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**2015 NATIONAL  
POLING CHAMPIONSHIP**

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# Welcome to Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock River





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## ACA Canoe Poling National Championships June 5-7, 2015 Rappahannock River, Fredericksburg, VA

### Schedule

#### Friday, June 5

- 10:30am Canoe Poling Day Trip on the Rapidan River  
Meet at ACA National Office  
Led by local poler Mike Blashford
- 3pm Practice and Clinic at Race Site (*Virginia Outdoor Center – The Beach*)
- 6pm Reception at ACA National Office  
For competitors, family & friends

#### Saturday, June 6

- 7:30am Great Rappahannock Whitewater Canoe Race registration opens (*Old Mill Park*)  
This is a separate event with a 5 mile downriver race with a Canoe Poling category  
[www.americancanoe.org/GRWCR](http://www.americancanoe.org/GRWCR)
- 8:45 Racer Meeting, then local Canoe Poling Downriver Race Starts (*Motts Run Put-in*)
- 11:00 On-site Registration opens for Nationals (*VOC - The Beach*)  
Race Course Set Up  
Rock the River Opens [<http://rocktheriverfxbg.com>] (*Old Mill Park*)
- 12:00pm Canoe Poling Nationals begin (*VOC - The Beach*)  
Race Order:
- Open Wildwater
  - Womens Wildwater
  - Intermediate Wildwater
  - Masters Wildwater
  - Open Slalom

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- Masters Slalom

5:30pm Finish whatever class is racing  
Riverfront Beer & Blues – part of Rock the River (*Old Mill Park*)

7:00pm National Poling Meeting & Dinner (*Ryan's – 1780 Carl D Silver Pkwy. 540-548-0051*)

### **Sunday, June 7**

9:00am Racing continues with next class (*VOC - The Beach*)  
unless all classes were completed on Saturday

Back up race day for inclement weather or water levels

Awards (*30 minutes after last class concludes*)

Depart for home – Safe travels!



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## ACA Canoe Poling National Championships June 6-7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Rappahannock River - Fredericksburg, Virginia

The ACA is excited to announce that Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock River will be the site of the 2015 ACA Canoe Poling National Championships. The competition will have slalom and wildwater events in classes from beginner to advanced. Competitors will travel from as far away as Maine, New York, Missouri and Texas to attend the event.

The Virginia Outdoor Center, located on Fall Hill Road, is the primary event sponsor.

The races will be held Saturday June 6th with practice and free skills clinics occurring on Friday afternoon, June 5th.

Canoe poling, which was recognized as a competitive sport by the ACA in 1965, has a long and colorful history. Early man used saplings to propel dugouts up and down streams long before the paddle was invented, and voyageurs used wooden poles to help them navigate wilderness rivers before there were any roads. This paddlesport discipline combines both the history of the sport with highly skilled competitors.

This year, the Canoe Poling Nationals are part of the inaugural Rock the River FXBG event ([rocktheriverfxbg.com](http://rocktheriverfxbg.com)). This all-day, stewardship-focused festival features environmental educational programs from local conservation organizations, on-water paddling instruction, river clean-ups, a running race, ultimate Frisbee, and a riverfront beer and blues festival.

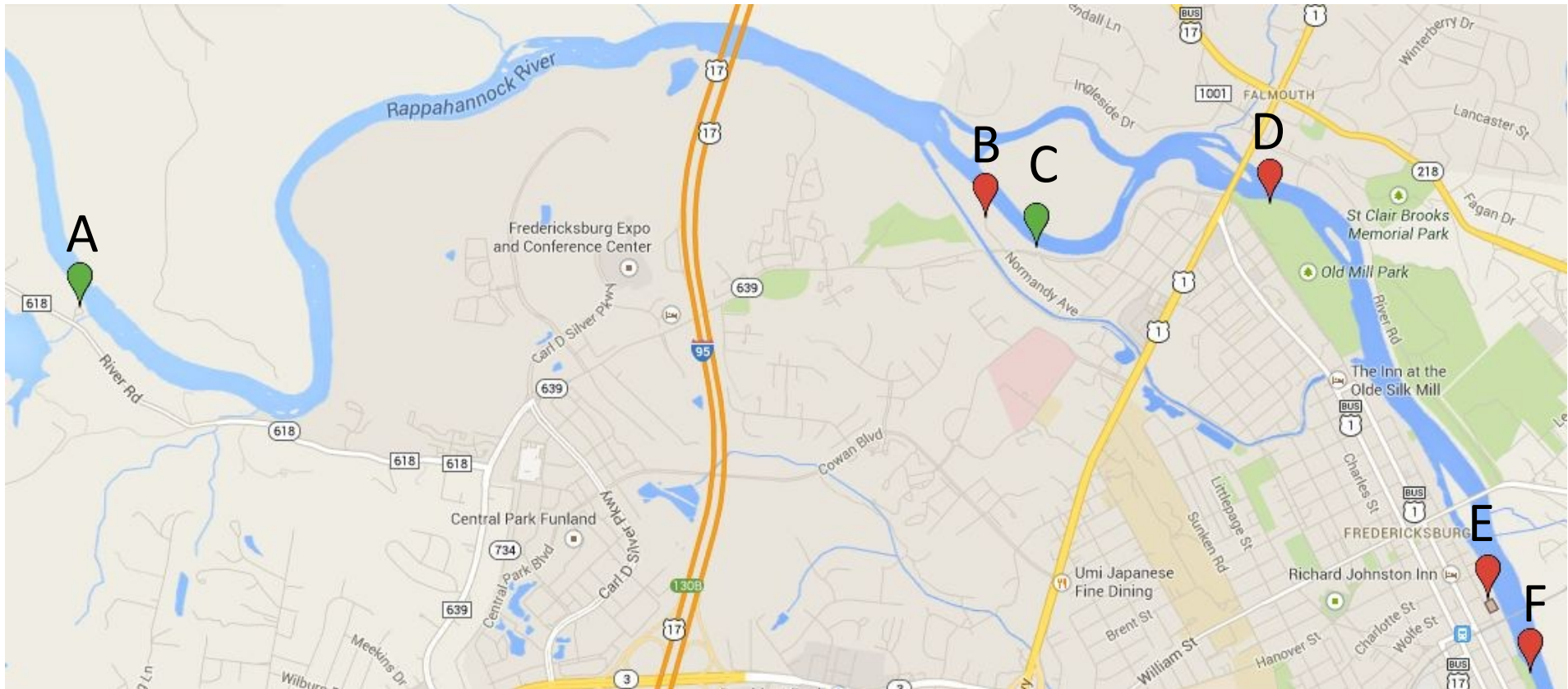
The ACA National Office, located in downtown Fredericksburg, is proud to bring this unique event back to the Commonwealth of Virginia. [www.americancanoe.org/CanoePoling](http://www.americancanoe.org/CanoePoling)

### About the ACA

Founded in 1880, The American Canoe Association (ACA) is a national nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization serving the broader 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 paddlesport competition and recreation. The ACA has over 20,000 members at both an individual and organizational level and sponsors over 1,400 events each year, including 200 races. The ACA education program has an annual estimated outreach of 800,000 people. For more information, please visit [www.americancanoe.org](http://www.americancanoe.org).

# Great Rappahannock Whitewater Canoe Race

More information at [www.americancanoe.org/grwcr](http://www.americancanoe.org/grwcr)



Click on the map to view or visit [www.americancanoe.org/grwcr](http://www.americancanoe.org/grwcr)

## A : Mott's Run Put-in

- 5927 River Rd, Fredericksburg, VA
- Downriver Race Start

## B: Virginia Outdoor Center

- 3219 Fall Hill Ave, Fredericksburg, VA
- Canoe Poling National Championship Race Site

## C: Canoe & Kayak Sprint Race Put-in & Whitewater SUP Race Start

- 3205 Fall Hill Ave, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

## D: Old Mill Park

- 2410 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, VA
- Race Headquarters

- Finish Line for Downriver & Sprint Races
- Start Line for SUP Flatwater Race
- BIC SUP One Design Challenge
- Scout Challenge Start
- Free Youth Race Start & Finish

## E: ACA National Office

- 503 Sophia Street, Suite 100, Fredericksburg, VA

## F: City Dock

- End of Sophia St, Fredericksburg, VA
- Scout Challenge Finish
- Finish Line for SUP Flatwater Race