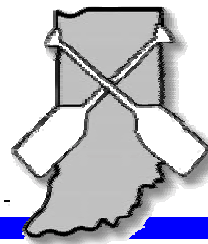


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Paddler's Pirate Party—Saturday October 4th

Aargh! The HCC Paddler's Pirate Party should be the club event of the year and you don't want to miss it. We're going to start with a paddle down the White River and then top it off with a party at Northern Beach in Carmel, Indiana. The goal of this event is to reach out to all paddlers in Central Indiana and their friends. So don't delay and make your reservation for the Pirate Party. **Party reservations must be made by Wednesday, October 1 so don't delay** (see details below).

Pirate Flotilla on White River

The day will begin with a paddle trip on the White River. Paddlers are encouraged to wear pirate-like clothing but not to inhibit movement and vision. Alas mateys, no eye patches during the paddle. The meeting time is 12:30 p.m. at the put-in. The take out will be approximately 10.7 miles downstream. (See "[Pirate Map](#)" on the HCC Web Site.)

Meeting Time: 12:30 p.m. at the put-in

Put-In: Forest Park Public Access Site (Noblesville) - From SR-32/38 (aka Conner Street) in downtown Noblesville, go north on SR-19. Watch for the entrance to the Forest Park launch ramp area on the east (right) side of the highway just past the railroad overpass. For detailed directions, go to the HCC website (www.hoosiercanoeclub.org).

Take Out: Northern Beach (Carmel) - just south of the 116th Street Bridge on the back of Northern Beach property. The Pirate Party will be held just a few yards away in Shelter 1.

Boat Rental: You may rent boats through White River Canoe Company (WRCC) that is, just south of the put-in on SR 19 (Cicero Road). Call WRCC directly at (317) 776-0129 by Thursday, October 2, to reserve a canoe or kayak. Tell them that you are reserving for the "HCC Pirate Paddle." Renters must arrive by 11:45 a.m. to complete the rental paperwork and to be ready to launch with the main Pirate Flotilla.

Cold-Weather Paddling Protocol – Note that air and water temperatures may be cold so that cold-weather paddling protocol may need to be observed (see the [February Newsletter](#) for a discussion of cold water paddling).

Pirate Party at Northern Beach, Carmel

The Pirate Party will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m. at Northern Beach, located at 5801 E. 116th Street, Carmel. Northern Beach is located between Eller Road and Hazel Del Road. It's connected to the Oak Hill Mansion property (big white mansion). *It's not necessary to paddle to attend the Pirate Party which will be held rain or shine.*



Thanks to the support of corporate sponsors, the admission price for the party is only \$10 per person and includes a fried chicken and BBQ pork dinner, sides, soft drinks, and beer/ wine. (If we have an extremely large turnout, we may have to charge a doubloon for drinks). No outside food or beverages allowed.

Because we have to pay for the meals we order, reservations are requested by Wednesday, October 1st. We know paddlers don't like to plan too far in advance, but we're asking for your support and cooperation in reserving your place early!!!!

Please make your reservations by Wednesday, October 1st with:

Theresa Kulczak, (317) 570-0506, email: theblacktoad@lightbound.com

Dan Valleskey, (317) 257-9837, email: danpaddles@gmail.com.

Reggie Baker, (317) 888-3315

Live music will be provided by the Hoosier Canoe Club's own **legendary musician and whitewater paddler, Bob Heckler** who, along with his brother are called **The Garbage Men** and perform at whitewater festivals all over the country. Their energetic performance includes covers from Mellencamp, Buffet, Ray Charles, Charlie Daniels, the Blues Brothers and more! Avast, could ye ask for a better foot-stompin' show?!

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

The Reluctant Trip Leader Guide

Dan Valleskey

The HCC has offered a lot of good trips this year. But there is little argument that we could always offer more. I'd like to talk about how easy it can be to lead a trip. We are fortunate to have had a few newer members step up to offer some very cool destinations in the past year or two. I hope they have learned that leading a trip is not the toughest job they will ever have to do! It might be that the only tough part is standing up and saying "I'll help!"

Us old timers have sat back and watched our new "trip leading consortium", and I think maybe we learned something from these nubie trip leaders. We learned that more than one person can lead any one trip! It really helps to have one person who knows where to paddle, a second who likes to write up the trip notice (and the report afterwards), and maybe even a third person who can help take calls and maybe run shuttle.

I've lead quite a few trips I guess, some big trips, some not so. Now that I think about it, I've usually had help, sometimes just something as simple as a phone call or two to others who knew the area where I was going. I have even had people step up and offer their own property as a take out in a sensitive area. And one time I had to hand off trip leadership when personal conflicts popped up. Hey, things happen. But if I've been working ahead of time with paddlers knowledgeable about a particular section of river, it was easy to look good, to still have a successful trip, even without the leader being there. (I'm not sure they even missed me!)

I always recruit help when I lead a trip. No one person needs to do everything. If you have never led a trip, you might not realize just how easy our good paddlers make it for you. One of the best things about the HCC is the large pool of experienced paddlers we have. If you are thinking about trying to lead a trip, call on us!

There is some irony in the fact that our most experienced paddlers show up for the most trips. If you see Dave at your meeting point, you can relax just a tad. If Garry shows up, chances are no one will get lost on shuttle. If I'm there, well, at least we will be able to find the fish fry at the end of the day. Theresa will take time to welcome everyone. Hairy D knows how to extract stuck boats. Jim will take pictures for you. Even Reggie can be counted on to not be a burden to the rest us.

(Names have been changed to protect the guilty, resemblance to persons living or dead, waking or asleep, is purely coincidental.)

We will soon have a new Executive Officer. I hope YOU will help that person work up the best HCC schedule ever by offering to help lead a trip. Please call the new officer soon, or chat at the Fall meeting about possible trips. Suggest a favorite trip that you have seen before. Or maybe even suggest a trip you have heard about, that you think you might enjoy. Then, see if there isn't an aspect of that trip you can help out with. Maybe you have a secret access point, maybe you have a van and a canoe trailer that can shuttle everyone at once. Maybe you know how to write, or how to use email. Any of those little assets can blossom into something valuable for Central Indiana paddlers.

I have heard Reggie mention time after time that we are a Common Adventure Club. I looked it up once, it is a complicated term, it covers a lot of ground. But in my mind, I think it has a lot to do with the expectations we have of our trip leaders, what that person is expected to do, what his obligations are. And- more importantly- what his obligations are NOT. You do not have to hold hands. You do not have to demonstrate a J stroke to a nubie. You do not fix lunch for the multitudes. You do not have to walk on water (although rumor has it some of our trip leaders can pull that off).

You probably should know the put-in and take out. And it helps if you know the shuttle route. It really helps if you show up with your boat, your PFD, an extra paddle and your own lunch! Beyond that, everything is gravy. Oh, you can go out of your way to make a trip super deluxe. Maybe you will identify paddlers with throw ropes and first aid kits. Maybe, you will remember to introduce everyone at the put-in. Maybe, you will point out the last clean bathroom at the Shell station on the corner of Third and Vine while running shuttle. But if you get a write up to the newsletter editor ahead of time and if you just SHOW UP at the put-in, chances are you will still get credited with having led another great HCC trip. Your bases are covered. It really is that easy.

Editor's Note: The HCC Trip Sponsor Guide was rewritten this Spring to update the tips and suggestions for sponsoring trips. If you have not looked it over, you can find it on the Members web page at:

<http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/newslet/tripmay08.pdf>.

Boat for Sale

WaveSport Z (yellow) with Happy Feet - \$375 or best offer. The boat also has float bags and detached original foot rests. I will considering trading it for a larger volume planning hull. I live near Indianapolis and get to the East Race often. Mike Lough (317) 979-9333



Flatwater Trips

What to Bring on a Flatwater Trip

- PFD (Personal Floatation Device) with attached whistle
- Spare Paddle: your preference
- Rescue gear: paddle float, throw rope, first aid kit
- Bilge pump or bailing device (small bucket, sponge, etc.)
- Personal medications: Be sure to inform your trip sponsor of medical conditions.
- Sunglasses, sun/bug spray
- Lunch, snacks, drinks (hot or cold) plus water!
- **Cold Weather Protocol:** Change of clothes, gloves, and hat in a Dry Bag. No cotton clothing. (See "[Cool Paddling](#)" in the February HCC Newsletter)

Western Wabash Trip

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Trip Sponsors: Sue Foxx, Rick Turney, Linda Smith

PREPARE FOR THE FALL! Oh my goodness, what in the world would you do to prepare for the fall in Indiana? Let's see, maybe upgrade the camera equipment, sharpen the rake, oil your hiking boots, restring the acoustic guitar, or just re-season your Dutch Oven? That would be fine if you are a sodbuster only, but if you are also one of the skilled Hoosier paddlers whose season is starting to wrap up, your list could be expanded to include: cleaning out the summer mud caked up under the deck rigging or gunwales, applying the yearly coat of 303 wax/sunblock (finally said the boat), or maybe touching up the varnish on the nicks and blemishes that appear out of nowhere on the paddles and trim.

Yet the main item for fall paddling is still in front of you: preparing to store up memories of beautiful autumn days on the water to sustain us paddlers through the dull gray snowless days of winter. (Who could forget last October's Amish buggy ride with Dan Evard looking back at the stranded paddlers, knowing he was the chosen one—priceless!)

So now, what better way to glide into fall than with a paddle past Indiana's most scenic riverbanks. Starting at the end of Turkey Run State Park we will paddle on Sugar Creek and then turn the corner into the Wabash River for a short run down to Montezuma.

Now is the time to head West, yo paddlers, to trace the historic water trail of our native and pioneer ancestors. Imagine the canoe traffic that would have been busy this time of year storing up for the lull ahead. A fresh carpet of fallen leaves in front of your bow...just plow on through!

Meeting Place: Meet at Cox Ford Bridge west of Turkey Run State Park. From Indianapolis go west on US 36 and drive straight through to Rockville. In Rockville, take US 41 north to State Road 47. At SR 47, turn right (east) for one mile to the Cox Ford Road (Public Access Sign). Take Cox Ford Road north to public access site on Sugar Creek. Driving time—1 1/4 hours.

Put-In: Cox Ford Bridge

Take-Out: Montezuma Public Access ramp on the Wabash River

Trip Length: 16 miles

Expected Conditions: Small scenic river running into a large wide river. May encounter some sand bars but since a couple of streams flow into Sugar Creek just below our put-in, there should be adequate water even in the fall.

Schedule:

9:00 am	Arrive at the Put-In
9:15 am	Start shuttle
10:30 am	Start Paddling
5:00 pm	Landing at the Take Out

Trip Requirements: Bring your lunch, plenty of water, and sunscreen. Prepare for cold weather if necessary.

Contact Information: Contact Sue Foxx by 7 pm Friday, October 10 at 317-363-4074 (cell) or sufoxx713@aol.com if you plan to come.



Covered Bridge Festival - Raccoon Creek

Sat., Oct. 18 – Sun. Oct. 19, 2008

Trip Sponsors: Dwon and Joy Miller

Here is your invitation to the flatwater premier trip of the fall. It is Parke County Covered Bridge Festival time. We Millers, Dwon and Joy, have been part of the trip leadership for this trip since 1974 and HCC has been taking this annual trip longer than that. If you have not joined us before, you are in for a treat.

We will paddle on Saturday and Sunday. You can go one or both days as you want. Some of us have made reservations to camp on Friday and Saturday nights at Raccoon State Recreation Area (SRA) on IN 36, east of Rockville. We are permitted to put a tent on a site with a camper for a small fee. Check with us if you are interested in that, first come, first served.

Saturday Instructions: We're going to try a different launch site upstream from where we have launched in the past few years. To get there from Indianapolis— From 465 west, take IN 36 west to IN 59 (at the town of Bellmore). Turn left (south) and continue about 2 1/2 miles to a brown sign that indicates a left turn only to the Hardin Lake Dam on Raccoon Creek. Follow this road until it goes along the river and continue to the first bridge. Turn in just before the bridge and drive on upstream on that little road. DO NOT take the turnoff to the dam itself. When all are unloaded, we will run the shuttle to the take out. Plan to meet at 9 am so we can get the shuttle started by 9:30. We park in a parking lot by the river at the take out. There is a \$3 charge for the day, as of last year. Your car will be right there when we arrive!

On Saturday, you may pack a lunch or take some cash along. The lunch stop is in Mansfield where the festival is in full swing. You can buy just about anything you want to eat right there. After lunch, we continue downstream to Bridgeton. The expected time off the river is around 4pm. Bridgeton is also part of the festival and there is more food as well as craft and shopping at these and many towns in Parke County this weekend.

You will paddle under several covered bridges and old iron bridge. There are some "play" places along the way and lots of color and wildlife. Some of it is human and with us on the trip.

Sunday Instructions: Meet on IN 36 just west, across the street from Raccoon SRA, at the Marathon Station. (It was a Shell station until last year.) When you cross the lake and start up the hill, the SRA is on the south, the station is on the north side. Please be there by 9am. The group will decide just what trip to take that day. Choices are repeat Day One because some folks only come one day or see about going from Bridgeton down to Rosedale. The Rosedale trip requires a lunch as there are no towns with food along that part of the river.

Expected Weather : This trip can be weather "iffy" so watch your television for the details. We have taken this trip in swimsuits, sweats, foul weather gear, and light snow over the years. Dress appropriately. Too much can be layered off, too little can be cold if your clothes are at the take out. It is October! Things can change.

Paddling Conditions: This is a beautiful, moving water trip, but it is not one for beginners. You must be able to control your craft in some tricky places safely. If your skills are not up to that, get some moving water experience so you can take this trip successfully at a later time.

Camping: There will be a campfire both Friday and Saturday evenings at the campground. Feel free to join us. It takes an entrance fee or a park card to get in to the SRA. Ask where HCC is located. There will be several of us there both nights.

Contact Information: Please contact Dwon Miller at (765) 288-1404 or dwon_joy@iquest.net by Thursday evening. Please feel free to contact us for any other information you need. An RSVP is not required but we like to have an idea who to expect so we do not leave anyone behind on the shuttle Saturday, or after the meeting Sunday.

Whitewater Trips

Gauley Fall Colors, WV (III-V)

October 11-12, 2008

Trip Sponsors: Jordan Ross & Sharon Schierling

Rain or shine, this is one of the prettiest trips of the year. Fall foliage surrounds us in the deep canyon, glowing in the morning mist or the afternoon sun. The water is warm and clear, drawn from the upper layers of Summersville Lake. Brilliant leaves shower the river and tumble hypnotically in the currents.



We will paddle the Lower Gauley both days, with trips to the Upper G one or both days if paddlers are willing. Jordan is eager to run the Marathon (Upper, Middle, Lower) again if anyone is interested, or at least take advantage of the new take out below Woods Ferry Rapid.

We will camp or meet at Swiss Saturday morning a 9 am to arrange shuttle. Pack a breakfast and lunch as there are no restaurants or convenience stores near or between the put-in and take-out. Camping at Swiss is primitive, with port-o-pots and no running water.

Heavy rains and high water could see us heading to the Meadow, Williams, Cherry, Cranberry, or maybe even the New River Dries. Check the weather forecasts for possible cold weather as well.

Contact Information: Please follow the Whitewater Forum of the HCC Bulletin Board the week before for updates about this trip. Be sure to post a message or call us if you plan to go:

<http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/forumdisplay.php?f=10>

Or contact, Jordan Ross, jross@iquest.net, 317-460-7000 or Sharon Schierling, [sschierl\(at\)nd.edu](mailto:sschierl(at)nd.edu)

Bridge Day - New River Gorge, WV (III-IV) "Paddle under the Parachutes"

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Gauley Last Release, WV (III-V)

Sunday, October, 19, 2008

Trip Sponsors: Jordan Ross & Sharon Schierling

Don't pass this up! One day every year they lock up the lawyers and allow hundreds of crazy people to jump and rappel off the New River Gorge Bridge.

For paddlers, this is a great chance to enjoy the New River Gorge with fall colors and little traffic. You'll also be part of the Bridge Day show, running Fayette Station Rapid in front of thousands of spectators. Then paddle to a front row seat right under the action as B.A.S.E. jumpers hurl themselves down at you, tumbling in freefall, wheeling and gliding when their 'chutes pop open and landing gracefully (or painfully) on the beach or in the water. You'll finish the day running several rapids on the New you never get to paddle otherwise (Flea Flicker, Jump Rock and Old Nasty). Top all this off with a bonus "last release" run on the Gauley River the next day!

We will need volunteer river trip leaders to lead the paddling Saturday as Sharon and I (along with Mark Sparks, Brandon Stevens and Jay Kress) will be rappelling some 800 feet from the bridge as members of Team "Good To The Last Drop". Think 'spiders on a thread'...

We're not yet sure about camping location yet but the rappellers (mostly cavers) put on quite a party Saturday night after the event. Paddlers of course are welcomed to join in.

Contact Information: As mentioned in the last trip announcement, keep an eye on the HCC Bulletin Board for camping info and other updates. Please let Jordan (jross@iquest.net, 317-460-7000) or Sharon ([sschierl\(at\)nd.edu](mailto:sschierl(at)nd.edu)) know if you plan to go. We especially need one or more paddlers who know the New well enough to lead Saturday:

Ocoee Fall Colors/Last Release, TN (III-IV) - Jordan Ross

November 1-2, 2008

Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross

This trip is a big hit every year. It's one of the last scheduled HCC whitewater trips of the year and a fun weekend to cap off the season for sure. We had 23 paddlers along last year. I hope we can top that this year with many new faces.

We'll try to make several runs on Saturday. Newcomers who feel ready can try an introductory (but action packed) run below Double Suck or the Doldrums, then try more of the river on a second run as their confidence grows. The Ocoee is swift, rocky and continuous so good bracing and a quick, self-rescue river roll are important.

We will camp again at Adventures Unlimited. They have nice grassy areas for the group to spread out and a new changing and bath house with a laundry room to dry paddling gear (yipee!):

<http://www.adventuresunlimited.net/welcome.htm>

Contact Information: Check the HCC Bulletin Board the week before for updates and to let us know if you plan to come. Jordan Ross. jross@iquest.net, 317-460-7000



Swift Water Rescue Clinic East Race, South Bend, Indiana, August 16-17, 2008

Jim Sprandel

On August 16 and 17, over 40 people showed up to practice Swift Water Rescue (SWR) techniques on the East Race in South Bend. The clinic provided the old hands a chance to refresh their skills, to practice SWR techniques in a controlled but realistic environment, and to compare notes with others. As a newbie, it was my first exposure to swiftwater rescue techniques. I would like to thank Jordan Ross, Sharon Schierling, Terry Busch, and Doug Thomas for pulling this event together.



The day started off with a chalk talk at the bottom of the East Race. The instructors explained what swiftwater is, what training paddlers should get to deal with it, and how to address rescue situations that arise on moving water. They stressed that the first rule of rescue is “don’t become a second victim.”

They also emphasized that this was a SWR practice clinic NOT a certified SWR class. While paddlers learned useful skills and a basis for helping with rescues, they should plan on taking a certified SWR class as well as classes on Wilderness First Aid and CPR to properly prepare for situations that may arise on a paddling trip.

Swiftwater is not necessarily whitewater but any strong current.— you’ll find this on the

White River as well as the Gauley. While hazardous “events” may be less frequent on “flatwater” trips, the consequences can be just as serious.

One impact of swiftwater is that you cannot safely stand up in it and it can sweep you and your boat downstream or into strainers/rocks. Standing or walking in fast current is dangerous – you can lose your balance and get swept downstream or pinned. Worse, your foot can become trapped. We were taught several ways to manage these risks:

- **Safe Swimming:** If you exit your boat in fast current, do not try to stand up until you are in a shallow eddy. When you leave your boat in fast current, use “safe swimming”. Using this technique you can even “ferry” across the stream to avoid obstacles. We also learned when to practice “aggressive swimming” to break into eddies, to avoid obstacles, and to climb over strainers.
- **Assisted Wading:** To wade across a stream, we practiced a technique where a person uses their paddle as a crutch to anchor them as they wade across the current. We also practiced group techniques where 2 to 3 people support each other while wading across the current. You may decide to use these techniques to reach to a pinned person or boat or to cross a stream to get a line to other bank.

We spent a lot of time learning to use ropes – essential tools with many applications in SWR. Throwing a rope to a swimmer quickly will let you swing them to safety in an eddy. Or you may need to stretch a line across a stream to set up a rope rescue. I picked up several points. First, you have to practice! It took me awhile to hit someone at 30 foot consistently. Second, carry your rope whenever you’re near the water – even if you’re eating lunch, someone from another group may need help. Third, learn to recoil quickly and rethrow after a miss so that you have a second chance. Lastly, roping is a team thing – other paddlers can help by holding you after you have a swimmer on the line or by belaying the line. After I roped my first swimmer with a capsized boat, it would have been real easy to follow them in if someone hadn’t anchored me by holding onto my PFD.

The group set up rescue configurations for paddlers with simulated foot entrapments. People who had rescue vests practiced “V-lowers” that is, 2-rope rescues where they were lowered downstream to pinned swimmers. A team of experienced canyoneers showed us how to set up a zip line using a unique “Voodoo tensioning” rig. Sharon demonstrated a “Z-drag” to unpin a stuck boat. Even in practice, it took time to set up these rescues. It takes repeated practice for everyone to learn what needs to happen so that you can save time when it counts.

The bottom line for me is that I have seen two swiftwater “situations” on flatwater trips this year that required some action. These situations do occur and it’s not enough that one or two “old hands” know how to handle them. An expedient response requires practice and a common understanding among the entire team. Safety is everyone’s business.





HCC Paddlers at Rock Pile

Trip Report — Grand Lake St. Mary's, Ohio Sue Foxx, Rick Turney, Linda Smith Sunday, August 24, 2008

Participants: Libby and Sue Foxx, Mike Miller, Tom Beckerich, Jim Clendenin, Stevie Addison, Kellie Kaneshiro, Cheryl and Todd Sullivan, Jim Sprandel, Brad Hughey, Rick Turney, Linda Smith, Joel Delashmit, John Bodkin, Bob Frederick, John and Sharon Cannaday

Touring kayak folks were in heaven on this unique trip. Thanks to Rick Turney for bringing Grand Lake St. Mary's to the attention of Indiana paddlers. For most of us, this was our first paddle on this large shallow lake that was once the largest man-made lake in the world. Amazingly, all 18 paddlers arrived on time at the Windy Point Access on the southwest corner of the lake within 10 minutes of each other. This was all the more amazing since John and Sharon came from near Seymour.

Windy point had a great view with water on three sides and boasted a nice restroom which was handy given the long drive. Since the waters had receded, the put-in was muddy but we got off without anyone losing a shoe. Conditions were very hot and humid with a blazing sun and no wind. The group took in a couple of islands and found a beach area where we cooled off.

With no wind and few motorized boats, we headed further down the shoreline which was mostly natural with few homes. Lunch was on the bank where the group rested, visited and enjoyed Jim Clendenin's delicious cookies!

The afternoon clouded up and threatened rain on our way to the 'rock pile' in the middle. It was left over from an oil derrick that operated in the early 1900's. The group tried to 'ring' the island but only managed a group picture because of the wind. Which brings me to the 'have the right equipment for the conditions' issue...boats 12 ft or longer did fine but my borrowed 9 ft kayak was way too short for this venue as I found out bobbing up and down the waves. Ok guys...I get it! All got back safely and we had one more swim at our island before ending the day after paddling about 13 miles.

Grand Lake St. Mary's is definitely a place touring kayakers will want to revisit!

Additional pictures are available at:

<http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/showthread.php?t=2698>

2008 Triathlon Support

Jan Sneddon

A big ginormous THANK YOU to all the HCCers who came out to safety boat for the plethora of triathlons held this summer at Eagle Creek Reservoir; June 21, July 19, August 23, and September 6.

We had a total of 26 boaters join us on various occasions. They are listed below with the number of asterisks indicating that they came out more than once to keep swimmers on course, talk them out of DQing, and sometimes provide respite for the weary... all in exchange for a T-shirt and some early morning camaraderie!

Jim Clendenin**	Joel DeLashmit	Dan Evard *	Sue Foxx ***	Linda Herbert (guest)
Pat Hittle (guest)*	Dwayne James*	Kellie Kaneshiro**	Glenn Lange (guest)	Mary Ellen Machan
Wayne Machan *	Mike Miller	Tom Moll	Nick Netherton	Susan Rapp
Luther Rice	Kelly Rushing	Linda Smith **	Jan Sneddon***	Jim Sprandel*
Shelly Sturgis*	Mark Wade*	Ben & Dan Vallesky	John Wainscott***	Sara Walling (guest)

Our efforts this summer also netted the Club a cool \$1000, so that's another bonus! I think we represented the Club well at these events and I'm looking forward to next year! Thanks so much, boaters! It was a pleasure paddling with you!

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November/December Newsletter Deadline: Please submit articles for the next newsletter to Jim Sprandel by Wednesday, October 15. Please E-Mail articles to merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net or call him at 317-257-2063.

