

The ACA is committed to developing and promoting paddlesport athletic competition; we organize and manage paddlesport competitions for athletes of many skill levels including youth & beginner-friendly races to the selection of USA National Teams who compete on the international stage. As the National Representative to the International Canoe Federation (ICF) we support internationally recognized competitive paddling disciplines such as Sprint, Slalom, Paracanoe, Whitewater Freestyle, Surfski/Ocean Racing, Marathon, Wildwater, Dragonboat, and many others.



Come be a part of a thriving paddling community!

- Members Only Discounts on Merchandise & Events
- Monthly Newsletters
- Rapid Media Publications
- Stewardship Support & Public Policy Representation
- Exclusive Access to Sugar Island & Camp Sebago
- Insurance Coverage
- Educational Resources
- Subaru VIP Program

Your membership dues do more than save money with exclusive prodeals and discounts - they directly support the ACA's mission of building inclusive paddling communities, supporting excellence, and fostering safety and stewardship through paddlesports education, competition, and recreation.

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2024 Olympians Nevin Harrison, Jonas Ecker, Aaron Small, Evy Leibfarth, and Casey Eichfeld.

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# ACA Paddlesports

Founded in 1880, the American Canoe Association (ACA) is a national nonprofit organization serving the paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling, stewardship support to help protect paddling environments, and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesports competition, exploration, and recreation. The heart of the ACA is the people who paddle, cherish and protect the rivers, lakes, streams, bays, and oceans of the world.



The ACA National Paddlesports Instruction Program has been acknowledged as the premier paddlesports education program throughout the United States and in over 40 countries. Through the efforts of the ACA National Office and the Safety Education & Instruction Council (SEIC), course curricula and educational resources are developed and made available to the general public, instructors, partners, and the overarching outdoor industry.

- Training & Skill Development
- Assessment & Instructor Certification
- Paddlesports Safety Facilitator Certification

Learn more about available courses or to find an instructor: [americancanoe.org/take-a-paddling-class](http://americancanoe.org/take-a-paddling-class)



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Our vision:

To connect diverse communities by fostering a shared commitment to safety and stewardship, and by providing opportunities for challenge, achievement, and fun through paddlesports.



Since 2017, the ACA has proudly served as the National Governing Body (NGB) for the Olympic sports of Sprint & Slalom as well as the Paralympic sport of Paracanoe.



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