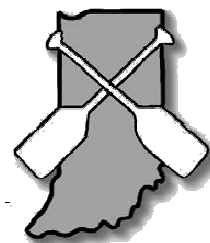


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Trips Planning Meeting Report 2011

Trips Chairman Dwayne James

The trips planning meeting was well attended and had great representation from all three paddling groups. More than 20 members got together to share food, drinks and dreams as we worked out our plans. I want to thank our trips chairmen: Flatwater Trips: Sue Foxx, Bluewater Trips: Kellie Kaneshiro and Jim Sprandel, and Whitewater Trips: Rob Henry and Ken Starrs. Each of these chairs has put together a full calendar of trips to challenge the most advanced paddlers in the club while providing many great opportunities for the less experienced paddlers to enjoy. And a special thank you goes to each and every Hoosier Canoe Club member who stepped up and volunteered to share their experience while serving as a trip sponsor. Without trip sponsors it would be impossible to provide even a partial schedule of trips. And for those of you who have difficulty planning ahead or just cannot stand to sit still on a beautiful day, the bulletin board provides a great opportunity to hook up with club members and go for an unscheduled paddle.



Dwayne James and son Derak

Please note that we will be scheduling a Big Raccoon creek clean-up to try and cut out that nasty log jam and clean up the other minor ones that develop each year. We will also be announcing the date and location of the HCC Summer meeting. Please offer to help with our volunteer activities such as the Eagle Creek Tuesday evening beginner paddles or the Triathlons at Eagle Creek. Both are fun events and offer an opportunity to help earn the club money and provide publicity to new paddlers.

Please look over the schedule for your favorite paddling category at <http://hoosiercanoeclub.org/trips.htm>. Read the trip announcements for details of meeting times and locations, special gear needs, lunch arrangements, and contact information. Then contact the trip sponsor prior to the trip to indicate your planned participation, check on any last minute changes due to weather or water conditions, and to ask any questions you have. And remember to thank the trip sponsor for their efforts.

Remember, if you have any ideas for future trips, please let me know. We will be glad to work in new locations. Dwayne James, xo@hoosiercanoeclub.org or 317-834-3649.

Dwayne James

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

2011 HCC Schedules

Below are the schedules of trips and events for this year. A big thanks goes to our Trips Chairman, Dwayne James, and the group chairs, Sue Foxx, Robert Henry, Kellie Kaneshiro, Jim Sprandel, and Ken Starrs for what appears to be another stellar schedule.

Trip announcements, with more detailed trip information, will be included in the respective newsletter editions in addition, up to date information will be posted on our bulletin board at <http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/>

Please note that instead of including non-sponsored events with their respective category, they are all listed under Special Events.

HCC General Schedule		
Date	Event	Sponsor
June 18, 2011	Eagle Creek Triathlon	
June 18, 2011	25k USMS National Open Water Championship, Morse Reservoir	
July 23, 2011	Eagle Creek Triathlon	
August 14, 2011	Mojo Rolling Clinic	Debby Baker, Jim Sprandel
August 20, 2011	Eagle Creek Triathlon	
August 27, 2011	Eagle Creek Go Girl Triathlon	
September 17 -18	Hoosier Outdoor Experience, Ft. Harrison State Park	Dan Vallesky
October 8, 2011	Pirate Paddle & Party, White River	Theresa Kulczak
Flatwater Trip Schedule		
Date	Trip Name	Sponsor
March 5, 2011	Ice Falls on Sugar Creek	Dwayne James
March 19, 2011	Summit Lake	Joel DeLashmit
March 26, 2011	White River Paddle-to-Celtic Music and Dinner (Broad Ripple)	Theresa Kulczak
April 2, 2011	April Fools on Big Pine	Garry Hill
April 9, 2011	Sand Creek	Richard Tekulve
April 10, 2011	Whitewater River	Richard Tekulve
April 16, 2011	Big Walnut	Dave Ellis
April 23, 2011	South Fork of Wildcat	Jeff Matthews
May 1, 2011	Cedar Creek/Ft. Wayne	Theresa Kulczak, Nick "Raincrow" Norris
May 14, 2011	Driftwood/Columbus	Dan Evard, Linda Smith
May 21-27	BWCA/Gunflint Trail (limited to 6 people/no one <16)	Gina and Jay Moyer
June 11 - 12	Blue River/Milltown	Jim Sprandel, Sue Foxx



Flatwater Trip Schedule (continued)		
June 25, 2011	Cataract Lake	Dave Ellis
July 16, 2011	Upper Tippecanoe	Gina and Jay Moyer
July 23, 2011	Lake Monroe	Kellie Kaneshiro
July 30, 2011	East Fork White River	Richard Tekulve, Earl King
July 31, 2011	East Fork White River	Richard Tekulve, Earl King
August 5-7	Indiana Paddler's Rendezvous/ Wildcat Creek	Garry Hill
August 13, 2011	Paddle-to-Dinner on the Ohio River	Earl King
August 14, 2011	Mojo Roll Clinic	Debby Baker
September 24, 2011	White River/Waverly to Henderson	Mariann Davis, Susi Megathlin
October 1, 2011	Chain of Lakes	Sue Foxx
October 15, 2011	Raccoon Creek	Jim Clendenin
October 22, 2011	Fall Creek	Sue Foxx
Touring Trip Schedule		
Date	Trip Name	Sponsor
March 6, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
March 19, 2011	First Day of Spring Summit Lake Paddle	Joel DeLashmit
April 3, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
April 9 -10	Lake Monroe Overnight Trip	Tom Beckerich, Jim Sprandel
April 16, 2011	Touring Kayak Training 1, Strokes	Jim Sprandel, Joel DeLashmit
May 1, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
May 7, 2011	Touring Kayak Training Clinic 2, Open Water Rescues	Joel DeLashmit
May 21-22	Grayson Lake, KY	Todd and Cheryl Sullivan
June 4, 2011	NW Indiana Paddlers Assoc (NWIPA) Dunes SP Paddle	
June 5, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
June 18, 2011	Touring Kayak Training Clinic 3, Edging and Turning	Ed Furia, Jim Sprandel
June 25, 2011	Cagles Mill/Cataract Falls Trip	Dave Ellis
July 3, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
July 9 - 10	2nd Annual NWIPA New Buffalo to Michigan City Sea Kayak Paddle	
July 23, 2011	Lake Monroe Paddle, Picnic	Sue Foxx, Kellie Kaneshiro
August 6, 2011	Chicago Skyline Trip	Frank Chiao, Jim Sprandel
August 7, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
August 14, 2011	Mojo Rolling Clinic	Debby Baker
September 4, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
September 9 -11	Manitou Island Paddle	Brad Hughey
September 17, 2011	NWIPA Ride the Waves Regatta	
September 23 - 25	South Bass Island Trip, Lake Erie	Joel DeLashmit
October 9, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	
October 15 - 16	Lake Patoka Overnight Trip	Jim Sprandel, Kellie Kaneshiro
October 29 - 30	Lake Monroe Overnight Trip	Jim Sprandel
November 6, 2011	Monthly Paddle - Geist Park 9:30am	

Whitewater Trip Schedule		
Date	Trip Name	Sponsor
February 26 - 27	National Paddling Film Festival, Frankfort, KY	Barry Welling
March 5, 2011	HCC/Whitewater Warehouse Boat Demo	Jordan Ross
March 23, 2011	Intro to Paddling I	Terry Busch
March 26 - 27	Ocoee or Tellico River (alt 3/19-20)	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
April 2 - 3	Webster Wildwater Weekend - Webster Springs, WV	Jordan Ross
April 2, 2011	Annual April Fools Big Pine Trip	Garry Hill
April 8 - 10	M.A.C.K. Festival - Marmora, Canada	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
April 16 - 18	Southern Rivers Weekend, TN	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
April 23, 2011	Elkhorn	Terry Busch, Rob Friedman
April 30, 2011	Intro to Class III+/Big Water Ocoee Trip	Matt Slagel
May 6 - 8	Cheat Fest	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
May 14 - 15	Stonycreek Rendezvous	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
May 28 - 30	Wisconsin Whitewater and Class II-III Training Trip	Jordan Ross
June 17 - 25	Colorado Week of Whitewater	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
July 2 - 10	Crush's "Deliverance" Kayak Vacation	Randy Parker
July 8 - 10	Ridge Fest at Brian Aubin's (near NOC)	Randy Parker
July 23 - 24	Tuck/Nantahala Class II training	Robert Henry
August 6 - 7	Yough Fest	Jordan Ross
August 20 - 21	Ohio Pyle Over the Falls Fest, PA	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
August 20 - 21	Middle Yough/Lower Yough (Loop)	Robert Henry
September 3 - 5	Beaver River, NY	Randy Parker
September 10 - 13	Gauley First Release	Sharon Schierling, Jordan Ross
September 16 - 18	Gauley Fest	Randy Parker, Bob Heckler
October 1 - 2	Gauley River	Jordan Ross, Sharon Schierling
October 8 - 9	Russell Fork Class II(III) Intro	Barry Welling
October 14 - 16	Bridge Day/Fall Colors: New & Gauley Rivers	Jordan Ross, Sharon Schierling
October 29 - 30	Ocoee Halloween & Fall Colors	Randy Parker, Jordan Ross
November 5 - 7	Tohiken River, PA	Randy Parker
November 5 - 7	Green River Narrows Race	Barry Welling



Special Events (not sponsored by HCC)	
March 11 - 13	Canoecopia, WI
March 19 - 20	Missouri Whitewater Association Championship, St. Francis River, MO
April 15- 17	East Coast Canoe and Kayak Fest, Charleston, SC
May 7 - 8	Friends of the Muskatatuck Rendezvous, North Vernon
May 27 - 30	West. Michigan Coastal Kayak Assoc. Symposium, Blue Lake, MI
June 11 - 12	East Race Opening Weekend, South Bend, IN
June 18, 2011	Eel River/ Iron Bridge Festival
June 24 - 25	Cincinnati Paddlefest
June 25 - 26	Ohio Riverway Paddlefest
June 26, 2011	South Bend Paddlefest
July 7 - 10	Door County Sea Kayak Symposium, Door County, WI
July 13 - 18	Great Lake Sea Kayak Symposium, Grand Marais, MI
August 18 - 21	Ladies of the Lake Sea Kayak Symposium, Munson, MI
September 24 - 25	Michigan Paddlers Rendezvous
October 25 - 30	2011 Georgia Sea Kayak Skills Week, Tybee Island, GA

Attention—Sea Kayakers

Jim Sprandel

This should be an exciting year for HCC sea kayakers. Look over the 2011 Touring Kayak Schedule in this issue and you'll see four trips to Lake Michigan plus one to Lake Erie. We'll also paddle your favorite Indiana lakes as well as making a second trip to scenic Grayson Lake in Kentucky. This summer, we'll also continue our weekly paddles on Eagle Creek. Joel DeLashmit will lead our first club trip to Summit Lake on Saturday, March 19. See you on the water!

Touring Kayak E-Mail List: We may also have a few impromptu trips that we'll organize through the [Touring Forum](#) on the Bulletin Board and through the Google E-Mail list that we've set up for Indiana paddlers with touring and sea kayaks. We also use this list to coordinate arrangements for trips and our fleet's training events. If you have a touring or sea kayak and want to receive these E-Mail announcements, send me a note at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net and I'll add you to our list.

Monthly Sunday Morning Paddles: This year, we will get together to paddle on the first Sunday of each month at Geist Park. We usually paddle through the headwaters and into the reservoir. Bring something to eat and drink since we usually paddle for 2-4 hours. Geist is a great area to paddle if you like wildlife and open water.

Our first Sunday paddle will be:

Sunday, March 3, 2011 10:00 am

Geist Park, Fortville, IN.—Geist Park is located at 10979 Florida Rd just South of the intersection of Florida Road and 113th (just East of Ohio road) on the North end of Geist Reservoir.

I'll check to make sure that the ice has broken and send a note to the E-Mail list before this paddle.



Board Member Mini Biographies

In last month's issue, we got to meet our newly elected members of the board. This month it's my pleasure to introduce the remaining members of the board:

Jim Clendenin: Hello, I am Jim Clendenin and I have been a member of HCC for 5 years and have mainly paddled flat-water and rivers. I am also a poolie -- where I am forever improving my roll. I have been all over Indiana and some of Ohio for paddles. I have a Wilderness Systems Tsunami, Current Design 15ft and a Pyranha Everest. I was born and raised in Oklahoma City and attended the University of Oklahoma. I have been married to my wife Paula for over 25 years. I not only have a passion for kayaking but I also love to cook. I want to reach out and thank the many long time members of HCC for patiently teaching me to paddle and roll. I am currently the Purser for HCC and want to help the group involve as many members as possible in our trips.

Joel Delashmit: I began paddling in 2005 on slow moving streams; I then found the HCC via the internet and went on as many Indiana trips as possible. I also took full advantage of the Eagle Creek Reservoir trips; seeing all of the wildlife and scenery, and the vast expanse of sky and water has been a great experience. I have gradually become one who prefers to enjoy the open water and wildlife. I do find it exhilarating to travel down a river with fast moving water from time to time. I now mainly paddle with the touring (sea kayak) group, and enjoy everything from serene still water on smaller lakes to the roller coaster rides on the great lakes. I have been married for over 10 years and have a 9 year old son.



Eagle Creek, Starky Park, Zionsville, IN

Dan Evard: My name is Dan Evard. I've been paddling, and with the club for about four years now. I have great respect for the whitewater and bluewater folks, but prefer the beautiful rivers, creeks and streams we are blessed with here in Indiana. My wife Julie took up the sport last year, and we are looking forward to a great paddling season; she in her red Current Designs Kestrel, and me in my mango colored Kestrel. As the Conservation Chairman for the club I hope to see many of you at our Fall Creek Cleanup in June, and lots of other events as the weather warms. I own a small, commercial printing company near downtown Indy, and have two wonderful kids, both at IU. They enjoy paddling, too and just might be with us on the river.

Sue Foxx: My name is Sue Foxx and I have been paddling with the club for about 5 years. I'm trying to learn to roll in my Phoenix but so far Dave Ellis can't count me as one of his success stories. Actually, I'm more of a river rat who really prefers paddling my canoe down scenic rivers and streams. As Flatwater chairperson, I hope to see many of you on the wonderful trips we have planned. I also want to thank all the trip leaders who make those trips possible. I work at the Department of Education, have been married for 37 years to a guy who is VERY tolerant of my 'river addiction' and have one grown daughter.



Dwayne James: (AKA: Jamesgang, Swampy) Dwayne has served as Newsletter editor and Board Member prior to his recent election as Executive Officer. An avid canoeist, swimmer and canoe rescue specialist, Dwayne has managed to combine all three talents into one specialty: a fun paddler. Having won the club award for first swim of the season (Ice Falls Trip), the club award for most swims during one trip (April Fool's on Big Pine--6 times that day), and maybe tied for longest swim of a trip (see Big Pine), he has become an expert at extracting himself, his canoe, and sometimes his partner from the churning cold waters of Indiana's streams whilst keeping his pipe, tobacco and lighter dry. Dwayne acts as trip leader for the annual New Year's Day paddle, the Sugar Creek Ice Falls paddle, and the Covered Bridge Festival paddle on Big Raccoon Creek. And he has served as a volunteer for the Eagle Creek canoe outings as well as many of the Triathlons. Dwayne loves canoe-camping the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with his son Derak and brother Ray and anyone else he can talk into going with him (we are trying to coordinate a club trip in 2012 for those interested). An adventurer, Dwayne has also self-equipped and guided a three week trip down the Thelon River in northern Canada and has his sights on a trip further north of that--soon.

For a good time, some good stories, and a practice session on how to self-rescue after an accidental upside down maneuver, please join Dwayne on one of his sponsored trips or look for him on most any flatwater canoe trip.

Kellie Kaneshiro: Hi, I'm Kellie Kaneshiro and I've been a board member since 2008. I bought my first boat, an Eddyline Merlin and started paddling in 2006. A few years later, I acquired a Dagger Piedra, and in 2010 bought my first "real" sea kayak, a Sea Kayaking UK Pilgrim. As a board member, I have helped with conservation, Eagle Creek, and since 2009 have co-chaired the Blue Water fleet. I'm interested in Greenland paddling with "the stick" and Greenland style rolling. I enjoy paddling and camping trips with the club, and appreciate all the patient, generous help I've received from fellow HCCers in my quest to become a better paddler.

Theresa Kulczak: I've always loved the water. My paddling experience started with several seasons of rowing crew on Eagle Creek in the early 90's, followed by years of putzing around in recreational kayaks on White River and Eagle Creek. My passion for paddling kicked into high gear when my 90-year-old neighbor and I built a Pygmy wood sea kayak in 2005. I then became involved in the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club, Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expeditions, and several other paddling clubs.

My boats include the Pygmy, two solo canoes, a Wavesport Diesel, and a rec boat. Hoping to add another boat to the collection this spring! Favorite trips include a ten-day sea kayaking expedition in Baja, the NOC, and a week of rafting and camping on the Middle Fork of the Flathead in Montana. The Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club has made possible many learning opportunities that have greatly advanced my paddling skills as well as connected me with lifelong friends. As Skipper I hope to facilitate the same connections for other paddlers.

Favorite quote: "So get out there and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while... May your trails be crooked, winding, dangerous, leading to the most amazing. May your rivers flow without end."
Edward Abbey

Susie Megathlin: My name is Susi Megathlin and I joined the club with my sister, Mary Keith, about four years ago. I love paddling Indiana rivers, creeks and streams and try to go to as many flatwater paddles as possible. I also enjoy the club's camping/paddling trips. I have two boats but love and use my red Eddyline Merlin the most. My children and grandchildren live in Georgia and I visit with them about every other month, and that often interferes with my paddling schedule. I am the Yeoman of the club and look forward to meeting more members and making more paddling friends this year.



Board Member Biographies (continued):

Matt Slagel: I've been paddling with the HCC for about 9 years. While I love taking canoe floats down Indiana creeks, most of my available paddling time is spent running out of state to various whitewater destinations. I currently paddle a Dagger Kingpin and a Riot Sniper. When I was forced to move back to Indiana 10 years ago, I wondered what I would do to get my wilderness/adventure fix. I was thrilled to stumble upon the HCC and find numerous maniacs who were making much greater and consistent efforts to get out there beyond what I would have considered reasonable for our location! Those maniacs also turned out to also be extremely knowledgeable, caring, and a hell of a lot of fun to be with. I have also had great pleasure watching my teenager, with tons of club support, develop his skills over the past ~6 years: from his very first raft trip to a hardboater who is already beginning to exceed my abilities. My minimal presence on the board is simply attempting to repay the club for making those people, their vast experience and their infectious enthusiasm available.

Linda Smith: Hello. I'm Linda Smith and joined HCC in October of 2003. Since that time, dozens of kind and capable club members have introduced me to more than 30 of Indiana's watery boulevards. Some of my companions on these trips have been bald eagles, swans, geese, turtles the size of hubcaps, mink, ducks, deer and a baby great horned owl. I've been dazzled by river banks lined with mushroom shaped limestone outcrops, acres of bluebells, and miles of red-bud trees. The best part of these trips, though, has to be the friends made paddling and talking and talking and paddling. My husband Chris doesn't kayak but supports me in my obsession. Fortunately I have a son, a brother, sisters and nieces and nephews who join me on my adventures. I hope to be "out there" a lot this year in my 12 foot Current Design Kestrel!

Jim Sprandel: I've been an HCC member since 2006 and started kayaking in 2005 when I retired. Since 2005, I've spent a lot of time on the rivers and lakes around Indianapolis and learned to love paddling long, sleek sea kayaks. This year, Kim has become newsletter editor so that I can keep my attention on the touring kayak (blue water) fleet that I co-chair for the HCC. Last year, I was able to paddle on three of the Great Lakes and many Indiana lakes and rivers. This year, I'll complete some ACA training in Georgia so I'll get to paddle the Atlantic and hopefully get my skill level to a point where I can keep the up side up. When not paddling, I run, ski, or work in my wood shop.



Summit Lake, March 2009

Dan Vallesky: I paddled an aluminum canoe down the Nantahala River about 20 years ago, and that was enough to inflict me with this paddle disease. I have, since that time, swum in many of the finest Southeast Whitewater rivers. I prefer to fall out of open canoes, they are so much easier to exit, but I have tried a decked canoe (who needs blood in their calves- and besides, blue feet are interesting, right?). There was a period of time, nine and a half weeks to be exact, when I could actually roll a canoe, back in 1995. Shortly after that I bought a kayak. As far as I know, there is no photographic proof of this lapse in good judgment, and I do not want it generally known that I spent time sitting on my ass, while using 'training wheels'. Some credit me with coining the term "poolie". About that time, I discovered Indiana flatwater could actually be enjoyable in a proper flatwater canoe. And since I almost never fell out when I was on flatwater, I have mostly opted for the blessedly short drive times involved in paddling closer to home. I find Indiana rivers to be special places, I work hard to introduce people to the great rivers we have. I do intend to do a little more growing, as soon as my kids are finished growing. I want to paddle a big hunk of the Wisconsin River, and it has always been a pipe dream of mine to paddle in Cuba. You never know!



Keeping your Hands Warm in Cold Weather

Jim Sprandel



Ice on Gloves—New Year's Day, 2010

I asked Garry Hill how to keep hands warm when paddling in cold weather and his first response was “Keep your hands dry!” This may be possible in a canoe but it’s difficult if not impossible to keep them completely dry in a kayak. And once your hands get wet, the wind can cool them down quickly unless you protect them against the weather.

To paddle in these conditions, you must have waterproof gloves or covering over your hands. The risk of frostbite on a multi-hour paddle is just too high. In addition, your hands can become very stiff almost claw-like if they get too cold. When this happens, you may be able to paddle but subtler motions such as draw strokes, working with your spray skirt, grabbing a rope, or getting out your keys become really difficult.

Most of the time, I see people wear one of two things in these conditions:

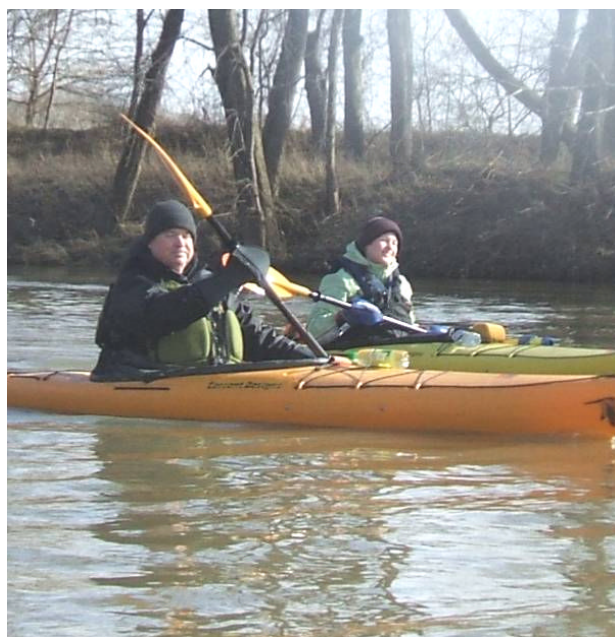
- **Heavy Neoprene Gloves:** Dwayne James recommends a set of heavy (3mm) [Neoprene Gloves](#) made by Chota. NRS, local diver supply outlets, and other outfitters also sell gloves similar to these. These gloves are thick and may be a little stiff so that the fingers on them are often pre-bent to make it easier for you to grab the paddle. Their thickness also makes it hard to do things like putting on your spray skirt or using your camera. These gloves typically have Velcro straps around the cuffs to make it harder for water to leak into them.

Important—Try before you Buy: Garry stressed that you need to buy your gloves in person not over the Internet (or at least be able to return them). They must fit properly! If the gloves don’t fit and restrict blood flow in your hands, the impact can be very severe. I would recommend buying paddling gloves slightly large so that you can wear thin wicking glove liners inside of them. The glove liners keep your hands warmer and also protect your hands if you have to pull off the heavy gloves to work around your boat.

- **Pogies:** Pogies are mitten-like hand warmers that attach around each side of your paddle shaft using Velcro. While paddling, you slip your hands inside these cuffs so that they stay dry and warm. Pogies attach tightly enough around the paddle that water splashing or running down the paddle shaft does not get to your hands. Many people prefer pogies since they are warm, do not restrict circulation, and let them have a better feel for the paddle. One downside is that you cannot easily shift your hands on the paddle (e.g., for an extended sweep) since the pogies lock your hands in one place.

I usually wear a light pair of neoprene or waterproof gloves inside pogies. These are light enough to slip inside the pogies, let you work around your boat, and provide a second layer of defense against water.

Carry a spare set of gloves since wet gloves can be really uncomfortable. You may also want to carry a pair of “regular” winter gloves in a dry bag to change into when you get on shore.



Paddlers wearing Pogies



Paddle-To-Dinner and Sea Chanties!

White River in Broad Ripple

Trip Sponsor: Theresa Kulczak

Saturday, March 26

"For it's always fair weather when good fellows get together
With a stein on the table and a good song ringing clear."

~ Richard Hovey, early American poet

Aye me paddlin maties, we be announcin' a Paddle-To-Dinner Trip, or shall we say, a Paddle-to-the-Music Trip, as we lift our paddles and spirits with an early spring voyage on our good friend "the White." Our trip will end with grub and grog at the Aristocrat Pub & Restaurant in Broad Ripple, where we'll listen to the acoustic folk music of the Hog Eye Navvy band performing sea, lake, river and canal chanties from Ireland, Scotland, England and North America. We're askin' them to play one of their signature songs and one of The Black Toad's favorites, "Harbo and Samuelsen," the true story of two oystermen who in 1896 were the first people to "paddle" across an ocean (Wikipedia).

Paddlers will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Art Center public access site on White River in Broad Ripple to unload gear and shuttle. Daylight savings time will be on our side. Anticipated arrival time at the Aristocrat Pub some time around 8:00 p.m.; the band starts at 9:00 p.m. Average temperatures for this time of year range from 45 to 58 degrees. Plan for cold-weather paddling and gear. If we happen to be blessed by glorious early spring weather and perfect water levels, we'll consider moving up the meeting time by one hour to include a loop on Williams Creek. Stay tuned to the HCC Bulletin Board.

Let me know in advance if you plan to be at the pub so that we can notify the restaurant of our approximate number.

Contact: Theresa Kulczak theblacktoad@lightbound.com

Indianapolis Art Center: http://indplsartcenter.org/Visit_Us/Directions_and_Parking

Aristocrat Pub and Restaurant: 5212 N. College Ave., Indianapolis 46220

Learn to Paddle in 2011

If you are a club member and have been waiting for "the right time" to learn how to paddle a kayak, that time has arrived. This spring the HCC will offer an introductory training course suitable for all paddling styles. The course entails two sessions, one evening session at Thatcher Pool and a follow-up session for additional practice on a local lake or river later in the season, when warmer waters allow us to move outdoors.

Intended Students: Participants may be complete beginners who want to learn to paddle.

Expenses: There is a \$10 pool fee that must be paid when you attend the first session.

In addition, all students must be HCC members with a signed waiver on file prior to the first session. If you are not a member, Visit www.hoosiercanoecub.org and then click "Join Us" in the left-hand menu to complete a membership application (You can do it right on line with Pay Pal, or download and mail the application.) . The HCC's membership fee is \$15 per year.

Registration: The class is limited to 8 students, first come—first served. If there's significant overflow, we'll look into adding more sessions at a later date.

To sign up or for more information, call Terry Busch at (317) 695-1825 or send e-mail to him at buschterence@sbcglobal.net.

Part 1— Thatcher Recreational Center

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

The first session gives you the foundation needed to get the most out of paddling and to be safe. The class will start with a "chalk talk" - introducing basic paddling concepts, types of boats and paddles, necessary equipment and its function, and key safety concepts. We will then move to the pool to learn and practice some foundation skills for paddling. You will learn how to adjust outfitting; how to hold the paddle, entering and exiting the boat; basic strokes (forward, reverse, sweep, draw) and the beginning of body mechanics for boat control (using torso rotation, paddling "in the box," leaning and edging.) Students will learn how to cope with a tip-over and be introduced to concepts of proper self-rescue and safe swimming.

Location: Thatcher Recreational Center, 4649 W. Vermont St., Indianapolis, IN

Date: March 23 , 6:30 to 9:00 PM.

Check the next edition of this newsletter and HCC Bulletin Board for notice of the second segment and any plans to offer another session of Part 1.



Flatwater/Touring Kayak Trip Announcement (Almost) First Day of Spring Paddle at Summit Lake

Saturday, March 19, 2011

Trip Sponsor: Joel DeLashmit

Summit lake is an 800-acre lake with four islands and many coves along it's shore. The lake is amazingly clear and usually your paddle can be seen at least 3 feet under water. Motors are only allowed to operate at idle speed so we can feel a bit safer. Just a word of caution, if conditions are windy waves can become moderate (1-2 feet) and may prove challenging depending on your boat and skills. Boats can be launched from a dock, concrete ramp or the shore line. Weather this time of the year can vary but the water is usually pretty cold still so please dress for the water temperature.

Note: You will need a 2011 State Park boat permit which can be obtained for \$5.00 but must be purchased before the trip. There are no gates fee this early in the season and the staff will not be their on the weekends until May. Thunder or lightning will result in a canceled or delayed trip.

Meeting Place: We will meet at the main boat ramp. Turn right at the first T past the gate house.

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Summit Lake is about 1hour and 10 minutes from Indianapolis.

Trip Length: 2-3 hours, 6-10 miles

Contact Information: Contact me by 8:30 pm March 18th if you plan to join us.

Joel DeLashmit (317-656-1597, joeldelashmit@gmail.com)

For Directions and More Information: Please visit: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2967.htm>

Whitewater Trip Announcement Webster Wildwater Weekend, Webster County, WV

April 2 &3, 2011

Trip Sponsor: Jordan Ross

Again this spring the Hoosier Canoe Club plans to attend the Webster Wildwater Weekend in Webster Springs, WV. We already have a cabin with bunk beds reserved for the weekend so we can all hang out together. Hopefully we'll have good rain and a multitude of paddling choices at Webster Springs this year. Check the HCC Bulletin Board in the next few weeks for updates and information about reserving space in the cabin.

Events include river races and fun floats on area rivers. Camp Caesar (304-226-3888) will again be the site of the after-race party Saturday evening...where paddlers and friends can enjoy live music, race videos and more around a blazing, indoor bonfire. The downriver race features plenty of whitewater action on the class II -III Elk River. This portion of the Elk River, with almost continuous rapids, is a great run for experienced paddlers, but with plenty of safety boaters on hand; novices will enjoy competing as well. Trophies are awarded in several categories and many great prizes are given away.

For additional information call 304 847-2145 or 304 847-7653 (evenings); send us an email at wcda@websterwv.com or visit us on the web:

http://visitwebsterwv.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5=

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White River – Looking North from Broad Ripple Park, Feb. 16, 2011

Upcoming Events

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