

Dear Loop paddlers,

It was a relief to wake up Monday morning to more onshore wind and not care. I feel like the conditions were the only thing that didn't go our way. The one thing better than having the time in your day for a real hard work out is being done with the work out. Putting the Loop together is sort of like that. Sure its kinda hard, yet very rewarding.

I feel the fast paddlers deserve some recognition. These guys push themselves and each other harder and harder between and during each race. I believe this makes the rest of us better paddlers. Then one looks at the style and grace with which each of these guys handle themselves out of the water. They make it easy to associate yourself with this cool little sport. The top 7 times are separated by less than 4 minutes. Gene Rink in the first Loop beat 2<sup>nd</sup> place by close to 4 minutes.

Sorry to Rebecca Gilman. We blew it. Rebecca is actually the 3<sup>rd</sup> place girl and we awarded that slot to the wrong girl. We are very sorry.

Thanks again everyone for being in the Loop. We'll see you next year in May on a Sunday with an incoming tide and probably a bit of onshore wind.

-Dan