



Event/Discipline: Paracanoe Sprint Kayak 200m

Height: 6'4"

School: University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Club: Athletes with Disabilities Canoe Kayak Club

Website www.brandonholiday.com

Alternate USOC- Athlete Advisory Council

Athlete Advisory Council page

<http://www.teamusa.org/Athlete-Resources/Athletes-Advisory-Council>

Recent Results:

- 2017 US Sprint National Championship Mens' Paracanoe KL3 200m and 500m
- 2016 US National Paracanoe Sprint Team Member
- 2015 Sprint National Champion Men's KL3 Paracanoe 200m and 500m Sprints
- 2014 Sprint National Champion Men's KL3 Paracanoe 200m, 500m and Masters 200m age 35-44
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Career Highlights:

- 2017 US National Team Trials- 2nd Place KL3 Mens Paracanoe 200m
- 2017 US Sprint National Championship Mens' Paracanoe KL3 200m and 500m
- 2016- USTA Adaptive Athlete of the Year
- 2016 US National Men's Paracanoe Sprint Team Member (Team USA)
- 2015 World Championship Team Trials-1st Place 200m

Personal:

- **Nickname:** "Lawdog"
- **Job:** Police officer-Court appointed Investigator and Exec Dir. Athletes with Disabilities Network Northeast
- **Hobbies:** Tennis, Shooting, Amputee Peer Mentor
- **How'd you get started? O&P** Extremity Games- 2011 Recreational Kayaking
- **Trivia-** Decorated Police Officer Salisbury City MD Police Department

About

When **Brandon Holiday** was a boy, doctors told him and his family that he would never be able to play sports or even walk comfortably due to health complications from systemic lupus erythematosus. He has been proving them wrong ever since.

Holiday, a former decorated police officer, now 45 years old, and eventually lost his left leg below the knee in 2006 from a blood-clotting condition called antiphospholipid syndrome. However, since then, he has won seven United States national titles and 14 medals in both martial arts and paracanoeing. Challenged Athletes Foundation grant, he attended the 2007 O&P Extremity Games to compete in rock climbing and martial arts. in the event, Holiday said he at that moment realized the importance of

mentors and that he no longer had to "go it alone." In addition, as executive director of the Athletes with Disabilities Network (ADN) North East Chapter, Holiday works to not only improve himself through training, but also spread the lessons he has learned to others.