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From the Skipper:

August starts to usher in the official end of summer, but not the paddling season! Consistent rains and hot temperatures have blessed this summer for some great paddling and we're not even close to being done with our trips. Be sure to also check out some of our great classes being offered to hone your skills, come out to a pool session, or volunteer to help at the triathlons. Make sure you mark your calendar and start looking for your pirate gear for the upcoming pirate paddle on October 15 so you can paddle and party like a pirate with the HCKC crew! Mammoth Cave Overnight trip: rescheduled to Aug. 12-14 due to high water. Please see July's newsletter for details. And look for further emails concerning the Mojo Rolling Clinic on Aug. 21!! See you on the water!

Natalie

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Triathlon Support

John Wainscott

HCC provides safety boats for the swimming portion of the event. City life-guards will be stationed inside the course and we will spread out around the outside of the course. Event starts at 8:00am and is usually done by 9:00am. Usually some stick around for a paddle afterwards. The club has done this for many years and as a reward the club gets a \$1000.00. Volunteers get an event tee shirt for helping.

Please RSVP to John Wainscott at wldleak@sbcglobal.net if you would like to help, along with shirt size. We meet at the park office parking lot on the northeast side of 56th Street bridge. NOT IN THE PARK. Please come early enough to be ready to paddle and get instructions by 7:45. No experience or specific boat required. Just sign the waiver, get your shirt and have fun. The next three will be:

Aug 20 Sprint

Aug 27 Go Girl



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Trip Announcement

Location: Raccoon Lake Ladies Paddle Aug. 13-14

Sponsor: Judy Thompson

Most people (myself included) generally refer to this body of water as “Raccoon Lake”; after all, it is formed by damming Big Raccoon Creek. Who was Cecil M. Harden, anyway, was he someone I should have heard of? It turns out “he” was a she; apparently Cecil is not just a man’s name. She was U.S. Congressional Representative for this area of Indiana for 5 terms, beginning in 1949. It seems fitting that the Ladies Paddle is being held this year in a place named for a woman.

We will be paddling in the headwaters Saturday. The area is fairly well sheltered, and in an idle only zone. It should be appropriate for paddlers of all skill levels. Beginners welcome!

Schedule:

Saturday 8/13 11:00 am - Meet at Calvert Shelter (See direction below). Rather than having lunch on the bank, we will meet at Calvert Shelter and have lunch there.

Saturday 8/13 Noon - We should launch from Portland Mills ramp at noon. We will return to Portland Mills at the end of the paddle.

Saturday Evening - From Portland Mills, we will drive to Raccoon Lake SRA to camp. I will get campsites and we will split their cost.

Sunday Morning - We may paddle a different part of the lake Sunday morning if there is enough interest.

Note: You may sign up to paddle on Saturday, to camp on Sunday night, or both. Please let me know what you want when you RSVP.

To Sign Up -

Please RSVP by Friday Aug. 12; 6 pm if you plan on coming so that I will know how many campsites to get (we will share sites and split the cost) and I can let you know of any last minute changes. Email: judyth-om@wigi.us

Directions: Head west on US 36, look for a sign for Measels Mini-Ranch. Take the next road to the right, CR 880W. There is a sign for Portland Mills ramp at the intersection, but it is rather small. If you come to a bridge over the lake while on US 36, you went too far.

Follow the paved road to the County Line road, and turn right on the County Line road to get to Calvert Shelter. This road is right before the ramp.

Important: You need a DNR permit for your boat. If you do not have one, you can get the \$5 sticker at Raccoon Lake SRA gate office, which is only a short distance down US 36 west of the Portland Mills turnoff.

Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

June and July have been steamy months and our paddling season is about one half over. The Sea Kayak fleet still has some really interesting trips coming up in August and September plus one more training opportunity. The biggest event coming is the trip to Acadia National Park in Maine and to Nova Scotia starting on July 31 – 11 people are going on this trip and it is a definitely a more challenging area than we normally paddle.

Upcoming Trips –

Sunday July 31, NWIPA New Buffalo-to-Michigan City Paddle – I just checked the NWIPA web site and they have not posted details for this trip on their site yet (surprise). I will check with Ken Stelter and get details out to the Sea Kayak mailing list.

Friday, August 19 or Saturday, August 20, Moonlight Paddle – I will talk with people at the Tuesday paddle and see if there is interest in a moonlight paddle in August. More to follow.

4th Annual Indiana Dunes Surf Play Weekend, Labor Day Weekend – I have been speaking to Maggie and we have the group camp site over Labor Day weekend. Should be another great event. I will get details out to the Sea Kayak mailing list as soon as we finalize them and will have a description in the August newsletter.

September 10-17, Apostle Islands Adventure – Six people will be heading to the Apostles – this will be an Intermediate trip to the Apostle's outer islands. Looking forward to my first September trip to Lake Superior.

Training

We have one more **Introduction to Kayaking class** coming up on Saturday August 20 (see below). This has usually been a small class and we will have a small repeat session of the Intermediate Strokes and Boat Control class that we offered in early July since we turned people away from that class.

I'll get details out to the Sea Kayak Mailing List about this in the next week or so.

Introduction to Kayaking Classes

Instructors: Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel

Saturday – August 20, 2016

We still have one more Introduction to Kayaking class in August. Here's a way to jumpstart your paddling! As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around in calm water. 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.

The instructors 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. We will demonstrate rescue skills but you won't *intentionally* be getting into the water at this clinic unless you want to. Thatcher Pool's Wednesday night sessions are a better place to practice rescues and wet exits when it's cool out.

This course is intended for newer paddlers with recreational, touring, or sea kayaks. You must provide your own kayak, paddle, and life jacket.

The class will probably be held at Eagle Creek Park. This class is about half full and will be limited to 10 students. Enrollees will be accepted in the order that their registrations are received. Please do not sign up unless you can stay for the entire clinic (9:00 am to 3:30 pm).

How to Register: If you would like to register for this class or have any questions, please contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net. When you register, Please send your name, desired course date, kayak you will be bringing, paddling experience, goals for the class, and contact information (e-mail/phone number) when you sign up.

I will send out an e-mail to all accepted students about one week before the course.

Future Newsletters

Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. Please send any pictures or write-ups to dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com. I prefer word documents with very little formatting of the text. Calibri 11 makes a nice font.

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Trip Report Cataract Falls

Sponsor: Sue Fox and Judy Thompson

Despite a wet week, July 9 dawned to bright sunshine. Since the trip was set for 9 am to avoid the heat, I headed out early to be ready to greet folks and get them to sign the HCC waiver. Getting to the put-in on Cagle's Mill Lake at 8 am, I thought I would be the first to arrive but much to my surprise Everett Pulliam and Chris Greene were there and greeted me! Others arrived and by 9:15 all but one were accounted for. Lost, our new member tried calling, but cell phone reception in the area was terrible. Luckily within 5 minutes she found the group and we were quickly on our way. By the time



we passed under the bridge, a faster and a more relaxed group emerged. Mark Cowser and Judy Thompson led the speedier group and Sue Foxx and Clarke Kahlo the second. Non-motorized boat permits were required for this trip since it was on a state reservoir and several folks picked one up at the Lieber State Park main gate (opens at 7:30 am) on their way to the put-in at the Cunot PAS. The group consisted on 14 paddlers (13 kayaks and 1 canoe) with some new paddlers and others just new to HCC. All did a great job including 10 year old, Rowan, who accompanied his grandfather, Mark Cowser. The water level was up creating some new lagoons but all found the falls without a problem. The group had lunch at the lower falls and a smaller group hiked to the upper falls. It was an easy 1/2 mile walk up river and the upper falls was a double decker so well worth the time and effort. The accompanying pictures are courtesy of Judy Thompson who also got another visitor to take the group picture. The trip back was similar to the trip out but the winds came up as we headed to the bridge making the last stretch a little more challenging. A lot more motorized traffic later in the day added to the chop.

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Trip Report

300 Springs Trip Report

Sponsor: Natalie Needham

Five of us trekked down to Munfordville, KY to do an 18 mile paddle down one of the most scenic stretches of the Green River. We all found that the section is called 300 Springs for good reason, as there were many springs along the route with ice cold water pumping out. The gem of the trip is the 40 foot high or so spring fed waterfall that look like you're in Hawaii instead of Kentucky. We all camped at the Mammoth Cave campgrounds and made the relatively quick drive to Munfordville for the trip. With breaks to swim and snack, it took about 6 hours total to finish the trip. The gage height was perfect at 3.3 feet and running at 650 CFS per the USGS Green River gage at Munfordville. This section was actually a first descent for the HCKC but I anticipate this trip will be one kept on the HCKC calendars so be sure to join us next time!



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Save The Date!!! Pirate Paddle October 15, 2016

Aye Maties!Tis the year when all pirates and scoundrels will be convening for the gatherin' on the Great White River.Set yer courses for . . .

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Pirate Paddle & Party

White River Yacht Club, Broad Ripple, Indianapolis

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Richard Tekulve and Theresa Kulczak

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