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Team Atlantic



All Team Atlantic athletes were selected based on various placements at different regattas throughout the summer season. Please refer to the ADCKC website to see specific selection criteria for each age group.

U12 Team

Men's Canoe
David Ackerman
Nolen Mitchell
Wyatt Deeble
Alister Macphee
Theo Junaid-Macneil
Max Brien
Gabriel Argante
Declan Walsh

Women's Canoe
Marcy Meisner
Phoebe Murphy
Emmerson Eisener
Grace Theunissen
Katie Cooper
Megan McFeters
Bella Fabrizi
Abigail Frasier

Men's Kayak
William Townsend
Vander Tobin
Xander Woodward
Caden Kelly
Patrick Comeau
Brayden Carrigan
Charlie Martin
Markus Harrison

Women's Kayak
Katie Gaudet
Lyla Boychuk
Gabrielle LaPierre
Naomi Stewart
Molly McCarthy
Sofia Marteli
Ellaena Kozuskanich
Cassidy McFarlane

U14 Team

Men's Canoe
Thomas Tran
Matt MacDonald
Jacob Sampson
Michael Zinck
Rylan Carrigan
Liam MacDonald
Zachary Flynn
Owen White

Women's Canoe
Ella Cozens
Julia Snelgrove
Mia Fabrizi
Chloe Brake
Olivia Harrison
Rachel Smith
Clara Whytewood
Elise Giles

Men's Kayak
Nicholas Lapierre
Rylan Carrigan
Hayden Dill
William Kooymann
Eugene Legge
Ben Jones
William Jennings
Tate Levy

Women's Kayak
Jenna Wile
Abigale Page
Ella Taylor
Kyanna Hope
Amelia Frank
Moira Malek
Olivia Murphy
Erika Walsh

U16 Team

Men's Canoe
Aidan Martell
Duncan Giles
Daniel Pike
Ethan Page
Brendan Canning
Alex Neaves

Women's Canoe
Faith Anderson
Amelia Smith
Jayden Kendziora
Ella Adams
Victoria Tran
Elle MacKenzie

Men's Kayak
Ethan Firth
Brayden Lawrence
Aiden Ferguson
Nathan Leger
Sam Allison
Carter Naugler

Women's Kayak
Ivy Murphy
Mia Giles
Brianna Smith
Maura Macumber
Myah Cacao-Ewing
Sara Gardin

U21/U18 Team

Men's Canoe
Tyler Billard
Tyler Laidlaw
Jai Paliwal
Matthew Zinck
Eric Chouinard

Women's Canoe
Sloan MacKenzie
Marlee MacIntosh
Jessica Mackay
Ava Carew
Geneva Bond
Jacy Grant
Aja Deeble
Sarah Neville

Men's Kayak
Alex Canning
Jack Hall
Ian Gaudet
Craig Johnson
Keaton Brown
Carson Leslie
Cole Parsons
Alex Ellewood
Devin Joy

Women's Kayak
Adriana Lilley
Lily Baret
Anna O'Brien
Emily Parsons
Raine Myers
Molly Rasnik-Short
Fiona O'Donnell

Senior/Bridge Team

Men's Canoe
Connor Fitzpatrick
Craig Spence
Bret Himmelman

Women's Kayak
Michelle Russell
Grace Whebbu
Riley Melanson
Anna Negulic
Jessica Hogg
Alexia Irvin

Men's Kayak
Alex Scott
Paul LaPierre

Paracanoe Team

Dave Waters
 Jacob Woods

ADCKC Outreach Program

'The ADCKC outreach program is an initiative that's designed to introduce people from all different backgrounds to the sport of Canoe/Kayak, get people out on the water, and feel comfortable on the water.'
- Alexa Irvin

The Outreach Program consisted of three different initiatives; Boys and Girls Club, FunSports, and Paracanoe. All of which were operated by three outreach coordinators including Alexa Irvin, Carys McMurray, and Lucy Traves (pictured below).



Alexa Irvin - Outreach Coordinator



Lucy Traves - Outreach Coordinator



Carys McMurray - Outreach Coordinator

FunSports athletes meet at the racing centre two times a week. The athletes work on technique, balance, and speed in canoes and kayaks. However, they also spend their time doing dryland games, warmups, and team-building exercises.

The Boys and Girls Club group also meet at the racing centre two times a week. These athletes were among the youngest in the outreach program. Therefore, the focus was aligned with fun while also canoeing and kayaking. These athletes got a chance to try dragonboats, experiment with new crafts, swim, and play watersport games.



Alexa Irvin and Lucy Traves (right) preparing athletes from FunSports for a miniature triathlon on Lake Banook

The ADCKC has also started the Introductory Paracanoe Program in addition to the Boys and Girls Club and FunSport group. It is a group of approximately ten athletes meeting twice a week. The outreach coordinators make sure that each athlete has a boat and paddle to meet their specific needs. The Outreach Coordinators ensure that the needs of each athlete are accommodated and improved upon wherever possible.



Jacob Woods, ADCKC Flag Officer, and Hadly Frittenburg (paracanoe athlete) pose after a race on the podium dock

Just Paddle It! Festival 2021



Athletes preparing for the race portion of the Just Paddle It! Festival race.

The Just Paddle It! festival began in 2019 as an opportunity for athletes and communities to come together for friendly competition. Due to COVID-19, there hasn't been another festival since the Summer of 2019. The 2021 JustPaddleIt! Festival became significantly more exciting as restrictions eased and allowed for an event of this magnitude to finally commence.

This year's Just Paddle It! Festival facilitated two days of events for participants. The first day consisted of an opportunity to use new marathon canoes, kayaks, and brand-new stand-up paddleboards.

Day two had several different events. It began with a Try-It paddle for participants to ease into different boats and explore Crane Cove (the waterway athletes were paddling on). The event transitioned to the youth race as athletes competed in a one kilometre race.

The last event of the day provided an opportunity for anyone 18 and older to race either 2.5, 5, 7.5, or 10 kilometres.



The entire two-day JustPaddleIt! event invited more than 50 participants to Eskasoni, NS for a day of celebrating community, culture, and friendly competition.



Top three youth athletes after the race portion of the JustPaddleIt! Festival 1000m youth race in Eskasoni, NB.

ICF 2021 World Championships



Connor Fitzpatrick racing the semi-final of the C1 1000 at the Junior World Championship in Copenhagen, Denmark

Many Atlantic Division athletes participated in the Senior and Junior/U23 World Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark and Montemor-O-Velho, Portugal. Here are the following Atlantic Division athletes.

Junior Athletes:

Ava Carew
Geneva Bond
Cole Parsons
Craig Johnson
Ian Gaudet
Emily Parsons

Under 23 Athletes:

Riley Melanson
Adriana Lilley Osende
Anna Negulic
Grace Whebby
Jack Hall
Alex Canning
Andrew Billard
Connor Fitzpatrick
Sloan Mackenzie

Senior Worlds Athletes:

Craig Spence
Connor Fitzpatrick
Riley Melanson
Alex Scott
Michelle Russell
Tyler Laidlaw

Junior/U23 Worlds Medal List:

Connor Fitzpatrick - U23 Men's C1 1000
A-Final 2nd

Connor Fitzpatrick - U23 Men's C1 500
A-Final 1st

Ian Gaudet - Junior Men's K1 500
A-Final 3rd

Sloan Mackenzie (and teammates) - U23
Women's C4 500
A-Final 2nd



Banook Athlete, Ian Gaudet, Crossing the finish line in Junior Men's K1 500 Final at the Junior/U23 World Championship - Montemor-O-Velho, Portugal

Senior Worlds A/B Finals List:

Connor Fitzpatrick - Senior Men's C1 1000
B-Final 1st

Michelle Russell - Senior Women's K1 500
B-Final 6th

Connor Fitzpatrick (and partner) - Mixed C2
200
A-Final 7th

Craig Spence - C1 Men's 5000
A-Final 12th

U12/U14 Championships

The U12/U14 Championship is the largest competition for U12 and U14 athletes in the world with three full days of racing and nearly 1000 athletes competing on one of the best natural race courses in Canada.



Pisiquid athlete reaches back to celebrate with their teammate at the end of their K2 race at the U12/U14 Championship

See below for the leading K1 and C1 athletes at the U12/U14 Championships

*Top Singles Athlete - U12 Men's K1 500
William Townsend*

*Top Singles Athlete - U14 Men's K1 1000
Sam Allison*

*Top Singles Athlete - U12 Women's K1 500
Katie Gaudet*

*Top Singles Athlete - U14 Women's K1 - 1000
Maura Macumber*

*Top Singles Athlete - U12 Men's C1 500
David Ackerman*

*Top Singles Athlete - U14 Men's C1 1000
Thomas Tran*

*Top Singles Athlete - U12 Women's C1 500
Marcy Meisner*

*Top Singles Athlete - U14 Women's C1 - 1000
Amelia Smith*

Here are the top images from the 2021 U12/U14 Championship regatta





A Message from Executive Director Robin Thomson

Another phenomenal summer of competition has come to an end. Staff and board members of the Atlantic Division want to thank all athletes, coaches, volunteers, parents, and every other member of the paddling community for making this year possible. It is with the continued support from the members of this community that make the summer racing season possible and special for everyone involved.

Your involvement is crucial to the success of our sport and the time and devotion you commit will never go unnoticed. We look forward to working alongside the paddling community and supporting you this off-season the same way you continue to support CanoeKayak.

Yours in Paddling,

Robin Thomson