



# Fort Langley Canoe Club



## Club News 9 – September 2010



**Del & Colton Muench**, with their partners Sebastian & Nicholas Foellmer on either side, celebrate their SILVER medals in the 1000m K4. Brilliant.

Without a regular coach for much of the season, the Sprint paddlers have been relying on extreme hard work and dedication – and were very determined to reach the podium.

[Click for more pictures](#)

### Happy Birthday, Commodore

Good taste dictates that we cannot divulge here the age celebrated by our Dear Cheryl on her birthday, a couple of weeks ago. Although so many people were in the know, the celebration on August 17<sup>th</sup> was a total surprise to Cheryl. A lovely party, a gorgeous cake – and a few of the exec being “encouraged” into the (thankfully warm) Fraser.



## Website News

# 1 on



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About 9,280 results (0.10 seconds)

[FLCC Homepage](#) ☆

17 Aug 2010 ... Fort Langley Canoeing, on the Fraser  
[www.fortlangleycanoeclub.ca/](http://www.fortlangleycanoeclub.ca/)

Our new website address is back at #1 on Google

[fortlangleycanoeclub.ca](http://fortlangleycanoeclub.ca)

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### Members' Page

should be **the** starting page for most Members. Why not bookmark it, or create a link from your desktop? [Go there](#)

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Advertise YOUR team fund-raiser here.

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### Found:

Who lost a canoe club key – on a Budget Muffler keyring - this week?

[Click Lost & Found](#)

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### Team web pages

Many teams have not yet updated their dedicated webpage with a photo of their 2010 team. And why not add the paddlers' names, to help us learn some more of the 400+ members. [FORTified did](#)

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### For Sale

New links to the For Sale or Wanted Board have been added to the Web Menu, under Members.

**Annual General Meeting** will be held this year on November 29<sup>th</sup> in the Community Hall in Fort Langley. The formal notice and Agenda will be sent to the email of all members in due course, as be posted in the Boathouse.

#### **Election of the Executive**

An important part of the AGM is the election of the members who will serve as Executive for the year 2010/2011. Descriptions of the responsibilities for each job have been written up and are available to all. If you are interested in helping to organise our club, please let any of the current execs know.

#### **Constitution Review**

At the AGM in 2009, following a discussion about the current constitution, the Executive were directed to review the current constitution and make recommendations to the members. We agreed that the Board would offer its suggestion to all members for consideration and provide the opportunity for members to feedback their comments prior to the next AGM, when a motion would be put forward to amend the Constitution.

The Board has completed its review and proposes that Paragraph 2 be changed to :

2. The purposes of the Society are:

- a) To promote, organize and engage in competitive and recreational paddling training, programs and regattas for youths and adults; offering physical development, paddling skills and safety, and the development of leadership, social skills and positive self esteem.
- b) To participate in local, regional, provincial, national and international organizations to promote paddling.
- c) To instill in our members values of good sportsmanship, good citizenship, and preservation of our environment.

The complete, current Constitution can be read here [2005 Constitution](#)

#### **Budget 2011/12**

The AGM will also be presented with a budget for the forthcoming year. If you have items that you think should be budgeted for, perhaps for the first time, please [Email Budget](#)

#### **Flatwater Rep**

For personal reasons, John Todd has had to step down from his Executive Duties for FLCC. Following the club's by-laws, the Exec has co-opted **Alison Routley** to be the new FW rep. Any club issue, but especially relating to the Sprint & Flatwater disciplines, can be directed to Alison. [Email Alison](#)

On behalf of all club members – a huge Thank You to John for his commitment to, and work for, the Board and the whole club. [Ed: note to self – find a photo of Alison]

#### **Victoria Dragon Boat Festival 2010**



It was my first visit to the Victoria Festival and what an awesome location. I just hope lots of those MLAs saw the value of Sport to the Health and Community Spirit of our beloved BC. FORTified were delighted to win their first ever Gold in the Seniors. Fort Fury, SOAR and Fort Fusion also enjoyed the glorious record high temperatures and racing success, too.

One of the ironies of the weekend was the swamping of the Hot Sake team from Seattle whilst they waited at the start line. The offending vessel was the Victoria Harbour Fire Boat, racing to a false alarm!! Nobody was injured, and the Sake was not even chilled. They remounted and won that heat. [Open and Women results](#) [Senior results](#)



#### **Cultus Lake Women's Regatta**

This annual event is hosted by Cultus Lake Dragon Fliers & Cultus Lake Soul Sisters as a fund raiser for their very own Cultus Lake Dragon Boat Club. It is always a fun event with a country theme including corn on the cob, bannock and food on the grill. It is a small event, this year only fifteen teams entered.

The event was held at Main Beach, which is a wonderful spot for spectators and paddlers to spend the day. The lake water was incredibly warm, but the weather was overcast and it showered off and on all day. The water was calm and remained so through the entire day [Ed: unusual for Cultus Lake]. [Click here to see the full story and all FLCC results](#)

The numerous staff employed by the Newsletter (yeah, just the same old 1) does not attend every regatta – so if you want YOUR team's performance reported in detail, write to [newsletter@fortlangleycanoecub.ca](mailto:newsletter@fortlangleycanoecub.ca)

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#### **Last Regattas**

A busy end to the season this month.

Good Luck at BC Senior Games to FORTified

And at Penticton, to:

Fort Fury  
Fort Fusion  
Kindred Spirit  
Sea Syrens  
SOAR  
Sun Dragons

And to a thoroughly mixed FLCC team visiting the SanFran for the first time.

#### **DB Spares**

All the Regattas entered by all the teams through the busy July – September part of the season are now listed at [Regattas](#) This is to help teams find spares and spares find teams.

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#### **Email issues**

If you have "Computer Issues" with the club emails, newsletters or website, please let us know. [Email Webmaster](#)

#### **Lani**

The incredible adventure is almost over and Lani will be back with us soon. Currently, she is in Githorn where the only transport permitted is a bicycle or a canoe – perfect for Lani, of course. Hopefully, we will scoop her story and photos soon.

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#### **Cast Off, Knitters**

Voyageurs who knit re-starts this fall.

[Email Judi](#)

## More Paddling Opportunities

### OC6

As the racing season comes towards its close, many are thinking about their winter paddling fun and are planning to use the Outrigger canoes.

Remember – you must have completed a huli clinic, to use the OCs.  
The last clinic will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>. [Book with Andrea](#)

And if you are thinking of starting a new winter team [contact Andrea](#)

### Moonlight Paddle



The Voyageurs will be out again this year searching for the Harvest Moon in late September.  
[Email Katie](#) if you are interested in joining.

### Apple Day

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am-2pm

The Voyageurs will paddle down to Derby Reach to see and taste hundreds – yes! – of different Apple varieties. If the boats are full – why not walk down the Fort to Fort trail?

### Water Week paddle

Join the Langley Environmental Partnership on October 16<sup>th</sup> as they explore the Fraser River & its importance to our sustainability. Our regular Voyageur outing will include additional drop-ins.

[Email Joan for more about the paddle](#)  
[More about Water Weeks](#)

### Annual Cranberry Voyageur Races October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Held in conjunction with the FL Cranberry Festival.  
The Festival Needs You.....

**Be A Volunteer** - many opportunities available and a lot of bodies needed. Shifts are 8:30-12:30 and 12:00-4:00. Please [email Louise](#) up now

**Be A Racer** - \$150 per team – 3 races including the all time favourite pumpkin & cranberry race.  
To enter [email Sue](#)

**Be A Donator** – We need 24 Pumpkins or Squash, we also need some tents for the day. If you can help out e-mail Louise at [email Louise](#)

Don't delay sign up today – don't just be a spectator be a part of it all!

Still a couple of team spaces available  
[Click for details of Cranberry Races](#)

### Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up

Salmon River. Saturday,  
September 18 9:30am

Help us tidy up the Salmon River (it enters the Fraser just downstream of the boathouse). Meet at the boathouse, so we can cart the canoes over there. Yes, bring your tandem if you wish.

Would you believe we get to count the cans and bags? Yup! To sign up [email Katie](#)

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual FLCC Dance

Tickets will be on sale soon for this fun-filled end-of-season party.  
West Langley Hall    October 16<sup>th</sup>    DJ + Special Entertainment  
Beer & Wine Sales    Potluck snacks    Casual dress

Watch for the email in a few days

## River Safety

The recent deaths of two rowers in Everett, WA., who were run down by a speeding motor boat, has highlighted the risks to which we are all exposed on the shared channel.

The Club has always stated that it is happy to share the water with all users, but that we do expect and need all users to behave responsibly towards each other and the environment that we all enjoy. Two recent incidences of extremely dangerous behavior by motor boaters have been reported to the RCMP, and representatives of the Club will begin working with the RCMP and the Township to discuss how some of the dangers can be better monitored, reported and eliminated in the future.

If you have reportable facts (date, time and boat number – the K number or BC number should be on the bow of every boat - and a description of the dangerous behaviour), forward them to [safety@fortlangleycanoecub.ca](mailto:safety@fortlangleycanoecub.ca)

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More essential reading: The Minutes from the August Exec meeting are attached.