

Director of Competition Board Report 2016

Kathleen Tayler

Canoe Slalom program launched February 1, 2016 with Coach Anthony Colin

Head Coach Anthony Colin has grown our WO Canoe Slalom Coaching program. We now have 15 athletes involved in the High Performance or Development program on a regular basis with another 6 with intentions to join in the spring of 2017. This year the team was able to compete in a variety of events in Canada and internationally. The program is growing with each month and next year our goal is to further recruit and strengthen our Development Program.

WO athletes names to the Senior, U23, and Junior Nationals Teams in May 2016

Congratulations to Cameron Smedley, Liam Smedley, Michael Tayler, John Hastings, Spencer Pomeroy, Lois Betteridge, Keenan Simpson, Sheamus O'Connell, Ben Risk, and Andrew Musgrave. Whitewater Ontario is very proud of your achievement to represent Ontario at the National and International level.

WO athletes Cameron Smedley and Michael Tayler compete at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games

Michael Tayler and Cameron Smedley represented Canada and Whitewater Ontario on the world stage at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games this summer. They finished with personal bests of 16th and 15th respectively (both one place out of the semi-final); all of Ontario is very proud.

Whitewater Ontario Events

A wide range of events held across the province. Races were held at Madawaska Kanu Centre, The Ottawa Pumphouse, and a fall training camp in Minden, Ontario. The downriver clubs also held a number of races throughout the year on Ontario rivers. The Andrew Westlake race, due to expensive water levels, was moved to the Pumphouse mid-summer this year. We hope to host further events on the MWWP in 2017.

Welcome! New slalom club

Whitewater Ontario is proud to help support Andy Parry as he is developing the Muskoka Kayak Club and Slalom Program! We saw his athletes at the Fall ORR Cookie Race in October this year and hope to support an event in Huntsville next year.

Looking on to 2017

Whitewater Ontario will host the Canoe Slalom & Downriver National Championships in Ottawa over the August long weekend. The event will also feature a boatercross slalom event, group Ottawa River runs and race series in Ontario prior to the race weekend! All are welcome! WO looks forward to renewing Anthony's contract as of February 1, 2017 for an additional year. We will aim to build our Ontario races series in the summer as we had in the past years.