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Skipper's Message

The summer is coming to a close with some fabulous trips yet to come. 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
Skipper

Pirate Paddle & Party Saturday, October 11, 2014

"Aye maties.....the winds they be startin' to blow.....and the pirates be settin' their sails.... Callin' all river pirates past and present, lassies and scoundrels, as well as you land lubbers! The pirates will be gatherin' for the Pirate Flotilla on the great **White River** 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! **All paddlers welcomed!**

Okay, when I'm really excited, I can't keep up the pirate blarney.

We're thrilled to have a new venue for the pirate event; it's truly the perfect bay for a pirate celebration! Thanks to HCKC member Tom McCain who is also a member of the White River Yacht Club and very active in the Friends of the White River, this year's event will be held at the **White River Yacht Club**, the coolest place EVER for a party on the river. It's located east of the intersection of Keystone Avenue and 75th in Indy, with a large covered patio deck on the river. *On the river.* The WRYC will be our take-out for the ten-mile Pirate Flotilla starting at 116th Street.

The Flotilla will take place in the afternoon followed by the party in the evening. Get ready to dance the night away with the great music of the five-piece band **The Sea Dogs!** Stay tuned for more details comin' at you!

Volunteers are needed! If interested, contact The Black Toad at tkulczak@comcast.net. Tel: 317-570-0506. ARRGGG!

Celebrating 50 Years of Paddling

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Volunteers Needed

Eagle Creek Clean Up— September 6, 2014

Sponsor: Kellie Kaneshiro

We will have a shoreline cleanup of Eagle Creek on Saturday, September 6, 2014. We have enjoyed paddling Tuesdays at Eagle Creek May-through August (September is still ahead) and supported HCC volunteers teaching special needs children how to kayak. Now it's time to fulfill our agreement with the park by cleaning the shoreline.

If you have paddled Eagle Creek, you know that the shoreline becomes littered with "mementos" that have been left by other park guests or that have washed down Eagle Creek. While some of us do smaller shore cleanups throughout the year, we will have a concentrated effort on Saturday, September 6th.

Details: We will meet at Eagle Creek Park Canoe and Kayak put-in at the southwest end of the Discovery Center Parking Lot at 9:30 am. We will work until approximately 1:00pm or later if folks are so inclined. Bring snacks/lunch, gloves, good water shoes, water, and your canoe or kayak. Trash bags will be provided. Please tell the person at the Eagle Creek Park entrance that you are an HCC member there for the shoreline clean up.

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 765-507-1200 to volunteer some time one or both days.



Trip Announcement

Ohio River - Tanner's Creek to Taylor Creek and Great Miami

Saturday, September 13, 2014 Time: 10:00AM

SPONSOR: Robert Moore

The "Ghost Ship", as described in several articles on the web, had an interesting history and numerous owners. The boat was launched as the Celt by a railroad executive in 1902. It was used as a wartime patrol and training vessel, fishing boat, private yacht, tour boat and backdrop for a music video. The names include Sachem, USS Sachem, Phenakite, and later Sightseer and Circle Line V as a New York city tour boat until 1983. It was purchased by a Cincinnati resident in 1986, repaired and used briefly before being brought to the Cincinnati area. It was moored and abandoned in Taylor Creek across from Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

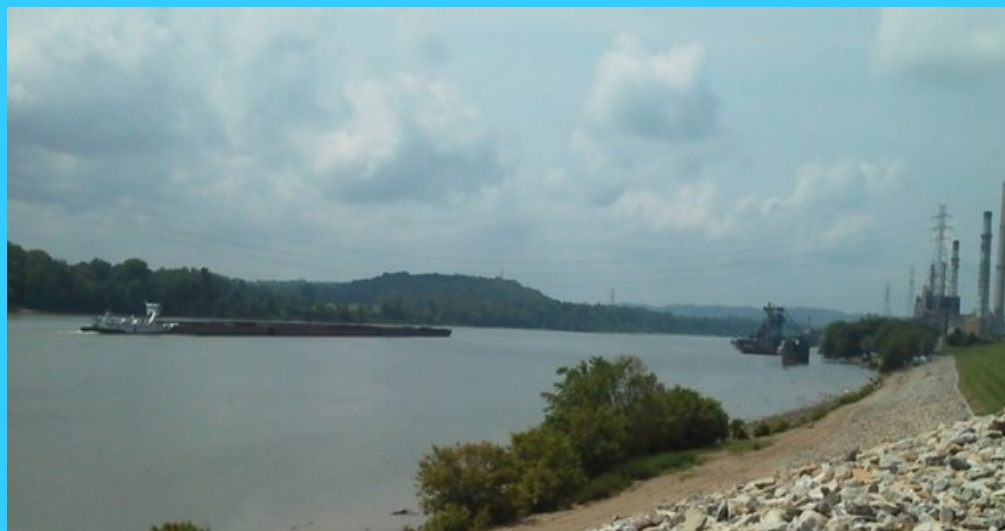
We will put in at the Tanner Creek boat ramp near Lawrenceburg and paddle along the Kentucky shore line to Taylor Creek and explore the wreck site (approximately 2 miles from put in). Time permitting, we will paddle onto the Great Miami River (a couple of miles further up river from Taylor Creek), head up river and return with the current after lunch.

This is a sea kayak trip for paddlers capable of dealing with open water conditions and light current.

Put-In: Tanner's Creek boat ramp - Follow US 50/Ead's Pkwy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, turn south onto Reese Drive/Tanner's Creek Drive at the traffic light. Reese 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 Moore, njordball@gmail.com



View of Ohio River from levy at Lawrenceburg looking southwest. Taylor Creek is on the other side of the river across from the power plant. The Kentucky shore line is wooded. The Indiana side of the river is has commercial and industrial development.

Trip Report

4th of July with the Gates Family

Sponsor: John Gates

4th of July Trip Report on the Yough

The Gates Family ascended on the area of the Lower Yough for an “Old School” HCC Trip. The Family was asked to show the new HCC members and guests what an “Old School” trip was like and, I believe, we pulled out all the stops to make this event a trip to remember!

Kim and I started our long drive down from Maine on Monday 30 July 2014 and arrived to meet Harley and Nancy at Tall Oaks Campground. We all started setting up camp and unloading our trailer that we pulled down from Maine. I have always teased my Mother that she brought the kitchen sink but I brought the whole house on this trip! Momma Gates, Dave Ellis, and Alisa Richwine arrived a little while later with Momma Gates’ RV trailer so we hurried and set her up and grabbed our boats and headed to the river for a Loop run on the Lower Yough. On this hot day, this was a great way to cool off from our hard work of setting up “Camp Hoosier.” Our dear friend Odie showed up that evening just as dinner was completed; so he timed it just right!

River Activities:

The 1st of July was a trip on the Loop Section of the Lower Yough. Harvey, Nancy, Kim, Dave, and I went and cooled off with a paddle while Momma Gates, Alisa and Mariann ran our shuttle and grabbed food for dinner. The level was very low and a lot more rocks were exposed than normal so it made for some interesting paddling around Cucumber and Turtle Rapids.

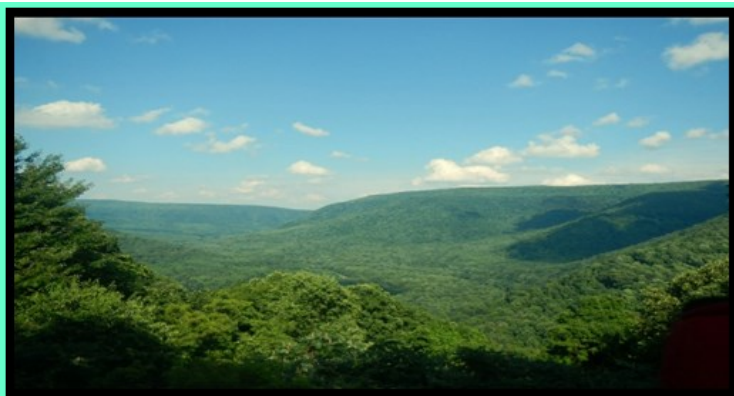
The 2nd of July the group that was there early ran the Lower Yough while Kim relaxed by the river bank and Momma Gates and Alisa did arts and crafts. This was the first time I have ever paddled with Harley and Nancy and I must say it was very nice to paddle with them along with Dave. It was also nice to have the river to ourselves. The level was low and Momma Gates even made the comment that she had never seen such a low level going over the falls. Mariann did some solo hiking to practice her compass reading and orienteering. (We are still praying for her return).

The 3rd of July brought a 2 hour rain delay in the very early afternoon but we were, again, able to paddle the Lower Yough and had the river to ourselves. “It was great paddling with no one around and enjoying the beauty of this great river. Momma Gates, Alisa and Marian toured “Falling Water”, Franks Lloyd Wright’s most famous architectural feat. Later that day, Odie taught Mariann the art of ferrying, the technique of eddy turns and “peel outs”.

The 4th of July was another trip on the Lower and Middle Yough. Odie took Mariann on the Middle Section for some “moving” water training and she came back a “Happy” Camper/Paddler so I guess Coach Odie earned his money. Jordan, Ken, and I took Allison down the Lower Yough and Jordan worked with her and passed down of some of his wisdom which was great seeing. I had forgotten some of that knowledge he had passed down to me so many years ago.

The 5th of July was a trip on the Upper, Lower, and Middle Yough. Jordan, Ken, and I headed over to the Upper and enjoyed the “Suck” of being with more boaters than you can shake a stick at. We could have walked across the river on plastic and rubber but it was still good to be on an old friend and paddling the Upper Yough. This river has so many neat moves and every rapid is different on how you approach it. The level was lower than I had ever paddled it before so it made for even more tight moves. Again Odie and Dave and Earl (who arrived just in time to enjoy one great day on the water) took a bunch of inexperienced paddlers to the Middle Section and ran a clinic on “Moving” water and skills training. Anyone that went to the Yough over the 4th got a lot of free training!

The 6th of July was a trip on the Savage River. As always, this river temperature is “DAMN COLD” !!! The air temperature was in the high 80’s so you sweat like a hog and then freeze when you get on the river. But on a brighter note... if you want non-stop whitewater this is the river for you. Kim and I made it over after the main group had finished up their first run due to tearing down “Camp Hoosier” and helping Momma Gates get loaded (and she hardly ever drinks). No other paddlers wanted to do a repeat run so Jordan and I had the Savage all to ourselves. It was great just paddling with my old paddling buddy and having the river to ourselves. We were just paddling and working the rapids.



On July 7th, after the long drive home, I realized my paddling week had not come to an end. From our driveway, Kim and I could hear the roar of the “Cob”, our local river. After we unloaded the trailer and headed down to the local watering hole for dinner, Kim said you should go paddling: saying a ‘real’ paddler would have done at least seven days on the river instead of

just six. Well I can never turn down a good paddling. We drove home and I grabbed my gear and boat and ice cream money and drove to the put in. Kim followed me down the road while I paddled the “Cob”, ending a great vacation with SEVEN days of paddling!!!! Oh and the ice cream afterwards was even sweeter knowing all my Indy friends were stuck in the cornfields and not paddling whitewater...

Camping/ Cooking Activities: This portion of the trip was in the planning stage for months and detailed menus were planned to ensure a great experience for all. I know I drove Kim, Momma Gates, Alisa, Dave, Sharon, and Jordan nuts with my details and spreadsheets. I approached this as I would a field exercise in the military and drilling down to the smallest detail. I worked and reworked menus to make them easy to prepare and serve. Listed out what items we would need to prepare and how could we serve everyone in a speedy way so the food did not go cold or people had to wait long time in line. As all great battle plans, they go to shit when first contact happens so we were able to adjust fire and still accomplish the mission. The spaghetti dinner was a hit and I saw people scrapping the sauce pan to get all of it out. The pancake breakfasts were another hit so next year we will continue them. According to Momma Gates, we feed around 50 people during those meals so I guess we did a great job.

Kim and I would like to send out a very special thank you to Alisa and Momma Gates for the all the hard work and running to Wal-Mart to get supplies for this trip. If it weren't for you both and the help of several others, we could not have pulled off this great trip! Thank you all!!!!

The only complaints I received was that people gained weight on this trip so my response to that was I got up at 6am and went for a run every other morning and paddled hard and lost weight so I guess you need to suck it up Buttercup and run and paddle harder!

At the end of each day we gathered around the huge campfire to enjoy each other's company (and some ginormous s'mores). I wanted this trip to be a gathering of friends telling wild tales and laughing at life. I was amazed (and gratified) each night hearing some of the paddling and non-paddling tales and seeing the smiles on everyone's faces.

The Gate's family would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who attended this 4th of July trip. Each one of you helped make it so very special.

View more photos of the trip ... click on link <http://marianndvs.smugmug.com/White-Waterthe-Yough-7414/>

JOHN GATES

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Gates Family 4th of July Yough Trip



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4th Of July Trip Report:

Notes from a first-time-wannabe-white-water paddler:

Paddling the Lesser “Yough”—the Middle Section

Let me say...first of all, if you're gonna paddle the Yough, you should at least learn how to pronounce its *real birth name without stumbling on its numerous-syllables...so HEAR goes:*

The **Youghiogheny River** (“**YAWK-EE-OH-GHAY-NEE**”) or the **Yough** (“YAWK”) for short, is a 134-mile-long (216 km) tributary of the Monongahela River in the U.S. states of West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. It drains an area on the west side of the Allegheny Mountains northward into Pennsylvania, providing a small watershed in extreme western Maryland into the tributaries of the Mississippi River. Youghiogheny is an Algonquin word meaning “a stream flowing in a contrary direction”.

What I could tell from my somewhat peripheral, neophyte view of the River is that she entertains multiple personalities along her 124 miles...so easily and happily joining the other [personalities] in its three distinct sections in Ohio PA:



The Upper section...for the uninitiated...is a class IV-V veritable mish-mash of churning water with numerous challenging waterfalls, obstructive boulders and drops...only for the very experienced.

The Middle Section... for the beginner...is a fairly calm paddle-able playground with lots of opportunities to practice easy eddy turns and ferrying. It will elevate any flat water paddler to a very improved level of confidence and skills...but It could also whet a lofty appetite for a level III experience. Thanks to my mentors: Dave Ellis, Earl King and Odie, I was able to feel confident on this section...by the end of the week “I owned it”.

The lower section and shortened portion of this run called the “Loop”, is a solid class and

sections can be viewed from areas in the town and from the bridge. I have to say that there a whole lot of distance between the class II and the class III when it comes to bumping up my skill level on this river.



But if you're not up to the challenge of the river, you might be drawn to the to the blue water of Deep Ditch lake nearby, or to over 200 miles of biking trails which links the areas greenways to parts of the Appalachian Trail. A few paddlers took advantage of this and regaled us with stories of beautiful landscapes and interesting small towns. OK, so biking isn't your sport.... Then, look no further than your feet to carry you through some of the most scenic hikes and beautiful vistas in the Laurel mountainside.

Personally, I found this is an all-inclusive paddling trip where you come for the paddling but stay for the hiking and biking and, dare I say...the food. The Gate's family knows how to entertain in the wild. Even within our primitive group camping area, the HCC paddlers and about 15 Purdue Adventure Club members/students were treated like house guests and fed like royalty. As I wrote on my Fb page when I returned:

“So many THANKS to the Gate's Family for an incredible paddling week on the Yough...I bow to your culinary wizardry as you fed the hungry masses with a few loaves and a fish...and always another bottle wine appeared magically from your trailer...”

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Chez John with sou chefs, Odie and Alisa



Chez, John and Sou chefs: Kim, Shirley, Alisa and Odie...you will not be forgotten... (I have 3 extra pounds that will keep reminding me)"

But ... WAIT! There were way more than loaves and fishes. I can't forget the chicken, the brats, the spaghetti, the burgers, the salads the veggies, the French toast, the bacon, the sausage, the eggs, and the wonderful coffee (when Odie finally mastered the recipe early on). Does anyone know what "Cowboy" coffee is?

This 4th of July extravaganza will excluded no one as it provided so many enjoyable options in the great outdoors...

Nostalgia served the HCC exceptionally well in providing the incentive to gather 50 paddlers in one spot at Tall Oaks campground in Ohio PA. ...but the Gate's family provided the energy and hard work.

Mariann Davis



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Trip Report

Drummond Island – Lime Island Kayak Camping Trip

Sponsor: Konstantin Louganski

July 9-13, 2014

On a cloudy, drizzly afternoon in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, two HCC kayakers packed their boats and launched across De Tour Passage towards the misty shoreline of Drummond Island. The five-day, 53-mile kayak camping trip took Konstantin Louganski and Gil Morris on exploration of an archipelago of islands in Potagannissing Bay northwest of Drummond Island and a visit to Lime Island in the lower section of the St. Mary's River, which flows from Lake Superior to Lake Huron. Our paddling route

was scenic and varied, initially waving through a maze of islands followed by larger stretches of open water in the second half of the trip. It took careful attention to navigation to find our way through but the trusty compass and charts never failed, and we always stayed on the planned path. The water conditions ranged from nearly placid with an interesting ripple pattern on the surface to one-foot rear-quarterly waves bringing a welcome variety to the paddling experience.



Most islands in Potagannissing Bay are privately owned, with cabins and houses, some of them very pretty with flags, docks, and protective harbors. These lovely houses enhanced the natural scenery as we cruised by. Lime Island's experience was a blend of its natural charm and its history with numerous artifacts showing how people lived and worked there during the past century. An international shipping channel from Lake Superior to the lower Great Lakes goes through the St. Mary's River, and we observed at a close distance multiple lake freighters and ocean-going ships passing by when we stayed on Lime Island.

Tiny Squaw Island sits strategically on our route before a four-mile open water crossing to Lime Island, and we planned Squaw Island for our lunch stop. Big mistake! Approaching the

island, we heard loud birds' noise and saw a few dozen gulls and cormorants peering at us from the island's rocky top and circling in the air. In a stiff breeze, we found a narrow gap between rocks in the lee where tall bushes protected us from birds' curiosity. No luxury place to relax! Having space for just one person to sit down, we ate our lunch and quickly took off. That's where local knowledge would've been helpful!

We camped the first two nights on islands open for primitive camping in Potagannissing Bay. With a rocky shoreline and dense vegetation, they were a challenging place to camp on. Bow Island rewarded us with a cozy tiny spot for just two tents near its beautiful rocky tip and gorgeous sunset and sunrise views. In retrospect, we spent more time scouting Cedar Island for a suitable campsite than we could by clearing up a site from vegetation. Other groups may consider using the Drummond Township Park campground as a camping option. Lime Island conveniently accommodated us on a tent platform at the water edge for the other two nights. We learned



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about the island's past by touring its historic buildings, hiked a few trails, and day paddled around the island and in the vicinity. The water was too cold to enjoy swimming but we took refreshing dips.



That was a scenic trip with a variety of camping, paddling conditions and activities. A kind of a trip a touring kayaker would desire.

Read our photo stories online:

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<https://www.flickr.com/photos/43852974@N02/14699088021/in/set-72157645392932448>

Another trip to Drummond Island is in plans – stay tuned.

Save the Date!

**Annual Meeting
November 8, 2014**

Guest Speaker : Darlene Patterson.



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Trip Report

29th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous

Sponsor: Garry Hill

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The 29th Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is 2 weeks into history, and I want to take a moment to send a Thank You to all the folks who helped make it such a memorable weekend. I will start by thanking The Weather Girl, who provided "Excitement" on Friday afternoon, then turned her Check and gave us two enjoyable Campground Evenings and a pair of fabulous Paddling Days.

Each year my "List of Volunteer Necessities" comes out of the printer as a 7-Page Form. It begins with a summary of a 2-week session of Preliminary Functions, then a 3-day breakdown of all the Jobs for the weekend, with typed-in names of Early Responders, and blank spaces for new names, changes, and additions. The filthy, crumbled, torn document that survived up to this morning is filled with check-marks, X's, Got-It's, new names, hash-tags, scribbles, cross-out's, double-check's, maybe's, maybe-not's,

Among all that, I found and listed 39 Names of Folks who worked as IPR Volunteers for this year's event. I dare not provide a list of those names, for I'm sure I would miss a few, and I dare not leave anyone out. Plus, several names appear numerous times, with a few found in up to 6 various locations. **I am not so sure how to say "Thank You For All Of That".** With that in mind, let's take a look at some of the results of the 3-Day Creek Party that everyone enjoyed so much.

I think it is virtually impossible to measure the overall attendance at an event such as the IPR. Our best accounting for this year was 122 people who appeared at some point in the activities. However, Muskrat knows how to count Paddlers & Boats at the Gravel Bar. He can get an accurate count, even though some of you love to fill-his-ears with odd confusing numbers as he roves thru the crowd, counting with his fingers & toes.....LOL.

FRIDAY.....Due to the Storm, just 5 Guys in Solo Canoes. (Way To Go, Boys)

SATURDAY.....81 Paddlers in 70 Boats
(31 Solo Canoes, 28 Kayaks, 10 Tandem Canoes, and a K-2)

SUNDAY.....45 Paddlers in 42 Boats
(21 Solo Canoes, 18 Kayaks, and 3 Tandem Canoes)

Even though "Paddlers In Attendance" will always be Muskrat's prime motivation toward success in any River event, the Wildcat Guardians have an additional purpose within the IPR. The Guardians' activities toward Protecting & Preserving Our Wildcat Creek requires some money along the way, so the IPR is a fund raiser for them.

Profit from this year's IPR Registration Activities (camping, Chili Supper, and T-Shirt sales), totaled \$767.05. Profit from the Guardians Benefit Auction was \$3752 (which included \$2000 for one beautiful Canoe).

Total of funds provided to the Wildcat Guardians from the 29th Annual IPR was \$4519.05

So, how does a Trip Leader say Thank You for all of that ??? Well, I still don't know what to say. I'll just leave it at this.....

Get out your 2015 Calendars, Kiddies !!!

Scribble "IPR" on August 7-8-9th !!!

I'll be back to do it again Next Year !!!

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