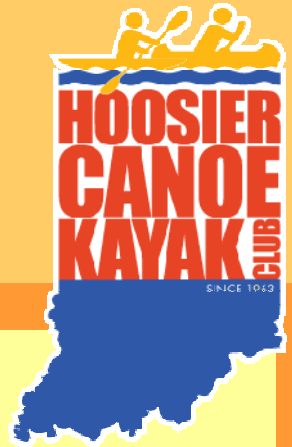


# The Hoosier Paddler

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## From Your Skipper

I know you will be riveted to your seats when you hear the program for this year's fall meeting/party. The plans are underway for a great event on Sunday, November 8, at the Indianapolis Sailing Club at Geist. Our own IN-House media correspondents are reporting that we will raise the bar this year with a state of the art location and an exciting presenter who at the young age of 27 has already amassed many awards and titles as a free style kayaker along with the coveted Kayaker of the Year award in 2012. If that doesn't lure you aboard then how about a great pitch-in meal, and an eclectically styled swap-meet of paddling and camping gear. All this is available by just registering at [marianndavis@aol.com](mailto:marianndavis@aol.com).

Throughout the year, our paddling membership is scattered in many different directions as each of us pursues our preferred kayaking venues — many of us never crossing paths. This event offers all of us the opportunity to come together under the common banner of recreational kayaking and share our stories, create new friendships and learn a little more about our organization. AND just have fun.

The new slate of Officers and Board of Directors will be presented and each member will have opportunity to vote for the 2016 Board. At least two weeks prior to this event, the membership will receive a copy of the slate for review for his/her vote.

Hope you will join me in celebrating the end of a successful 2015 paddling season and the start of another fantastic year for the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club.

See you on November 8th.

**Mariann**



*Raccoon Creek Clean-Up, Sept. 5-6, 2015*

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Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club Presents:

## **Ride The Wave with Adriene Levknecht**

**Champion freestyle kayaker & world competitor**

*Canoe and Kayak Magazine's 2012 Female Paddler of the Year*

**Hear her story...see the action...feel the  
adrenaline on Sunday November 8, 2015**

**Follow Adriene's story @ <http://www.biggoalsbigadventures.com>**

**Where:** Indianapolis Sailing Club, on Geist, 11325 Fall Creek Rd, Indy, 46256

**Event:** HCKC annual meeting & pitch-in dinner. (Club will provide the main course and non alcoholic beverages)...BYO adult beverages.

**Time: 2-6 PM ...Presentation/Adriene @ 4:30 PM**

**Swap-meet: 2 PM...Bring kayak and camping gear to trade or sell.**



## **We need your Paddling Pictures!**

**Please contribute your photographs and videos to the 2015 paddling video premiering at the Annual Fall Meeting on Nov 8.**

**Note: Photographs and videos are requested by September 30.**

### **Greetings, HCKC members**

It's that time of the year when we start planning our end of season party. This year, we are creating a video to showcase all of the great events that HCKC members have led and participated in this year. We will display this video at the year-end party, and use it to help promote HCKC, which may include posting to the HCKC website, YouTube, and other social media.

We know many of you let go of your paddles long enough to shoot a few great photographs, and we'd love to include them! Since sorting through all of the photos from each event is a huge task, we're asking for your help. Please sort through and pick your favorites. These can be moments of great success and achievement, that photo someone snapped just as you were about to go for an unplanned swim, or any of your favorite shots. We're also looking for some short video clips, and since video can take even more time to sort through, we're asking for you to edit your videos down to just the exciting stuff, but please keep the video quality as high as possible (original, or output to 1080p).

Here's what we're looking for from each of you by the end of September:

- **On the Water** - Up to 5 photos per day from each event - if an event was a two day event, you can submit your favorite 10 photos from the event. - Up to 60 seconds of video per day from each event.
- **Social Time** - Up to 5 photos per day from each event - same as above, but this is the fun off-the-water stuff like camping, dinner, etc.
- **Other** - If you have a few photos of some of the beautiful scenery at one of your favorite events, share that with us as well!

Please provide the following information for each photo:

- Date
- Location—River or lake section
- Who's in each photo or video

Please send your photos and videos to Jon Reneberg ([jonreneberg@gmail.com](mailto:jonreneberg@gmail.com)) no later than **September 30th**. If videos are too large, please let me know, and we'll figure it out.

Thank you,

**Jon Reneberg**



**Upcoming Sea Kayak Events:**

**Geist Sunday Paddle** – Our next Sunday Geist Paddle will be on Sunday, October 4. This is a moderately paced, 8-10 mile training paddle for sea kayakers wanting to get ready for upcoming trips or just wanting to spend a few hours on the water. I will get out details to the touring e-mail list before this event.

**Patoka Weekend, Oct. 9-11**– Lake Patoka is back on this year's sea kayak schedule. See Kellie's trip announcement on Page 6 in this newsletter.

**Ohio River Day Paddle, Sat. Oct. 24** – Last year, we launched at Tanner's Creek and paddled to the Ghost Ship. This year, Robert Moore will lead us the other way on the Ohio River. This trip announcement is in on page 7 in this newsletter.

**Fall Lake Monroe Overnight, Sat.-Sun. Nov. 14-15**— Mark your calendars. Our Fall overnight camping trip will be the week after the Annual Meeting. This is a great opportunity to paddle one of Indiana's most interesting lakes, have fun, and hone your kayak camping skills.

**Trips Reports from the Last Month:**

**Qajaq Training Camp – August 2015** – Kellie and I went up to Frankfort, Michigan for Qajaq Training Camp. This was Kellie's fifth year but only my first. A great experience if you paddle or roll with a Greenland paddle (i.e., the "stick" by any other name.)

When we arrived there, we were greeted by 15-20 traditional skin-on-frame sea kayaks. On Friday, I went out and played in the surf on Lake Michigan with some of the instructors. On Saturday, they had a large team of coaches to work with people on rolling. After squeezing myself into a skin-on-frame and working with Christopher Crowhurst, I executed my first successful static brace. (In a static brace, you float off the side of your kayak's rear deck with your shoulders flat on the water. This is one way that Greenland natives could rest while out paddling.) If that that sounds too easy, there are over 30 "competition" Greenland rolls to learn plus they had one gentleman teaching the fine art of harpooning styrofoam seals.



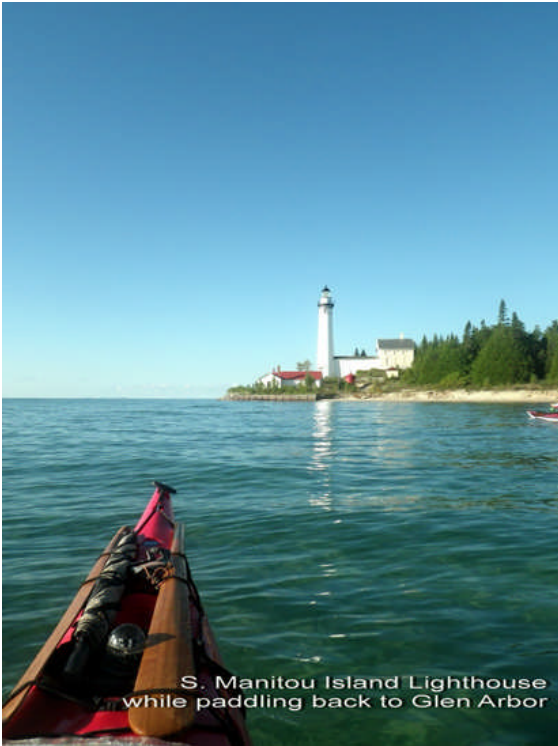
Skin-on-Frame Kayaks

Our modern kayaks originated within the Greenland tradition and it is cool to see/paddle the boats that are the ancestors of today's kayaks. The camp was a gathering of people devoted to Greenland paddling and preserving the elements of the culture that fostered modern kayaking.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lake Michigan Surf Play Weekend – Even the Surf showed up this year!**

About 20 paddlers from Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio descended on Indiana Dunes State Park for our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Surf Play Weekend with Northwest Indiana Paddlers Association. We had a great paddle east along the dunes on Saturday followed by a potluck supper at our campsite. On Sunday morning, the wind had shifted to the North so we had surf conditions with 2' breaking waves. Given this opportunity, we played in the waves off Porter Beach. Getting picked up and riding a wave is exciting but this is also a critical skill for anyone wanting to learn to paddle bigger water safely.

Indiana Dunes -  
Surf Play Weekend



S. Manitou Island Lighthouse while paddling back to Glen Arbor

**South Manitou Paddle** - Brad and I headed up to D H Day campground at Sleeping Bear Dunes the weekend of Sept. 12. Our goal was to paddle out to S. Manitou Island on Friday, play on the island for a day, and then paddle back Sunday. As fate would have it, Friday's forecast called for 2-4' waves in the channel to the island so we decided to wait. Instead, we drove down to Empire where we played in the waves off the beach for several hours. Both Brad and I got many good rides in the pushy, breaking waves.

On Saturday, we decided to paddle out to South Manitou Island since the forecast (and observed conditions at the beach) were lighter than Friday and since we both are comfortable in "big water". After we got out into the channel, conditions increased and the waves were 2-3' with some bigger and the wind was blowing a steady 10-18 knots in our faces the entire way out to the island. It took 3 hours to cover the 7.8 miles from the Glen Arbor Coast Guard Station to the S. Manitou Lighthouse.

On Sunday, the wind shifted to the Northwest so that we had trailing wind for our paddle in. We had pushy trailing and rear-quartering 1-2' waves the entire way and we got back in just a tad over two hours. The Sleeping Bear Dunes area is special places in the Great Lakes – watching the sun rise over the mainland from

S. Manitou is worth the price of admission.

## **Trip Report—Women's Paddle: Summit Lake, New Castle, IN - August 15, 2015** Anna Riley

We had a lovely Saturday paddle around the coves and islands of Summit Lake. Nine of us came to paddle including flat water and touring boats along with 2 dogs! The water was calm, the sky was overcast, and although we had a few sprinkles of rain the day was generally beautiful. We are thinking of doing a paddle and camp next year, hope you can join us!



## Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

### Patoka Lake Trip —Wickliffe, IN

Friday October 9 (Optional), Saturday-Sunday, October 10-11, 2015

Trip Sponsor: Kellie Kaneshiro

Lake Patoka is the second largest lake in Indiana with about 8,800 acres of water and over 160 miles of shoreline. Hoosier National Forest surrounds the lake with rolling tree-covered hills and rock outcroppings. There are headwaters to explore as well as sections where the lake starts feeling like big water.

For Sunday, we have planned a 6-8 mile paddle to an interesting and hard-to-find [chain of quarry lakes](#) near the Southeast corner of the lake.

Since it takes over 3 hours to get to Patoka, we will camp overnight at Fisherman's Camp on Saturday night and paddle both Saturday and Sunday. This campsite is located near a limited speed section of the lake which is more kayak-friendly.

Some of us will drive during the day on Friday and you are welcome to join us for an afternoon or sunset paddle or just to share a campfire with us.

Patoka Lake Map: [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka_trail.pdf)

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Fisherman's Camp at Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area --Look for the kayaks!. We'll try to get as close to the lake as possible. Newton-Stewart SRA is just north of Wickliffe, Indiana. There is a \$7/car fee to enter the SRA.

**Directions to Meeting Place:** It is about a 3-hour drive from the intersection of I-65 and I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis to Patoka. Drive South on I-65 and get off at Exit 6B (I-265 toward I-64/IN-62/New Albany). Take Exit 0 off of I-265 to merge onto I-64W toward IN-62/St. Louis. Go about 43 miles west on I-64 to Exit 79 and then go 7 miles North on IN-37. Turn slightly left on IN-64 West/IN-145. Follow IN-145 north 3.6 miles until you reach IN-164. Turn left (west) onto IN-164 about 1.3 mile until you see the sign for Newton-Stewart SRA and then turn right (North) into the SRA. Follow the signs in the SRA to the Fisherman's Camp and look for us. **Note:** This is the fastest route. There is a shorter, sometimes slower, and more scenic route through West Baden.

**Camping Information:** Fisherman's Camp is a primitive camp ground with water and vault toilets. Each campsite costs \$12/night and the park allows 2 tents and cars per campsite so you may be able to share a campsite.

**What to Bring:** Bring your camping gear including food (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and any snacks you might need) and paddling gear.

This trip is open to sea kayaks or short touring kayaks (>14 feet) with fore and aft flotation and deck lines due to possible conditions. Be sure to bring your spray skirt since we will be going over to the open area of the lake near the dam and there may be some waves when the wind picks up. We'll be "car camping" so you won't carry your gear in your boat on this trip.

**Note:** You need a 2015 DNR sticker (\$5) for your boat. They are available at the park gate if you don't have one.

#### Schedule:

**Friday Night** - We will get in relatively early on Friday. We will have a short sunset paddle around 5:30 if people get in early and are interested.

**Saturday 10:00 am** - Arrive at Fisherman's [Camp](#).

**Sunday** - We will paddle approximately 3 hours and then head home.

**Contact information:** Contact me at [knkane@gmail.com](mailto:knkane@gmail.com) by 8:00 pm on **Thursday, October 8th**.



## Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

**Ohio River - from Tanner's Creek - Saturday, October 24, 2015**

**Time:** 10:00AM

**Trip Sponsor:** Robert Moore

Last year, we put in at Tanner's Creek and paddled up Taylor Creek to the abandoned hulk of the USS Sachem and on to the ox-bow in the Great Miami River. This year, the proposed route is to head downstream toward Aurora Indiana. Aurora is about 2 miles downstream from Tanner's Creek. We can explore the North and South branches of Hogan Creek at Aurora or paddle another 2 miles to Laughery Creek. Laughery Creek is probably the more interesting destination. It is a long creek with a wooded shore and the Old State Road 56 truss bridge. The return trip can include a brief excursion to Taylor Creek for those interested. The trip is covered on [Ohio River Charts 109-110 US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District](#).

This is a sea kayak trip for paddlers capable of dealing with open water, occasional barge traffic and light current. Total paddling distance is expected to be 10-12 miles of which half will be against some current. We will stop for lunch someplace midway through the trip so bring something to eat.

**Put-In:** Tanner's Creek boat ramp - Follow US 50/Ead's Pkwy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, turn south onto Tanner's Creek Drive (old Reese Drive) at the traffic light. Tanner's Creek 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, [njorball@gmail.com](mailto:njorball@gmail.com). Those interested please respond via email no later than October 22.



*2014 Ohio River—Tanner's Creek Trip*

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# Keep Calm and Paddle On

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