



“Every boat, EVERYBODY”

PaddleALL is a new project of CanoeKayak Canada, introduced in 2006-07. It is a program aimed at promoting individuals with disabilities to participate in the sport of CanoeKayak. Many successful PaddleALL programs are already in place across Canada. The positive impact of these programs at individual clubs propelled CanoeKayak Canada in 2007 to begin a national initiative to support national standards in promotion, recruitment, coaching and competition. The program is a direct outgrowth of CKC’s strategy to give our member Clubs the resources to meet the paddling needs of their local communities all across Canada.

Nationally, CKC has been providing competitive opportunities at the National Championships beginning in Ottawa in 2007. In 2008, CKC will again provide competitive opportunities at the National Championships to be held in Dartmouth during August 27-31.

Internationally, CKC is taking a leadership position within the International Canoe Federation (ICF) to promote PaddleALL by hosting the first international conference in the world on this topic in March, 2008. The ICF has formally endorsed this initiative and supports the Canadian goal to foster as much cooperation as possible as the sport quickly advances in this direction.

The strength of the program is built upon the open welcome it has received at the member Clubs. The Clubs are using their facilities, all their canoes, kayaks and dragonboats, their volunteers and their coaches to implement the motto of the program - ***“Every boat, EVERYBODY”***

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