



The recipient of the FRED LYNCH CONTRIBUTION AWARD is KARL VOLLMER!!! This award was presented at CKNS' AGM on January 15th.

We recognize Karl Vollmer for his outstanding contributions to the overall sport and recreation of paddling with the Fred Lynch Contribution Award! Congrats Karl! This award emphasizes individuals who have approached paddling with a multi-faceted style of instruction and contributions.

Karl has been involved in the paddling community of Nova Scotia for 14 years. He has served various roles on the CKNS board, including President. He's also served as the Nova Scotia representative on the Paddle Canada board of directors. He is currently chair of three different working committees in Paddle Canada. Karl actively gathers, and organizes knowledge about whitewater in Nova Scotia and makes it available to everyone on <https://whitewaterns.ca>. In addition to information about whitewater features in Nova Scotia he has written an application (<https://levels.whitewaterns.ca/>) to track, and display water levels for various rivers in the province, so people know when things can be paddled. Karl was one of three CKNS members who installed the Medway River gauge, and has taken over maintenance of it since. He organizes the annual Bangs Falls whitewater festival, a CKNS event and the only regular whitewater festival in the Atlantic provinces. He also helps maintain various other social groups that work to further whitewater paddling in Nova Scotia. Karl is a multi-discipline Paddle Canada Instructor Trainer who has taught and guided trips across Canada.

Thanks Karl for all that you do for the paddling community.