

MAC'S tips on boats for the 90 Miler

The **OPEN TOURING** class is the largest class in the classic. Paddlers who want to be “Non - competitive” participate in canoes and kayaks. No unlimited kayaks or amateur class canoes are permitted in open touring. No age or gender divisions and no 1st, 2nd, or 3rd-place awards are given. Participation plaques may be purchased. You are in it to finish. Times will be kept. This group of paddlers will start first each day and must make cut-off times to finish each day. There will likely be 5 waves of Open Touring boats this year!

C-2 RECREATION: Maximum length - 17 feet, 6 inches. Weight - minimum of 55 pounds from the manufacturer. Race organizer discretion: If it looks like a racing canoe, it is not a recreational canoe. Any boats made specifically for racing are excluded from this class. The boat we recommend for recreation class paddlers is the Wenonah Escape in Tuf Weave. It is stable, seaworthy; moves right along in the water and can be carried by one or two paddlers.

C-2 STOCK: Included in this class are hulls similar to the Jensen 18. There are minimal concave lines in the hull and no concave lines in the gunwales. Maximum length is 18' 6", no minimum weight. Minimum width at 4" waterline is 15 percent of length (33 5/16" for 18'6"). Tumblehome max is 1" per side. All NYMCRA specifications apply. The current C-2 Stock list includes: **Wenonah:** Jensen 17, Jensen 18, Sundowner, Minnesota II, Monarch, Odyssey, Escape, and Escapade; **GRB Newman Designs:** Traveler 17' 5", Traveler 18' 6", Monarch; **Mad River** Lamoille, Horizon.; **Bell Canoe Works** Northstar, Northwind, and Northwoods; **Savage River Works** Susquehanna. Universally, the boat that epitomizes the true Stock Class is the Wenonah Minnesota II. The philosophy of the Stock Class is supposed to be you have one boat you can either camp out of or race in against boats of similar design. Some Stock Racers have taken to tricking their boats out to make them faster. At MAC'S our boats come right out of our rental fleet.

C-1 STOCK: Maximum length - 17' 0", Tumblehome not to exceed 3.5" per side. No minimum weight. The current C-1 Stock list includes GRB Newman Designs Classic and Classic XL; Wenonah Advantage, Prism, Encounter and Solitude; Sawyer Summer Song, DY Special and Shock Wave; Savage River's Otegan (modified) Bell's Magic, Swift Canoe's 16' 8" Cruiser and Mad River's Independence. For stability and rock solid seaworthiness you cannot beat the Wenonah Prism. Bigger guys may find the new Swift Cruiser to their liking – but it is new on the scene. The old standard is the GRB Classic XL – a bit tippier than the Prism. C-1 Stock takes determination for the long haul and confidence in your ability in choppy conditions.

We are happy to offer demos on any of the Wenonah models mentioned.