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SHUT UP AND PADDLE!

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The Executive and Committees

The Executive Body is comprised of seven members – the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Officer/Secretary, Race Officer and two appointed members. The Executive Body is responsible for the property, the lawful activities and the management and direction of the Association. Each executive body serves a two year term, is elected at the General Meeting of the Association and should take office on December 1. The tenure of the first Executive Body was 2012-2014. On November 26, 2016, before the Tacos Fest Canoe Race, at the 2016 Annual General Meeting, five members volunteered themselves and were elected to the third elected Executive Body of the Association of the Belize Canoe Association for the 2016-2018 term.

The **Executive Body** endorsed on November 26, 2016 was as follows:

President — Pamela Scott
Vice President — Jane Usher
Treasurer — Rosalie Gentle
Recording Officer — Jayda Guydis
Race Officer — Maurice Romero
Appointed Member — Isaura Williams
Appointed Member — Courteney Carrillo

The **Protest Committee** selected was:

- Javier Gutierrez (San Pedro Ambergris)
- Geoffrey Waight (San Ignacio, Cayo)
- Mark Menzies (Belize City, Belize)

The **Disciplinary Committee** and the **Appeals Board**, both comprised of one Chairperson and two members, were not finalized; however, neither was required within the 2016-2017 term!

Annual Report

Dear Members,

Welcome to the fifth Annual General Meeting of the Belize Canoe Association. The year 2016-2017 has been both fast and furious for BCAnoe, and we hope that you will be patient and attentive as we review our achievements and challenges.

After a new Executive Body was elected at the 2016 AGM, I am very proud to say that we have worked hard, but more importantly, together to achieve the goals of the Belize Canoe Association. Easy as it may seem to show up and race, there is a lot of planning and organizing behind each race. I would like to acknowledge the "behind the scenes" work of your Executive and thank each person for their unselfish commitment and passion toward advancing the sport.

The Belize Canoe Association is officially the governing body for the sport of canoe/kayak, recognized locally by the Belize Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (BOCGA) and the National Sport Council (NSC), and internationally by the Pan American Canoe Federation (COPAC), and the International Canoe Federation (ICF). As a result, we must continue to strive toward excellence and progress. Each year we continue to try to do more, to accomplish more – to see our athletes enjoy a competitive season here at home, and to try to venture onto the international racing scene.

This year (2017) on the local front, the Association has hosted 7 races and the Patriotic Paddle. We have one more race for 2017 before we conclude our year, and that race – The Tacos Fest Canoe Race – is scheduled for next Sunday, November 26th, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

All our races were modestly attended by our member, with the height of the season being those races leading up to the La Ruta Maya and the Happy Cow Canoe Race at the National Agriculture & Trade Show.

In 2017, we had 67 members racing and 10 associate members supporting our athletes, bringing membership of the association for this year to 77 members; which is a concerning decrease in membership from last year's 93 members. The

majority of the decrease was experienced in the male individual member, which dropped by 26% from 56 members to 38 male members.

Naturally this is of concern, as the male category is one of the most competitive categories. Likewise, these are the members that can attract younger paddlers and teach them the right techniques. So we must support each other to be committed to our sport and our Association, while simultaneously encouraging new paddlers.

We have discussed the idea of Canoe Clubs at last year's meeting, and while no clubs were formally established, we do see some semblances of clubs – which are simply groups of paddlers that paddle together. There is Mr. Chris Guydis in Boom, Mr. Jerry Wilkins in Ladyville and the extended Cruz family in Cayo. All these are practically clubs that with support and sponsorship could possibly grow into formal clubs. If this idea interests you, it is something we can try to work on together, with direct support in Club Rules and Regulations for members, equipment, incorporation into the Executive Body. Please indicate your interest in club formation, as it is a definite avenue toward building the sport; however, it is not something the executive can achieve. There must be interest, effort and input from you – the members.

This year, we did not see any challenges or disputes in our 7 races. However, we still have not finalized changes to the definition of the Intramural Category. The suggestions for the Intramural Category are as follows, and today we will ask for you to vote on the matter.

The criteria proposed for the Intramural Category by the Executive are as follows

- 1) All paddlers in the boat must attend the same school/educational institution. This is to foster the school spirit/rivalry.
- 2) All paddlers in the boat must be under the age of 24
- 3) Paddlers can only compete in this Intramural Category for a maximum of 4 years after which they must graduate to another category Male, Female, Mixed etc.

Despite not having any controversies this year, we had our Protest Committee in place and we would like to thank Mr. Mark Menzies, Mr. Geoffrey Waight and Mr. Javier Guttierez for accepting to be on this Committee. We must also still establish a Disciplinary Committee and an Appeals Committee, and if you are interested in being a part of either of these committees, please let us know. We have relatively good members, and hardly have incidents; however, we would prefer to be prepared.

The Patriotic Paddle 2017 saw four, three-man canoes and 13 paddlers participating in the Paddle. This is a slight decrease again from last year, which had 6 canoes and 15 paddlers. As was done in 2016, the Executive members have decided to officially make this event a Fundraising Event for the Association, with the proceeds from the Paddle being used to support the members of the Association in development and international exposure. Therefore this money was re-invested to the Association itself, and contributed toward the expenses of international competition and representation. We acknowledge and thank BECOL for their continued support of this event, and encourage our athletes to attend this event.

Similarly, we would like to encourage our members to support the annual Olympic Run. The Belize Olympic and Commonwealth Games Association (BOCGA) has been assisting BCAnoe since 2015, and it is only right that we show the same support. It was held on the June 11, 2017, and 13 of our members attended. I know we can do better. It's a fun run, and it helps to bring your sport to the attention of BOCGA.

Finally, BCAnoe members were invited to on three occasions to two Television Shows to discuss the sport. Mr. Armin Lopez, Mr. Amado Cruz, Mr. Chris Guydis and Ms. Jane Usher represented on the Association on the VIBES TV SHOW to promote our athletes representing us internationally and on TNC 10 Accion Deportiva to promote the sport in general. Thank you to these athletes for braving the camera. We were also featured in the Reporter and the Belize Times and Channel 7 News, when our athletes represented in Puerto Rico. We are appreciative of the media stations that supported us and acknowledged this achievement.

On the international scene, the Belize Canoe Association attended two international competitions, the Puerto Rico Olympic Cup in June 2017 and the Copa Centroamericana de Canotaje in Guatemala City in July 2017.

In preparation for the Puerto Rico Olympic Cup, 3 member athletes also traveled to Las Flores Peten, Guatemala on their own accord to receive training in sprint kayaks from Coach Anser Jordani Tut Salazar. We would like to acknowledge their commitment and personal effort to do well. Also, we would like to inform our athletes that Peten is not very far away and Mr. Salazar welcomes us to go and train under his instruction. We should take advantage of this opportunity.

In total, nine of our athletes – James Alford, Amado Cruz, Bayron Cruz, Jesus Linarez, Brandon Lind, Chris Guydis, Ruth Cruz, Milenie Cabb, and Avis Guydis - traveled to represent Belize and compete this year. At the Puerto Rico Olympic Cup, the male K4 team was able to secure a Bronze Medal in the 500 m distance.

Another of our member athletes, Mr. Hener Cruz, also traveled to the United States to compete. At this time, we would like to recognize Hener's efforts and accomplishment as well.

Lastly, on the international scene, we would like to inform you that Ms. Jayda Guydis represented the Executive at a Strategic Regional Meeting in El Salvador in August 2017. Following this meeting, we have been updated on the results of the meeting, which is to get our Central American Region to work together to develop the sport. It also provided us with more information on the international opportunities available for our athletes, which we can only begin to venture into if we build a proper foundation here at home.

At our last AGM, I mentioned that due to our affiliation with the ICF, Mr. Victor Ruiz was able to help us acquire an ergometer, 4 K-1 kayaks, and 4 double blade paddles. All these items have arrived and successfully been added to our inventory. We have some of the kayaks on display here today, and anyone who wants to is welcome to give it a try. Today, we would like to hear from you how best we can encourage you to utilize these kayaks, train in them, so that we can start to compete in them.

While it is our desire to see you using these kayaks, we must also balance this desire with our obligation to see that the equipment belonging to the Association is properly cared for and maintained. For this reason, it has been difficult to identify where to house the ergometer and the kayaks. Likewise, we have been working on a Boat Care Policy, that the members must adhere to while using the boats. If we do not take care of our equipment, we will destroy them, and it is a simple concept called responsibility. So today we ask you not to be frustrated or discouraged by the rules, but to embrace them and recognize they are in place to protect the longevity of the equipment.

One of our goals in the Strategic Plan 2016 is to establish a boat house. However, this goal cannot be realized unless we take a step toward it. I challenge you today to work with us, to give us your input on location, fundraising ideas or securing donations and the actual construction of the building. There is so much we can do if we combine our talents and abilities.

As we close the 2017 year, we want to recognize the athletes with consistent and outstanding performance over the last season (2017). The Paddlers of the Year are Mr. Amado Cruz (Male), Mr. Asher Jones (Rookie), Ms. Avis Guydis (Female) and the Junior Category saw a tie between ScotiaBank Rural Boys teammates Mr. Kenneth Ferguson and Mr. Camron McFadzean (Junior). This year's youngest paddler will be presented with a Special Recognition Award Daniel (Cabb) Cruz, who completed the Ruta Maya and several of our races at 9 years old. Congratulations to these athletes!

Likewise, I would be remiss if I did not use this opportunity to recognize and express our sincere gratitude to all sponsors, whose continued support sustains the organization and makes it possible for us to offer you – our members - with the races and opportunities you enjoy. Please join me in expressing a heartfelt thank you to them.

To our members, we continue to do our very best for you. At times, we struggle, but we ask that you consider that we are only trying, and we continue to learn from each year. We thank you for participating in our events as we do recognize that you are the backbone of the Association. We ask you to place interest beyond

simply participating in races and work with us to further develop the sport. We look forward to your continued support. Tell a friend to tell a friend!! Encourage a new paddler, attend our races **and** our other events – let BCAnoe shine as you proudly represent your Association.

Membership Information

Membership of BCAnoe comprises of different classifications; they are as follows: Individual, Associate, Junior, Non- Resident, Family, Lifetime and Corporate.

Individual Member - any adult paddler that competes in races and for awards.

Associate Member - any adult who does not participate in and race nor competes for any awards.

Junior Member - any paddler under, or will reach, the age of 18 in the current year.

Non-Resident Member - any person living outside Belize and wishes to participate or get involved with the Association.

Family membership is for 2 adults and unlimited children under 18 years living in the same household.

Lifetime membership is for any adult who had paid ten times the current annual fee.

Corporate members are sponsors who contribute \$2,500 or more to help with the financing of the Association.

For more information on each class of membership, you can refer to the Article of Association, Article III -3, which is available on our website, <u>www.bcanoe.bz</u>

There were no Lifetime or non-resident memberships. There was one corporate sponsor.

Total membership for this year was 77 persons. This shows a concerning 17 % decrease from 2016's - 93 registered members.

The table below shows the member count by classification:

2017 Members by Classification

	Individual	Associate	Junior	Total
Male	38	04	14	56
Female	14	06	01	21
Total	52	10	15	77

A summary of the above table:

Individual Members: 38 males, 04 females - totaling 52. Associate Members: 04 males, 06 females - totaling 10. Junior Members: 14 males, 01 female – totaling 15. Overall: 56 male members and 21 female members.

2016 saw a drastic decrease in Individual, Male members, from 56 down to 38, or 26%. This is of notable concern, and we need to focus efforts on keeping paddlers engaged so that they can encourage the youths and even teach them.

However, we did experience a slight increase in number of females registered, and this is welcome because we encourage full participation in the sport.

*Membership expires on 30 November each year. Members are encouraged to renew their membership before then to avoid late fees.

INVENTORY

The following is the Inventory list as of 15th November, 2017

- 1 Ergometer for double blading
- 1 Logo Stamp
- 2 Dive buoys (orange)
- 1 Nokia cell phone with SIM
- 1 Wooden Flag Pole
- 1 Orange 5 gallon Water Cooler
- 3 Station prize location flags (standard size)—purple, black and yellow*
- 2 Station prize buoy flags (15" x 17") red buoys, one without a flag
- 2 Stop watches (1 black, 1 red)
- 2 Street cones orange with black base
- 1 Pyle Megaphone (not working cannot hold charge)
- 1 small Public Announcement System (microphone does not work)
- 1 16' feather Flag National Flag
- 16' Feather Flag Patriotic Paddle

New:

Donated by the International Canoe Federation:

- (4) K1 Kayaks
- (4) Double Blade Paddles

Removed:

14 small Belizean Flags – this item was never found or accounted for; therefore it is being removed from the Inventory List.

Medals: 512 medals remain in stock (203 Gold, 148 Silver and 136 Bronze) 236 medals were distributed in the 2016-17 Season (113 Gold, 79 Silver, and 44 Bronze)

Medal Description	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
STARS	21	21	32	74
GREEK	16	16	34	66
OLYMPIC	83	48	20	151
GREEK w/ Stars	63	43	40	146
Black	-	-	-	25
Big Boyz	20	20	10	50
TOTAL	203	148	136	512

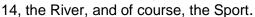
^{*}Location Flags - are considered purple, black and yellow

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Belize Canoe Association - Prof	it and Loss St	atement 2017	7											
					Upstream		Bank to							
			Race - Tacos	Race - Boom to	Hallover to	Race - RF&G	Manatee	Race - Sittee	Race - Happy	Flowers Bank			Patriotic	
		4th AGM Nov	Fest Nov.	Manatee Jan	Boom Jan.	UP and Down	Lookout	River April	Cow NATS Apr	race June	Puerto Rico	Guatemala	Paddle Sept	
Belize Canoe Associatio	Operate	27, 2016	27,2016	8,2017	22,2017	Feb 4,2017	Feb 18, 2017	17,2017	29, 2017	3,2017	race	race	2, 2017	Total
INCOME:														
Race Registration			\$ 350.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 400.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 6,450.00
Canoe Registraton														\$ -
Membership Application			\$ 30.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 565.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 295.00					\$ 3,875.00
Protest Fee														\$ -
Appeals Fee														\$ -
Race Endorsement														\$ -
Sponsor			\$ 750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,600.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Corporate Member														\$ -
Contributor	\$ 325.00										\$ 7,080.00			\$ 7,405.00
Other Sales						\$ 49.00								\$ 49.00
Fund Raising											\$ 4,672.00			\$ 4,672.00
Total Income	\$ 325.00	\$.	\$ 1,130.00	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 1,965.00	\$ 2,789.00	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 2,960.00	\$ 3,695.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 19,352.00	\$.	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 44,951.00
EXPENSES:														
Race Equipment	471.59													\$ 471.59
Computer Equipment														\$ -
Executives Regional/Int'l Meeting	\$ 2,198.00				\$ 33.75									\$ 2,231.75
Telephone														\$ -
Stationery/ Postage & Bank Charges	\$ 30.50			\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00									\$ 105.50
Executive Expense	\$ 817.50													\$ 817.50
Donation											\$ 1,193.00			\$ 1,193.00
International Travel											\$ 12,940.00	\$ 440.00		\$ 13,380.00
Training supplies for Int'l											\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00
Int'l participant stipend / expenses											\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,400.00
Cash Prizes			\$ 950.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 700.00				\$ 13,975.00
Trophies/Medals						\$ 245.00	\$ 245.00		\$ 210.00					\$ 700.00
Advertising & Website hosting	\$ 70.00										\$ 50.00			\$ 120.00
Officiating & Security														ş -
T-Shirts									\$ 600.00		\$ 1,159.01		\$ 447.19	\$ 2,206.20
Safety Boat														\$ -
Food		\$ 60.00		\$ 357.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 385.00					\$ 120.00		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,622.00
Event Logistics					\$ 10.00						\$ 152.50			\$ 162.50
Certificates/Awards/ID	308.25	\$ 348.75									\$ 184.22			\$ 841.22
Vinyl Decals			\$ 138.76	\$ 332.45	\$ 147.67	\$ 126.95	\$ 345.42	\$ 180.60	\$ 264.97	\$ 187.49			\$ 122.92	
License / Reg / Incorp/membership	\$ 242.10													\$ 242.10
Total Expenses	\$ 4,137.94	\$ 408.75	\$ 1,088.76	\$ 2,424.45	\$ 2,331.42	\$ 2,481.95	\$ 4,340.42	\$ 1,630.60	\$ 3,074.97	\$ 887.49	\$ 17,348.73	\$ 2,440.00	\$ 870.11	\$ 43,465.59
Deficit/Surplus	(3,812.94)	(408.75)	41.24	2,025.55	(366.42)	307.05	944.58	1,329.40		512.51	2,003.27			1,485.41

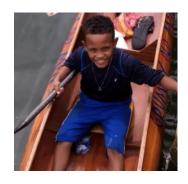
PATRIOTIC PADDLE

The sixth annual Patriotic Paddle, sponsored by BECOL, was held on Saturday, 2nd September, 2017. Once again, Paddlers gathered in Flower's Bank Village for a short opening ceremony, where we were hosted by the Village Chairman, Mr. Clinton Rhaburn. The paddlers then motorcaded to Burrell Boom, where the paddle commenced. After a short refreshment break at Manatee Lookout, Ladyville, the paddlers continued to Belize City. After experiencing the blockage in the Haulover Creek at last year's Paddle, some wise members decided to check the Creek before the actual event. Special acknowledgement to Mr. John Searle, Mr. Chris Guydis and Mr. Euken Arnold for their hard work in volunteering to clear a path in the creek for us. Being able to come through the Creek saved us some time, and the paddlers were in the City by 2:00 p.m, where they were all fed and presented with their participation medals. Four canoes and 13 paddlers participated in the event. This Paddle is a fundraising event and the Association uses it to try and raise awareness on several subjects – including the Flower's Bank













Point System and End of Year Awards

The BCAnoe points system was designed to increase participation in canoe and kayak races and events and reward outstanding paddlers. The BCAnoe points system is a competition to identify the following awards recipients in the following categories:

Male Paddler of the Year Female Paddler of the Year Junior Paddler of the Year Rookie Paddler of the Year

All paddlers earn points toward their respective category. Points are awarded as follows: 8 points / 1st place, 7/2, 6/3,5/4, 4/5, 3/6, 2/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10 in all categories as described in the BCAnoe Race Rules. Members also receive points for showing good sportsmanship, for participating in the Patriotic Paddle, for participating in river clean-ups, the Olympic Run and for assisting with authorized training programs BCAnoe. The list four long is available website here: pages on our www.bcanoe.bz/docs/BCAnoePointsCount.pdf

After the tally, the awards go to:

Female Paddler of the Year - Avis Guydis with 60 points

Male Paddler of the Year - Amado Cruz with 78 points

Junior Paddler of the Year – Kenneth Ferguson with 47 points

Camron McFadzean with 47 points

Rookie Paddler of the Year - Asher Jones with 31 points

The BCAnoe Executive offers one **Executive Award** to recognize an outstanding member, who is committed to the sport and assists the Executive to accomplish its mandate. The award carries no established criteria but is based on what the Executive sees commendable. The recipients of this award are not to be repeated.

The Executive Award goes to **Mrs. Linda Searle** for her dedication, outstanding commitment and contribution toward developing canoe racing as a sport.

Executive Awardees:

2013 – Chris Guydis

2014 - Raymond Woods

2015 - Molly Guydis

2016 - Courteney Carrillo

2017 - Linda Searle

Special Recognition Award – this award is used to recognize special accomplishments within the Association. Likewise, it has no established criteria but is based on votes of the Executive Members and open to suggestions from members of the Association. Last year, we acknowledged Daniel Cruz Jr. as the youngest athlete in the Association. This year, Daniel Cruz Jr., at 9 years old, raced competitively and completed the La Ruta Maya 2017. For his courage and determination, we would like to give him a Special Recognition Award as the youngest paddler racing this season.

POINT TALLY

Name Name	Tacos Fest - 27/11/16	Boom: Manatee 8/1/17	Upsteam Haulover: Boom- 22/1/17	RF&G Up & Down 4/2/17	Grace Bank: Manattee Lookout 18/02/2017	Sittee River 17/04/17	Happy Cow NATS 27/4/17	Flowers Bank 3/06/17	Puerto Rico Cup 2017	Olympic Run	Patriotic Paddle 2/9/17	Total Points	i
Amasdo Cruz	7	7	7	8	8	7	6		8	10	10	78	MALE
Chris Guydis	8	8	8		8	8	8	8		10	10	76	
Rudolph Gentle	8	8	8	8	8	8	8		8	0	10	74	
Bayron Cruz		8	8	8	8	8	4		8	10		62	
Jane Usher		8	6	8	6	7	7	8		10		60	
Avis Guydis	8	8	8		8			8		10	10	60	FEMALE
Sergio Lopez	8	8	8	8	8	8	7					55	
Wilberto Daniels	7	6	7		8	8	8	7				51	
Kenneth Ferguson		8	7		8		6	8			10	47	JUNIOR
Camron McFadzean		8	7		8		6	8			10	47	JUNIOR
Adrian Williams	8	8	8	8	8	6						46	
Eric Cano	5	5	5	8	5	8	8					44	
John Searle		8	7	+ -	8		8	<u> </u>	+	+	10	41	
Daniel Cruz Sr.	6	8	6	8	6		6			+	10	40	
Stanley Bailey	0	7	8	8	7	1	0	8		+		38	
Milenie Cabb		7	7	+ °	/		8	-		+		38	
		7	+		7	8	ŏ	0	8	+			
Jerry Wilken		-	8	8	7		_	8		+		38	
Enrique Cruz	-	7	8	8	6	-	8	-		1		37	
Kenrick Daniels	7	7	7	-	8	8	_	-		1		37	
Moises Guardado		7	8	8	6		8					37	
Daniel Cruz Jr		7	8	8	6		8			-		37	
Armin Lopez Sr.	5	5	5	8	5		8					36	
Michael Searle		8	7		8		8				5	36	
James Alford			4	7	4				8	10		33	
Garrett Bermudez		8	8	8	8							32	
Delilah Cabb Cruz			8	8	8		8					32	
Ana Camp			8	8	8		8					32	
Jerry Cante	6	8	6		6		6					32	
Erwin Cruz	8	8	8		8							32	
Lily Cruz			8	8	8		8					32	
Ruth Cruz						7	7		8	10		32	
Asher Jones			7		8		6				10	31	ROOKIE
Clayton Cabb		7	7			8	8					30	
Felix Cruz	8	7	8		7							30	
Efrain Cruz	8	7	8		7							30	
Hener Cruz	8	7	8		7							30	
Joe Segura		7	8	8	7							30	
Justin Allen				7	7	8	7					29	
Euken Arnold		8	8				8				5	29	
Christian Lopez				7	7	8	7					29	
Pablo Manzanero				7	7	8	7					29	
Leroy Romero,	8	7	7		7							29	
Michael Sedacy	8	7	7		7							29	
Roy Cano	5	5	5	8	5							28	
Jerry Rhaburn	6	8	6	1	6							26	
Jesus Linarez		4		1		6	7		8			25	
Glenford Sutherland		6		1	7	7	5					25	
Dana Alford			7	7	7							21	
Jose Crawford		7	7	1	7							21	
Roberta Usher		8	6	1			7					21	
Diana Velasquez			7	7	7		<u> </u>			1		21	
			7	7	7	<u> </u>						21	
Tiffara Welch	l .												
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Elvis Sutherland					7	7	5					19	
Amber Guydis								7		10		17	
Andres Cabb		8			8							16	
Daniel Gregorio			4	7	4							15	
Alfonso Brandon Lind			4	7	4							15	
Bradley Ayala			7				7					14	
Shalani Troyer				8	6							14	
Armando Lopez		4	3				4					11	
Allen Lopez		4	3				4					11	
Alvin Flowers											10	10	
Jayda Guydis										10		10	
Kristy Guydis										10		10	
Alex Guydis										10		10	
Molly Guydis										10		10	
Maurice Romero										10		10	
Jimmy Valdez											10	10	
Kevin Flowers								8				8	
Alfred Lopez							8					8	
Shennel Pook								8				8	
Eldon Sanchez					8							8	
Jermain Sanchez	8											8	
Tom A Searle							8					8	
Keagan Tillett		8										8	
Jaime Usher		8										8	
Tyrel Young								8				8	
Dominique Alvarez					7							7	
Noel Avila					7							7	
Jack E. Avilez								7				7	
Bradey Cabb		7										7	
Delmi Cornelio					7							7	
Cody Rivero								7				7	
Jeffrey Segura			7									7	
Phillip Seguro					7							7	
Joselito Zuncal					7							7	
Francisca Cruz			6									6	
Miguel Garcia								6				6	
Diego Garcia								6				6	
Roxana Lumus		6										6	
Armin Lopez Jr.						6						6	
Roger Troyer					6							6	
Steven Choc						5						5	
Rudolph Sho						5						5	
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Anthony												0	
John Usher												0	

2017 Races:



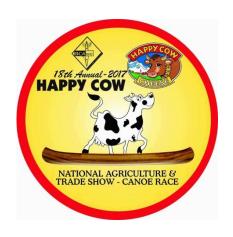
















2018 Race Schedule

The list of **possible** races below for 2018, with **tentative dates!**

Please be advised that dates can change. Kindly refer to our website/facebook page closer to race dates for confirmed dates and start times. Always remember to bring your Personal Flotation Device or Life Jacket. SAFETY FIRST!

Boom to Manatee Lookout – January 14

Haulover Bridge to Boom UpStream – January 28

RF&G Upstream - February 10

Boom to di City powered by Guinness - February 24

Belikin La Ruta Maya Belize River Challenge - March 9-12

Sittee River Canoe Race (anybody) – Easter Monday, April 2

Happy Cow Canoe Challenge at NATS – Saturday of NATS (April 28)

Flowers Bank Festival Canoe Race – Saturday, June 9

Patriotic Paddle: "A Charitable Fund Raising Event! " (anybody) – Saturday, September 1

Tacos Festival Canoe Race (anybody) – November 25

Other Races for your Information

Caye Kayak Island Challenge – End of March

San Pedro Reef- Lagoon Eco-Challenge Kayak Race - usually in May/June

Toledo Canoe Race - April or May

Reef Week Kayak Race, San Pedro - mid May

Bullet Tree Canoe Race - June

Dia de San Pedro Celebration Kayak Race - 1 July

International Opportunities

Mexico/Guatemala Training Camp (kayak) – Easter 2017

Puerto Rico Olympic Cup – June 2017

Copa Centroamericana de Canotaje – July 2018

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