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From the Skipper:

and *MARIANN*



NOTHING MUCH TO REPORT THIS MONTH FROM THE BRIDGE...I SEE CLEAR SAILING ALONG OUR WELL PLANNED ROUTES ALTHOUGH WEATHER HAS CAUSED SOME DIVERSIONS...I AM OFF ON A 2 WEEK TRIP IN FRANCE AND WILL CERTAINLY HAVE SOME ADVENTURES IN MY WAKE...TO SHARE. SO KEEP CALM AND PADDLE ON... AND ON... AND ON.

Remember Eagle Creek Triathlons August 15 and 22 (Go Girl)

See you on the Water Mariann Davis

Trip Announcement

Ladies Summit Lake Paddle

Saturday August 15, 2015

Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.

Exact Location: Yet to be determined

Trip Sponsors: Anna Riley (touring) Linda Smith (flatwater)

Join us for the 3rd Annual Ladies Paddle!

Summit Lake (5993 N. Messick Road, New Castle, IN 47362) is an 800 acre lake with four islands and many coves along its shore. Motors are only allowed to operate at idle speed so we can feel a bit safer. If conditions are windy, waves can become moderate (1-2 feet) and may prove challenging depending on your boat and skills.

Be sure to bring your paddling gear, food, snacks, water, sunscreen, hat, and spray skirt, if desired. You will also need a DNR Boat Permit.

Please contact Anna (biscuitmila@gmail.com) or Linda (welshiemom@gmail.com) by 7:00 pm on Friday the 14th if you want to come. We will be monitoring the weather and will notify people if we need to change the trip.

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Please send me trip reports and pictures.

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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

Lake Michigan Sunset Paddle – WMCKA, NWIPA, and the HCC sea kayakers came together to paddle the southeastern shore of Lake Michigan on July 10 and 11. On Friday, eight people paddled from Lions Park Beach in St. Joseph, MI to Warren Dunes State Park and 13 people paddled between New Buffalo and Michigan City on Saturday. The Saturday Paddle is an annual event hosted by NWIPA. On both days, the weather was warm with light winds and smallish waves. An interesting paddle along a stretch of Lake Michigan that is only 3 hours from Indianapolis.



Paddling past the Cook Nuclear Power Plant

Geist Sunday Paddles – Our next Sunday Geist Paddle will be on Sunday, August 2. I will get out an e-mail reminder to the Touring e-mail list before this event.

Mojo Rolling Clinic – Debby Baker will be running her Mojo Rolling Clinic at Lake Maxinshall again this year. Full details are later in this newsletter and will be mailed to the Sea kayaking e-mail list. This is a great chance to beef up your bracing skills and work on your roll. Dave Ellis said that he would make it as well to work with people on their rolls if you can't get your long boat to the pool.

This is a great opportunity to work with Debby on your bracing and your roll. Most new rollers do not roll in this session but it lays a strong foundation for when you start going to the pool. It also really tunes up your high and low braces.

4th Annual Lake Michigan Surf Play Weekend, Friday-Sunday, August 28-30, 2015 – Sea kayakers should save the weekend of August 28-30 for our 4th Annual Lake Michigan Surf Play Weekend. NWIPA has reserved a group campsite for us again. Last year, about 50 paddlers from Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana gathered to play in Lake Michigan off of Indiana Dunes State Park.

There will be some organized paddles but the rest of the time we will just take advantage of whatever the lake offers us on this that weekend. Last year, we had mild surf conditions on Friday. In that past, we have worked on rescues and playing in waves in addition to paddles along the Dunes. I will send out full details to the HCC's Sea Kayaking mailing list around the first of August. Think surf!

August 15 Introduction to Kayaking Class

Jim Sprandel

Since we filled the July Introduction to Kayaking class, we have added a fourth introductory class this year on Saturday, August 15. The class will run from 9:00 am to about 3:00 pm and will be held at Eagle Creek Park. There will be room for up to 10 students in this class. This course is free for registered HCC member.

As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around in calm water. However, we will work with you to make your paddling easier and more effective—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course is based on the American Canoe Association [“Introduction to Kayaking”](#) course. This class is well suited for any newer paddler – flatwater, whitewater, or touring – who wants to tune up their paddling technique.

A full description for the course is contained on Page 7 of the May issue of the HCC Newsletter at: <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/2015NL05.pdf>

Registration information: If you would like to register for this class or have any questions, please contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net. HCC members will be accepted on a first come-first served basis.

Mojo Rolling Clinic, Sunday, August 16, 2015

We will have some fun and learn a little bit too. We can chat a bit about boat outfitting, stretch, and then get in the boats to work on hip snaps off the bows of other boats, braces, and progress onto C-to-C and sweep rolls. Informal and relaxed, that's my style.

Most of all come prepared to have fun and work your buns off 'til your attitude improves and your roll is spot on!

Cheers!!
Debby Baker

When: Sunday, August 16, 2015 starting at 2:00 pm

Where: Lake Maxinshall, 3333 East 56th St., Indianapolis, IN
This address is on the East side of Indianapolis between Allisonville and Keystone.

Who: Anyone with a whitewater kayak or sea/touring kayak who would like to work on their bracing skills or learn to roll.

What to Bring to the Lake:

Sea Kayak or Whitewater Boat—Your kayak must have both fore and aft flotation—either float bags or sealed hatches.



Spray skirt (A neoprene skirt is better than nylon since it won't leak!)

Sponge/Pump

Paddle and spare if you have one, life jacket

Nose plugs (Yes and bring extra in case they drop in the drink!)

Water bottle, Snacks (to keep your energy level high until dinner)

Sunglasses with Croakies, sun visor or hat

Sunscreen

For afterwards – Please bring dry clothes, easy chair, your own adult beverages, and a little money since we will order out for pizza if we get hungry after paddling.

Contact Information: If you have questions or want to attend, send an e-mail Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net by 7:00 pm Friday, August 14.

Trip Announcement

Wabash River Granville Bridge to Attica 15.9 miles

Saturday September 5 Granville Public Access Site 9:00 AM

Often by September the smaller streams are too low to be much fun, so come along on the Wabash trip, which should have plenty of flow for easy paddling. The dry times of the year also make the big rivers low enough and clear enough to enjoy the streambed, the real essence of their beauty.



Meet up at Granville PAS, which is several miles downstream from Lafayette, at 9 AM. We will run the shuttle to Attica when everyone is unloaded, about 9:30.

If you wish to use internet mapping, enter Fort Ouiatenon Historical Park – this works for Google maps and Bing maps, don't use MapQuest. Granville PAS is about 4 miles West of Fort Ouiatenon. South River Road in West Lafayette changes into Division Road past Fort Ouiatenon. Granville Public Access Site is on the left (south) side of Division Road, 100 yards past the point where 700-W "T's" off to the left and crosses the river.

Directions to Granville Public Access Site:

#1) Approaching Lafayette from the south on US-231, after crossing the river, turn left at the light at River Road (watch for signs pointing to Ft. Ouiatenon). 6.5 miles past that light is where 700-W "T's" off to the left. Continue straight another 100 yards to Granville PAS on the left.

#2) Exiting off I-65 onto SR-43 from the north puts you onto River Road, just follow it out to Granville PAS (see #1 for description past the US-231 intersection).

#3) Exiting off I-65 onto SR-26, follow SR-26 through town and across the river. Turn left onto River Road – it is the first major intersection and probably the 2nd light once you get off the bridge (see #1 for description past the US-231 intersection).

#4) If you are coming up SR-25 from the southwest, you can save several miles by turning at West Point. Just past the small town, there is a county road (700-W) that goes straight as SR-25 veers off to the right. Follow that road across the railroad tracks, curve to the right, and then make a turn to the left. This road crosses the river and "T's" into Division Road. Turn left, go 100 yards, and Granville PAS is on the left.

Contact Judy Thompson judythom@wigi.us if you are planning to attend, or if you want more information.



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Trip Announcement
The 30th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous
July 31st, August 1-2, 2015
Wildcat Creek

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is less than 7 weeks away. This Newsletter should provide all the info you need to make plans and mark your calendar. Make plans to attend the IPR, and enjoy a full week-end of Paddling on Wildcat Creek.

The IPR has proven to be one of the overall best Paddling events in Indiana. If you've never attended, rest assured it is worth your time. Come prepared to enjoy one of the nicest small Streams in Indiana, to relax with old Paddling buddies, and to make new friends.

This event is open to members of Canoe & Kayak Clubs, Internet Paddling Groups, and River Protection Organizations who have their own personal equipment and enough skills for an enjoyable day on a Swift Flowing Natural Stream.

Please take this opportunity to pass this Trip Announcement on to any of the above mentioned organizations with which you have connections. But please avoid wide open public, media, or Facebook announcements.

Muskrat has once again volunteered to be the IPR Trip Leader. Numerous requests for Volunteers will be posted to the Wildcat Guardians and others within the next few weeks, including a request for "Volunteer Shuttle Drivers", "Registration Team", and an "On-Stream Safety Crew". I'm hoping to hear from many of you who have assisted with these tasks in the past. If you should have questions about volunteer positions, please contact me below:

MUSKRAT'S CONTACT INFO:

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MUSKRAT's Notes on the IPR:

Here is a basic timetable for the IPR, just in case you receive no further information. The dates are July 31st, August 1-2 for 2015. Directions to all locations are provided below. Whenever and wherever you arrive at the IPR, please proceed directly to the Registration Table.

FRIDAY July 31st:

The first activity of the weekend will be a Trip on Wildcat Creek Friday afternoon; Meeting Time is 3:00 PM at Wildcat Park (directions below). Where we will Paddle will be announced at that time, and the Shuttle will begin immediately thereafter; please arrive early.

There will be a BYO Campfire Cookout at Wildcat Park following this cruise. The IPR Paddler's Campsite will be available at Wildcat Park for both Friday and Saturday nights, thanks to special arrangement with the Tippecanoe County Parks Dept.

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IPR Trip Announcement (continued):

SATURDAY August 1st:

Saturday's Creek Trip will begin at Knop Lake Public Fishing Area (directions below). This will cover 13.6-miles and end at Wildcat Park. There will be an alternate Takeout for a 9-mile Trip. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO. Shuttle Departure Time is 9:00 AM from Knop Lake. You should plan to arrive at Knop Lake absolutely no later than 8:30 (8 AM would be better; it really gets crowded with all the people arriving).

Saturday's Traditional Chili Supper will begin serving at 6 PM at the Paddler's Campsite in Wildcat Park (directions below).

>>>>>>> Chili Supper Reservations are the only advance notice you are asked to provide. Simply provide your name and your number of

Chili Eaters, so Muskrat can make sure to cook enough for everyone.

Please make Chili Reservations at garryhill@aol.com.

The Wildcat Guardians Annual Benefit Auction (one of the most "Laugh-Filled" parts of the entire weekend) will be held immediately after the Chili Supper. If you have any items to offer for sale, please present them at the Registration Table whenever you arrive.

SUNDAY August 2nd:

Sunday's Creek Trip will meet at Wildcat Park (directions below). Shuttle departure is 9:00 AM sharp. Please arrive early. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO. This Trip varies from year to year, but usually covers the 9-miles from Wildcat Park to the Wabash River. Launch and Takeout locations will be announced to everyone who arrives at Wildcat Park in time for Shuttle Departure at 9:00 AM Sunday morning.

For any questions email garryhill@aol.com,
or call Muskrat at 765-628-3155 (home),
or 765-432-6782 (cell).

DIRECTIONS.....

Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expedition Team utilizes the "[Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer](#)" for accurate directions to River access locations all over Indiana. [This Indiana map book is the absolute best for River People.](#) The directions below are based on the use of this book. The Gazetteer can be found at Staples, some Meijer's and Wal-Mart stores, bookstores, convenience stores, and others.

Directions To Wildcat Park

[Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 31:](#)

Find Monitor on SR-26, east of Lafayette. Go North from Monitor on CR 775-E. Then, at a "T", turn Left on CR 300-N. Then, Left again onto CR 600-E (not written on map). 600-E will drop steeply down into the Valley and make a sharp right turn. The entrance to Wildcat Park is on the left in about ½-mile after that turn. Watch for the "IPR" signs.

Another option: Take SR-26 West from I-65 (toward Lafayette). Turn Right at Creasy Lane. Follow this street around a curve, over the Interstate, and across Wildcat Creek. At the end of the bridge, turn Right onto Eisenhower Road. Wildcat Park will be on the right in about 1-1/2-miles. Watch for the "IPR" signs.

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IPR Trip Announcement (continued):

Directions To Knop Lake Public Access Site Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 32:

1) From US-31 south of Kokomo, head West on SR-26. About 4-¼ miles west of Rossville, turn North (right) from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for green sign to "Pyrmont". This is just after the town of Edna Mills.

2) From I-65 at Lafayette, head East on SR-26. Approximately 7-½ miles east of the Interstate, turn North (left) from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for green sign to "Pyrmont". This is just after the village of Petit, and 1-mile after the County Line.

Next, in 2-½ miles turn Right (east) on CR 650-S (church on left). The entrance to Knop Lake State Fishing Area is on the left in ½-mile. Go slow and watch closely; you can easily miss the entrance sign, in a wooded area, going downhill. Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement.

Follow the gravel road past the pond, keeping to the left at every fork, following the IPR-signs, until you reach the Registration Area. Then follow the directions of the Volunteers and they will get you to the Launch Site as soon as possible.

(On a State Hwy Map, Rossville is located east of Lafayette, south of Delphi, west of Kokomo.)

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Visit Wildcat Creek On-line at the following sites:

<http://www.wildcatguardians.org/>

<http://www.wildcatcreek.net/>

Remember to purchase and affix your 2015 DNR sticker  
before paddling on DNR lakes and properties.

These stickers are not needed for Indiana streams  
or Eagle Creek Reservoir.

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## Try Something new: Voyager Paddling Team Paddlers wanted on OCT 3

**Voyager Paddle (for charity) on the Ohio River, Oct 3...Need a 10 person paddling team...4 paddlers committed already Contact Sue Foxx [sufoxx713@aol.com](mailto:sufoxx713@aol.com)**

**(this trip can be paired with the Green River, Mammoth cave trip on oct 4th)**

The Voyageur Canoe Challenge-7 race is set to take place on October 3rd at 2:15 PM consisting of 6 teams of 10 paddlers to fill the field. Registration is set for \$25.00 per participant. (*The club will pay the registration fee...all you have to do is paddle and have fun*). They will be providing the 30' Voyageur Canoes, paddles, PFD's (you may use your own, rule complaint PFD) and a Stern Captain and Bow Co-Captain for each canoe team. We will paddle 7 miles downstream on the Ohio River and finish at the Louisville Community Boathouse Dock.



An after party is being planned from 5-8 PM with food, entertainment and a brief awards ceremony at the Voyageur Canoe Challenge finish line at the Louisville Community Boathouse. This will be a great opportunity to socialize and meet other paddlers from all events of the day.

They will provide a shuttle for Voyageur paddlers from the race finish line at the Louisville Community Boathouse to the **starting line at Captain's Quarter's Restaurant and Dock**. I've attached some pictures of the CQ canoe loading dock and of the approach to Towhead Island and the **finish line at the Community Boathouse dock**.



.....Paddlers could depart on Saturday AM to arrive at put-in by 12:30 PM or camp for free on Friday night provided by the event sponsor.

**A “psych you up” video of previous years’ competition**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMvBRaZEwEU&feature=youtu.be>

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**NOVEMBER 8 2015**

**2-6 pm**

**@ the Geist Sailing Club**

**Save This Date!!!**

It's time for our annual end of the year party featuring:

**more info to come +**

Thanksgiving style dinner (members es)

Guest speaker Swap meet ...and something new



**bring side dish-**



## **Volunteer Opportunity**

### **Please help provide safety support for Eagle Creek Moonlight and Sunset Paddles**

Jim Sprandel

The kayak and canoe outfitter at Eagle Creek Park offers a series of Sunset paddles on Wednesday evenings and Moonlight Paddles on Friday-Saturday nights. At these paddles, people can rent a kayak or canoe and then go out for a guided 4-5 mile paddle on Eagle Creek. For over a decade, HCC volunteers have provided safety support for these events. Typically, this is simply coaching new paddlers if they are not catching on after they get on the water and herding the paddlers up the lake.

These paddles are run by Jeff Coates and the time that we spend supporting these events counts toward the Partnership Agreement that we have with Eagle Creek for our Tuesday Afternoon paddles.

For the past 3-4 years, Jeff has honed the safety procedures for these trips and uses HCC volunteers to supplement the safety level provided by the marina staff

**Weekend Moonlight Paddles:** The weekend paddles normally have more participants and these are the events where they need the more volunteers. The weekend paddles start at 6:00 pm and finish around 9:00 pm. There will Weekend Moonlight paddles on:

Friday, August 28, Saturday, August 29

Friday, September 25, Saturday, September 26

**If would be interested in helping with the Friday/Saturday Moonlight Paddles,** send me an e-mail with what dates you would be interested in helping with. I will post a Bulletin Board thread with the volunteer schedule and I will send people reminders before each event.

## Trip Report

### Lake Erie, South Bass Island Kayak Rendezvous

June 3-7, 2015      Sponsor: Konstantin Louganski

Wow. The first club trip to Lake Erie islands north of Sandusky was a blast! The group broke a lot of new water and ground: accomplished four open-water crossings 3-6 miles each, explored four big and three small islands from water and on land, scouted four campgrounds and camped on two of them, and covered 50-60 paddling miles for the whole trip. We paddled in a variety of conditions ranging from almost glassy sea to 15-20 mph wind and up to 3-foot waves. We saw lots of birds, fish, famous Lake Erie water snakes hunting small fish, and some of us had part of their food supply and prescription drugs eaten by critters when camping. The group members attended the S.B.I. Kayak Rendezvous meeting, socialized and paddled with kayakers from other states. Two of the campgrounds are located at the water edge and are ideally suited for kayak camping. The shoreline varies from gravel and rocky beaches to magnificent cliffs. The area offers opportunities for kayak camping trips similar to those in the Apostles Islands, with only a 4-hour drive from Indianapolis. Additional paddling opportunities include a crossing to islands in Canadian waters and the Canadian mainland to the north. We expect this area to become a perennial favorite for club trips.

**Day 1:** Doug Jose, Todd Barrett, and Jim Sprandel made a crossing from Catawba on the mainland to South Bass Island and set up a base camp in the S.B.I. State Park. In the afternoon, they did a paddle to Green Island nearby. Meanwhile, Andy Thieman, Dave Ellis, and Konstantin Louganski did a crossing from Marblehead on the mainland to Kelleys Island. The wind and wave splashes were just enough to keep us slightly soaked and cooled down. The group proceeded around the island to its north shore, where we set up a camp in the Kelleys Island State Park. On the way there, we paddled through a zone of reflected from the cliffs waves creating the *clapotis* effect. The afternoon was spent viewing “glacial grooves” – unique geological formations, and water fountains caused by waves crashing on the cliffs.

**Day 2:** This was the day when the two groups met. The Kelleys Island group made a 6-mile crossing in perfect conditions to South Bass Island, where it met the S.B.I. group at Buckeye Point as planned. The S.B.I. group explored the Put-In-Bay harbor on the way to the meeting point. Perfect timing: both groups arrived at the meeting point simultaneously! After greetings, the whole group paddled to the Middle Bass Island State Park campground. The campground is located at the water edge, which is ideal for kayak camping. After exploring the campground for future trips, the group returned to Buckeye Point and paddled around South Bass Island along its east shore and landed in the S.B.I. State Park.



**Day 3:** This was a perfect day of a long, 16-mile trip to North Bass Island. We practiced our navigation skills finding our way from island to island and interacting with other boats (much bigger than ours) when crossing Put-In-Bay. Everyone liked Manila Bay – a cozy, tropical-looking lagoon with mounds of mussel shells on the shore and a school of big fish playing right at the water edge. Having had certain members experienced a burnout the day before due to a long paddling stretch without stops, we strictly observed a break schedule – making a short break every 1.5 hours or 4-5 miles. Because of that, all concerns about the planned trip being too long evaporated, and everyone agreed on the longest paddling option for the day. In the evening, we joined the S.B.I. Kayak Rendezvous potluck and meeting, where we met some old and new friends from other states. We counted over 100 kayaks in the state park.

**Day 4:** The forecast promised 15-20 mph northeast wind with 2-foot waves on the downwind side of South Bass Island and higher on the upwind side. Therefore, we decided to paddle west of the island and to look into the Put-In-Bay harbor. Green Island is a bird sanctuary on a rocky piece of land surrounded everywhere by cliffs. North of the island, we experienced especially “interesting” paddling conditions with reflected from the cliffs waves, some of which reached the horizon line as seen from a kayak. The yacht club in downtown Put-In-Bay graciously allowed us to land for a lunch break, and we had a chance to take a short walk downtown. We paddled against strong headwind in the harbor, then returned along Gibraltar Island, a small rocky island in the mouth of the bay, and back to our campground. Dave Ellis had a blast looking for the steepest waves near the cliffs. In the late afternoon, the wind noticeably subsided, the weather was beautiful, and three of us took a bonus paddle along magnificent cliffs of South Bass Island to its south tip

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to look at the path of our crossing to the mainland the following morning.



**Day 5:** The Rendezvous kayakers were launching to paddle for breakfast downtown Put-In-Bay but we paddled back to our cars as some of us had a long drive and had to be home early. Some wind and waves made the return crossing interesting enough but not too challenging. However, we had an interesting challenge of interaction with ferries. The ferries were maneuvering and changing their direction as they launched from the mainland. Some of them were crossing our path and some were not, and it wasn't possible to know until the ferry's path became obvious and we could decide whether to stop or to change our direction.

The trip was a great success due to careful planning, well-prepared participants, and favorable weather conditions. Think about paddling there next year.

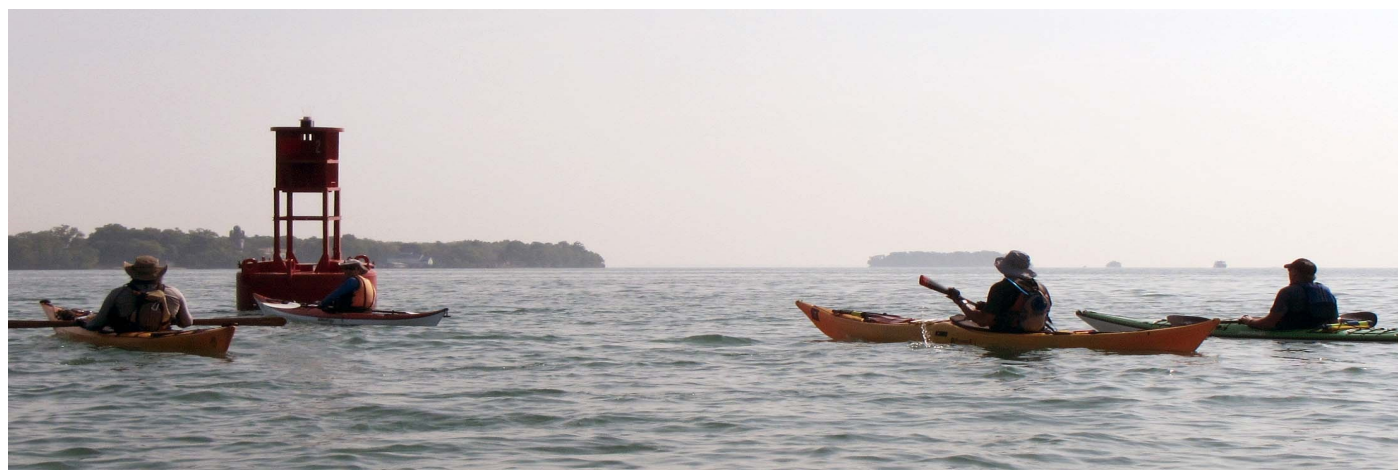
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