

# The Hoosier Paddler

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## From the Skipper:

We're closing in on our fiscal year and our club's annual meeting is approaching. I hope you can all join us on November 12 to help vote on some important issues, swap some gear, enjoy food, and share paddling tales; tall and small. Our guest speakers this year, Doug and Jennifer Jose, will be presenting about a first-time sea kayaking club trip to Nova Scotia and Acadia taken over the summer.

We will also be voting on four items that directly affect the club;

- 1) the slate of officers and the board,
- 2) an amendment to up the membership fee to \$20 instead of \$15
- 3) an amendment to change specific wording regarding annual membership renewals
- 4) an updated waiver to be put in the by-laws

Each of these issues are important and we need you at the meeting to voice opinions and vote!

Please see the newsletter for details on all three of these items.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Natalie

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## Election of New Officers

The below slate is presented to the club for consideration and approval. The vote will take place during the business portion of our Annual meeting on November 12, 2016. We will also discuss and vote on the amendments/changes to the by-laws listed below.

Officers:

Skipper (President) **Natalie Needham**

Executive Officer (Vice Pres.) **Duane Garloch**

Purser (Treasurer) **Jim Clendenin**

Yeoman (Secretary) **Judy Thompson**

Past Skipper **Mariann Davis**

### Board Members:

**John Carlson**

**Dave Ellis**

**Shirley Gates**

**Ted Heizelman**

**Toni Harris**

**Earl King**

**Theresa Kulczak**

**Erica Strum**

**Jon Reneberg**

**Mike Lough**

**Allison Sturtevant**

**John Wainscott**

### Committee Chairpersons (Tentative):

Trips Chairman **Duane Garloch**

Sea Kayaking **Jim Sprandel**

Flatwater

Whitewater **Allison Sturtevant**

Paddle Fishing **John Wainscott**

Membership **Dave Ellis**

Eagle Creek Tuesday Paddles **Jim Sprandel, Kellie Kaneshiro**

Cheer **Joy Miller**

Publicity **Mariann Davis, Jon Reneberg**

Conservation

Pool Training **Jordan Ross**

Triathlons **John Wainscott**

Newsletter Editor **Dwayne James**

Web Master **Roger Kugler**

Safety and Training - Contact the Flatwater, Sea Kayaking, or Whitewater Chairman for the type of training you want

# The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

**To all Members of the Hoosier Canoe Club.  
Proposed By-Law Changes, dated October 25, 2016**

I, Jim Clendenin, propose the following change to the By Laws, to be effective November 1, 2016....(increase dues to \$20.00). The reason for the increase is forward looking. While we will not generate a lot of new dollars (maybe \$1,300.00 annual), the accumulation overtime will help mitigate increasing costs. The reasons for such an increase are – 1) increased software costs for Apricot 2) more financial reserves for future community events and 3) a healthy financial reserve to perpetuate use of AJ Thatcher pool. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal.

As currently written

*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).*

Proposed.....

*Article III Monies*

*Section 1*

*The annual dues for membership in the Hoosier Canoe Club shall be **Twenty dollars (\$20.00)** 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).*

**Jim Clendenin, Purser**

**Hoosier Canoe Club By-Laws Amendment Proposal**

**Concerning:** Membership management and membership renewal anniversary

**Proposed by:** Jon Reneberg

**Dated:** 10/26/2016

**Proposal Summary:** Amendment to change current by-laws where membership renewal dates and notice activation dates are listed specifically as dates in October, November, February, and March; to simplify as “annually” or “annual”.

**Justification:** This change would introduce flexibility to allow current practice to continue until a time when the Membership Committee deems appropriate to allow for individual and family memberships to be paid based on a 1 year payment. The following benefits are expected: (1) Elimination of less than a year, or more than a year of membership for some new members. (2) Elimination of time required by Membership Committee to manually adjust renewal dates for new members.

**Article I Membership**

[...]

**Section 3**

A prospective new member shall submit to the membership chairman, Club Officer, Executive Board member, or trip/activity sponsor, a complete application, signed or electronically agreed to waiver, and a membership fee as specified in Article III Section 1 **for annual membership, 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, or by electronic signature of waiver and receipt of electronic payment.

*Justification: Removal of specific dates and addition of annual membership wording eliminates the need for manual adjustment of individual member renewal anniversary dates by the Membership Committee.*

[...]

**Article III Monies**

[...]

**Section 2**

Each subsequent payment of dues by a governing member shall be the amount specified in Section 1 hereof, and shall be payable annually, November 1 - February 1. If the dues are not paid by February 1, the purser shall notify the member that he is in arrears and if by the first of March if by the annual anniversary. the dues are still unpaid, the membership shall be forfeited and the member's name stricken from the rolls. A member whose name is so stricken from the rolls, may be reinstated by submitting a completed application, signing the HCC Waiver and payment of dues.

*Justification: The removal of specific dates and addition of the annual anniversary wording allows the Membership Committee flexibility throughout the 2017 year while transitioning to the Wild Apricot member management software. The committee would have the option to allow for members to renew on their anniversary, thereby simplifying the member management activities by taking advantage of the software's ability to deliver welcome, renewal, and renewal-due emails.*

[...]

## Article IV Standing Committees and Duties

### Section 1

There shall be the following standing committees:

A Membership Committee to receive applications and fees from prospective governing members. With membership requirements fulfilled as stipulated in Article 1 Section 4, the membership chairman shall send each new member, or family, a membership packet and a letter of welcome. The membership chairman shall also send the first letter of contact to prospective members.

*No amendment to this section, however it is worth noting that this task becomes automated once we are able to take advantage of annual anniversary renewal dates.*

[...]

End of Proposal

## Trip Announcement

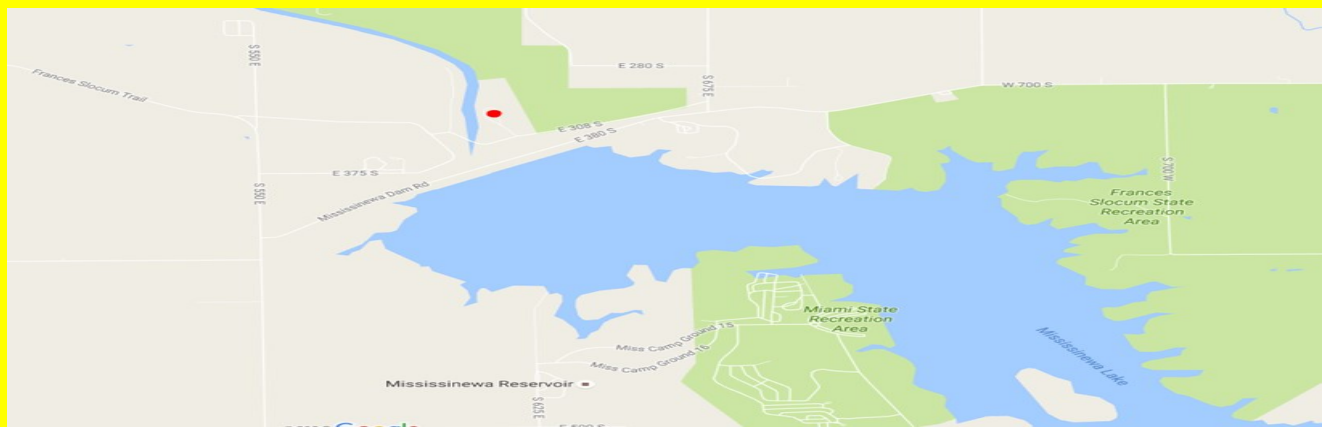
### Mississinewa Seven Pillar

November 5<sup>th</sup>, meet at 10 am at the north river access below the dam. See red dot on map below.

Still highly respected by the Miami Nation of Indiana, the Seven Pillars along the Mississinewa are a thing of beauty and the river is runnable only a few times a year. You can expect to see some great wildlife, including bald eagles, and I hear sometimes even a trapeze artist.

Come enjoy one of Indiana's least known natural wonders during the warm autumn! The trip will kick off with a 10am meeting time at the access site below the dam, north side. We will plan on paddling downstream with a stop at seven pillars, at the 213 bridge, and a takeout on the Wabash in Peru. There will be an optional winetasting following the trip at a local winery....

Please send questions and RSVP's to Rick Moulton [Sprucecanoe@yahoo.com](mailto:Sprucecanoe@yahoo.com)



# The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

## Sea Kayak Notes

Jim Sprandel

It's November and our official paddling season is winding down. However, if you dust off your wet suit or dry suit, you can paddle well into December and possibly January. Remember to dress for the water. Send a note out to the Sea Kayak e-mail list (IND\_TOURING\_KAYAK) if you want someone to join you when you get out (there's safety in numbers).

**Maine/Nova Scotia Report at Annual Meeting:** Be sure to drop into our annual meeting on Saturday, November 12 where Doug and Jennifer Jose will talk about the sea kayak fleet's adventures in Maine and Nova Scotia. I've looked at enough pictures from the trip to know that it sounds amazing. I've included one of Dave Ellis's pictures from Acadia above. Dave's pictures are at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/albums/72157671713123034>

**Lake Monroe Paddle, Nov. 5-6:** Our final club paddle will be the November 5-6 Lake Monroe Paddle whose announcement follows.

**Time to Start 2017 Planning:** We had a great year in 2016 but I'm really looking forward to next year. I am going to start an e-mail discussion of places to go in 2017 in early December and we can hash out what club trips people want to go on next year. So far, we have suggestions for major trips including Isle Royale, Florida, Sleeping Bear-North Manitou circumnavigations, the Apostles, the Chesapeake, Georgian Bay, Fontana Lake, and Charleston. These will be in addition to our local favorites to Monroe, the Ohio River, Brookville, and Cataract Falls.

**Training** - If you have ideas about sea kayak training that you would like to see in 2017, please talk to either Duane Garloch, Dave Ellis, or me so we can pull together next summer's training program. Options are Edging/Turning, Forward Strokes, Navigations, Linked Stroke, Stroke Refinement, General Kayak Camping, or ...

**Winter Pool Sessions** – Winter is a great time of year to get or bombproof your roll. If you have a roll, you could work on a second style of roll or your offside roll – nothing bombproofs your “go-to” roll like trying a roll, failing, and then flipping yourself back up with your primary roll. The pool is also usually your only chance to play in your boat during the winter plus people get together for lunch and talk kayaking afterwards. The HCKC will have pool sessions through the winter where you can work on your rolling or rescue skills. As in past years, Dave Ellis indicated that these sessions will move to Saturday mornings after Thanksgiving and

## Trip Report

### The Pirate Log by the The Black Toad

Aye maties, we raise the jolly roger and a pirate cheer to the Pirate Paddle & Party 2016! A grand swarree it was on October 15th, with over 100 participants, incredible costumes and boat rigs, glorious weather, and a wonderful flow on the great White River! Our cheers to the prize winners: First Place - Johannes Frick (Captain Jack Sparrow of the Pirates of the Caribbean); Second Place - Commander John Wainscott with mighty cannons on his kayak; and Third Place – The Pirate Skeletons Jackie Stamper & Buck Campfield. New this year, the sea shanty band “Red Rum” performed at the at the river bank keeping spirits high in anticipation of the launch. There were so many elaborate pirate costumes and magnificent boat decorations. Thanks to all who participated and created this year's amazing Pirate Flotilla! At the Pirate Party in the evening, the “First Time Caller” dance band kept the energy high. Our appreciation to Tom McCain for serving as our host at the White River Yacht Club, the best party venue on the river. In a first-time effort, this year's event was dedicated to “releasing the kraken on cancer” through support of First Descents, a not-for-profit organization empowering cancer fighters through whitewater paddling. Erica Frazier Stum, alumnus of First Descents and HCKC paddler, inspired all with her testament to First Descents, the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club, and overcoming cancer through the rapids of the river. Here's a rousing pirate toast to the sponsors: Ford Indianapolis Boat Sport & Travel Show, Integrity Heating and Air Conditioning, Jim Clendenin CPA, Morris Printing, Rusted Moon Outfitters, and Wainscott Leak Detection. The event wouldn't have been afloat without many dedicated volunteers and supporters . . . the pirates salute and thank you! Some folks might say “there were too many to name”, but WE WANT TO NAME YOU! The Pirate Volunteers: Jim Clendenin, Gordon Dunn, Dave Ellis, Dan Evard, Sue Foxx, Mariann Davis, Duane Garloch, Ted Heinzelman, Garry Hill, Dwayne James, Earl King, Roger Kugler, Theresa Kulczak, Tom McCain, Natalie Needham, David Powell, Cindy Schroeder, Jim Sprandel, Mike Taylor, Judy Thompson, Dan Valleskey, John Wainscott. ARRRR!

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## Trip Announcement

### Uganda Trip

December 15, 2016 - January 2, 2017

Please join the Hoosier Canoe Club on one of the final descents of a rare whitewater gem in Uganda. This will be a once in a life-time trip and we hope you can join! Please see the preliminary itinerary below, along with additional information about the dam construction. Please contact Hasina for more information or if you have any additional questions. [hasinamk17@gmail.com](mailto:hasinamk17@gmail.com)  
“The Isimba hydropower project is well underway in Uganda and the unfortunate truth is that we will soon be losing some of the whitewater on this section of amazing rapids.

There is a lot of misunderstanding around, and it is hard for people to find out accurate information on what is happening, so we have set this page up to provide kayakers with information about what is going on to the best of our knowledge.”

<http://kayakthenile.com/isimba/>

#### Preliminary Itinerary

Thurs, Dec. 15: Leave for Uganda

Friday, Dec. 16 afternoon: Arrive in Entebbe, Uganda; take shuttle to Jinja

Saturday: Raft the Nile, \$140

Sunday-Friday: Kayaking, stay at Hairy Lemon, bfast, lunch and dinner all included

Saturday: Christmas Eve : Arrive in village, Muira. Bring supplies for clinic.

Sunday, 26: Christmas Day: Stay in Village, Muira

Monday, 27: Go to Safari at Murchison Falls and stay at Jinja

Tues, 28: Murchison Safari

Wed, 29: Murchison Safari

Thurs, 30: Return from Murchison Safari

Fri, 31: New Years Eve, Hairy Lemon or Jinja

Saturday, Jan.1: Travel to Entebbe

Sunday, Jan. 2: Fly back to US

#### Vaccinations, Travel Clinic

Hep A and Hep B, Meningitis, Polio, Rabies, Typhoid, Yellow Fever, Tetanus Booster, Malaria Pills

\$100USD cash for Visa to Uganda at the border

Kayaking: \$695: lunch, boat, paddle, pfd, helmet. Can bring your own helmet and pfd.

Rafting: \$140

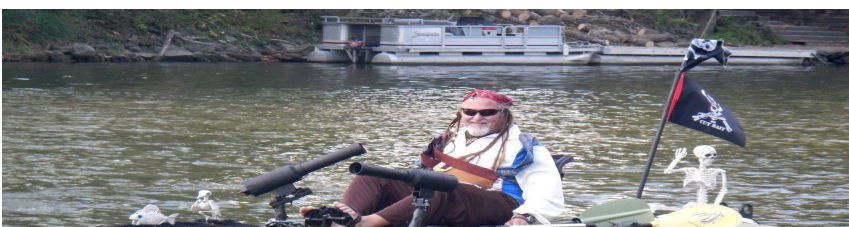
Lodging: \$30/day

## Trip Report

### Otter Creek 10/23/2016

Theresa Kulczak

Sometimes the best paddle trips are spontaneous . . . unpredictable . . . resulting from rushing rains . . . Otter Creek is one of those little creeks, one of the most beautiful in Indiana, revealing herself to only those ready to jump at short notice. Local Otter Creek expert Jim Shaw confirmed that there would be enough water in the creek . . . With twenty-four hours' notice five HCKC paddlers met in Vernon, Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, for what had to be one of the most spectacular flatwater paddles of the year. Yep . . . fasten your seat belts and enjoy the autumn splendor on Otter, a narrow twisty creek with limestone rock channel curves . . . pristine and challenging, a favorite of those fortunate enough to catch her



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## Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

### Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

**Saturday-Sunday, Nov.5-6, 2016**

What better way to celebrate paddling our last club trip than with an overnight trip in Deem Wilderness on Lake Monroe. This is our annual fall pilgrimage 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. Parts of the lake will be closed after October 1<sup>st</sup> but there is still a lot of interesting areas to explore.

**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:** Indiana University football is away on this Saturday so we should not have to worry about traffic around campus.

**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. I have one extra if you need it so contact me.

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

We will probably paddle 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 lake 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:** Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net

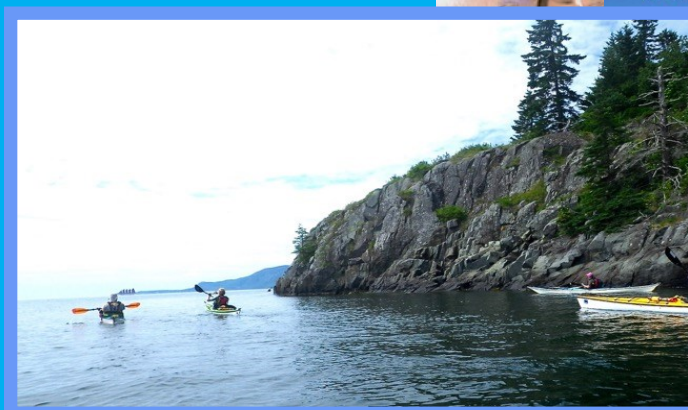
Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to contact me since I will be monitoring weather prior to the trip and will notify people if we need to adjust our plans due to weather for this late season paddle.



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The new cast of 100 Wild Islands



## *HOOSIER CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB INVITATION*

Annual meeting, dinner, & swap meet with guests: Doug & Jennifer Jose Presenting:  
NOVA SCOTIA'S 100 WILD ISLANDS... WITH CAMEO APPEARANCES BY YOUR  
OWN INTREPID PADDLERS...+ ACADIA, THE PREQUEL

DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2016 TIME: 1-5 PM Dinner around 1:30/1:45 PM

WHERE: INDIANAPOLIS SAILING (NOT YACHT) CLUB, ON GEIST, 11325 FALL CREEK RD. INDIANAPOLIS IN.  
46256. (GOOGLE MAPS OR MAPQUEST)

EVENT: HCKC ANNUAL MEETING & PITCH-IN DINNER. (CLUB WILL PROVIDE THE MAIN COURSE AND NON-  
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS)...BYO ADULT BEVERAGE

SWAP MEET: Throughout meeting (except during presentation). Bring camping or paddling gear to trade or  
sell.

**\*\*RSVP: NECESSARY TO [marianndavis@aol.com](mailto:marianndavis@aol.com)**

# **The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**



## **Pirate Party Pictures**

**More can be found on  
our Facebook site**



## 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](http://www.craigphoward.com)

