

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

We're nearing the end of the year, not for paddling necessarily; but the fiscal year for the club. We have a great slate of officers and board members and some great news out of Columbus this month. Our club is only as great as our members, and I know we have plenty of awesome members. We always need volunteers to continuously improve our club. Officers, board members, food prep, clean up, trip leaders, section chairs, co-chairs, instructors, educators, trip reporters, protesters, writers, picture takers, newsletter editor....these are all positions that are made possible by volunteers and also makes this club the best one around. It's a thankless job sometimes, but truly a group effort. Be sure to thank any club volunteer; and if you have any time to spare then we could always use your help.

I hope to see you all at the annual meeting on November 11!

Natalie

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New Slate of Officers

I am pleased to present to you the new slate of officers and board members nominated for the club to be voted on in our November 11 meeting:

Officers

Skipper – Duane Garloch

Executive Officer – Toni Harris

Purser – Jim Sprandel

Yeoman – Shirley Gates

Past Skipper – Natalie Needham

Board Members

Dave Ellis

Judy Thompson

Earl King

Jon Reneberg

John Wainscott

John Carlson

Marian Davis

Jim Clendenin

Theresa Kulczak

Allison Strurtevant

Erica Stum

Deb Wilson

Alternate nominations may be submitted per Article V, Section 3 of the By-Laws.

Get a refresher on the HCKC Constitution and By-Laws here: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/Club-Documents>

The board meetings are open to all members. If you would ever like to check it out sometime, please let the meeting's host know in advance and bring a dish to share. There's always food, of course. :) Natalie

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Trip Announcement
Full Moon Paddle Eagle Creek Reservoir
Saturday, October 7, 2017



We will have a moonlight paddle at Eagle Creek on Saturday, October 7, 2017 since there is a nearly full (97%) moon on this evening. The sun will set at 7:17 pm and the moon will be rising at 8:55 PM at 75 degree's East North East. Hopefully, we'll have clear skies.

When: Saturday, October 7, 2017—Please get there around 6:45 pm so that we can be ready to launch right before sunset at 7:15 pm.

Meeting Place: The boat ramps just north of Rick's Cafe Boatyard restaurant off of Dandy Trail. Bring 5 dollars in cash or quarters for entry fee. Address 4212 Dandy Trail, Indianapolis, IN 46254

What to Bring: Kayak, Paddling Gear (Life jacket, safety equipment,). Life jackets must be worn at all time while we are on the water. Whistle on your Life Jacket. White Light since we will be paddling at night. Each boat must carry a white light such as head light or flash light. Water to drink and a snack.

Safety Procedures: We paddle as a group with a lead and sweep boat since it is possible to get turned around in the dark. For addition safety, we will implement a "buddy" system where everyone has at least one other boat that they paddle with.

Contact Information: If you wish to attend or have questions by 7:00 pm on Friday, October 6, please contact

Jeff Stejskal at jeffs45321@hotmail.com

Remember, Jeff Coates will need volunteers for the Friday and Saturday full moon paddles. Please let him know if you can help. *Jeff Coates*

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Trip Announcement

Saturday, October 14

The Blue River, or Southern Indiana, or Somewhere Where There Is Water

Co-Leaders: Theresa Kulczak and Sara Hare

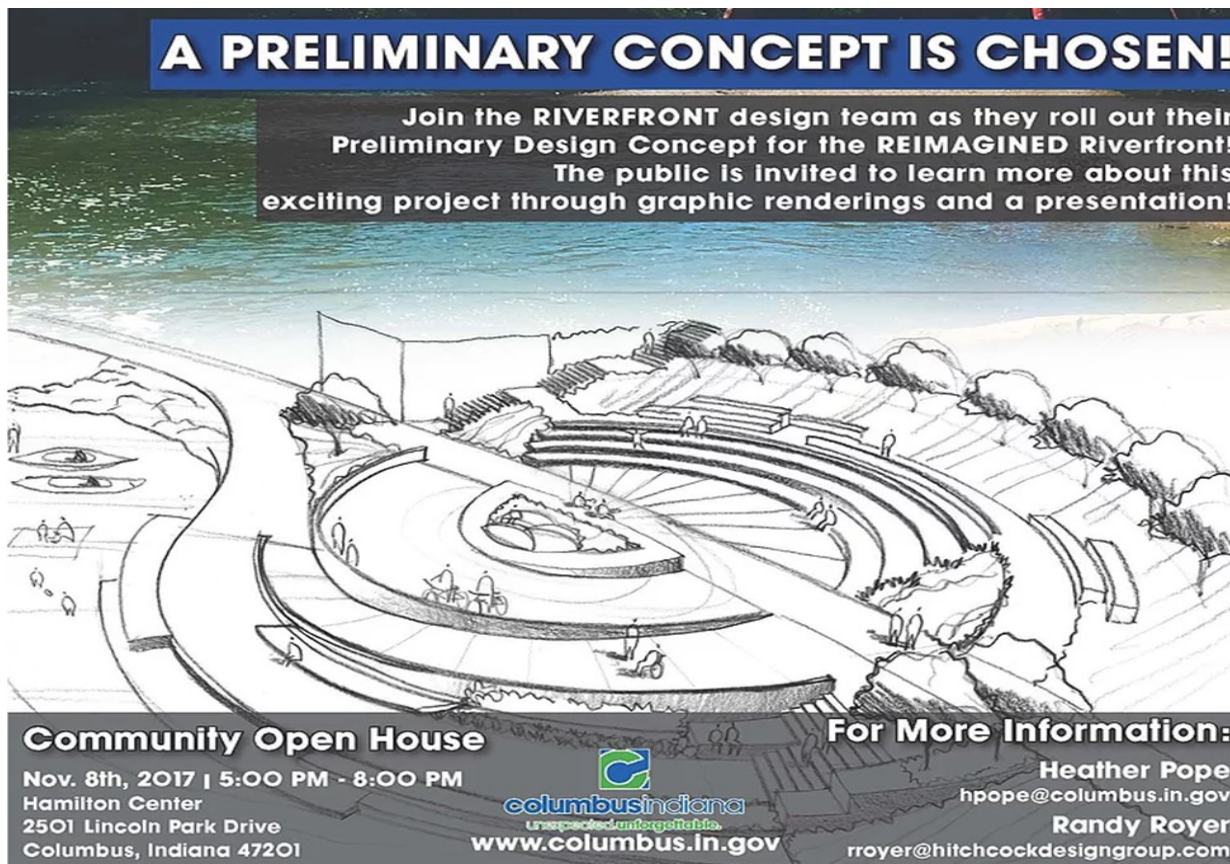
Hopefully by the time we arrive at mid-October the gages will be showing water in our rivers, with a great day in store for us in southern Indiana. The Canoe & Kayak Fleet will hopefully be padding the Blue River, one of the most beautiful streams in the state. If the Blue doesn't present itself with good flow for the 14-mile paddle we'll look for another stream. An updated announcement with detailed plans based on current flow conditions will be emailed as we approach the date. Feel free to email Theresa or Sara in advance for interim updates.

tkulczak@comcast.net schare@ius.edu

Columbus River Front Update

The preliminary design concept to update Columbus' riverfront has been finalized. Looking carefully at the design sketch, I do see a couple of kayaks. The concept and graphic renderings will be unveiled on November 8th, 2017 from 5 – 8 pm at the Hamilton Center in Columbus (2501 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47201). Let's be sure we show support by packing the room with paddlers! Feel free to pass this on to anyone who might listen. And I do mean anyone!

<https://www.columbusriverfront.org/events>



A PRELIMINARY CONCEPT IS CHOSEN!

Join the RIVERFRONT design team as they roll out their Preliminary Design Concept for the REIMAGINED Riverfront! The public is invited to learn more about this exciting project through graphic renderings and a presentation!

Community Open House
Nov. 8th, 2017 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hamilton Center
2501 Lincoln Park Drive
Columbus, Indiana 47201

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We have several events coming up in October. One of these is our trip to Patoka Lake. Somehow, this trip has always been somehow eventful so I am looking forward to see what happens this year. This is laid back trip and we all get a chance to explore a bit more of Indiana.

Surf Training Opportunity – Sleeping Bear Dunes Storm Gathering Oct. 12-15 – Michael Gray is again offering his surf/rough water training camp in Benzonia, MI. Two years ago, Dave and I took this class and felt that is for a good for sea kayakers wanting to learn to paddle into shore through waves, handle the bigger stuff along the way, and to play in the surf. Benzonia is located just south of Sleeping Bear Dunes – Michael knows the area and he moves the class to an area with the “right” lake conditions for each day. This is a good way for a newer paddler to get a coherent introduction to surf play

<http://www.mi-paddleadventure.com/trip/sleeping-bear-storm-gathering/>

If you have questions about the event, you can contact me or email Michael directly at michael@mi-paddleadventure.com (his phone number is on his web site).

Other Upcoming Events

Eagle Creek Clean-Up – Saturday, September 30 Kellie is coordinating a shoreline clean-up at Eagle Creek Park. We use this clean up to partially satisfy the volunteer hours that we have committed to in the Partnership Agreement that lets us paddle on Tuesday Afternoons. We owe Eagle Creek 100 hours and we currently have accrued about 40 hours so your help is greatly appreciated. I’ve copied full details for the Clean-Up to the [HCKC’s event calendar](#).

Eagle Creek Full Moon Paddle, October 7 – We will have a full-moon paddle on Eagle Creek. Details are in this newsletter.

Lake Patoka Weekend, Oct. 14-15 – We head down to Patoka Lake every other year and camp in Fisherman’s Camp. Details on this trip are in this newsletter.

Lake Monroe Overnight, Nov. 4-5 – A fall favorite camping on the shores of Lake Monroe – details coming in October.

Annual Meeting – Nov. 11 – Mariann is organizing the club’s annual meeting this year. Food, kayaking talk, gear swap, and an election. What more could you ask for?



Dave Ellis paddling
west side of South
Manitou Island

Trip Announcement

Patoka Lake Trip —Wickliffe, IN

Saturday-Sunday, October 14-15, 2017

Trips Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Lake Patoka is the second largest lake in Indiana with about 8,800 acres of water and over 160 miles of shoreline. Hoosier National Forest surrounds the lake with rolling tree-covered hills and rock outcroppings. There are headwaters to explore, as well as, sections where the lake starts feeling like big water. For Sunday, we have planned a 6-8 mile paddle to an interesting and hard-to-find [chain of quarry lakes](#) near the Southeast corner of the lake which is interesting.

Since it takes over 3 hours to get to Patoka, we will camp overnight at Fisherman's Camp on Saturday night and paddle both Saturday and Sunday. This campsite is located near a limited speed section of the lake which is more kayak-friendly.

Patoka Lake Map: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka_trail.pdf

Fisherman's Campsite Map: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka_camp_fishermen_youth.pdf

Meeting Place/Put-In: Fisherman's Camp at Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area or look for my car (Blue Sonata and an HCC Sign) in Fisherman's camp. We'll try to get as close to the lake as possible. Newton-Stewart SRA is just north of Wickliffe, Indiana. There is a \$7/car fee to enter the SRA.

Directions to Meeting Place: It is about a 3-hour drive from the intersection of I-65 and I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis to Patoka. Drive South on I-65 and get off at Exit 6B (I-265 toward I-64/IN-62/New Albany). Take Exit 0 off of I-265 to merge onto I-64W toward IN-62/St. Louis. Go about 43 miles west on I-64 to Exit 79 and then go 7 miles North on IN-37. Turn slightly left on IN-64 West/IN-145. Follow IN-145 north 3.6 miles until you reach IN-164. Turn left (west) onto IN-164 about 1.3 mile until you see the sign for Newton-Stewart SRA and then turn right (North) into the SRA. Follow the signs in the SRA to the Fisherman's Camp and look for us.

Note: This is the fastest route. There is a shorter, sometimes slower, and more scenic route through West Baden.

Camping Information: Fisherman's Camp is a primitive camp ground with water and vault toilets. Each campsite used to cost \$12/night and the park allows 2 tents and cars per campsite so you may be able to share a campsite.

What to Bring: Bring your camping gear including food (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and any snacks you might need) and paddling gear. Be sure to bring your spray skirt since we will be going over to the open area of the lake near the dam and there may be some waves when the wind picks up. We'll be "car camping" so you won't carry your gear in your boat on this trip.

Note: You need a current DNR sticker (\$5) for your boat. They are available at the park gate if you don't have one.

Schedule:

Friday Night - I will get in relatively early on Friday or Thursday. We may have a short sunset paddle around 5:30 if people get in early and are interested.

Saturday 10:00 am - Arrive at Fisherman's (Ready to Launch by 10:30 am)

Sunday - We will paddle 3 hours and then head home.

Contact information: RSVP to Jim Sprandel by 8:00 pm on **Wednesday, October 11**. There is a good chance that I will head down on Thursday to get a good campsite and to explore the lake - people are welcome to join me on Friday if they want.

Jim Sprandel merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net





HCKC ANNUAL PARTY/DINNER

Saturday, November 11, 2-6 PM

Location: Spirit Lake

6720 Page Blvd. Indianapolis IN. (Westfield Blvd & 67th; turn into Spirit Lake Condominiums and follow signs)

RSVP: mariandvs@aol.com

JOIN THE FUN

Special Events Of The Day

2-2:30—Meet and Greet

2:30-3:30—Dinner (pitch-in side dishes or desserts, only); entrees provided by the club...BYOB—adult beverages

3:30-3:45—short business meeting & election of new board

4-5 PM—Presentation: Uganda: The Search for White Water & the women who found it

5PM—Awards Ceremony; send nominations (serious or fun) to paddlegates@gmail.com by 11/3

NO SWAP
MEET at this event...to be
rescheduled



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Trip Report

South Manitou Island

Jeff Stejskal, Jim Sprandel, Dave Ellis

I want to thank Jim Sprandel for organizing and leading a great trip to South and North Manitou Islands.

Also want to thank Dave Ellis and Jim for leading a safe crossing to South Manitou. And Brad Hughey for leading our group safely back to Glen Haven on Sunday.

Here is link to photos from the three day trip to South Manitou.

[South Manitou Island Michigan https://photos.app.goo.gl/Sd9ZfPCh9wUDXQOF3](https://photos.app.goo.gl/Sd9ZfPCh9wUDXQOF3) Jeff Stejskal

Here are my pictures as well. The most interesting parts of this trip for me were:

- The dunes on the west side of South Manitou

Camping on the dune on the west side of North Manitou.

The dune area where we camped on the Southeast corner of North Manitou.

The crossing from North Manitou – especially the mid-channel lighthouse.

The cool thing is that the crossing from Pyramid Point to North Manitou opens up a lot of options for future Sleeping Bear trips. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/albums/72157689255536845> Jim

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157686856608603> Enjoy, Dave Ellis



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New Tools on the HCKC Web Site

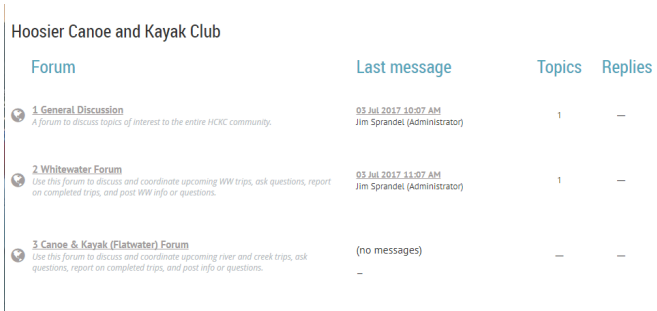
Since the last newsletter, we have added two new features to the HCKC Web Site.

Integrated Member Forum (a.k.a. Bulletin Board) –

On July 3, the club moved from the bulletin board that we had been using since 2002 to the forum provided on the club’s new web server. All HCKC members are free to post messages and reply to messages after they log into the HCKC web site. Like the old site, non-members and members who have not logged in may view posts.

The new bulletin board can be useful since it allows two-way communications among members like Facebook. The Whitewater Fleet has been using it for many year to announce and coordinate trips. It is also an excellent way to let people know about equipment that you want to sell.

Take a look at the Forum by selecting “Forum” in the top menu on the HCKC Web Site.



Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club			
Forum	Last message	Topics	Replies
1 General Discussion <small>A forum to discuss topics of interest to the entire HCKC community.</small>	03 Jul 2017 10:07 AM Jim Spradell (Administrator)	1	—
2 Whitewater Forum <small>Use this forum to discuss and coordinate upcoming WW trips, ask questions, report on completed trips, and post WW info or questions.</small>	03 Jul 2017 11:07 AM Jim Spradell (Administrator)	1	—
3 Canoe & Kayak (Flatwater) Forum <small>Use this forum to discuss and coordinate upcoming river and creek trips, ask questions, report on completed trips, and post info or questions.</small>	(no messages) —	—	—

There are forums for General (Topics for all club members), Whitewater, Canoe & Kayak (Flatwater), Sea Kayaking, Gear Swap, and Kayak Fishing.

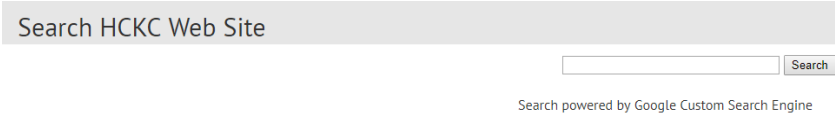
Once you get on, look in the “Gear Swap Forum” to see what people are selling.

If you want to create your own message, click on the Forum where you want to post a message and select “Create topic” at the top of that forum.

Search the HCKC Web Site –

You can now search for a topic on the HCKC web site. We are using the Google Custom Search Engine for this feature. This tool automatically searches all HCKC Web Pages, past and upcoming events, and referenced documents. This includes past newsletters and board minute in our archive going back to 2010.

To search for something, move to mouse over “Information” in the top menu on HCKC web pages and then select “HCKC Web Search” in the pop-down menu that appears. You will then see the following menu:



Search HCKC Web Site

Search powered by Google Custom Search Engine

Type in the text that you want to look for and press Return. Your search results will appear on the next screen. There may be 2-3 non-HCKC links associated with your search at the top of this page but HCKC search results are listed below this.

For example, you might want to search the HCKC web site to get information on Sugar Creek. Type in “Sugar Creek” in the search box and press Return. The search returns 19 references to “Sugar Creek” from the pages on the HCKC Web Site and past newsletters...