

# ***The Hoosier Paddler***

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## **A note from our skipper, Sue Foxx:**

In April we can usually count on the weather to let us really get out on Indiana's rivers, lakes and streams. I hope you have Garry Hill's April Fool's trip down the Big Pine on your calendar. It is usually a great trip for both whitewater and flatwater paddlers with the excitement of mild rapids, if conditions are right. Also, I have seen other clubs have been getting some good exposure on TV by taking 'Flat Chuck' on their adventures. I encourage our members to print off 'Flat Chuck' from the Channel 13 (WTHR) website and then get photos that can be submitted for airing. From what I've seen, the more exotic or unusual, the better in order to get shown on TV. Be sure to identify that you are an HCC member or that it is an HCC trip. It may encourage a lot of folks to join us. Finally, a big THANK YOU to all the members that helped with the Boat, Sport and Travel Show and with the reception with Cliff Jacobson. We had over 60 people at the seminar and reception where we kicked off our 50th year anniversary with a big cake compliments of Mark Kaley.

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## **Cliff Jacobson Reception at the BSTS**



## **The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**

## 2013 HCC Officers and Board

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the HCC Bulletin Board ahead of time the exact location. Please understand these trips are very dependent upon Springtime runoff which is unpredictable as last years Sand Creek trip was at almost record drought conditions for April. Please email me @ [canoeindiana@yahoo.com](mailto:canoeindiana@yahoo.com) or call my cell @ 812-767-2842. I will have my cell with me both days .

## Trip Announcement: Sand C. / Whitewater R. Upper Doubleheader - Sat.& Sun. April 13 & 14, 2013

### Trip Leader: Richard Tekulve

Circle the map for a weekend of paddling two of the states finer streams in southeastern Indiana. This year we will once again try to "explore" the upper parts of both depending entirely upon sufficient water levels with backup plans for both days. On Saturday April 13th @ 930 AM we will run upper Sand Creek from Robbins Iron Bridge Park to Westport Covered Bridge a distance of 10.6 miles. This trip is referred to as the "Canyon Section" with lots of exposed rock formations and a narrower stream for the first half of the trip. Put in is @ Robbins Iron Bridge Park (Delorme Atlas page 46 H3) located south of Greensburg (Decatur County) on County Road 500 South. Directions from the junction of SR 3 & 46 (3 miles west of Greensburg) take SR 3 three miles south to County Road 500 South (sign) turn left (east) and proceed two miles to the Park (old iron bridge with small paved parking lot). Option # 1 is Westport Covered Bridge to Brewersville Bridge a distance of 12.0 miles . Put-in is @ Westport Covered Bridge in southwestern Decatur County. From the flasher on State Road 3 at Westport (Delorme Atlas page 52 B3) proceed east on Main Street/ CR 1100 South through town for two miles across bridge and a parking lot on right . Option # 3 is Brewersville to Scipio Covered Bridge a distance of 10.4 miles. Meet @ Jennings County Fairgrounds on State Road 3 (Delorme Atlas page 52 D2) about three miles north of North Vernon (Jennings County). From the northside of North Vernon (junction of highways 3 & 7) take SR 3 north for three miles to County Road 500 North (sign). The Fairgrounds is located on the right corner (illuminated sign) with a large parking lot - we will meet here and proceed to the put-in a few miles away at Brewersville.

On Sunday, April 14th the Upper Whitewater River put-in time is 1030 AM. Meet @ Creitz Park in Cambridge City (aprox. 50 miles east of Indy in Wayne County) and paddle to Waterloo bridge a distance of 11.2 miles. From a stoplight in downtown Cambridge City (Main Street/ U.S. 40) turn North onto Foote Street and go aprox. two blocks into Creitz Park the river and Footbridge is located on the right/ east in the small park . The Delorme Atlas shows at Creitz Park a canoe symbol here on page 41 H8. Option # 1 will be an old staple of Mahan Park Canoe Launch south of Connersville to Laurel Feeder Dam Access or US 52 Bridge @ Metamora a distance of 10.6 or 14.7 miles depending on group decision at put-in. The put-in is @ Mahan Park Canoe Launch with sign (Delorme Atlas page 47 C8) on State Road 121 three miles south of Connersville on the East side of the highway. The put-in times for the Saturday trip will be at 930 AM and the Sunday trip will be at 1030 AM regardless of the determined location. I will post on



Have you ever seen the beautiful ice formations that occur on Our Wildcat Creek this time of year??? Hundreds of different shapes and sizes, tiny tendrils that look like transparent worms, to 10-ft long Icicles, and even Icebergs after a long hard freeze.

### How about "ICE BELLS"? Have you ever seen "Ice Bells"?



Ice Bells occur rarely. The only way to see them up close is from a Canoe or Kayak, on a day such as today, which renders the chance to see them even more rare. But, way beyond all that, weather and water conditions have to be "Just Perfect" for them to appear. True Ice Bells occur only when a long sequence



of events transpires in perfect order.

Ice Bells are formed just above the surface of free-flowing Streams.

The air and water temperature must be warm enough to eliminate ice on the surface of the Stream. Next, the water level must rise several inches due to gentle rainfall or snow melt. The rising water must get high enough to touch the tips of low hanging tree branches, but not high and fast enough to break them off. Muddy flood flows can produce astounding ice formations, but the perfect little "Ice Bells" will occur only during more gentle situations.

Now, a point of perfect timing must occur. Right at the peak of the flow, when the tiny branches are dipping and scraping the surface of the water, the temperature must drop sharply down into the low-20's or teens. And, the water level must begin to drop slowly, unaffected by any additional weather. No rain, no wind, just cold and calm.

The Chill will cause ice to form on the tiny branches that are touching the water. The ice will form in almost invisible layers sometimes looking much like a tiny icicle, or a transparent leaf. As the ice "Gains Weight", the tiny branch will begin to bounce slightly, up & down, side-to-side as the water passes by.

Next in the sequence, the water level must begin to drop ever so slightly. This creates an open space between the ice and the water. Yet, tiny waves in the flow will reach up, touch the ice, instantly freeze and add to the weight. Any little puff of a breeze, even a passing bird, will cause the growing ice ball to bounce slightly up & down, touch the water and gain more weight.

This situation also causes the bottom of the ice ball to grow in diameter, adding more weight, and creating a "Bell-like" shape. At this point, a Paddler in a slowing moving Canoe can actually watch the newborn Ice Bell bobbing up & down, with tiny ripples floating away when it touches the water. With a good camera and faithful stability from your Canoe, a Paddler can come home with some remarkable photos.



**Article and pictures by Garry Hill**

## **Trip Report: Ice Falls Trip on Sugar Creek, February 9, 2013**

**Trip Leader: Dwayne James**

After having to cancel this trip the last two years due to bad weather or low water our group was able to enjoy a surprisingly beautiful paddle this year. In spite of the lack of snow, warm temps and rain, Sugar Creek did not disappoint when it came to nice formations and a good flow (2.5 ft on the Crawfordsville gauge: [http://www.indianaoutfitters.com/data\\_sugar.html](http://www.indianaoutfitters.com/data_sugar.html) ). A special treat was the fast flow of water with big waves at our favorite lunch spot. Past Skipper Theresa Kulczak posted some nice pictures of us playing in that spot on the HCC Bulletin Board. <http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forumdisplay.php?5-Photo-Gallery&s=6e89fb9204b3cab82bca0b109603076b> Although the temperature started out in the very low 30's, by trip time we had blue skies, no wind, and temps pushing 40 degrees.

I am happy to say that we had many new club members on the trip this year. Fourteen paddlers in recreational kayaks (Gina Moyer, Greg Rathnow, Mariann Davis, Mark Cowser, Dustin Blankenship, Mark Zimmerman, Mike Lough, Brian Kestle, and Austin Peacock), and solo canoes (Theresa Kulczak, David Fessel, Jay Moyer, Gary Konecny, and myself) launched around 11:30 at the Deer's Mill covered bridge, located on the East end of Shades State Park, and paddled the 11 miles down to the East edge of Turkey Run State Park. We exited about 3:30 pm at the Brush Creek launch site at the Narrows Bridge.

Other than a few missteps (a forgotten paddle and clothing left at home, which was not a problem due to the extra gear most of us always keep in our vehicles), and two fellows who miss-stepped getting out of their boats at lunch and the take-out, we experienced no problems and we had no swimmers. Saw a few eagles but again this year the Heron rookery was empty. It has been that way for the last several years and we saw no Herons on this trip. As usual, the water was running cold and clear and we had the creek to ourselves.

Fortunately, we had some nice young men on the trip to help everyone lug their boats up those steep steps into the parking area. Thanks for doing that. And a great big thanks to our unexpected but very much appreciated shuttle bunny, er, shuttle hare, Garry Hill. Muskrat was in the area scouting a few new places to paddle and generously met us at our drop off and shuttled us back to Deer's Mill Bridge. Let me point out that even if you cannot paddle a trip, if you are nearby or have the time, providing a shuttle is a great help to everyone. After the trip, a few members ate at Turkey Run State Park and went for an after paddle hike. A great day to be in the woods or on the water! I look forward to leading this trip again next year; let's all hope for more snow and cold temperatures so we get those really big ice falls.

## **Driftwood River Trip**

**Saturday, April 27, 2013**

**Trip Sponsors: Dan Evard, Linda Smith**

This year we will paddle the lower section of the Driftwood (8-9 miles), putting in at the Tannehill Road PAS and taking out at Mill Race Park in Columbus, IN. This 85 acre riverfront park has a covered bridge, an 84 foot observation tower, 2 fishing lakes and is a short walk from downtown dining options such as **Zaharakos** (turn of the century ice cream parlor) where those interested can reward themselves with sandwiches, soups, salads and of course ice cream! We aren't sure what our on the river dining options are, so best to have a snack or sandwich "on board" with you since we may not find an appropriate gravel bar for an official lunch break. This area is subject to severe annual flooding, so it will be important that we have your contact information so that we may notify you of any changes. Appropriate for all skill levels.

Meeting Place: McDonalds (11995 N. US Hwy. 31, Edinburg, IN 46124.) We will caravan to the put-in from here.

Schedule:	10:00 am	Arrive at Meeting Place
		Travel to Put In
	10:30 am	Run Shuttle
	11:00 am	Start Paddling
	2:00 pm ?	Landing at Take Out

Contact Information: Please contact one of us by Friday, April 26th to confirm your attendance and to make sure the water level is appropriate for this trip to be a go.

Dan Evard (317-753-1226 [danevard@aol.com](mailto:danevard@aol.com)) or Linda Smith (317-450-5638 [smit063@comcast.net](mailto:smit063@comcast.net))



## **Flatwater/Whitewater Trip Announcement**

### **Muskrat's 36th Annual April Fools On Big Pine Cruise**

**Saturday, April 6, 2013**

#### **Trip Sponsor: Garry Hill**

Muskrat's 36th Annual April Fools on Big Pine Cruise is Saturday April 6, 2013. The meeting time is 9:30 AM at our traditional gathering location, in downtown Pine Village. **Please, Don't go to the Putin! Go to Pine Village!!!** Sometimes we don't know where the Putin will be until we meet in Pine Village. There are several possibilities, with the selection based on water levels.

**There are 3 Meeting Locations:** In addition to Pine Village, this event has two other meeting locations available—one in Kokomo and another in Lafayette. All 3 locations and meeting times are described below:

1) The west-side McDonalds in Kokomo, corner of Sycamore & Dixon.

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 33. From US-31 Bypass, go west on Sycamore Street (first street north of Wildcat Creek). Follow Sycamore all the way thru the city. Micky-D's is on the left just before the light at Dixon Road. This is the site of the April Fool's traditional "Trip Leader's Breakfast", which has been held every year since the beginning in 1978. Muskrat will arrive at 7AM if you would like to eat, sip some coffee, and listen to some "pitifully old and raucous River Tales". We will leave from there promptly at 8:00 AM.

2) The Lafayette McDonalds just west of the Jct of I-65 & SR-26. Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 31. Be there NO LATER than 8:30 AM. The group from Kokomo will arrive at 8:45 and leave ASAP, hopefully by 9:00 AM, or as soon as all the potty-stops have been accomplished.

3) Downtown Pine Village, on SR-26, about 20-miles west of Lafayette. Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 30, at the Jct of SR-26 & SR-55, in beautiful, downtown Pine Village. The boat-laden auto caravan from Kokomo & Lafayette will arrive in Pine Village at, about, around, or somewhat after, 9:30 AM. Be there early!!!!!! Park anywhere downtown. Expect to see Paddler-people wandering around in the middle of the highway. The locals just ignore us. They know we're harmless, and that we'll soon be gone.

**Expected Paddling Conditions:** I know there may be some members who are not familiar with Big Pine Creek, so let me pass on a few words of caution: My April Fools Trip is a bit different from the normal trip, so I think it's prudent to describe this event a bit more in detail. Big Pine Creek is the best Whitewater Stream in Indiana, but it's nearly dry and not Paddleable most of the time. Enough water to make the rapids enjoyable (0" or more on the Rainsville Gauge), which happens maybe 30-40 days per year. Good water on a warm comfortable day, and you're down to about 10-15 days. When the water is up and the Sun is shining, the Whitewater rapids of Big Pine Creek draws Paddlers like "flies to road kill".

Here's a idea of what the Creek is like. At normal water levels ("0" or less on the Rainsville gauge) Big Pine is very shallow and rocky (much more so than a Summertime Wildcat or Sugar), still with many rapids that are equal to the best Wildcat Creek has to offer. However, if the water level is up (anything above "0"), Big Pine has several good Class I+ rapids. In addition, if it's up, we will also be running Rocky Ford, which is 3/4-mile of continuous Class II, with some of the best Whitewater in Indiana, easily able to swamp Open Canoes. The most fun level for this event is about 1-2 feet. Big Pine is a beautiful and fun Stream loved by Paddlers all over Indiana. Its difficulty varies greatly with flow level; ranging from a "boat-beater" in dry times, to huge waves and hydraulics in high flows. However, Big Pine could be considered appropriate for Novice Paddlers at levels under 2-ft on the Chuck Weis Gauge, as long as their equipment is appropriate and they are part of a more experienced group.

**Last Minute Updates:** Each year I make a scouting run thru the Big Pine Valley on the day before my April Fools Cruise. I check the water level (on the Chuck Weis Gauge in Rainsville) immediately upon arrival. Then I visit all possible Put-ins and Takeouts, visit with the Landowners at each location, dropping off a copy of a letter if no one is home. When I'm ready to leave, I check the water level again and note any changes. My plan for that day includes being home no later than 6PM, so I can prepare my email update which I promise to have available to my Expedition Team Members after 7PM. For everyone else, I will be sitting next to both phones all evening, beginning at 7. Feel free to call me any time after 7PM to see about the water level and the expected level of difficulty. The Launch Site, however, will not be announced until we meet in Pine Village.

If you're interested in attending this Cruise, but have concerns, please feel free to contact Garry Hill.

**Contact info:** Garry Hill: garryhill@aol.com, 765-628-3155 home 765-432-6782 cell



# Happy 50th birthday, again, HCC

## History (part 3 of 11)

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### The club becomes diverse: **WHITE** water is accepted.

It wasn't until the early 1970's in the club that kayaking, of any significance was introduced. History recalls a limited acquaintance with Charlie Moore's hand crafted fiberglass kayak in 1965. It wasn't until 1969, when the commercially sold kayaks appeared as alien watercraft on the rivers, that some members rivaled each other in ownership. Kayaks were in short supply and very hard to find. So, with this limited availability of **white water kayaks**, it made perfect sense to "*build them and watch the paddlers come*". AND build them... they did.

This very active kayak building suggested that the club was taking off in a new direction which would lead the paddlers south in search of their newest love: whitewater. In 1971 the Youghiogheny was one of the favorite whitewater rivers. Prior to this, a flat-water diet was the usual paddling fair with most canoers occasionally venturing to class II water. In the last newsletter, I introduced to some of the grandparents of whitewater but I would be remiss not to include Bob Frederick (member since 1969), as an indomitable spirit to the sport.

### The Kayak: a Home Brew...

Bob credits his ability to inhale the Club's share of toxic resins and layers of epoxy to the relentless endurance and laser focus needed to build one of the earliest kayaks in the HCC. Elmer Mackison, a high school shop teacher and member, provided his own hand made drawings to build the frame that provided the mold that produced the boat that Fred built...now that may sound like a children's nursery rhyme but the creation is far from child's play. Fred remembers packing up his family in the middle of the night for immediate evacuation to a nearby hotel to escape the fumes of that chemical reaction. From that event all subsequent boat building took place in a rental garage near the Mt Comfort airport. At this point, the boat building became a group event with 2-3 members participating in the process (which needed to occur in about 3 hours due to the fast setup time of the chemicals used). Early club member, Walter Palmer, one of the club's founders, remembers participating in the boatbuilding at the Broad Ripple boat house in the early 1970s.

As the whitewater section of the club began to evolve more formally in the 70s, members would make equipment runs to a dealer in Fort Wayne for paddling basics. Prior to finding a legitimate outfitter, club paddlers used automobile inner tubes or *bags of peanuts* for floatation while donning hockey helmets for protection. Even though this rag-tag team of paddlers lacked the fashion sense of their followers, they engendered a camaraderie that would become the collective spirit of the of the whitewater paddlers. About white water in general, Bill Lawless has said: "there is a relationally proportionate connection between white water paddlers and the difficulty of the water that is more than friendship. Be you novice or expert, you have to trust your peers". In the next issue, I will bring you into the 80s. We will delve a little more into the formation of the whitewater side of the club as I introduce you to a few very prominent past and present members of the club.

By **MARIANN DAVIS**

## Sea Kayak Trip Announcements

### Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle Trip Sponsors: Jim Sprandel

Saturday-Sunday, April 6-7, 2013

Please join us on Lake Monroe to enjoy an early season paddle. Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and it is one of my favorite Indiana destinations. We will paddle on the east side of the Causeway and camp overnight at one of the shoreline campsites in Deem Wilderness. We moved this trip back one week so that we will be able to paddle and camp in the Middle Fork of Salt creek which will be open after April 1. This time of year should be great for seeing migratory birds such as loons, grebes, and cormorants. There is nothing like a warm campfire in the evening during the Spring. Lake Monroe Information is available at: [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe_trail.pdf)

**If you only want to Paddle on Saturday**, our campsite will only be about 4 miles from Cutright so that people are welcome to come out and day paddle with us if they do not want to stay overnight.

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Cutright SRA. Go to the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving 446.

**Directions to Meeting Place:** Take Highway 446 south from Bloomington to the causeway. Cutright SRA is the first turn on your left immediately after you cross the causeway when driving south from Bloomington. This is about 2 hours from the intersection of 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis. ([Google Map](#))

**What to Bring:** Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you. We will be camping from our boats and you will have to back all your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit. You *may* be able to pick one up at the DNR headquarter on 446 just North of the entrance to Paynetown SRA on the west side of the road while heading to the put-in.

**Notes:** Wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended. Due to possible lake conditions, spray skirts are required and boats must have fore and aft bulk heads.

**Schedule: Saturday** -10:30 am Arrive at Put-In. We will probably paddle about 8-10 miles and then settle into camp. We will launch around 11:00 am.

**Sunday:** We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We'll figure this out Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have to be home. In the past, the group has gone straight back to Cutright and those people wanting more adventure head back out.

**Contact information:** Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net, 317-257-2063

Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Friday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to contact me since I will be monitoring weather forecasts prior to the trip and will notify people if we need to adjust.

### Brookville Lake, Saturday, April 27, 2013

#### Trip Sponsor: Robert Moore

During the previous two years, we paddled the north end of the lake. This year, we will launch at Egypt Hollow and plan to paddle south towards the dam. Egypt Hollow is located between the two causeways near Everton and accessed from the west side of the lake. By water, the distance from the ramp to the dam is about 5.5 miles. This is the open water section of the lake. Sea kayaks with spray skirts and water tight bulkheads are required. Brookville Lake is a 5260-acre lake managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana Department of Natural Resources for flood control and recreation. A detailed description of the lake can be found on line ([http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville_trail.pdf)).

**Put-In:** Meet at the Egypt Hollow Ramp near Everton ([Google Map](#)).

From I 70, you can follow State Road 1 South through Connersville and continue south another 6 miles to Everton. Turn left at the Everton flashing light onto Everton Road. You may notice the small brown signs directing towards the Egypt Hollow ramp. At the end of Everton Rd., bare right onto S County Road 500E/S Bentley Rd. Turn Right onto E County Rd. 700 S. Turn right onto County Rd. 550 E. The road bares left and the name changes to W Egypt Hollow Rd. Follow it down hill to the ramp. There is an outhouse, parking area and small beach for ideal for launching kayaks.

**Meeting time:** 10:00AM. Bring lunch. You should also have a DNR sticker for your boat before you come.

**Contact information:** Robert Moore, [njordball@gmail.com](mailto:njordball@gmail.com)



Brookville Lake, April 2012

## • Spring Kayak Training

Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel

This Spring, Dave Ellis and Jim Sprandel will be offering one training class for all new paddlers and two intermediate classes for sea kayakers.

•**Saturday, April 13— Introduction to Kayaking** This is intended for all new kayakers with recreational, touring, or sea kayaks. The course announcement is below. Please sign up early since class size will be limited. However, we will offer a second session later in the summer if this session fills up.

•**Saturday, May 11—Sea Kayak Edging/Turning** This clinic focuses on turning your boat more effectively in different paddling conditions. This class is intended for Intermediate Sea Kayakers who have previously taken a Introduction to Kayaking Class or equivalent. Full details for this class will be sent out via the Sea Kayaking mail list in a few weeks in early April. If people are interested, we can split the class between Edging/Turning and Forward Stroke.

•**Saturday, June 1—Open Water Rescue Clinic** We repeat this class every spring before our big open water trips. If you have never attended this class, you will learn different solo and assisted open water rescue techniques. If you have, these are skills that you need to keep fresh before you start paddling big water and it good to refresh your skills. We will mail out full details in May.

### Course Announcement— Introduction to Kayaking Clinic Coordinator: Jim Sprandel

Saturday, April 13, 2013

Here's a chance to jumpstart your paddling! As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around the lake. However, we will work with you to make your paddling easier and more effective—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course will be based on the American Canoe Association ["Introduction to Kayaking"](#) course.

The instructors will first talk with you about the basics and then quickly get on the water to teach you how to move your boat forward, backwards, and sideways as well as how to turn and stop. Since the water may be cool, we will demonstrate all of the rescue skills but you won't *intentionally* be getting into the water at this clinic. (Until the water warms up, I would recommend going to Thatcher pool for rescue and wet exit practice.)

This course is intended for inexperienced HCC members having recreational, touring, and sea kayaks.

**Meeting Place:** Eagle Creek Park –Marina Once you are in the park, follow the signs to the Marina.

**Note:** There is a fee of \$8 to bring a kayak into Eagle Creek if you don't have a park pass.

**Class Size:** Attendance will be limited to **10** paddlers. HCC Members will accepted based on when they contact me for the class. If the class overflows, I will set up a second class for those students later in the summer.

#### What to Bring:

Please bring your kayak, life jacket, paddle, splash jacket, sun screen, lunch, water

Safety equipment that you normally carry (e.g., pump, paddle float, stirrup, tow or throw rope, ...) so we can demonstrate how to use them.

Paddling Clothing—Even though you won't *intentionally* be capsizing, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and bring a wind-proof paddling jacket since it may be cool.

Spare clothes in a dry bag! (Just in case)

Spray skirt if you have one.

Questions—Please think about what you want to learn before the class and come with questions.

#### Schedule:

9:00 am

Meet at Marina Parking Lot

9:30 am

Boats down to the beach—Ready to go

9:30 am—12:30 pm

Clinic

12:30-1:15 pm

Lunch and Discussion on the point

1:15—3:30 pm

Clinic

**Registration information:** If you are would like to register for this class or have any questions, please contact Jim Sprandel at (317) 257-2063 or [merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net). If you e-mail me, please send me your name, the kayak you will be bringing, paddling experience, and contact information (e-mail/phone number). I sent out final course notes in the week before the course.



## 24th Annual Sea Kayaking Symposium

May 24-27, 2013

West Michigan Coastal Kayakers Association is having their 24th annual Sea Kayaking Symposium May 24-27 (Memorial Day Weekend), 2013 at Camp Pandalouan on Big Blue Lake, which is about 20 minutes from Muskegon, Michigan. More information is available at: <http://wmcka.org/symposium.php>.

The Symposium is for the beginning to intermediate paddler, and it is Greenland paddle friendly! There are classes, presentations, and limited spots for BCU 3 training. The Symposium is held at a YMCA camp on Big Blue Lake, and you have the option to tent camp in a field, stay in a cabin, or there are a limited number RV sites (but no RV hookups). There is also a kid's (ages 7-14) program, and you can sell extra gear and boats in Neptune's closet. There are demo boats courtesy of River City Kayaks and there are also Betsy Bay demo boats.

The guest speaker this year is Nick Cunliffe who is co-owner of [Kayak Essentials](#). Nick has been featured in some of the "This is the Sea" DVD's and has paddled extensively on the west coasts of Ireland, Wales, and Scotland. He has a number of multi-week kayak trips to his credit including trips in Southern Chile, SE Alaska, Baja California, the Aegean Sea, and Arctic Norway. The program will also feature a presentation on Adventure Kayaking in West Michigan by DeKock, Geisel, Kwant and VanDoren. In August 2012, these four friends took off on a trip along the Lake Michigan Archipelago that includes Beaver Island, the Manitou Islands and the Fox Islands.

The Symposium is a great way to get some instruction early in the season, and it is only about a 4 1/2 hour drive from Indianapolis. Arrival time is after 5pm on Friday, May 24th and ends around noon on the 27th. I advise bringing the bug spray, especially if you're camping.

Contact Kellie Kaneshiro [yeoman@hoosiercanoecub.org](mailto:yeoman@hoosiercanoecub.org) if you have questions or are interested in attending.

### Paddle Fishing Information

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The Indian Department of Natural resources is offering free fishing days, April 20th, May 18th and June 1st & 2nd. If you are between the ages of 18 & 64, you normally need a fishing license. If you want to try your hand at fishing from your boat but currently do not want to commit to a license, this is the perfect opportunity. I will try make myself available on those dates if anyone wants to go to a local lake or river and do some paddle fishing. Also, I have two extra boats available with rod holders if you don't have a boat. I hope that this year we can plan some HCC fishing trips. If anyone has any suggestions or wants to plan a fishing trip give Jay Moyer or me a call. Our contact info is on the website. For more information on the free fishing go to: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3598.htm>

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# Keep Calm and Paddle On

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