

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

As the leaves start to turn we enter into my favorite season of the year. There are plenty of paddling opportunities on the calendar which is filled with classic events for the HCKC. These include the Grayson Lake Fall Overnight and Raccoon Creek Covered Bridge Festival the weekend of 10/13. On the weekend of 10/27 we have the Russell Fork Rendezvous and Eagle Creek shore-line clean-up.

The big event for October is bi-annual Pirate Paddle and Party on 10/20. This has been a popular event in the past. This year's party will feature HCKC's very own one man band Bob Heckler. Check out the newsletter for more details and follow this link to register.

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3046447?CalendarViewType=1&SelectedDate=10/23/2018>

See you on the water! Duane

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Annual Meeting

Indianapolis Sailing Club

Every time the river rises we need to make sure people stay safe. Warren Rosenthal is working hard to get the word out. Here is another resource for us to use.

<https://vimeo.com/wfyiproductions/review/274517072/77547606d1>



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Pirate Paddle & Party

Saturday, October 20

Aye Maties, prepare yourself for the Saturday before the Hunters Moon in October!!!

Callin' all river rats, pirates and scoundrels! The pirate paddlers will be gatherin' for the White River Flotilla and Party on Saturday, October 20th. We be expectin' paddlers from the seven seas . . . and perhaps some creatures from davy jones locker and the black lagoon . . .

The event begins in the afternoon with a 9-mile float on White River in Indianapolis, with a flotilla of paddlers dressed as pirates and other marauders of ill repute. Enjoy the pirate sea shanty band, Red Rum, as they welcome paddlers to the river bank before we launch!

Following the flotilla, the pirates convene for revelry and good cheer at the **White River Yacht Club**, a grand place for a river gathering. The WRYC is located just north of Broad Ripple, with a large, covered party deck on the river.

The Pirate Party will feature HCKC's very own one-man band Bob Heckler, who hails from the white-water fleet and is quite the motley character himself! If you were at the very first Pirate Paddle, you'll remember who Bob is!

First held in 2008, the Pirate Paddle & Party is a signature event of the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club, presented every other year through the support of generous sponsors. Aye, all paddlers be welcomed! Please share the good word with friends, fellow paddlers, and paddling clubs!

The \$25 registration fee includes the flotilla, a buffet dinner and beer, and two bands. *Where else can you find paddlers gathered as pirates; dinner and beer, and a great dance band?*

Me would cut off my claw to swear, the pirate boat decorations on the flotilla and the pirate party make for a memorable gathering . . . Prizes for best boat decor and best costume. Start workin' on your riggin' maties!

REGISTER NOW! Don't be lost at sea . . . join the fun or prepare to walk the plank, matey!

FLOTILLA PUT-IN: White River at 116th Street

1:00 Arrival, Registration, Unload Boats, Run Shuttle

2:30 Launch of Pirate Flotilla on White River

PIRATE PARTY: White River Yacht Club, Indianapolis, 6:30 pm

1400 E 74th Street, (just upstream from Broad Ripple) Indianapolis 46240

SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Contact THE BEER WENCH (Natalie) at nataliehckkayak@gmail.com or text THREE-ONE-SEVEN-840-4507.

Please put Pirate Paddle in the email subject line or in the text if you text me.

See all you scurvy sea hags and scoundrels on the river!

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Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Fall Grayson Lake Trip –

Saturday October 13 – Sunday October 14 plus Bonus Day Friday October 12

Trip Sponsor: Deb Wilson

Grayson Lake is amazing with its cliff lined corridors and waterfalls. We should be in fall colors and with luck we might even get some fog again which makes the area a bit eerie. This is a sea kayak paddle since Saturday's paddle is a 12 miles paddle through Grayson's Canyons.

Friday (Optional) – We will paddle for a few hours and then set up camp.

Launch Time: 1:30 pm Boat at Ramp

Put-In: Grayson boat ramp/beach: On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit. The turn for the ramp will be on the East side of the road and is about 0.8 mile south of the Entrance to the State Park which is well marked.

Note: This is not the main marina at the dam, which you will pass a few miles north.

Mileage: Negotiable.

Saturday – We will meet at the put-in and paddle about 12 miles up Grayson Lake to the Friday Put-In. This is an amazing section with cliffs lining most of the 12 mile stretch. There are also many waterfalls (if it rains in the day or two before the trip).

Time: 9:30 am - Boats at Put-In and we'll run our shuttle then. If you're driving down from Indy, you will probably want to drive down Friday night.

Put-In: Rt. 504 turnoff: On Rt. 7 (west side), 17.6 miles south of the interstate exit. When you turn right (West) onto Rt. 504 it, it's another two miles to the ramp.

Take-Out: Grayson boat ramp/beach (Same as Friday Take-Out): On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit.

Mileage: About 12 miles - more or less – depending on how much you explore.

Sunday – We will paddle up Clifty Creek to the Grotto. There should be enough water to get into the grotto this year – there wasn't last year.

Time: 9:30 am

Put-In/Take-Out: The launch ramp is on Rt. 7 about 10 miles south of the interstate on the west side of the road and north side of the creek (if you get to the golf course, you overshoot about a mile). This ramp is on the west side of the road and just about 1.3 miles north to the Entrance to the State Park on Rt. 7.

Mileage: 6-10 miles depending on what people are up for.

Camping – We will be camping in the Grayson Lake State Park Campground. I have reserved Campsites 15 and 16 in the Campground for Friday and Saturday nights. This is enough room for 4 tents and 4 cars. There are "walk-in" camp sites close if we need additional space. We'll worry about that when it's an issue. The campsites are \$30.00/night and allow 2 tents and 2 cars.

Directions to Grayson Lake State Park Campground: The entrance to the State Park is on your right side as you are heading south on Rt. 7. Google Maps gave the address of the State Park as: 314 Grayson Lake Park Rd, Olive Hill, KY 41164

Note: Grayson is a 4-5 hour drive from Indianapolis so plan accordingly. I've set the Friday Start Time to 1:30 pm so people can drive in that morning.

Contact Information – If you plan to attend or have questions, please send me an e-mail at deb4711@gmail.com

Check out our new Facebook Page page at <https://www.facebook.com/hckcIN/>

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Overcoming Adversity

How one man overcame blindness
to become National Geographic's 2015 Adventurer of the Year



Lonnie Bedwell, a former Navy Petty Officer 1st Class, was injured in a hunting accident that took his sight instantly. Thirteen years later through a chapter of Disabled Sports USA, Lonnie became the **first-ever** visually impaired kayaker to complete the entire 226-mile stretch of Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Hear the incredible journey that led to Lonnie's passion for adaptive sports -- from climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to kayaking some of the planet's most challenging whitewater rivers.

Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club Presents the Annual Party, Nov 10, with guest presenter and Blind adventurer/kayaker, LONNIE BEDWELL

Location: Indianapolis Sailing Club: 11325 Fall Creek Rd; Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Directions: From I-69 North of Indy; Exit onto 96th Street (posted as Exit 203)

Go east about 2.5 miles until you reach the round-about at 96th Street and Fall Creek Road

Go 3/4 way around to Fall Creek Road north

Go approximately 2 miles to another round-about at the intersection of Brooks School Road

Take the first right (south) to the ISC driveway, then straight through the gate.

or you can use the 116th Street exit (usually less traffic):

Exit onto 116th Street (posted as Exit 5)

Head east approximately 3.5 miles until you reach the intersection with Brooks School Road

Turn right (south) onto Brooks School Road

Continue for approximately 1.5 miles to the round-about at Fall Creek Road

Go 1/2 way around to the ISC driveway, then straight through the gate.

Pitch in side dishes and BYO adult beverages...Meat entrees provided

Arrival-1-1:30: Pre dinner and social time

1:30-2:30 Dinner

2:30-3:00 Short business meeting with election of new board members

3PM-Awards presentation by Dave Ellis & Shirley Gates

3:45-4:45 LONNIE BEDWELL, extreme sports athlete and adventurer, with question and answer period to follow.

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Volunteers Needed - Eagle Creek Park Shoreline Clean Up Saturday, October 27, 2018

We will have a shoreline cleanup of Eagle Creek on Saturday, October 27th. This is an opportunity to pay back one of our local partners and one of Indianapolis's premier paddling resources by cleaning up the shores of Eagle Creek reservoir. ·

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. (Ready to Launch) until 1:00 pm ·

Where: Eagle Creek Park – Ramp at the southwest end of the Discovery Center Parking Lot (next to Go Ape) ·

What to Bring: Snacks, water, gloves, hat, good water shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, and your canoe or kayak. You might bring a knife for cutting fishing line.

What we will provide: Trash bags and some trash grabbers. ·

Park Entry: When entering the park, please tell the person at the entrance booth that you are a HCKC member here for the shoreline clean up. We'll work until early afternoon. Plan to stay for all or part of the clean-up, and we often go out of lunch afterwards.

For all the club members who have enjoyed getting into the park using the HCKC park pass on Tuesdays, the HCKC trades volunteer hours for this privilege. The HCKC gets volunteer hours for safety boating during the park's popular moonlight and sunset paddles by the Eagle Creek Outfitters and for clean-ups during the year). Many thanks to all the paddlers who have supported Eagle Creek Paddlers through the year.

For more Information or to Sign Up: E-mail Kellie Kaneshiro (knkane@gmail.com) or Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).

The new sign warning paddlers of the low head dam on White River at Williams Creek cut off!!!!

Our work is paying off. The DNR put up this new sign to warn paddlers of the low head dam.



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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

September has been a busy month. Jeff Stejskal started the month off with a paddle on Brookville Lake. On the following weekend, Brad Hughey led a 4-day trip out to South Manitou. Several sets of pictures for this trip have been posted on the [HCKC's Facebook page](#) and people explored the island both by foot and boat. They even had a "bonus day" on the island since the lake kicked up 3-5' waves Sunday morning which would have made the 8-mile crossing back to the Glen Arbor station risky. Fortunately, conditions relented and they were able to paddle back on Monday.

Dave and I missed all of these paddles since we headed north to Isle Royale with Michael Gray from Uncommon Adventures. We had both previously taken several classes with Michael and he has guided over 40 trips to Isle Royale so this was a perfect opportunity for us to explore the island. Plus, Michael did the cooking and he is an excellent cook. This tour involved 8 days of paddling on both the North and South shores of the island.

My Photos with Journal: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/albums/72157701066474224>

Dave's Pictures: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157673527229138>



Paddling south down Rock Harbor, Isle Royale

Upcoming Events for Sea Kayakers – There are several Sea Kayak events coming up:

Sunday, October 7 – Ohio River Ghost Ship Paddle - Paddling to the ghost ship is always a fun and interesting paddle. The announcement for this trip is contained in the newsletter and also in the HCKC Sea Kayak Event Calendar at:

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-2803113>

Friday-Sunday, October 12-14, Grayson Lake Overnight – We go to Grayson every other year. Grayson is amazing in the fall since the trees should be changing colors and since we may be able to see up into the cliffs that surround the lake. Trip details are in this newsletter and the event calendar. Please contact Deb ASAP if you plan to attend since camping space usually becomes limited. <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-2803047>

Saturday, October 20 – HCKC Pirate Paddle and Party – See the Pirate Paddle and Paddle announcement in this newsletter or get more information and register at:

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3046447>

Saturday-Sunday, November 3-4, Lake Monroe Fall Overnight – Watch the Event Calendar, the November Newsletter, and the Sea Kayak E-mail feed for information on this event.

Eagle Creek Clean-Up - We will have a shore-line clean up on Saturday, October 27. Details are contained in a separate article in this newsletter and in the HCKC Events calendar at:

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3035609>

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Ohio River - from Tanner's Creek: Sunday, October 7th
Time: 10:00AM
SPONSOR: Robert Moore

Last year we put in at Tanner's Creek and paddled downstream to Aurora and up Hogan Creek. Previous year was up stream to the USS Sachem on Taylor Creek and on to the ox-bow in the Great Miami River. This year is up to the group that shows up. Options include head up stream and turn in to Taylor Creek, or down the Ohio. Loughery Creek may also be an interesting destination. Laughery is a long creek with a wooded shore and the Old State Road 56 truss bridge. Laughery Island was the turnaround when the club paddled the route in October 2015. The trip is covered on Ohio River Charts 109-110 US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District.

This is a sea kayak trip for paddlers capable of dealing with open water, occasional barge traffic and light current. Total paddling distance is expected to be 12 nautical miles of which half will be against some current. We will stop for lunch someplace midway through the trip so bring something to eat.

Put-In: Tanner's Creek boat ramp - Follow US 50/Ead's Pkwy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, turn south onto Tanner's Creek Drive (old Reese Drive) at the traffic light. Tanner's Creek Drive ends at the boat ramp parking area. This is a well-developed ramp park with plenty of parking and picnic areas. Unfortunately, the only restroom facility available is portable toilets so you may want to stop off at the fast food or filling station at the Reese Drive intersection on the way to the boat ramp.

Meeting time: 10:00 am - launch by 10:30

Contact information: Robert, njordball@gmail.com. Those interested please respond via email no later than October 5th (Friday).

Trip Report
South Manitou Island
Jeff Stejskal

Here is link to photos from South Manitou Trip 2018.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5SqCDqWUfE6dWUau6>

Thanks to Brad Hughey for leading this trip. We had 9 paddlers on South Manitou Trip. We were the only people on island most of weekend except for the two Park Rangers.

Check out our new Facebook Page page at <https://www.facebook.com/hckcIN/>

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Trip Report Brookville Lake, IN Jeff Stejskal



Saturday September 1st we had 5 members of HCKC Sea Kayak group out paddling on Brookville Lake for 8.5 mile trip with some training/ practice included. The weather was warm but not too hot.

Most had driven thru some rain on way to Brookville but had a dry start to our paddle north from Dunlapville ramp. We explored northern area of the head waters checking out the birds and avoiding tree stumps. This area is very similar to north part of Eagle Creek just wider in sections.

We circled back south past the put-in and paddle under the bridge to-

wards Quakertown Marina. We decided to stop at the north-end of Quakertown beach for lunch in the shade of the tree's while geese and turkey vultures fought over a picnic grill.

After lunch it was decided we paddle a little bit south of Quakertown Marina to a cove to practice some rolls and changing boats on the water. I pleased to report we had no swimmers. We did have a few brief light rain showers sweep thru while we were practicing.

Wanting to get off water a little early and not wanting to be caught out in any thunderstorms we headed north again towards Dunlapville ramp. Where we practiced an alternative method to getting out on a dock. Again we had no swimmers. As we were putting our boats on car we could hear some rumbles of thunder in the distance.



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South Manitou Island
Jeff Steskal



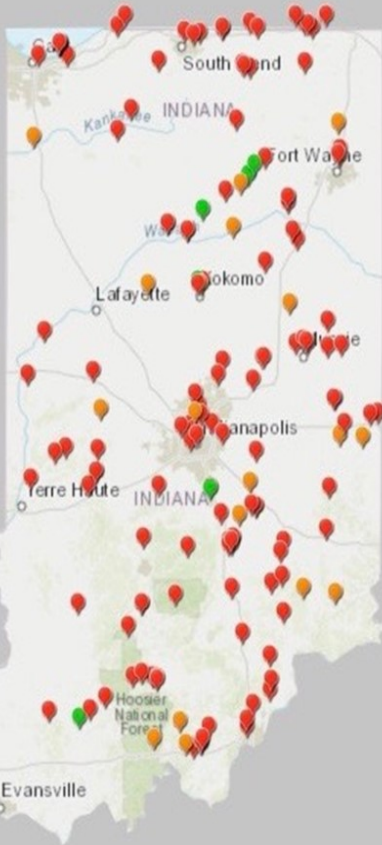
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HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

LOW HEAD DAMS ARE:



OVER 150 DAMS IN INDIANA



LOCATION OF LOW HEAD DAMS

MISSION STATEMENT: Initiate the removal of Low Head Dams in Indiana through public education and working directly with and engaging those organizations, clubs, schools, and public officials/legislature that can influence such results. River and water safety education is paramount in accomplishing this goal.

CURRENT WORKING INFORMATION REGARDING LOW HEAD DAMS IN INDIANA:

Over 150 low head dams in Indiana. (the public is uninformed)
Inadequate signage signaling the approaching dam.
Little or no information available regarding the location of these dams to unsuspecting paddlers...and the dangers of encountering them.

DNR has designed an interactive app showing location of all known low head dams in Indiana

Many of the LHD are on private property requiring education and diplomatic negotiations with the owners...(maybe, offer incentives)

Many Indiana legislators may be uninformed regarding this issue: educate

Average age of drowning in a low head dam accident is 20.5 years.(youth education is paramount)

24 incidents in Indiana LHDs in 2017: 6 deaths and 18 recovered rescues

THE HOOSIER CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB'S GOALS IN THIS PROJECT

Outreach to the paddling and on-water recreational clubs, organizations, liveries, etc, in Indiana by: working independently but cooperatively with the DNR & Silver Jackets.

Developing an interactive platform in order that information on the issues and initiatives can be accessed readily...*Currently, we are in communication with the Pelorus Project (Fort Wayne) regarding re-development of the Pelorus website, with a name change and enhanced mission...Pelorus has decided to give the club administrative rights and this will happen very soon.*

enabling all clubs to link to this site to access materials and information on the project

The Over, Under, Gone video in a 10 minute version will be available as a teaching tool for educational

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programs in schools and in other events. Link to the video: [\(click\) Over, Under, Gone video](#)

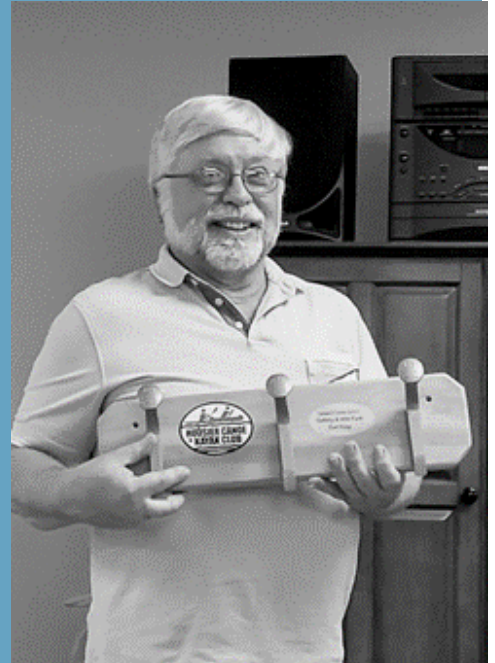
encouraging other Indiana clubs to carve out, in their organization, LHD education & safety on their website and Fb page and link directly to our platform

designing and building a Low Head Dam model—currently in process—as a working demonstration in educational venues. **Earl King, our project designer on this model is almost at completion: See model below.**

*[**Our club's website is completely independent of the DNR website and will function as a singular voice for recreational clubs and its associate organizations and membership. We are not part of any governmental agency when performing club activities including outreach and education].*

Follow Progress in the newsletter or on Fb until our website is up and running

Direct any questions to **Mariann Davis**, marianndvs@gmail.com, Subject: Low head dams



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