

Paddle Power's Ninth Anniversary Event

The ninth anniversary of Paddle Power was celebrated on Sunday, August 21, 2022 on Otty Lake. Because of the ominous weather forecast we monitored the weather radar throughout the early morning for rain and possible thunderstorms. More than fifty kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards turned out for the event with brave souls and a handful of canines! Several families were represented by three generations!

Due to the possibility of the weather deteriorating we began the event about ten minutes early at 10:50 a.m. with a paddle parade between Burnt and Cherrie Islands, then past Buck Island, around Clegg Island, and back for photos, with Ruby Island as a magnificent backdrop. We managed to return home before the first raindrops materialized.

Many thanks to Janet and Jim Coward who own Ruby Island and allowed Cory Read to operate his drone from their location again this year. See the website for links to more photos and video coverage. Also a thank you to the brave lady in a canoe who saved the drone from submerging as it suddenly lost power and temporary control by the owner after a long stretch of photography.

Save the third Sunday of August next year, August 20, 2023, which will be Paddle Power #10! It is a social get together of like-minded folks, where you can meet neighbours and make new friends, regardless of your age and paddling experience.

The Paddle Power organizers thank all the paddlers for participating in this year's event and making it such a success! We always welcome input such as suggestions for alternative locations or events to accompany Paddle Power. Keep us posted! Evelyn can be reached at edore01@rogers.com and Ian at india.mike51@gmail.com. [See some photos of the event.](#)

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