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### NEWSLETTER

**BE A PART OF THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL EVENT THAT  
ATLANTIC CANADA HAS EVER HOSTED!**

Join, Jill Knowles, Volunteer Coordinator for the 2009 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships (Canoe '09)

The event welcomes coaches, athletes and spectators from 80 countries, and requires up to 800 volunteers. If you haven't registered visit [www.canoe09.ca](http://www.canoe09.ca) and sign up today.

For registered volunteers here's the plan for the upcoming months:

- May: The assignment process begins! If you are available for 25 hours plus during the event, your name will be given to the Coordinator of your first choice volunteer job.
- June: Volunteer scheduling begins! Based on the result of the assignment process you will be scheduled into a volunteer job.
- July: Training and orientation begins. More information will be provided on these sessions as they get closer.

For now, watch for updates via email and *The Champion* newsletter! You can also read a blog by our Volunteer Coordinator, Jill Knowles, join the Canoe '09 Facebook group, and get instant Twitter updates at [www.canoe09.ca](http://www.canoe09.ca)! For questions, concerns or just to chat about the event email Jill at [volunteer@canoe09.ca](mailto:volunteer@canoe09.ca).

# CANOE '09 - THE CHAMPION

Your opportunity to surf, comment, watch and experience everything Canoe '09 has gotten a dynamic makeover.

Our website, [www.canoe09.ca](http://www.canoe09.ca) is boasting a stunning new look, easier navigation and more content. Along with specific information for spectators, federations and volunteers, our sleek, new website will also feature blogs from teams around the world. And it makes it easier to get involved in this year's Championships at all levels. Sign up as a volunteer, read the latest issue of The Champion, Canoe '09's newsletter, and view pictures from some of our most recent events. Stay up-to-date with the latest Canoe '09 news by subscribing to our RSS feed, joining the mailing list and Facebook group, or by reading our latest tweets!

## Wanted: Country Liaisons

Do you speak a second language? Are you interested in a volunteer position that lets you connect with sport teams and athletes from around the world? Are you available from August 10th to the 17th? Then Canoe '09 needs your help as a volunteer Country Liaison!

Canoe '09 requires approximately 70 Country Liaisons for the 90 teams that we expect to compete in the event. As a Country Liaison you are an ambassador for the visiting teams. Duties include helping teams find their way around Dartmouth-Halifax, and bridging language gaps. Knowledge of the sport of paddling is not a requirement.

For more information contact our Country Liaison Coordinator, Mary Hart-Baker [mhartbak@dal.ca](mailto:mhartbak@dal.ca) or (902) 443-3339

## Q&A with Local Athlete Nicole Durand

Age: 18  
Club: Banook Canoe Club  
Coach: Jeff VanHorne

**Q: What are your current goals?**

*Improve my times and continue to move to the more streamlined boats.*

**Q: What is your greatest achievement to date?**

*Participating at the national canoe/kayak championships in 2008.*

**Q: Favorite Quote**

*"You can do whatever you believe you can do"*



**Q: Favorite thing about paddling?**

*Being free on the water. I use a wheelchair that limits where I can go and what I do, but on the water I can do what everyone else does.*

**Q: If you could be a super hero who would you be?**

*I would be Superwoman*

*Watch Nicole this July during National Team Trials #3 in Montreal as she will competes for a position on the 2009 Canadian World Championship team!*

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## CANOE '09 HOLDS TWO SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Canoe'09 held two public meetings, at the Owl's Club on Tuesday March 24th and at the Findlay Community Centre, Thursday March 26th. In all, more than 90 people attended. Both meetings started with a presentation of the event by Chair Chris Keevill and Communications Chair Stacey Jones-Oxner.

Following the presentation breakout sessions were held where the public was invited to approach Canoe '09 Chairs and Coordinators in the area of facilities, transportation and volunteers. Representatives from Halifax Regional Municipality were also on hand to answer questions about improvement made in and around the lake for Canoe '09.

For those who wanted to get involved with the Championships the Volunteer and Women's Canoe Billet program were of significant interest. The event will require up to 800 volunteers and Jill Knowles, Canoe '09 Volunteer Coordinator, was on site to ensure that current and perspective volunteer questions were answered. Those interested in billeting a women's canoe athlete for a 2-week period were striking up conversations with Elaine Keene Canoe '09's Women's Cane Coordinator. This year women's canoe races will be exhibition but Canoe '09 has just received word that in 2010 Women's C-1 200m will be a full medal, full point event.

For most in attendance, road closures and upgrades around the lake were of primary interest. Construction will begin during the first or second week in May and end on or about July 24th. Birch Cove, the park surrounding the Judge's Tower, Lion's Beach, the corner of Prince Albert Rd and Nowlan St. and the parking lot next to Mic Mac AAC along Prince Albert Road will receive the most significant upgrades. During construction these areas may be closed to the public. Birch Cove, which hasn't had a major upgrade in more than 20 years, will be closed for the duration of the summer, but will re-open after the World Canoe Championships as an upgraded and enhanced park for public use.

"We are thrilled that so many residents and community members were present at our two public meetings," said Canoe '09 Chair Chris Keevill. "This will be the premier event in 2009 for all of Atlantic Canada and we want everyone to get involved and come out to witness the fastest paddlers on earth"

For more information on questions asked at the public meetings, park and road closures and updated maps, visit of visit [www.canoe09.ca/community-meetings](http://www.canoe09.ca/community-meetings)



*Above: Canoe '09 Chair Chris Keevill gives a presentation to a group of 60 plus at Owl's Club on March 24th, 2009*

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## Canoe '09 Race Course Updates Underway

People have been racing on Lake Banook for hundred of years. Over the years, the course has taken on many different forms. Early races were probably used trees as start and finish lines, with distances decided upon moments before a race. As time went by, the course evolved into today's world class venue. However, to keep the course current with world standards, it needs substantial work. Starting in fall 2008 and continuing in spring 2009, crews have been hard at work, under the guidance of Race Course Engineer Fred Van Horne to ensure improvements to Lake Banook's course are completed on time. When the work is complete, our course will be the envy of the world paddling community and will be Canoe '09's legacy for years to come.



### Major upgrades include:

- New concrete abutments at the 1000m, 500m, 200m and Finish points
- Clearing of debris around abutments
- 10 new lane wires
- 4 new cross wires
- 800 new buoys

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