

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

It seems that summer just started and now we're at the unofficial end of summer, but don't let that stop you from paddling! We still have some great paddling trips coming up, including a flat water river trip that ends at Bonge's Tavern. The trips are always fun, but be sure to take time and show some reciprocating love to our rivers by helping with cleaning them up. Not only do you get to help clean up local favorites like Fall Creek and Raccoon Creek, but you get to bank some major river mojo karma for your next paddle. Good river karma alone is always handy and can never have a price tag. Speaking of karma and paddling, have you ever noticed how paddling can parallel life in general? Focus on that nasty spot in the river...you'll end up drifting there; hit a wall of water...lean forward and paddle through that; want to grow...get uncomfortable. We have so many veteran paddlers in this club that are willing to help you get uncomfortable and up your paddling game. It doesn't have to be white water, either. We offer several classes throughout the summer to learn self-rescue on flat water. Most of the times here in Indiana if you flip over, just stand up; but if you're in the middle of the lake, can you get back in your boat? I challenge you all to get safely uncomfortable and improve your paddling skills. Take a class, come to the pool, and come on more paddle trips. See you on the water!

Natalie

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Trip Announcement

Wabash River Trip – Lafayette Area – Sept. 3, 2016

Sponsor: Judy Thompson

It's that time of year when often many of our local streams are too low to enjoyably paddle. The Wabash River should have plenty of flow for easy paddling. The dry times of the year also make the big rivers low enough and clear enough to enjoy the streambed, the real essence of their beauty. This year's paddle will go from Davis Ferry Park to Granville PAS, about a 13 mile trip. If someone wants a shorter trip, they can cut about 4 miles off the trip by getting out at Fort Ouiatenon Park.

Meet at Davis Ferry Park at 9:30 am. We should be ready to run the shuttle around 10. To get to Davis Ferry Park from the Indianapolis area, take I-65 towards Lafayette. At exit 178, take ramp right for IN-43 toward West Lafayette. Turn left onto IN-43, heading south. Turn left onto Burnetts Rd., it should be the first road to the left after you are on IN-43. Burnetts Road soon comes to a "T", turn right onto N. 9th St. Rd. After you cross over the Wabash River, Davis Ferry Park will be on the right.

Contact Judy Thompson judythom@wigi.us if you are planning to attend, or if you want more information.

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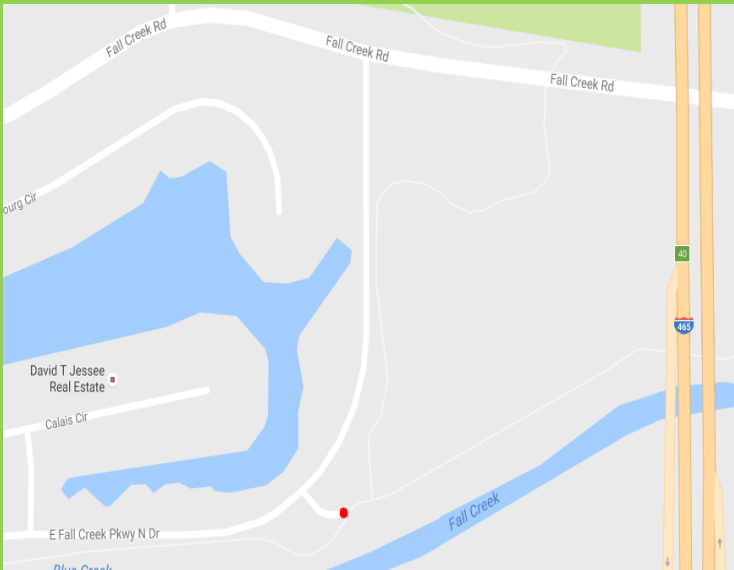
Club Event

Fall Creek Clean Up Sept. 10

Be sure to bank some good river mojo karma and help clean up a local favorite! It's always fun to see who can find the oddest and biggest item on the river. Sometimes, river booty is found and the finder keeps it. J

We'll run a 5-mile trip from Skiles Test Park put in to the Keystone Take out. Please bring garbage bags and gloves. I'll try to procure some of those grippy thingys to grab trash. I normally don't like to have lunch while picking up trash, so eat a big breakfast or bring a snack. We'll most likely go out afterwards for some dinner.

Please be at the Skiles Test Put-in, off the Fall Creek Trail by 10:00 am. We'll run shuttle and hopefully be on the water by 11 am. Put in is shown below with a red dot.



This section censored by the editor. Carry On.

Take out is shown below with red dot. We should be done by 3-4 pm. Be sure not to leave any valuables in your car.



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Trip Announcement

NWIPA – HCKC Indiana Dunes Paddle and Play Weekend

Friday, September 2 – Sunday, September 4, 2016

Sponsor Jim Sprandel

We will again spend 2-3 days playing in Lake Michigan over Labor Day Weekend. We will have paddles Friday Evening, Saturday, and Sunday – we also use the same Indiana Dunes State Park Group campsite on Friday and Saturday night that we were at last year.

The purpose of this weekend is to provide us all with the opportunity to get together, camp, play in Lake Michigan, eat, and generally have a great time. There are no pre-ordained point-to-point trips.

Aside from the Friday evening paddle at 6pm (CDT) and the Saturday night potluck dinner at 6 pm (CDT), there is little structure to the weekend. Last year, we paddled along the Dunes on Saturday and had the opportunity to play in baby surf Sunday morning. One year, we practiced rolling, rescues, and reentries off of the state park beach. We take what the lake gives us. Plan to organize your own adventure with friends. However, everyone is very welcoming and friendly, so you won't have to worry about finding a group to paddle with.

Paddlers of every skill level are welcome, but it's required to have a sea kayak with watertight fore and aft bulkheads and a spray skirt.

Schedule:

Friday -

2:00 pm CDT (3:00 EDT) Check-in time for our campsite. Most people won't arrive this early but please do not arrive at the campground before this time on Friday. You are more than welcome to arrive and set up camp any time after this on Friday or any time on Saturday. (E-mail me for campsite information.)

6:00 pm CDT (7:00 EDT) Sunset paddle on Lake Michigan. Meet in the West End of the West Beach Parking Lot in the park. Bring along a white light since sunset will be at 7:18 pm CDT on this night.

Saturday

9:00 am CDT (10:00 EDT) Most people will meet at the west end of beach parking lot to do whatever we are going to do.

6:00 pm CDT (7:00 EDT) - Pot-luck dinner so bring your best camping (or non-camping) recipes!

Sunday

9:00 am CDT (10:00 EDT) Meet at the west end of the West Beach parking lot for adventure.

5:00 pm CDT (6:00 EDT) Check out time for the campground.

Contingency Plans: This event will occur rain or shine. If lake conditions or weather are too rough, we know of nearby water bodies, with directions, which would be great alternatives to the big Lake. There are also plenty of opportunities for hiking and biking in the Dunes, and of course, abundant nearby shopping and restaurants.

Required Equipment:

Sea kayak with watertight fore and aft bulkheads

Paddling Gear (Life Jacket, Paddle, ...), Spray skirt, Helmet (if you go surfing)

Your Safety Gear (for example, whistle, pump, paddle float, tow line, ...)

White Light if you are going to paddle with us Friday Night

Cost:

Park Entry Fee - \$7/car Indiana Vehicles, \$12/car Out-of-State Cars

Camping Fee – When you get to camp, please pay me \$5 to help cover the cost of the camping fee.

How to Sign Up – Questions - If you want to attend, or if you have questions, please send an e-mail to **Jim Sprandel** at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net. Please e-mail and I'll send you the detailed schedule, campsite location, and Camping Rules.

It's been a hot summer but we're fortunately heading into Fall. The Sea Kayaking schedule is full going into September, October, and November with one more trip to Lake Michigan over Labor Day, our annual pilgrimage to the Apostles, several trips on the Ohio, another Fall Trip to Grayson which should be spectacular, and our end-of-year overnight on Lake Monroe. Trip announcements for the Labor Day Paddle and Play weekend as well as the late-September overnight on the Ohio River are contained in this newsletter.

Training – Dave Ellis, Duane Garloch, and I held our final Introduction to Kayaking class for 2016 on Saturday. All in all, about 50 people participated in the 4 intro sessions that we held and about 25 people came out for the two intermediate clinics that we ran. Stay tuned until next year. If anyone has training suggestions for next year, please e-mail them to me. If there is interest, we will look into the possibility of doing more intermediate classes.

Pool Training – With the weather changing, Fall is a great time for Sea Kayakers to head to the pool to consolidate their rolls or work on your solo reentries. Sessions will continue to be on Wednesday night from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Thatcher Pool until the end of November and will then move to Saturday mornings. E-mail me if you have questions about pool practice.



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.



Trip Announcement

OHIO RIVER PADDLE AND CAMPOUT ON 12 MILE ISLAND

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2016

TRIP SPONSOR: Andy Thieneman

2016 OHIO RIVER TRIP: There are many paddling options on this portion of the Ohio. Downstream on the Kentucky side is Harrod's creek which is very popular with Louisville kayakers. Also downstream is the construction site of the East End bridge. This one of two new bridges crossing the Ohio. There is a nature preserve on 6 mile island which is also downstream. Upstream is 14 mile creek which meanders through Charlestown state park. This creek is very scenic, isolated and peaceful. Development upstream is minimal and the paddle is more isolated.

CAMPSITE: We have several options. We can camp at Charlestown state park (facilities include showers and flush toilets) or we can spend the night on 12 mile island in the middle of the Ohio. This island is maintained by the Louisville K of C and there is a mowed field for tents and an area suitable for hammocks. No facilities. The group can decide which option they want.

MEETING PLACE: Charlestown State Park, located several miles east of Charlestown on Hwy 62. From Indy take exit 19, Hwy 160, off of I-65. Hwy 160 ends at a T intersection with Hwy 62. Go left about 1/2 mile to the park entrance on the right. Follow the signs to the launch site on the Ohio.

WHAT TO BRING: kayak, other paddling gear, and overnight camping gear

TRIP REQUIREMENTS: Sea or touring kayak with fore and aft bulkheads, spray skirt, and PFD

SCHEDULE: Saturday: Meet at launch site at 10AM EDT

Sunday: negotiable

CONTACT INFORMATION: Andy Thieneman. E- mail. actjr33@gmail.com
Cell phone. 812 217-0722

Trip Announcement

White River West Fork Trip 9/17/2016

Sponsor: Sue Foxx and Mariann Davis

The White River West Fork trip will be on Saturday, September 17 from Anderson to Perkinsville. This trip will be about 15 miles, which is a little longer than most, so participants need to be in good paddling shape. The river is very scenic and flows gently so flatwater paddlers of all abilities are welcome. Be aware that this section can be shallow at this time of year so be sure you check with trip leaders for any last minute changes. The trip will end in Perkinsville where there is a great restaurant called Bonge's just across the street from our take out. Following the paddle anyone who is interested can join the trip leaders for dinner. Be sure to pack sun screen, water and lunch since we will be on the river about 6 hours. Contact Sue Foxx at sufoxx713@aol.com or 317-363-4074 or Mariann Davis at marianndvs@gmail.com by 7 pm on Friday, Sept. 16, if you plan to attend.

Put in location: Edgewater Park in Anderson (801 E. 10th St., Anderson, 46012)

Meeting time: 9:00 am

Shuttle: 9:30 am

Leave Put in: 10:30 am

Lunch: 12:00 pm on a sandbar

Take out: 4:30 pm in Perkinsville (SR 13 bridge and Madison CR280N)

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Trip Report

ROCK THE YOUGH!



On August 5, 6, 7th around 40 Hoosiers together with a few PA kayaking friends traveled to the Lower Yough, for 'Rock the Yough' weekend!

Boaters began arriving to PA-Tall Timbers campground on Thursday eve. Friday was the warm up run on the lower with several practicing swims, rolls, and gear roundup. It occurred to me that at times we appeared to be a river rodeo roundup!

Ice cream, local shops and dinner in Ohiopyle was followed by propping feet up sharing small and tall tales around the campfire. Saturday found a return to the Lower, some in kayaks, others on the party raft guided by PA Jenn. A great day on the river once again for ALL!

A pitch in supper complete with huge bonfire made a perfect end to a perfect day.

The entire Dancing Hoosier Kayakers tore up the pavilion floor with special moves, singing and comradery to our one and only musical wonder; 'Big Drop, Bob Heckler'.

Laughter and singing went on well into the morning hours.

Sunday morning some began the journey home while others took one last trip to the river.

As I drove home smiling at all the memories made, friends I had gotten to visit that I had not seen in a long time, I remembered a quote by Gandalf the Grey:

"All we have to decide is what to do with time that is given to us."

Time for the whitewater kayaker is spent traveling hundreds of miles across many state lines, on weekends with several different colored boats atop or behind vehicles which are packed with people all heading to the river which promises a grand ride if you will only visit her.

For each of us in the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club, whether canoeing, ww kayaking or sea kayaking, being together with our River Family are some of the Best Times of our lives!

Stormy

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Major Club Event Announcement

Pirate Paddle & Party

Saturday, October 15

Aye maties, prepare to RELEASE THE KRAKEN . . . ! Callin' all river pirates and creatures of the deep! The pirate paddlers will be gatherin' for the White River Flotilla and Party on Saturday, October 15th. We be expectin' paddlers from the seven seas . . . and perhaps some creatures from davy jones locker and the black lagoon . . .

The event begins in the afternoon with a 9-mile float on White River in Indianapolis, with a flotilla of paddlers dressed as pirates and sea creatures. Following the flotilla, the pirates convene for revelry and good cheer at the **White River Yacht Club**, a grand place for a river gathering. The WRYC is located just north of Broad Ripple, with a large, covered party deck on the river.

New this year, the paddlers will be welcomed to the river bank by the pirate sea shanty band, **Red Rum!**

The Pirate Party will feature the band **First Time Caller**, a five-piece band with great vocal harmony playing some of the best dance and rock music ever written. Whether you want to dance off your peg-leg or sit on your stool and listen, First Time Caller has something for everyone!

First held in 2008, the Pirate Paddle & Party is a signature event of the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club, presented every other year through the support of generous sponsors. Aye, all paddlers be welcomed! Please share the good word with friends, fellow paddlers, and paddling clubs!

The \$25 registration fee includes the flotilla, a buffet dinner and beer, and two bands. *Where else can you find paddlers gathered as pirates; dinner and beer, and a great dance band?*

Me would cut off my claw to swear, the pirate boat decorations on the flotilla and the pirate party make for a memorable gathering . . . Prizes for best boat decor and best costume. Start workin' on your riggin' maties!

REGISTER NOW! Don't be lost at sea . . . join the fun or prepare to walk the plank, matey!

FLOTILLA PUT-IN: White River at 116th Street

1:00 Arrival, Registration, Unload Boats, Run Shuttle

2:30 Launch of Pirate Flotilla on White River

PIRATE PARTY: White River Yacht Club, Indianapolis, 6:30 pm

1400 E 74th Street, (just upstream from Broad Ripple) Indianapolis 46240

SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Contact **THE BLACK TOAD (Theresa)** at tkulczak@comcast.net **THREE-ONE-SEVEN-409-6771**

SPECIAL NOTE: This year's pirate event will be designated as a fundraiser for the not-for-profit organization **First Descents**. First Descents offers young adult cancer fighters and survivors a free outdoor adventure designed to empower and inspire them to climb, paddle and surf beyond their diagnosis, defy their cancer, reclaim their lives and connect with others doing the same. Following the conclusion of the pirate event, the HCKC will donate any proceeds to First Descents. Help the HCKC "release the kraken" on cancer, and provide a wonderful way for paddlers to share the experience of the river!



Aye Maties . . .

RELEASE THE KRAKEN!

Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club
PIRATE PADDLE & PARTY
Saturday, October 15, 2016

PIRATE FLOTILLA ON WHITE RIVER

Put-in at Wapihani Drive (access from Eller Road)
just north of 116th Street, Fishers

1:00 Arrival, Unload Boats, Run Shuttle

2:30 Launch of Pirate Flotilla

Paddling distance 9 miles

Pirates and creatures from the deep!

Prizes for best boat rigging and pirate costumes!

PIRATE PARTY @ 6:30 p.m.

White River Yacht Club

1400 E. 74th Street (Broad Ripple)
Indianapolis 46240

FEATURING the music of two live bands:

"Red Rum" and "First Time Caller"

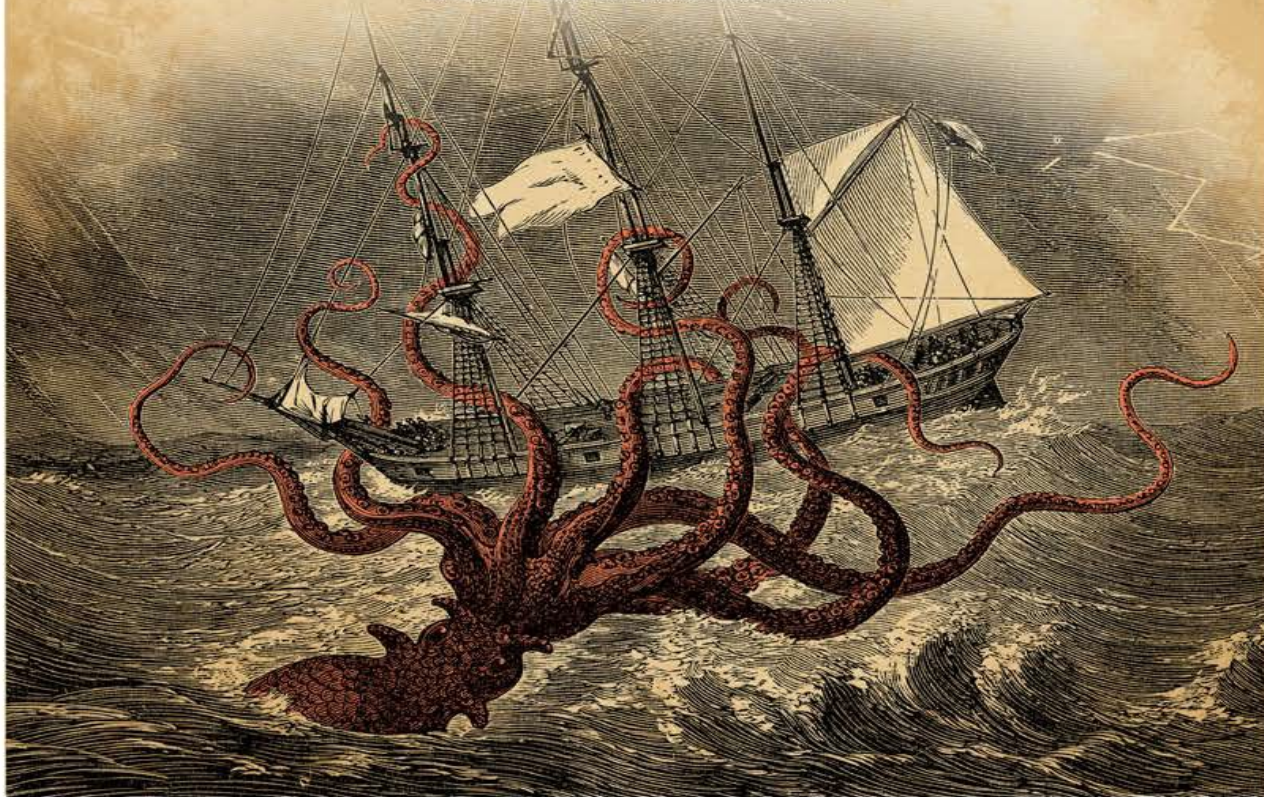
Pirate Paddle & Party Registration: \$25

One price for flotilla, buffet dinner, soft drinks, beer, and two bands!

Proceeds will benefit **First Descents**, a not-for-profit organization empowering cancer fighters and survivors www.firstdescents.org

For more information and registration: www.hoosiercanoeclub.org

Contact The Black Toad: tkulczak@comcast.net



Something of Interest

Hard Rivers, by Craig Howard

I was a month old and I hear my mom had to brave the blizzard to get my formula. Others were doing something pretty extraordinary at the same time. Check out this description and offering from Craig Howard.

-Natalie

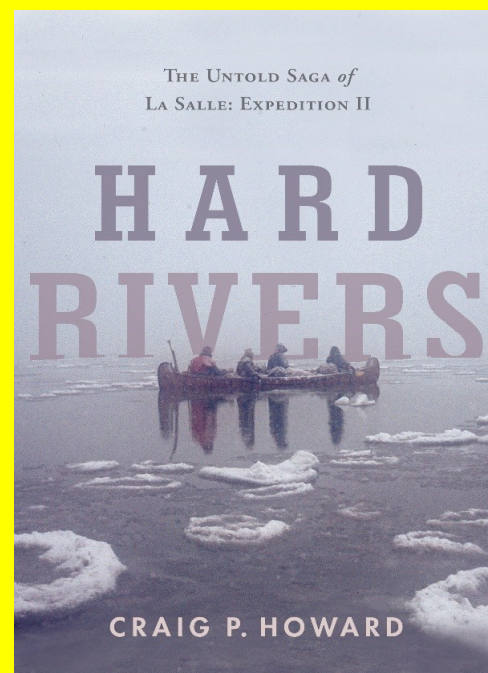
Forty years ago this coming January, the Hoosier state was host to a unique group of paddlers. Sixteen Chicago-area teenagers dressed and traveling as voyageurs had come all the way from Montreal following the route of La Salle to the Gulf of Mexico to claim the Mississippi watershed for France.

But 1976-77 marked the coldest winter in the history of the Midwest. Lake Michigan and all the rivers had turned to ice. After dragging their canoes through the South Bend portage from the St. Joseph to the Kankakee, where they gave first aid to an injured snowmobiler, the boys stored the canoes and followed the highway. Near Hebron, the sight of 17th century voyageurs walking U.S. 231 caused two trucks to slow, then crash into each other and into the line of march. Four boys were hospitalized.

*The story of this epic journey, told in the words of those who lived it, is described in my book, *Hard Rivers: The Untold Saga of La Salle: Expedition II* (River Grove Books, \$17.95 softcover, \$8.99 ebook). I write to you in the hope that the members of the Hoosier Canoe Club might like to read it. I attach two photos from the crew's time in Indiana to whet your appetite.*

Thanks for your consideration. Let me know if there's any information you'd like from me.

Best,
Craig
more at www.craigphoward.com



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