

1996 INDUCTEE

Les **MELIA**

Builder – Canoe-Kayak

Les Melia paddled his way through Olympic, international, national and masters kayak and canoe competitions, garnering many trophies along the way. He was an alternate on the 1952 Olympic team and competed in the 1956 games. From 1949-62 he won more than 20 victories and competed internationally. He won five North American and four club championships and was part of the team that won eight competitions against the US and Cuba. In the 1980s, Les Melia turned his talents to coaching.

