American Canoe Association  
National Canoe Poling Championships  
Farmington River  
Burlington, Connecticut  
May 26, 2018

Open Wildwater
1. Chip Cochrane  4:10.46  
2. Scott Stepenuck  5:18.69  

Open Slalom  
1st Run  
1. Chip Cochrane  4:47.19  
2. Scott Stepenuck  5:51.28  
3. Nelson Walker  12:53.43+50=13:43.43  DNR

2nd Run  
4:57.90  
5:15.85

Masters Wildwater  
Time  Handicap
1. Chip Cochrane  2:43.62  2:32.17
2. Scott Stepenuck  3:13.09  3:13.09

Masters Slalom  
1st Run 2nd Run Handicap
1. Chip Cochrane  2:50.40  DNR  2:38.47
2. Scott Stepenuck  3:38.25  3:44.91  3:38.25

National Slalom Poling Cup: Chip Cochrane  
Combined Century Poling Cup: Chip Cochrane  
National Wildwater Cup: Chip Cochrane  
Masters Lambert Poling Cup: Chip Cochrane  
Ed Hayden Poling Cup: Not awarded (no Intermediate Class)

Handicap for the Masters Class each year the competitor is over age 50, 1% of their time is subtracted.

Penalties: +50 seconds for each missed gate, +10 seconds for touching a gate.

Thank you to Nelson Walker for organizing/hosting the National Canoe Poling Championships.

Thank you to Lani Love, Fred Klingener, and Ed Migliorisi for helping with timing all day. Thank you to all the polers for assisting in river safety.

After the races, a poling clinic was held for an interested individual.
At the National Poling Committee meeting, the Canoe Poling Rules for Slalom and Wildwater Competition were updated to reflect the new American Canoe Association Competition Council Operating Procedures. The Canoe Poling Executive Committee is:
Chair: Scott Stepenuck
Vice Chair: Chip Cochrane
Secretary: Nelson Walker
Per the new Competition Council Operating Procedures, these positions will be two year terms, and future elections will be electronic in even numbered years, and will require ACA Competition Membership.

In 2019 Chip Cochrane will host the New England Canoe Poling Championships in Maine on Saturday, May 4, 2019. Scott Stepenuck will host the National Canoe Poling Championships on Saturday, May 25, 2019, location to be determined. Both events will start with a poling clinic for anyone interested in learning more about poling. Chip Cochrane has offered to lead a poling trip in Maine the week before the National Championships if there is enough interest. Please contact Chip (canoechip@gmail.com) if you are interested in this trip so he can establish dates and location.

See you standing tall on the river,
Scott Stepenuck
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