



MCA, Inc. Affiliates and Other Canoe/Kayak organizations: Links

Sometimes we're a crowd, sometimes we're alone. Paddlers are like that. We all crave solitude at times, yet other times are happy to be with friends. Our MCA, Inc. tries to unite everyone.

We cater to the loners because to find solitude in this busy world, a person needs waterways that are protected from development and protected from the intrusion of machines. We have a long history of support for regulations keeping motorized travel in the BWCAW to a minimum. The simple fact of introducing people to canoes and kayaks supports "low footprint" use of our waterways. Our newsletter, Minnesota Paddler, frequently publishes stories and articles extolling the solitary path.

We cater to groups also--primarily because these groups often form around a particular mode of paddling; [decked boat whitewater (recreation and competition), open canoe whitewater, day cruising in canoe or kayak, sea kayaking (day trips and expeditions), etc.] Secondly we have local/regional groups that allow paddlers to find friends and companions in areas out and away from the Twin Cities Metro.

Consequently the MCA, Inc. has nurtured several groups, some of which have become independent, yet are still closely allied with the MCA. Some maintain specific Affiliate Status within the MCA. Some have separate websites.

Here at our website, we want to be a "mother ship" and seek to maximize communication and cooperation among our current and former affiliates. Likewise we want to link up with other independent canoe organizations, both national and regional in focus. Paddlers of kayaks and canoes are not so numerous in the world of recreation. Consequently, we can all benefit from cooperation "*In the Spirit of the Paddle*".

MCA Affiliates, both current and former (in no particular order):

Some of these links go to pages hosted by the MCA, Inc. Others go to independent sites. A few years ago, our MCA website was seriously hacked and we had to shut down for awhile. It was difficult to find a webmaster to provide services to the very great and diverse interests of our Chapters and Affiliates. Thus several groups have developed independent sites. These links go to the most current information (as of Jan. 2008). The MCA always seeks to expand all communications between paddlers of all interests.

[SDCA, the South Dakota Canoe Association](#)

[Twin Ports Canoe Club](#)

[Headwaters Canoe Club](#)

[Mankato Paddling and Outings Club](#)

[River Ramblers](#)

[Rapids Riders](#)

[SKOAC, Superior Kayak and Outdoor Adventure Club](#)

[ISK, Inland Sea Kayakers](#)

[Whitewater Park](#)

National Organizations:

[ACA, American Canoe Association](#)

[USCA, United States Canoe Association](#)

Regional Organizations:

[CWA, Chicago Whitewater Association](#)

[Michigan Canoe Racing Association](#)

[Rivers Council of Minnesota](#)

[Minnesota Waters](#)

Other Upper Midwest Paddling Groups:

[Rice Creek Boat Club](#) (youth, paddling, racing)



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