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Rain doesn't slow down paddlers at Canoe Classic

CORTLAND—Relentless April rain postponed the 40th Cortland Canoe Classic two weeks to this past Sunday, May 15. However, 71 boats registered for this year's event, despite the postponement and threat of rain (again) race day.

The Canoe Classic, originally scheduled May 1, was postponed to May 15, due to extremely high water levels. Dave Loparco of the Canoe Classic Committee, said the late April rain swelled the Tioghnioega River high enough, that postponement was necessary for everyone's safety. "The water this weekend was at a good, fast, but safe level for all the participants," said Loparco.

Alan Lamb, 25, of Lansing, kayaked down the 15 mile stretch of the Tioghnioega River at 1 hour, 54 minutes and 10 seconds, with second place finishers, John Potter and Ed Wagner coming in at 1 hour, 55 minutes and 57 seconds.

"I am still pleased to see the Classic continue for another year, with every participant enjoying themselves. And for those who couldn't make this year's event, there is always next year!," bosted LoParco.

Don Kline, YMCA Executive Director, said he was pleased to see the turnout of all the dedicated canoeists. He thanks everyone for coming out to make this year's event a hit.

Kline adds the YMCA would like to thank Canoe Classic Sponsors: Action Sports, Appleseed Farm, Borg Warner, CAPCO and CAPCO Head Start, Cortland Paid Fire Fighters, Cortland Regional Sports Council, Graph-Tex, Hiawatha Inn, Labrador Mountain, M&M Tents, Plan First Technologies and Royal Motors.

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