00 pm	Awards	Rivers End Restaurant

Classes - The classes will be men's kayak (K-1), women's kayak (K-1W), men's single canoe (C-1), women's single canoe (W-C1) and men's tandem canoe (C-2). Juniors will have the same classes. Plastic boats will have a K-1 and K1-W class. Other classes will be added as the need arises.

Team Selection - All paddlers are encouraged to race, but in order to be selected to the USA Junior Wildwater Team you must meet the official team selection criteria as established by the Wildwater Committee and the International Canoe Federation. These criteria are available on [www.usawildwater.com](http://www.usawildwater.com) All athletes competing at Team Trials (juniors and seniors) must be current members of USA Canoe/Kayak (USACK) or American Canoe Association (ACA). Event-Only membership will be available at the event. Verify membership or become a paid member before hand to save everyone some time.

Safety - The Nantahala is primarily a Class II river, with the occasional Class Three rapid. If you are not comfortable with self-rescue, please reconsider your participation.

Boat Inspection – Wildwater boats, pfd's and helmets will be inspected before and during the event so they meet safety expectation and ICF rules. Be sure your equipment qualifies before you start! Boat specifications and rules can be reviewed at the ICF Wildwater site ([www.canoeicf.com](http://www.canoeicf.com)). It is the racers responsibility to familiarize themselves with the ICF rules and make sure that their equipment meets these standards. Failure to meet these requirements could result in disqualification.

Releases - Dams owned by Duke Power controls the water flow in the last 8 miles of the Nantahala before Fontana Lake. Race starts may have to be adjusted to meet the release schedule. If you're coming to the Nantahala to train, you may want to check the dam release schedule at ...

<http://www.duke-energy.com/lakes/nantahala/nan-scheduled-flow-releases.asp>

Airports – The closest airports are Asheville NC (70 minutes) and Knoxville TN (2 hours). The closest major international airport hubs include Charlotte, NC (2.5 hours) and Atlanta, GA (2.5 hours).

Available Boats – For those of you flying or driving large distances or those new to wildwater without the necessary equipment, a small number of boats are available. These boats include composite K1's, C1's and C2's and a number of Wavehoppers and Fastwaves. This equipment is owned by the Nantahala Racing Club and is available on a first come first serve basis. Contact the race director early to reserve your equipment.

Accommodation - The Nantahala Gorge is a popular tourist destination, particularly if the weather is warm. Make your lodging and camping reservations for race weekend early. If you are coming up to train before the race, you'll find many area campgrounds closed until April. Try the Nantahala Outdoor Center's Base Camp for an inexpensive alternative (828-488-2175 or [www.noc.com](http://www.noc.com)) or refer to Swain County's Chamber of Commerce listing of area lodging ([www.greatsmokies.com](http://www.greatsmokies.com))

Rafts - While race organizers will work with area companies, some raft and private boater traffic on the Nantahala may be unavoidable. The Nantahala is wide and over taking easy in most situations. A simple shout as you approach private boaters is usually enough for them to move out of your way.

Shuttles – Work out shuttle details with other racers. If you are at the Nantahala training on weekends, it is fairly easy to leave your boat at the put-in, drop your vehicle at the take-out, and thumb a ride off a boater back to the top. The Nantahala Outdoor Center will also shuttle you for a small fee or for free if you are a NRC member.

Registration - To register for the race, download a registration form from [www.usawildwater.com](http://www.usawildwater.com) as it becomes available and bring it to registration on Saturday morning.

Volunteers - Got a friend who is coming with you? Race organizers would be grateful for any volunteers who can help out race weekend. Contact race organizers to volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you!

Resource Center:

Race Director, Chris Hipgrave	<a href="mailto:hipgrave.chris@gmail.com">hipgrave.chris@gmail.com</a>
International Canoe Federation	<a href="http://www.canoeicf.com">www.canoeicf.com</a>
USA Canoe/Kayak	<a href="http://www.usack.org">www.usack.org</a>
USA Wildwater	<a href="http://www.usawildwater.com">www.usawildwater.com</a>
Nantahala Outdoor Center	<a href="http://www.noc.com">www.noc.com</a>
Swain County Chamber	<a href="http://www.greatsmokies.com">www.greatsmokies.com</a>



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**Race Name:** 2011 US Open & East Coast Wildwater Team Trials  
**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
**Entry fees:** There is **NO** pre-registration. Day of registration **ONLY**.  
**Wildwater** - \$20 per person  
USACK or ACA membership required  
One-day memberships available at registration.

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**\*\*\*\*\* COMPETITORS INFORMATION \*\*\*\*\***

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
USACK or ACA Member # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**WILDWATER** (circle class & age level):

K-1 K-1W C-1 C-1W C2

Cadet (<14) Junior (15-18) Masters (>40) Open (All)

NOTE: It takes 3 boats to make a class.

For additional information or if you would like to volunteer to help with the races please e-mail:  
[hipgrave.chris@gmail.com](mailto:hipgrave.chris@gmail.com)

**USA CANOE/KAYAK  
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY  
READ BEFORE SIGNING**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to participate in any way in the National Paddling Committee, Inc. dba USA Canoe/Kayak sports and recreation program and related activities ("Activities") I, for myself, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin:

1. ACKNOWLEDGE, agree, and represent that I understand the nature of Paddlesports and related Activities and that I am qualified, in good health, in proper physical condition to participate in such Activity and willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions of participation. I further agree and warrant that if at any time I believe conditions to be unsafe, I will immediately notify the nearest official and discontinue further participation in the Activity.

2. FULLY UNDERSTAND that: (a) Paddlesports and related ACTIVITIES INVOLVE RISKS AND DANGERS OF DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY AND SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING PERMANENT DISABILITY, PARALYSIS, AND DEATH ("RISKS"); (b) these Risks and dangers may be caused by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Activity, the condition in which the Activity takes place, or THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" NAMED BELOW; (c) there may be OTHER RISKS AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LOSSES either not known to me or not readily foreseeable at this time; and I FULLY ACCEPT AND ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSSES, COSTS, AND DAMAGES I incur as a result of my participation or that of the minor in the Activity.

3. HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE National Paddling Committee, Inc. dba USA Canoe/Kayak, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "RELEASEES" herein) FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, INJURIES, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, OR OTHER DAMAGES ON MY ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS; AND I FURTHER AGREE that if, despite this RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the Releasees, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT OR ASSURANCE OF ANY NATURE AND INTEND IT TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW AND AGREE THAT IF ANY PORTION OF THIS AGREEMENT IS HELD TO BE INVALID THE BALANCE, NOTWITHSTANDING, SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

PRINTED NAME OF PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ USACK #: \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB/ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

AND I, THE MINOR'S PARENT AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN, UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF PADDLESPO RTS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES AND THE MINOR'S EXPERIENCE AND CAPABILITIES AND BELIEVE THE MINOR TO BE QUALIFIED, IN GOOD HEALTH, AND IN PROPER PHYSICAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITY. I HEREBY RELEASE, DISCHARGE, COVENANT NOT TO SUE, AND AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEE'S FROM ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS, DEMANDS, LOSSES, OR DAMAGES ON THE MINOR'S ACCOUNT CAUSED OR ALLEGED TO BE CAUSED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE "RELEASEES" OR OTHERWISE, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FURTHER AGREE THAT IF, DESPITE THIS RELEASE, I, THE MINOR, OR ANYONE ON THE MINOR'S BEHALF MAKES A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE RELEASEES NAMED ABOVE, I WILL INDEMNIFY, SAVE, AND HOLD HARMLESS EACH OF THE RELEASEES FROM ANY LITIGATION EXPENSES, ATTORNEY FEES, LOSS LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST ANY MAY INCUR AS THE RESULT OF ANY SUCH CLAIM.

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (only if participant is under the age of 18): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_