

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

and *MARIANN*



Well, we have come to end of another year long voyage and this skipper will be preparing her "swan song." I promise, however, that I will not be singing my way out of my term for the benefit of all attending the annual meeting. I will speak, nonetheless, on my gratefulness of having a creative, intelligent board that helped me navigate through some murky waters without a catastrophic shipwreck. I will recognize all the trip leaders who made and will continue to make our club a workable recreational paddling organization that includes multiple paddling interests. I will acknowledge all the chairmans of the numerous committees that seamlessly create an infrastructure which helps build the foundations for the future growth and sustainability for our club. And I will give thanks to a membership who support our Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club by coming out and paddling our beautiful rivers, lakes, streams and oceans.

In preparing to pass the gavel to our next skipper and executive board, I personally want to thank the membership for their support and confidence this past year. I truly enjoyed and welcomed the opportunity to learn the nuances of the club and exercise some newly developed skills without a catastrophe.

Hope to see you at the annual meeting on Nov 8 at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist.

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Trip 11/14-15

Please send me trip reports and pictures.

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Well, our season is wrapping up. We just have the Ohio River paddle on Saturday, October 24, (See Oct. Newsletter) and the Fall Monroe Overnight to look forward to. The trip announcement for this annual favorite is in this newsletter.

Learn to Roll – Since it will soon be cold enough that we can't paddle outside, think about coming over to the pool and learning to roll. Rolling is an essential skill for both Sea Kayak and Whitewater paddlers. Knowing that you can roll back up gives you the confidence to experiment with your paddling in conditions you might otherwise not paddle. Pool sessions will shift from Wednesday night to Saturday morning after the first of December.

Where do you want to paddle? 2016 Trip Ideas – The club will have its annual trip planning meeting in January or February. Send your thoughts about where you want to sea kayak next year to Jim Sprandel or Todd Barrett. This year, we scouted paddling sites in Florida and Michigan and we had our 1st overnight trip to Lake Erie in several years. Please suggest other paddling destinations so that we can go to even cooler places next year.

September/October Sea Kayak Trips:

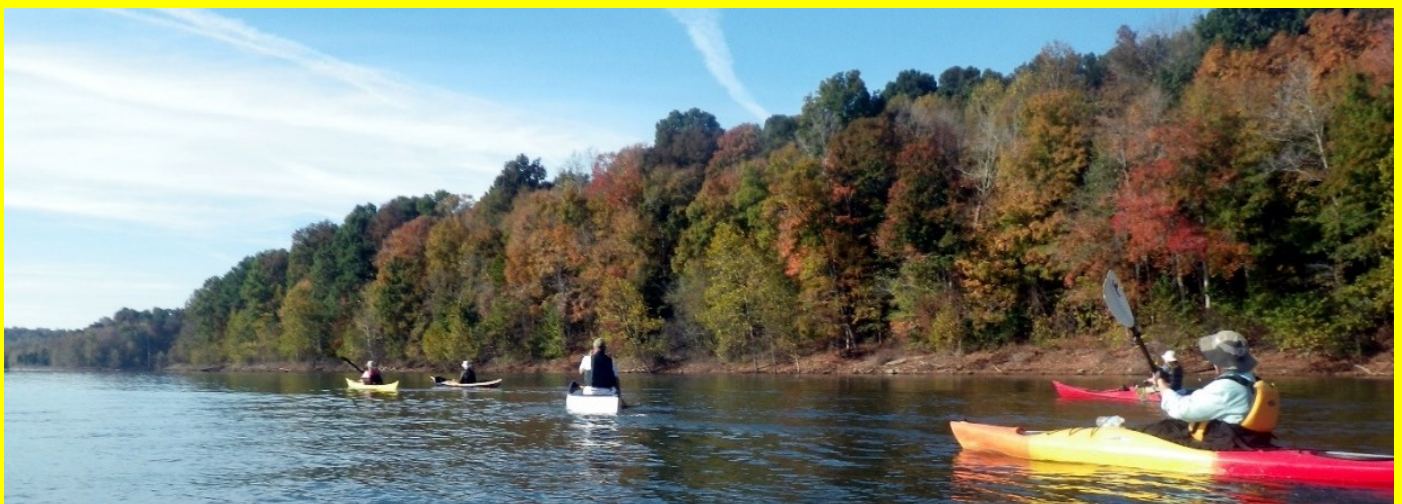
Ohio River Overnight, September 26-28, 2015 - Six HCC paddlers met at Charlestown State Park and paddled on the Ohio River. The river was relatively calm although we saw quite a bit of barge traffic. Fortunately, barges are easy to spot so that it was easy to give them plenty of room.

On Friday, we paddled upstream towards 18-Mile Island and back – investigating 14-Mile Creek on the way back. On Saturday, we paddled downstream past the new bridge east of Louisville and then camped overnight on 12-Mile Island. Sunday Morning, we paddled back to our launch site. Some of us paddled up to the site of Rose Island – a 1920s amusement park.

Patoka Lake, October 9-11, 2015 – The weather was beautiful and the lake was relatively calm. Nine HCC paddlers paddled on Patoka Lake. Patoka is interesting lake because its water quality is usually very good and because they have limited development around the edge of the lake.

We stayed at Fisherman's Camp – a primitive camp ground with some sites that directly access the water. On Friday, people paddled up into the headwaters of the lake. We saw eagles, ospreys, and hawks. On Saturday, we paddled past the dam and had lunch on the island that is north of Patoka's swimming beach. Our luck held and the wind was moderate. A fun paddle followed by a great fire Saturday Night.

Sunday Morning, we broke camp and drove over to Little Patoka Ramp north of Taswell where we paddled down to the quarries in the southeast corner of Patoka Lake. This is always a beautiful area where cliffs line the bays.



2015 Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club Annual Meeting

HCKC 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
Nov 8, 2015*

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

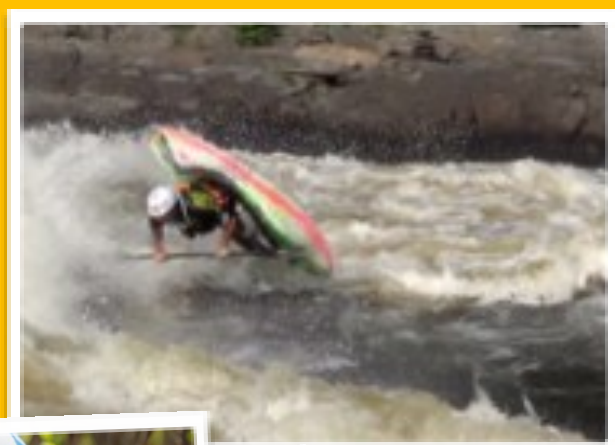
Where: Indianapolis Sailing Club, **on Geist**, 11325 Fall Creek Rd, Indy, 46256

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.

RSVP: necessary @ mariannndavis@aol.com (limited seating)



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Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club Slate of Officers and Board Members for 2016

In keeping with the club bylaws, the slate of officers and board members is being submitted below.
Please review for voting at the annual meeting on November 8 @ the Indianapolis Sailing Club at Geist.

Officers 2016

Skipper.....Natalie Needham
Executive Officer (Vice President).....Duane Garloch
Purser (Treasurer).....Jim Clendenin
Yeoman (Secretary).....Judy Thompson
Past Skipper).....Mariann Davis

Board Members 2016

Todd Barrett

Ted Heizelman

Dave Ellis

Darlene Patterson

Shirley Gates

Earl King

Theresa Kulczak

Jon Renenberg

John Carlson

Rob Henry

Cindy Schroeder

John Wainscott

Note: If you wish to submit your name or another persons name in place of a name on this ballot you must do so according to the bylaws.

Please consider serving on the Board or as an Officer in future years. This provides a great service to the club as well as the leadership we need to keep our trips fun, safe and ongoing.

Proposed Amendments to the Hoosier Canoe Club By-Laws

At the November Annual Meeting, we will ask you to vote to approve two amendments to the Hoosier Canoe Club By-Laws. To review the full Bylaws, go to the [HCC Web Site](#).

Note that changes are shown in **Red** in the text below.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).

Article 1 - Update Membership Criteria – It is necessary to update Article I of the by-laws to reflect current on-line and mailed membership registration practices.

Article 1 Membership

Section 1

A member of the Club may be either an individual or a family unit. Each membership, whether individual or family unit will **beor** referred to in the Constitution and hereafter in the By Laws as a governing member and will be entitled to one vote.

Section 2

All members shall **either** sign the Hoosier Canoe Club **membership pledge and** waiver of liability **or electronically agree to the Hoosier Canoe Club waiver of liability when submitting their on-line registration.**

Section 3

A prospective new member shall submit to the membership chairman, Club Officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor, a **completewritten** application, signed **or electronically agreed to** waiver, and a membership fee as specified in Article III Section 1 of the current year if submitted before October 1 or as dues for the next year if submitted after said date. Applicants officially become members immediately upon acceptance of the complete application and fees specified in Article III, Section 1 by the membership chairman, Club officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor.

Article III - Life Members – Section III of the by-laws will be updated to specify that the annual dues of people designated to be Life Members is zero since this membership group is not covered in the constitution or by-laws.

Article III Monies

Section 1

The annual dues for membership in the Hoosier Canoe Club shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per governing member. **The Executive Board may designate a governing member to be a Life Member - the annual dues for a Life Member shall be zero (\$0).**

Club Bulletin Board Updated

The [HCC Bulletin Board](#) has been moved to a new Internet host. This change should be transparent to most users since:

All names and password are unchanged.

We have moved all messages, attachments, and *most* avatars to the new platform.

Using magic Internet technology, the old Bulletin Board address now points to the new server so bookmarks on your browser will continue to work.

The bulletin board is now maintained by the same company that wrote the bulletin board software. This is good news because they will insure that we are always running the most up-to-date software so that we are less likely to be “hacked”.

In addition, I was able to work with Vbulletin’s staff while moving the platform to fix several problems that we had on the old platform:

Automated Password Reset: You can now use the Automatic password reset procedure if you forget your password. Just click on “Forgot User Name and Password” in the lower, left corner of the Login pop-up box and follow the directions it gives you.

Avatar Upload: You can now upload your own avatar after you log into your profile.

Note: The avatars for most accounts were successful migrated. However, some avatars didn’t make it so please log into your profile and reload your image.

Subscriptions now work. Subscriptions allow you to receive e-mails whenever new topics are added to a Forum – for example, you could receive an e-mail whenever someone creates a new topic in the Whitewater forum. You can also choose to receive notifications when someone comments on an existing topic. You may need to configure your profile so the notifications are sent to your e-mail.

If you have never accessed the Bulletin Board before, there is a link to it in the left-hand column of the HCC Web Site. At this time, the Bulletin Board is primarily used to coordinate Whitewater Trips ([Whitewater Forum](#)) and to post ads for gear that people are selling ([Gear Swap](#)).



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Sea Kayak Trip Announcement
Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle
Trip Sponsor: Todd Barrett

Saturday-Sunday, Nov.14-15, 2015

What better way to celebrate the end of another paddling season than with an overnight trip in Deem Wilderness on Lake Monroe. We have done this trip for several years and we will camp out on the peninsula across from Cutright Public Access Site.

Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and it is one of my favorite paddling destinations. This time of year should be great for seeing migratory birds such as loons, grebes, and cormorants.

If you only want to Paddle on Saturday, you can day paddle with us on Saturday if don't want to camp out. We will camp near the point of the peninsula in Deem Wilderness so it's only a 2-mile paddle back to our put-in at the Cutright Public Access Site.

Meeting Place/Put-In: [Cutright Public Access Site](#). Turn left into Cutright after you cross the causeway going South on 446. We will launch from the first ramp that you come to within Cutright.

Note: There is a home Indiana football game on this Saturday, plan your route and travel time to the put-in, accordingly.

Expected Paddling Conditions: Lake Monroe is a big lake and conditions vary with the weather - paddlers should feel comfortable paddling in 2-foot waves and be able to paddle 8 miles. Due to possible lake conditions, sea kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads and spray skirts are recommended.

If the air/water temperature drops, wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended.

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 pack all your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR boat permit before you come since the DNR office and Paynetown SRA gate may not be open that Saturday. Permits can be purchased online from [Mother Nature's Mercantile](#) (click on the link, then select non-motorized lake permit).

Schedule: Saturday -10:30 am - Ready to launch from Cutright PAS

We will probably paddle about 3-4 miles, set up camp, and then explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We'll figure out a plan Saturday night depending on conditions, how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people want 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: Todd Barrett, rtb04336@yahoo.com (404-583-3575).

Contact me by 7:00 pm on the Friday (November 7) before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to contact me since I will be monitoring weather prior to the trip and will notify people if we need to adjust our plans for this late season paddle.



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