

# Great Britain has seriously great fans

Canada is hands down the loudest contingent on the shores of Lake Banook but there's a great runnerup out there.

Hannah Russell, her friends and family arrived from Great Britain on Wednesday for the 2009 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships. The group, made up of parents, siblings, and friends, is here to support paddlers, most of whom are from Wey Kayak Club in Gilford, United Kingdom.

While they have enjoyed the nice weather and Canadian hospitality, their main job has been to cheer on their paddlers. Claiming the top corner of the stands, and flying the Union Jack with pride, the group can be identified by the loud foghorn and cheering that has taken over the section. Russell is here to support her boyfriend, Paul Wycherley, and his crew, Ben Farrell, Stuart Hastings and Andrew Daniels. They compete in the K4 1000m, and Russell notes that their cheering seems to be paying



off as all participants from Great Britain have advanced to the A or B finals.

This is the group's first time to Canada, and they have made sure to take in some

local activities including the buskers, whale watching and even a few hours at Peggy's Cove.

For the next few days you can be sure to find Russell

and her fellow Britons in the stands, proudly representing their country. As Russell put it, "We are the second loudest fans to the Canadians – of course."