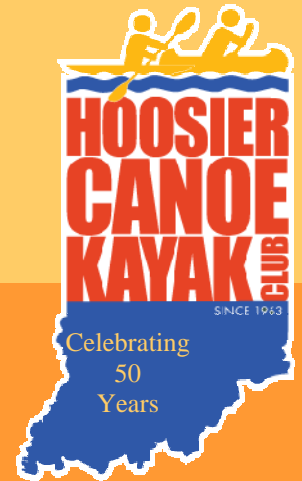


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Skipper's Message

We are working hard on putting together a new list of officers and board members for the coming year. If you are interested in being on the board or acting as a trip chair, please contact me at once or sooner. Check out the Pirate Party Paddle, the Annual Meeting, and some nice fall trips. Come on out and join us for at least one paddle this fall.

Jim Clendenin

Pirate Party

6:30 p.m., White River Yacht Club

1400 E 74th Street, (just upstream from Broad Ripple) Indianapolis 46240
Directions: From the intersection of Keystone Avenue and 75th Street, turn west onto 75th Street and follow it around to the White River Yacht Club.

The Pirate Party includes a buffet dinner, soft drinks, and beer
Prize for best pirate costume and best pirate talk!

Pirate Paddle & Party Registration: \$20 all-inclusive of the pirate flotilla, buffet dinner, beer, and band

Hoist the flags high for the Sponsors and Supporting Organizations!

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• Friends Of The White River

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Pirate Book of Face page:

https://www.facebook.com/events/1594048430822870/?context=create&ref_dashboard_filter=upcoming&source=49

Questions? Contact THE BLACK TOAD tkulczak@comcast.net
THREE-ONE-SEVEN-409-6771

P.S. Shiver me timbers maties, ye must know to DRESS FOR THE WEATHER. If you're not aware of cold-weather paddling protocols, here's some good info: <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/newslet/feb2008final1.pdf#page=4>

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Pirate Paddle & Party Saturday, October 11

**Grand New Party Venue! WHITE RIVER YACHT CLUB, 1400 E 74th Street
Flotilla Put-In: White River at 116th Street**

Register Now! (We know paddlers like to wait until the last moment to sign up, but we have to commit a food count to the Yacht Club soon. Register through the link below):

<http://formsmarts.com/form/1hbx>

Avast me hearties, we be callin' all river pirates, past and present, lassies and scoundrels, as well as you land lubbers! The pirate paddlers will be gatherin' for the White River Flotilla on Saturday, October 11th, followed by the Pirate Party. We be expectin' paddlers from the far seven seas to convene for revelry and good cheer!

Aye, be there some of ye who don't want to float? Come join ye wenches and scalawags for the Pirate Party at the **White River Yacht Club**, the *grandest place ever* for a gathering on the river! The WRYC cove is just north of Broad Ripple, with a huge (covered) party deck on the river. Truly worth the voyage. View the Page of Web: <http://www.wryc.net>

The Pirate Paddle & Party is a signature event of the paddling community presented every other year by the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club with support from sponsors. Yep, this is the year and if you miss it, it will be two more years! Yay, all paddlers be welcomed! Please share the good word with friends and paddlers!

The \$20 admission fee includes the flotilla, a buffet dinner at the Yacht Club, beer from Tow Yard Brewing Company, and the fun dance music of **The Sea Dogs**, a five-piece band. **The Sea Dogs** play all of our favorite party (and island) music from the 60's on up! *Where else can you find paddlers gathered as pirates; dinner and beer, and a great dance band for twenty bucks?*

Me would cut off my claw to swear, the pirate boat decorations on the flotilla, with the pirate party in the evening, make for an event worth the best of admirals. Prizes for best boat decoration and best pirate costume, and maybe even the best Pirate Talk. Start workin' on your riggin' maties!

PIRATE FLOTILLA—Boat decorations are encouraged!

Schedule—

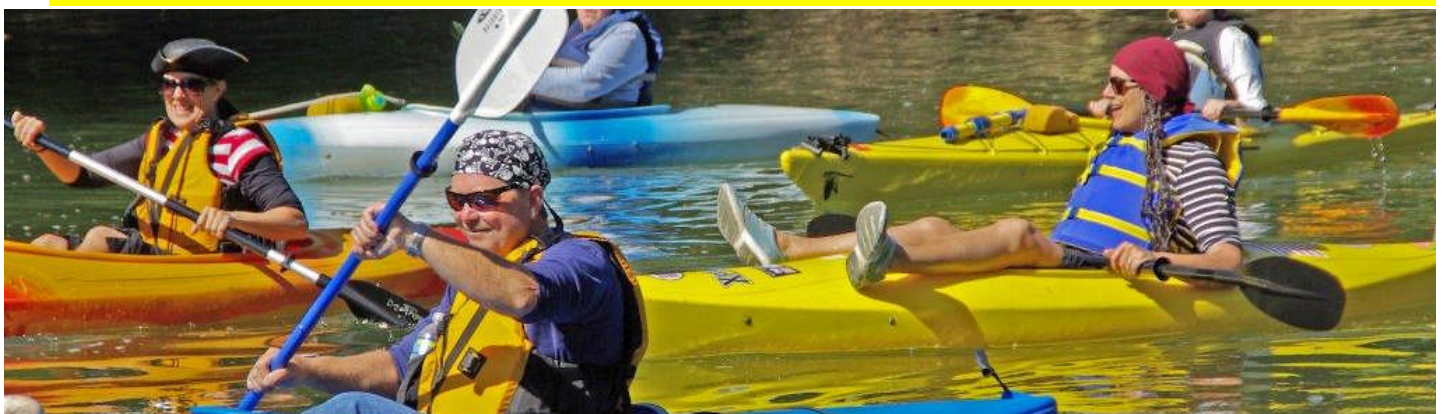
1:00 Arrival & Registration

Run shuttle

2:00 Launch of Pirate Flotilla

Approximate paddling distance 9 miles on White River

Location: At the intersection of of 116th Street and Eller Rd in Fishers, go north on Eller Road and turn left on Wapihani Drive which will take you to the river.



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Sea Kayak Thoughts – October 2014

Jim Sprandel

Ahoy! It's October already and the summer has really flown by. Fall paddling promises to include watching migratory birds heading south for the winter and fantastic fall colors in the trees. Fall is one of my four favorite paddling seasons.

Sunday Geist Paddle – Our next paddle at Geist Park will be on Sunday, October 5. We will start the October and November paddles at 1:00 pm since it should be a tad warmer in the afternoon and since we won't have to deal with the motorboat traffic that we see during the summer. Kellie or I will get a reminder with details out to everyone using the Sea Kayak mailing list during the week before each paddle.

Fall Cagle's Mill Trip: On Saturday, October 4, we will return to Cagle's Mill Lake. We will put-in at the beach in Lieber State Park. At that time we can talk about where the group wants to paddle – up to Cataract Falls, up Doe Creek, or around the lake. This is an interesting lake and it's less than an hour from the west side of Indianapolis. Trip details follow in this newsletter and will be mailed out to the Sea Kayak list.

Fall Grayson Lake Trip: Last year, Dave, Mark, and I scouted out Grayson Lake for a potential fall paddle this year. We had a great time and wanted to make this a club Sea Kayak trip. One cool thing is that the water was a bit lower so that there are more places to get out and the leaves are thinner so that we could see more of the structure of the higher rock formations. One day we even had fog which gave a truly ethereal feel to the canyon in which we were paddling (see picture above). Given the success of this first paddle, the Sea Kayak fleet will be repeating this trip beginning Friday, October 17 through Sunday, October 19. Come on down Friday night if you can only make the Saturday and Sunday paddles. Hopefully, this year's paddle will be as cool as last year's. I will get a trip announcement out to the Sea Kayak mailing list and up on the Bulletin Board within the next 2 weeks.



Grayson Lake—October 2013

Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Cagles Mill Lake Paddle

Saturday, October 4, 2014

Trips Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Cagles Mill is an interesting lake and is only about 1 hour from the west side of Indianapolis. There should be enough water this Fall to easily paddle up to Cataract Falls. I'll scout it during the week before the paddle. If the channel gets too shallow, we can either explore Doe Creek or the shoreline of the lake. The trees should be changing so it should be great.

The trip from the Lieber SRA Ramp up to the falls is about 6.5 miles. The first 2.5 miles cross open portions of Cagles Mills Lake which can get choppy and windy.

If we decide to go to the falls, we will probably have lunch at the lower falls. I would expect solid landing places this time of year rather than the mud we had this spring. One more thing to check when I scout it.

Meeting Place: As of mid-September, the [lake stage](#) is at 642 feet. If we can, we will meet at the East end of the Swimming Beach at Lieber SRA. At the current level, we can probably park in the parking area for fishermen. After I scout it, I'll get out a note to everyone who RSVPs to me.

Directions: From I-70 and I-465 on the Indianapolis West side, drive west on I-70 to the SR 243 exit (Exit 37). Drive about 3 miles south on SR 243 to the Lieber SRA Entrance and follow the signs to the beach within the park. (The SRA is approximately 45 minutes from I-465 and I-70 on the Indy West Side.)

Cagles Mill Trip Announcement (Continued)

Note: There is a \$5 fee to enter the park and you must have a DNR Sticker for you boat—these stickers are usually available at the SRA gate.

What to Bring: Be sure to bring your boat, paddling/safety gear, water, your lunch, and sun screen. Camera – the colors should be amazing if the trees are starting to change.

Due to the mileage and possible lake conditions, sea kayaks or touring kayaks with spray skirts are strongly recommended

Paddling Distance/Speed: 13 - 15 miles, 3.0 - 3.5 mph while moving.

Schedule: Plan on being at the put-in and ready to launch at 9:45 am—we should get off the water around 3:00 pm.

Contact Information: Please e-mail me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net by 6:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you plan to attend so I can get latest conditions to you.



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Trip Report – Apostle Islands Adventure – August 9-17, 2014

The Apostles Island National Lakeshore consists of 22 islands clustered around a peninsula jutting up into Lake Superior. If you have never paddled on Lake Superior, imagine looking down through fifteen feet of water to see rocks on the bottom and thinking that you can touch them. Or, seeing the patterns the waves scribe on the sand in Presque Ile Bay. As you paddle through the islands, you can see the pounding that the shores take from the lake. There are 3-4 series of sea caves that have been carved out over time as well as sea stacks scattered through the islands.

Ten HCC paddlers headed up to Little Sand Bay north of Bayfield, WI this August for a one-week trip into the islands. Since the park restricts camping groups to a maximum of 7 people, we divided up into 2 groups. I was with the Inner Island Group and will describe our trip but will include a few of the more believable stories that I heard from the other Outer Island Group. Most of us got to Lake Superior Friday evening and camped at Little Sand Bay.

Saturday—We drove down to and launched from Meyer’s Beach where we paddled to the mainland sea caves. On this day, the lake was calm and we were able to really explore the caves. The caves are 1-2 miles down from our put-in and are the largest sea caves in the islands. The caves are fun because there are arches to paddle under, caves to hide in, and many interesting rock formations.

These caves were featured on the National news this winter when people were able to hike and cross-country ski out to them on the ice. After paddling along the caves, we had lunch at a beach on the east end of the caves before heading back to Meyer’s Beach.



Mainland Sea Caves



Sea Cave—Sand Island

Sunday—This morning, we broke camp, ditched our cars, loaded up our kayaks and headed out for a week in the islands. We paddled out to Sand Island, set up camp, and then explored its sea caves while paddling to the North end of this island. The sea caves on Sand have a completely different feel – they are not as tall, but they are much interwoven and intimate. At one place, you can go down a 100-foot dark and narrow passage before coming out in a room on the far side.

Monday promised to be an “interesting” day with wind and the possibility of 2-3 waves. We broke camp and headed east to visit the Lighthouse on Raspberry Island. This lighthouse has been restored to its original state and is an interesting tour. We had lunch on the beach on the east side of Raspberry before making the 3 mile crossing over to Oak Island. By this time, the wind was awake and we had a 10-20 mph wind (gusting to 30) on our front quarters and pushy 2+ foot waves. Our group made it to Oak 6 where we set up camp for the night. However, the conditions this tested everyone’s conviction that they were comfortable in 2-foot seas. The Outer Island Group paddled about 6-8 miles dead into that wind out to Devils Island and were glad when they reached there. Early that evening we had heavy wind and rain which fortunately let up before we had to cook dinner.

Tuesday — We paddled along the Eastern Shore of Oak and then made the 2.5 mile crossing over to Stockton. The wind/waves were much calmer than the previous day and we made the trip to the campsites at Presque Ile Bay without any problem. Stockton is an interesting island

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Bear Damage—Stockton Island

with bears, a bog with numerous carnivorous plants, and more bears. This is one of my favorite places to camp since the campsites are on the beach and face due west so you get amazing sunsets.

Oh, did I mention bears. A trail sign near our campsite had been clawed by a bear “marking” its territory. The Outer Island Group actually saw 2 black bears while paddling around Stockton.

Wednesday - We day paddled over to the lighthouse on Michigan Island. Unfortunately it was closed for renovation. We then returned by way of Julian Bay on the east side of Stockton where we ate lunch and explored. This is a huge bay hemmed in by sand dunes that protect the bogs behind them. After lunch, we paddled to the north end of the bay where a ship wreck was marked with a diving buoy. Then, we paddled back to camp. Several people hiked over to the east side of the island to see the plant life. We joined up with the Outer Island Group that night and swapped trip stories to date.

Thursday – We broke camp and headed North along the East side of Stockton. This area doesn’t see as many paddlers because it is ex-



Sea Stack—Stockton Island

posed to the full fetch of the lake and since it is not usually on an “Inner Island” itinerary. However, the east side of Stockton is one of the most interesting in the islands. There are rugged cliffs, several sea caves, and 5-10 sea stacks. The formations are bigger than Sand Island and run for 2-3 miles along the shore.

After rounding the Northeast corner of Sand, we paddled another 4 miles down the North shore of Stockton and then up to Ironwood where we camped. We were camping near the sand spit on the Southeast corner of the island. A great place to swim or watch sunrises and sunsets. We had a fire that night, although we retired early after the paddle from Stockton.

Friday - We paddled east to Otter Island and explored its north and west sides. These areas are rough, without a place to land on either shore.

The area is beautiful with cliffs and “tortured” rock features. However, we were prevented from closely exploring them

since the area is protected for nesting gulls. We paddled ¾ of the way around the island and had lunch at the campsite on the southeast corner of the island. After lunch, we paddled over to York Island to camp. A 16-mile day. We met up with the Outer Island Group here and enjoyed our last night in the islands.



Paddling along Otter Island

Saturday – We woke bright and early. We broke camp and paddled back into Little Sand Bay. After getting to shore and showering, we had breakfast as a group in Bayfield before heading home again. All in all, the Outer Island Group paddled about 97 miles and the Inner Island Group about 84 miles.

This was my sixth trip to the Apostles and I can’t wait to get back there next year..

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