

# Canoeists repeat regatta win



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Canoeists attempt to prevent craft from capsizing during West Rouge Regatta.

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For the second consecutive year, the West Rouge Canoe Club won its own regatta, finishing with 204 points on Saturday off Scarborough's Rouge Beach Park.

Oakville Canoe Club was second with 89 points. Balmy Beach Canoe Club and Mississauga Canoe Club tied for third with 80 points each.

A total of 300 paddlers competed in 27 races over a 500-metre course. Eight events were cancelled when Lake Ontario became too choppy by midafternoon.

"When a West Rouge canoe tipped over in the open ladies' war-canoe event," West Rouge commodore Joe Blondin said, "we had to rescue 15 kids. It was no problem because we had several power boats ready for such an occurrence."

"Considering the very trying conditions, I was very pleased with our victory and with the effort of our paddlers."

West Rouge head coach Steve Barton and three club members — Marisha Roman, Danielle Rynbeek and Lisa Blondin — attended the national trials at Montreal's Olympic Basin during the weekend.