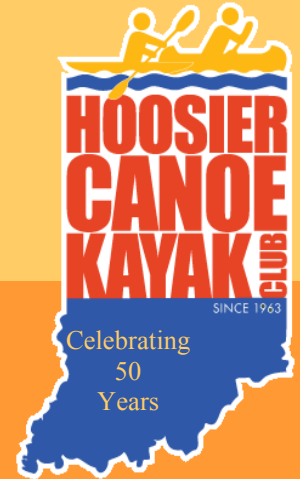


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## Skipper's Message

Members returning from the Gates Summer Whitewater Jamboree on the Yough have reported they had a great time and the few pictures I have seen posted back this up. Food was great and prepared by John and family, trips were tailored to meet the skill levels of the paddlers, and fun was had by all!! A trip report will be forthcoming. Remember, the IPR is August 1-3 on the Wildcat. The heat has returned so make sure to stay hydrated with water or sports drinks and protect yourself from the sun. As always, please submit your trip reports, announcements and pictures for publication by the 17th of each month to Dwayne [dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com)

Jim Clendenin  
Skipper

## Save the Dates!

**Pirate Paddle October 11, 2014**  
**Details to be determined**

**Annual Meeting, November 8, 2014**  
**Sponsor: Jim Clendenin**

We will hold the HCC Annual meeting from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The luncheon, board elections and special program will take place in the basement where we have held this meeting the past several years. 5692 Central Ave, Indy 46220..... more details to follow. Guest Speaker will be Darlene Patterson.

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## Trip Announcement

### Green River, Mammoth Cave National Park, KY; Aug. 8-10

#### Sponsor: Natalie Needham

The Green River runs right through Mammoth Cave National Park and is a great outdoor resource available to all for hiking, fishing, camping, and especially kayaking or canoeing. Wildlife abounds in the park, and it is not uncommon to see deer, wild turkey, bald eagles, raccoons, beaver, or hear the howls of a coyote pack in the distance. Since this is a National Park, fishing is permitted without a license so feel free to bring your pole! If you don't have a pole, let me know and I may have an extra one for you to borrow.

Friday, Aug. 8

I plan on heading down early Friday afternoon if anyone would like to carpool/caravan with me. I plan on camping at the Mammoth Cave National Park campground. The campgrounds are nice and clean; have flushing toilets and pay showers. Please let me know if you would be interested in camping as well, as we can share sites, etc. Cost is \$17 per night and up to 8 persons per site.

Campground details: <http://www.nps.gov/macacampground.htm>

Saturday, Aug. 9

Meeting Point: Cave City McDonald's Overflow lot.

For those who are not camping Friday night, we will meet in Cave City (Exit 53 on I-65). There is little to no cell phone service in MCNP, so please plan on meeting at the Cave City McDonald's on Saturday at 9:30 am EST (8:30 CST). There is cell phone service in this area, so please call or let me know if you are running late or have to cancel last minute. We will promptly leave at 9:45 am EST to the put-in. Please be aware that this is a dry county, so if you would like a cold one at some point during the trip you will need to bring it from elsewhere, there is nowhere to buy it.

Mammoth Cave National Park map: <http://www.nps.gov/macacampground/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=69446>

Put In: Dennison's Ferry

We will caravan to the put-in, which is about a 20 minute drive from the McDonald's, unload and run our shuttle. Shuttles will have to be figured out at the put-in based on vehicles, number of people, and who is going where. Shuttle time will be a little over an hour total.

Some people don't like camping and would rather explore on their own and sleep in a bed, I get that. So, for those of you who opt to sleep off the water you can take out at the Green River Ferry. It will be a nice 8 mile paddle for you on Saturday. For those of us sleeping river side, we will continue to paddle down to our target camping spot of Sand Cave Island; located close to Turn Hole Bend. Camp spots are first come, first serve, so I would like to get to our island in the early evening so we can set up, gather wood, and relax for the night. Campers will paddle a total of approx. 12 miles Saturday. I will be bringing a cooking grate and a percolating coffee maker to share; you will need to bring what you would like to cook, eat, mix, etc.

**For those camping, I will get our free camping permits Friday. I will need your vehicle's Make, Model, and plate number, along with emergency contact info. Your vehicle must have this permit displayed if you leave it overnight in the park.**

Suggested things to bring for camping:

Although downed wood can be used for firewood, it is always appreciated if you bring along some charcoal in a small ziplock baggie. Other suggested items include: flash light, bug spray, sunscreen, plenty of water, paper plates, paper cups, personal toiletries, tent, a couple of trash bags, sleeping bag, sleeping pad (we usually camp on a gravel bar), change of clothes, a positive attitude, sense of humor and don't forget to pack food for Sunday.

Day 2

If you opted to not camp and still want to paddle on Sunday, you can meet us campers on the river. The non-campers will need to run their own shuttle on Sunday. It sounds complicated, but it worked out pretty well last year. Plan to meet on the river no later than 11 am EST, just keep paddling until you see a bunch of happy HCC campers. Campers will have an approx. 8 mile paddle on Sunday, with non-campers paddling 12 miles. Take out will be at Houchins Ferry.

NOTE: if the river conditions are not deemed safe due to a sudden storm or two, we will not paddle. There is plenty of hiking to do and also, of course, the caves to visit. Please be flexible. Here is how we will gage safe paddling conditions:

<http://www.nps.gov/features/macacampground/saferivers.html>

**Please RSVP to me no later than Wednesday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or need any more info, please feel free to contact me (Natalie) at [natalieHCCKayak@gmail.com](mailto:natalieHCCKayak@gmail.com)**

Please put Mammoth Cave in the subject line when emailing me. See you on the river!

## Sea Kayaking Events

### Sea Kayak Notes – August 2014

Jim Sprandel

**Apostle Islands** - August – vacation time. This year, eleven HCC paddlers will be heading up to the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore for a week of paddling and camping. This will be my sixth trip up there and the Apostles are a special place for me. The National Lakeshore is comprised of 22 islands clustered around Bayfield, WI. It is an ideal environment since the water is clear, the shoreline is interesting with many rock formations and sea caves, and there are loons, eagles, and mergansers in abundance plus a few bears to add that sense of adventure. A definite “bucket list” item for paddlers with intermediate/advanced sea kayaking skills and camping experience.

**Save Labor Day Weekend - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indiana Dunes Surf Play Weekend** - Coming up at the end of August (Friday, August 29 to Monday, September 1) we will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Indiana Dunes Surf Play Weekend with Northwest Indiana Paddler's Association (NWIPA). This year, the event falls on Labor Day Weekend so people can stay over Monday and paddle if they want. We have reserved a group campsite at Indiana Dunes State Park so that we will all be able to camp together. At this event, we take what Lake Michigan gives us and plan activities accordingly. Last year, we got to play in mild surfing conditions on Friday but it was calmer Saturday and Sunday so we paddled along the Dunes and worked on rescue and paddling skills. This event is intended for sea kayakers of all skill levels.



Details are not finalized with NWIPA but they will pretty much track last year's event. In early August, I will send out full details to all sea kayakers using the IND\_TOURING\_KAYAK mailing list and I will also post them to the Sea Kayak Forum in the Bulletin Board. Hope to see you there.

#### **Schedule Change –**

**Ghost Ship, Saturday, September 13** – The Sea Kayak fleet has replaced the previously scheduled Wabash trip with a paddle to the Ghost Ship which is just off of the Ohio River. Robert Moore will lead us on about a 10-mile paddle to the ship and on the Ohio River near Lawrenceburg, IN. If you have never paddled the Ohio River, it definitely has a “big water” feel. This trip has been a staple of the CincyPaddler's group for many years and their pictures from there look really interesting. Check the September Newsletter for details.

**November Lake Monroe Overnight Trip** – Our overnight trip to Lake Monroe has been moved back a week to November 15-16 since the HCC's Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to November 8.

### **Eagle Creek Triathlons Volunteers Needed for Safety Boats**

**Contact: John Wainscott**

We meet at 7 am and are on the water by 7:30. Contact John for details of location. No park pass required. Please help the club with these events. We provide safety boaters to the swimmers. This raises money for the club. [wldleak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wldleak@sbcglobal.net)

### **Eagle Creek Wednesday Evening Paddles Volunteers Needed for safety boats Contact Jeff Coates**

Jeff Coates could use some help with the **Wednesday evening paddles at Eagle Creek**. They are having large groups of 20-25 boats now that this has caught on and safety boaters are a valuable help. Please contact Jeff if you can do one or two of these Wednesday evening paddles—starting around 5:30 and run till around 7:30 or so. If you're interested or have any questions, send an email to Jeff Coates, [truenorth360@comcast.net](mailto:truenorth360@comcast.net). He can answer your questions, and will send out confirmation emails and gate passes.

## Sea Kayak Trip Report

### Paddling along the Beach July 11-13, 2014

Jim Sprandel

Kellie Kaneshiro, Tom Beckerich, and I wandered up to Michigan City for NWIPA's Annual New Buffalo-to-Michigan City paddle. Nothing like getting out on the open waters of Lake Michigan. Attendance was down since the weather forecast was calling for rain and thunderstorms on Saturday.

On Friday, Kellie Kaneshiro and I launched from Indiana Dunes State Park and paddled down along the park. The sky was blue and the weather perfect – a good warm-up paddle for the weekend. We then got back to Sand Creek campground and had dinner. The mosquitoes were particularly voracious so we had to really cover up with clothes, bug nets over our heads, and bug repellent.

On Saturday, the weather was iffy. Radar showed intense activity around Chicago but we went ahead and paddled since there is almost always beach to run into along the entire length of the open water paddle down to Michigan City if we saw a storm rolling in. However, the storms and heavy rains stayed south of us although we had a mixture of weather conditions – wind, light rain, clear skies, and light fog during the day. We had an interesting 15-mile paddle from our put-in on the Galien River near New Buffalo down to Hanson Park on Trail Creek in Michigan City. "Interesting" can have many connotations. In this case, it means that we had 1-1.5 foot waves striking our bows and a 10-15 knot headwind most of the 10-mile open water stretch from New Buffalo to Michigan City. Definitely a work out but the waves were playful enough to make it really fun. After turning inside the sea wall at Michigan City Harbor, we had about a ¼ mile stretch of broach waves which were a little pushy. Everyone was experienced so no one had any problems with the waves on the trip.

Sunday Morning, Tom, Kellie, and I headed out for a 6-mile paddle from Indiana Dunes State Park shoreline with a Northwest wind. Waves were rear quartering waves on the way out and we had a great paddle along the Dunes. Some of these waves were surfable so we had a chance to play.

A great set of paddles on Lake Michigan – one of Indiana's true gems. Many thanks to Ken Stelter and Kayak Kenneth for continuing to make this event enjoyable every year.





## Volunteers Needed Sept 20-21 2014 HOEx Hoosier Outdoor Experience Fort Harrison State Park Indianapolis

The canoe and kayak activity needs volunteers to provide hundreds of families and individuals an opportunity to paddle a canoe or kayak at the 2014 HOEx . For those who aren't aware of HOEx, it is the state's largest exhibition of over 60 outdoor activities spread all over Fort Harrison State Park Sept 20-21 from 10am-6pm each day. Most activities are hands on so attendees can experience them. The paddling activity last year introduced more than 3000 people to the sport ! See <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm> for more info on the HOEx .

Lots of volunteers are needed, assisted by cadets from the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy and Venture Scouts. Volunteers will provide basic instruction, supervise the PFD & paddle distributors, loaders/unloaders, and for on-water paddling guides. Instructors will teach the very basics of paddling, how to enter a boat and answer questions about the sport. **Anyone can volunteer** - you do not need to be certified or very proficient, only ready to have lots of enjoyment introducing our sport to eager folks who will paddle for 15-20 mins in the park pond.

Contact Joe Rozsahegyi [jvrinkokd@aol.com](mailto:jvrinkokd@aol.com) 765-507-1200 to volunteer some time one or both days.



## Volunteers Needed

For several years, the HCC has provided safety-paddle volunteers to support the **Sunset and Full Moon Paddle Program at the Marina at Eagle Creek Park**....Those fun evening public paddle-programs have started up again, and we could use your help!

### HCC Volunteers Safety-Role at monthly Full Moon Paddle Program:

- ..Greet program participants as they arrive
- ..Help participants adjust the foot pegs in their rental kayaks
- ..Paddle along weaker paddlers offering basic paddling advice and suggestions
- ..Communicate with program guide any challenges, slow paddlers, etc
- ..Helping participants beach and exit their boats as they finish.

### Here are some of the details:

- ..Each HCC volunteer will receive free gate admission for that night
- ..Jeff Coates is the program guide, and leads the brief orientation, paddle instruction, and route
- ..Be sure to bring a head lamp and/or light affixed to your pfd
- ..The Marina will provide radios for communication, and glow-sticks for safety
- ..The paddle is generally very slow, as most participants are beginners
- ..The programs are weather-dependent, so Jeff Coates will send out emails to interested HCC members, confirming if each program will take place or not

### Here's the Dates (Friday and Saturday each month, closest to the Full Moon):

July 11 and 12, August 8 and 9, September 12 and 13, October 10 and 11

If you're interested or have any questions, send an email to Jeff Coates, [truenorth360@comcast.net](mailto:truenorth360@comcast.net) He can answer your questions, and will send out confirmation emails and gate passes each month, to confirm the program.