Canoe races  
Kiwanis Club of Manchester, Michigan  
25 members  
Net: US$2,500  
Cindy Kenny, member

We recommend pre-registration. The more people you get early, the easier it is to prepare because you know about how many people will be running in all your categories. We do allow onsite registration. We charge $10 for pre-registration and $12 for late registration to encourage early registration.

We also have a raffle, so you have revenue even if some people don’t show up. We give out just one prize, which is usually a kayak in a mid-range, mid-size level, worth $500 to $700.

Competitors race in one or several of these categories:

- Team
- Man/ woman team
- Adult/ child team
- Single male
- Single female
- Man team
- Woman team
- Corporate challenge, which has a $50 entry fee
• Sprint

Next year, we’re splitting the canoes and kayak categories, because kayaks are faster than canoes.

This is not a head-to-head race. Teams or individuals paddle down the course, and there are scorekeepers at the finish line. Boats are numbered so we record each one’s time in each of the categories it entered. You should have two or three scorekeepers. Sometimes a stopwatch doesn’t work correctly, so it’s important to have back-ups.

We’ve only been running the race since 1991. We inherited it. There are people who join us every year. We have grandparents who competed when they were youths.