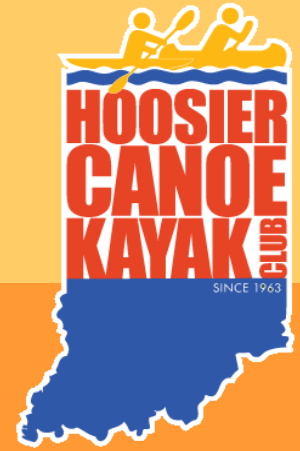


# The Hoosier Paddler

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## From the Skipper:

All went well and our Nilers are safely home from the rapids of the White Nile in Uganda. Checkout some of their pictures on the unofficial HCC facebook page. Be sure to check out the list of trips in our various trip schedules for 2017. A preliminary list is included in this edition. And remember, you can join in on a trip even if you are not a member. Contact the trip leader for details and come have some fun with us. We let you try us out before you buy. By now you should be seeing this on the new Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club website: Please provide feedback on what you like or on needed improvements.

Hope to see you all on the water at some point in 2017!

The Newsletter Editor standing in for Natalie

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## Trips Schedules

The Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club 2017 Trip Schedule is posted at our new website. Please check it out.

Watch this Newsletter and check our website for future Trip Announcements, links to the US water gauges, descriptions of Indiana streams, outfitters guide and entry and exit locations for all of our miles and miles of streams. And remember: **Coming up soon: 40th Annual April Fool's on Big Pine**

**Trip Announcement**  
**Summit Lake Early Spring Paddle**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2017**  
**Trip Sponsor: Jim Eckerty**

It's Spring! It's Spring!! Come celebrate on the water with us!!!

Once again, we will paddle Summit Lake on the first weekend of spring as we have done for the past few years. Summit Lake is the major feature of Indiana's 19th state park. Established in 1988, 800-acre Summit Lake was formed by damming Big Blue River and other smaller tributaries.

Since we are meeting at the boat ramp, you will be able to launch your canoe or kayak from the dock, concrete ramp or shoreline. This early in the season, there will be no gate fee but you will need a 2017 State Park Boat Permit.

**Paddling Conditions:** Summit Lake is very near the highest point in the state (hence the name Summit) so please be aware that wind and waves can be moderate...1-2 feet depending on the weather. Given this, a spray skirt is recommended.

In addition, the air can be cool to cold at this time of the year but the water is cold so be sure to dress accordingly. Bring a dry bag with a change of clothes just in case. Water temperatures will likely be below 40 degrees Fahrenheit so getting wet could be lethal (see below)

<b>Water Temperature</b>	<b>Hypothermia</b>	<b>Unconsciousness</b>	<b>Survival Time</b>
32.5 to 40 degrees	Severe	15 to 30 minutes	30 to 90 minutes

PLUS, due to the extreme conditions, you should be an experienced paddler to take this trip and sit on top style craft are discouraged. To be safer, we will most likely paddle as a group around the edge of the lake and lunch near the dam.

**Meeting time:** 11:00 AM

**Length:** 2-3 hours, 6-8 miles

**Contact Information:** Jim Eckerty 317-366-8879 or [rentbsu@comcast.net](mailto:rentbsu@comcast.net)

Please let me know by 6:00 pm on Friday, March 17 since I will check out the lake before the trip. In the past, ice subsided just in time for our trip and I will monitor this situation as needed. In the last few years, we have had good weather and a great day so cross your fingers and dust off your gear.....

**Location:** Summit Lake State park is located northeast of New Castle and southeast of Muncie. From Mt Summit, IN (Highway 3 and 36 intersect here) travel 4 miles east on Highway 36 to Messick Road and then north 1 mile to the park. To get to the boat ramp, pass the gate house and turn right at the first "T". Rest rooms at the dock/put-in have been open for use on our past trips and we assume they will be available again this year.

**GPS (Latitude, Longitude):** 40.02097, -85.30126 or 40°1'15"N, 85°18'5"W

**Address:** Summit Lake State Park, 5993 N Messick Road, New Castle, IN 47362

## Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

The ice has cleared from Eagle Creek and the temperature has been in the 60s this week. The water is still cold but definitely starting to feel like kayaking season. I know that several people are building kayaks over the winter. In addition, several people are carving or have bought Greenland paddles so more people may be experimenting with traditional paddling in 2017. Given this, we may have a training session that focuses on using the Greenland blade.

**Upcoming Trips:** Jim Eckerty will sponsor our first official paddle on Saturday, March 18 at Summit Lake. Given the temperatures this winter, I don't think that we'll breaking sheet ice on this trip like some past years (this is Indiana though). Our first Lake Monroe overnight will follow quickly after that on April 1 and 2 – I'll e-mail details on this trip to the sea kayak mailing list and make sure that it's in the April Newsletter.

**2017 Schedule** - The 2017 schedule for the HCKC has been posted in the calendar at our new web site. You can view the white-water, flatwater, and sea kayaking schedules at:

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/events>

If you want to highlight Sea Kayak trips, I've created calendars that show only events for flatwater, whitewater, or sea kayaking. To view the sea kayak calendar, go to: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/SKCalendar>. Or go to the Paddle Group tab on the HCKC home page and select "Sea Kayaking", there is a link to the sea kayak calendar on the Sea Kayak page.

**Major Trips in 2017** - The fleet is planning several extended trips this year. I thought that I would highlight them here so people can plan their vacations accordingly:

### **East Coast Sea Kayak Symposium – April 21-23, 2017**

#### **South Carolina Adventure – April 23-29, 2017**

Mariann Davis and Dave Ellis are leading a trip to the Charleston, SC area. The first few days are the East Coast Sea Kayak Symposium. Please look over Mariann's Trip announcement in this issue of the newsletter.

### **Chesapeake Bay Trip – June 4 – 10, 2017**

Robert Moore has paddled the waters of the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay for many years. The trip announcement is also in this newsletter.

### **Apostle Islands – August 5-12, 2017**

Our annual pilgrimage to the Apostle Islands. I will get details on this trip out to the Sea Kayaking mailing list within the next month. This is a great opportunity for experienced paddlers to explore the wonders for Lake Superior.

### **Manitou Islands – Sleeping Bear Dune - September 8-14, 2017**

The trip to South Manitou Island has always been interesting. This year, we are extending the trip several days and will paddle to and around North Manitou Island. Since we have never done this trip before, it is intended for paddlers with significant open water experience.

**Sea Kayak Mailing List:** I would encourage sea and touring kayakers to sign up for my Sea Kayak mailing list. This is an un-moderated mailing list of long boaters in and around Indiana that we use for event announcements, spontaneous trips, and general sea kayak discussions. While most sea kayaking events appear in the newsletter and the calendar, we use this mailing list to pre-announce events to help with your planning. In addition, some advanced trips are only announced through this list. If you have a sea or touring kayak, send me an e-mail ([merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net)) and I will add you to this mailing list.

## Future Newsletters

Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. Please send any pictures or write-ups to [dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com). I prefer word documents with very little formatting of the text. Calibri 11 makes a nice font.



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## **Trip Announcement**

### **Chesapeake Bay Trip**

#### **June 4-10 2017**

The Chesapeake Bay region offers a wide range of boating and paddling experiences. A group is planning to visit two regions June 4-10.

Potomac River region – Camp at Smallwood State park for 3 nights. Paddling trips will be from the State Park and launch ramps nearby on lower Potomac and Patuxent Rivers. Possible day trips can include Mattawoman Creek and Potomac nearby Smallwood State Park, Mt. Vernon and Fort Washington, Mallows Bay, St Mary's River, St. Clemmons island, Point Lookout area including a trip out to the Point No Point Lighthouse, and nearby Patuxent River.



Break Camp and drive to Eastern Shore (Delmarva region). There are a couple of possible paddling trips along the way in the Annapolis and Sandy Point areas.

Tangier Sound – Camp at Janes Island State Park for 4 nights. Paddling trips will be from State Park and region. Day trips may include in and around Janes Island, paddle south through Cedar Island Wildlife refuge and into Pocomoke Sound, paddle north into the Big Annemessex River and sanctuary, or drive to some nearby launch sites. Pocomoke trips could include upper Pocomoke River and paddle through the old growth forest region above Shad Landing and up Nassawango Creek, or launch from Shelltown and tour the Saxis wildlife refuge. A day trip to Chincoteague on the Atlantic shore is also possible. Finally, the trip home offers an interesting possibility. An optional southern route home could include a stop in Cape Charles Virginia (Wise Point launch and paddle Fisherman's Island Wild Life refuge) before crossing the southern tunnel-bridge and heading west via Newport News.

Trip Format – Conduct paddling trips launching from the camp ground ramp or drive a short distance to nearby ramps to see a variety of sites.

Paddling conditions – 0-2ft wave height is normal but open bay and large rivers can become rather choppy when wind picks up.

Tides generally run about 1.5-2ft and current is noticeable at times.

Sea kayaks of 12ft minimum length with spray skirts and water tight bulkheads are required.

Those interested in attending should contact Robert. [njordball@gmail.com](mailto:njordball@gmail.com)



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**Trip Announcement**  
**South Carolina April 23-29, 2017**  
**Sponsors: Dave Ellis and Mariann Davis**

**Paddle Beautiful South Carolina with the HCKC: Sunday, April 23-29, 2017**

**Combine this trip with the East Coast Sea Kayaking Symposium, April 21-23 for additional fun.**

**Destination: Charleston, South Carolina area with on-water exploration of the best paddling sites.**

**Trip Leaders: Dave Ellis & Mariann Davis**

**Types of Water: Day trips on Rivers, Lakes, picturesque Estuaries and very manageable open, Ocean water.**

**Skill Levels: Both flat water and open water paddlers unite for this paddling lallapalooza and experience the diversity of the area. (If you have any questions about your qualifications for this trip talk to Dave or Mariann).**

**Equipment: Sea kayaks or boats 15' or longer. Then the usual gear: PFD, spray skirt, hat, sun screen, water bottles, lunch container, gloves if needed, bilge pump, camera...**

**Sea Kayaking Symposium: Polish your skills or learn new ones—April 21-23...(offering open water and lake water classes) with internationally acclaimed instructors. This is an independent trip offering but, I (Mariann) will be attending. It will be my 4th year. Check link below for details. Campground reservations for this event can be made through James Island by calling James Island County Park 843-795-4386. **CLICK ON LINK FOR DETAILS:****

**<https://www.ccprc.com/1584/East-Coast-Paddlesports-Symposium>**

**<https://www.flickr.com/photos/96668759@N02/sets/72157667119028010>** Click this link for a taste of South Carolina. Our club trip in 2017.

**<https://www.recreation.gov/camping/buck-hall-recreation-area/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=74150>**. The club reserved 8 intracoastal waterway tent



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sites. **Reservations are made;** \*\*You need only to sign up for the trip. Click this link to view campground & and surrounding nat'l forest.

COPY BOTH DAVE [RiverPaPaw@aol.com](mailto:RiverPaPaw@aol.com) & MARIANN [mariann-dvs@gmail.com](mailto:mariann-dvs@gmail.com) no later than March 15.

STAY TUNED FOR FUTHER INFORMATION REGARDING SPECIFIC DAY PADDLES AND CAMPSITE FEE . BE ASSURED THAT DAVE WILL BE CONSULTING HIS PADDLING ORACLE FOR THE BEST KAYAKING TRIPS IN THE AREA.



## **Pool Sessions**

Pool sessions are still only \$10 for 2 hours of practice and/or instruction. Remember, it's not just for white water. Learn how to self rescue in your canoe, learn how to roll, or just have some bonding time with your boat if you miss sitting in it. The pool is heated and please make sure your boat is clean first.

Located at Thatcher Pool, from 10-12 every Saturday starting in December.  
4649 W Vermont St, Indianapolis, IN 46222

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## 2017 Trip Schedule

The following list summarizes trips planned by the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club (HCKC) for 2017. This is a preliminary schedule indicating events currently planned in each month. For specific dates and trip sponsors, please refer to the schedule on our website for more information (<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/events>).

Details for a trip are usually announced during the month before the trip using the HCKC newsletter – go to our website at [www.hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org) at click on “Newsletter”. We notify our members of upcoming trips and about the newsletter so it’s easy to keep up. We also open some beginner trips and training through MeetUp at <http://www.meetup.com/Hoosier-Canoe-Kayak-Club/>.

Weekly paddling pool sessions take place in Indianapolis and monthly paddling pool sessions are scheduled for South Bend.

Event Codes: All – Any Paddler, CK – Canoe/Kayak Paddlers, SK – Touring/Sea Kayakers, WW – Whitewater

February	All – National Paddler Film Festival
March	All – Canoecopia CK – Summit Lake First of Spring Paddle WW – Ain’t Louie Fest WW – Saint Francis River
April	SK – Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle WW/CK – Big Pine 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Paddle WW – Elkhorn River WW – National WW Center WW – Clear Creek CK – Sand Creek CK – Flatrock River CK – Big Walnut CK/SK – Westwood Lake Paddle WW – Easter Nantahala SK – East Coast SK Symposium South Carolina
May	CK – Muscatatuck Paddle SK – Cagles Mill Cataract Falls Highwater Trip CK – Fall Creek CK/SK – Grayson Lake Trip CK/SK – Kayaking Skills Clinic SK – Hardy Lake Paddle WW – Wolf / Pehstigo

	CK/SK – Wildcat Creek
June	CK – Whitewater River SK – Potomac / Chesapeake Bay WW – Christiana Creek WW – East Race All – Boat Demo & Open House SK – Open Water Rescue Class CK – Driftwood River CK – 300 Springs / Green River WW – Tuckasegee / Nantahala CK/SK – Kayaking Skills Clinic SK – NWIPA Lake Michigan New Buffalo Michigan City Paddle SK – Lake Monroe
July	SK – NWIPA Lake Michigan New Buffalo Michigan City Paddle CK/SK – Cataract Falls Moonlight Paddle CK – Cagles Mill Lake CK – East Fork of the White River CK/SK – Kayaking Skills Clinic WW – Yough SK – Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle
August	CK – Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous SK – Apostle Islands Sea Kayak Adventure CK/SK – Kayaking Skills Clinic CK – Solar Eclipse Paddle Expedition SK – NWIPA / HCKC Annual Surf Play Weekend CK – Wabash River
September	CK – Labor Day Weekend Excursion SK – Sleeping Bear Dune / Manitou Island Trip CK – Michigan Paddlers Rendezvous SK – Ohio River Overnight CK – White River
October	CK/SK – Eagle Creek Full Moon Paddle CK – Hindostand Falls / East Fork of White River SK – Lake Patoka Overnight CK – Blue River CK – Raccoon Creek Covered Bridge Festival SK – Tybee Island CK – Current River Missouri
November	SK – Lake Monroe Fall Overnight CK – Mississinewa Seven Pillars