

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

We had a great annual meeting with about 50 people in attendance at the beautiful Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist, thanks to Jim Sprandel to booking it early in the year! All proposed measures, officers, and board members were voted on and approved; and I am honored to be your skipper for one more year. J

Everyone also got to enjoy the presentation given by the Joses; the club's first sea kayaking trip to Acadia National Park and Nova Scotia. It looked absolutely stunning!

Please check out this link to see the photos for yourself if you were unable to make it.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/127035155@N03/albums/72157676434969056>

Notes to those not attending:

The first group of slides showed the "wild life" from our trip.

Dave provided GPS Tracks in pdf format, but Flickr does not allow upload of pdf files.

Jack presented the part about the August 8th trip circumnavigating Tangier Island.

Even with winter approaching, we still have trips and activities to do. Keep an eye out for information on the New Year's day paddle, the trip planning meeting, and the Ice Falls trip just to name a few.

I have to say, no other club within a couple of hundred miles offers what we do. We have so many different fleets like sea kayaking, white water, fishing, and flat water if you ever want to try to learn a new discipline. What really sets this club apart though is the depth of knowledge and expertise you get to glean from for your annual dues! We have so many hardy veteran paddlers that are happy to show you some new moves, teach you rescue and self-rescue, how to roll, and are always willing to help out.

Remember to also share your knowledge, we're always looking for new places to paddle, trip leaders, and volunteers. Please contact either myself, any of the board members, or a fleet captain if you would like to help out.

Happy Holidays and I hope to see you all on the water at some point this coming year!

Natalie

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You too could win a valuable award and the admiration of all club members!! First Swim? Most Swims in one trip? Best trip Leader? Best Near Death Experience? 2017 competition starts soon.



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Hoosier Canoe Club
Jan 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016

Cash	Jan-16	10/31/2016	Diff in cash
Savings 9160	\$ 10,105.27	\$ 9,106.10	
53 Pay pal 6161	\$ 989.96	\$ 133.96	
Internet PP	\$ 962.94	\$ 1,317.96	
Main cking 6120	\$ 2,394.64	\$ 2,683.04	
	<u>\$ 14,452.81</u>	<u>\$ 13,241.06</u>	\$ 1,211.75

HCC Net Income (cash basis)

Wilderness Class	\$ 1,100.00
Membership via cash/check	\$ 1,285.00
Membership via Paypal	\$ 3,825.00
Eagle Creek	\$ 1,015.00
Gross Income	<u>\$ 7,225.00</u>

Morris Printing	\$ 319.45
Membership - mail and supplies	\$ 660.01
Summer Geist Pavilion	\$ 112.00
Web Hosting	\$ 150.00
Class Instructor Wilderness	\$ 2,475.00
Speaker fees - last year	\$ 109.13
Food and Entertainment	\$ 48.42
McKay Ins	\$ 1,305.00
PayPal fees	\$ 225.00
Pirate Party - net	\$ 1,871.79
V Bulliten Board	\$ 179.95
ACA membership	\$ 225.00
Wild Apricot fees	\$ 756.00

Expenses \$ 8,436.75

Net Loss **\$ (1,211.75)**

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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**Pirate Paddle Recap
Monday, November 7**

Sept Paypal	\$	700.00		
Oct Paypal	\$	1,175.00		
Ppal fees	\$	(43.69)		
Ppal fees	\$	(26.37)		
Cash at door	\$	300.00		
Ticket Sales	\$	2,104.94	\$	2,104.94
Renfro	\$	250.00		
Clendenin	\$	300.00		
Wainscott	\$	250.00		
Integrity	\$	200.00		
Donations	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00
			\$	3,104.94
Band Fivush	\$	300.00		
Band Call to	\$	1,800.00		
WRYC	\$	2,607.53		
Patricia	\$	100.00		
Morris postage	\$	169.20		
Expenses	\$	4,976.73	\$	4,976.73
Cost of Community Event			\$	(1,871.79)

Note - 87 paid guests

Pool Sessions

Pool sessions are still only \$10 for 2 hours of practice and/or instruction. Remember, it's not just for white water. Learn how to self rescue in your canoe, learn how to roll, or just have some bonding time with your boat if you miss sitting in it. The pool is heated and please make sure your boat is clean first.

Located at Thatcher Pool, from 10-12 every Saturday starting in December.
4649 W Vermont St, Indianapolis, IN 46222

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Annual Meeting Report, November 12, 2016



About 45 club members attended this year's Annual Meeting that was held at the Indianapolis Sailing Club on Geist Reservoir. The meeting started off with food – thanks to Mariann Davis for bringing the great pulled pork and pulled chicken that was the centerpiece of the meal. If anyone walked away hungry, it was not our fault.

Natalie Needham, Skipper, then presided over the annual Business Meeting. The club approved the following Officers and Board Members:

Skipper – Natalie Needham

Executive Officer – Duane Garloch

Purser – Jim Clendenin

Yeoman – Judy Thompson

Board Members –

John Carlson Theresa Kulczak

Dave Ellis

Erica Strum Shirley Gates

Jon Reneberg

Ted Heizelman Mike Lough

Toni Harris

Allison Sturtevant

Earl King

John Wainscott

By-Law Amendments: The three proposed by-laws amendments were also approved. The first amendment increased the HKC

annual dues to \$20. Natalie indicated that the rate increase would take effect after a one-week grace period. One by-law amendment allows the Membership Chairman to use the Wild Apricot software to automate membership management and another updates the Club Trip Waiver. Jim Clendenin will update the Trip Waiver for trip sponsors in 2017.

New Web Site - Jon Reneberg then reviewed the new HCKC web site that the club will begin using on January 1, 2017. The new web site will have a “new, more modern” look and will be hopefully be more appealing to prospective members. The main advantage of using the Wild Apricot web tool for our new site is that it supports dues payment, event calendar, event management (ala MeetUp), and a forum (i.e., a bulletin board). This allows us to integrate the functions that we currently support on a single platform.

Award and Recognitions – Dave Ellis and Shirley Gates presented the following club service awards:

Roger Kugler – Webmaster since about 2000

Rob Henry - Wilderness First Aid class organizer

John Gates – 1100 miles away and still sponsoring trips.

Theresa Kulczak – Pirate Paddle Coordinator

Dave Ellis, Duane Garloch, & Jim Sprandel – Training Team.

John Wainscott – Triathlon Sponsor

Jordan Ross – Pool Training

Jon Reneberg – New Wild Apricot website

Doug & Jennifer Jose – Meeting presentation and trip sponsors for Nova Scotia/Acadia Sea Kayak Trip.

On a lighter note, they awarded paddling awards to the following people: Mark Cowser (flatwater), Mariann Davis (open water), Natalie Needham (whitewater), Toni Harris (whitewater), and Cliff Cooper/

Natalie Needham was presented with a Rusted Moon Gift Certificate for her year of service as Skipper.

Presentation on summer 2016 Sea Kayak Trip to Acadia and Nova Scotia - Following the business meeting, Jennifer and Doug Jose gave a detailed presentation of the Acadia/Nova Scotia HCKC trip they planned and sponsored this past summer. You can read a full description in the October Newsletter (<http://www.hoosiercanoecub.org/2016NL10.pdf>).



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Sea Kayak Thoughts Jim Sprandel

Lake Monroe Trip – We had a great overnight this last weekend. Seven of us paddled and the temperature and wind were moderate with a touch of fog before we set out on Saturday. We paddled on Saturday and did about 14 miles going to Patton Cave and Pine Grove ramp and setting up camp on the tip of the Peninsula in Deam Wilderness. Many other people must have realized that this might be the last “great” weekend of the year because most of the campsites on the peninsula were full. On Sunday, we paddled west and down to Ransburg Boy Scout Camp and to Allen’s Creek.

On Sunday, I did see a loon (one of my trip objectives), coots, and possibly an eagle.

Pictures from the trip are at:

My Pictures: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/albums/72157672622083933>

Jeff’s Pictures at: <https://goo.gl/photos/GVpm3xeGF1VfwRV9>

Don’t Forget Eagle Creek Park – This is an amazing time of year to paddle Eagle Creek Park. The trees are now past color but migratory birds are starting to pass through. In past years, we’ve seen loons, grebes, coots, and pelicans plus all sorts of migrating ducks. I heard my first flight of Sand Hill Cranes there this week. A fun time to get out and paddle – particularly the wet lands going up to the 65 bridge. I usually only see loons in the main body of the lake since they seem to prefer deep water.

2017 Sea Kayak Planning - Start thinking about where you want to go for trips for next year and what sort of training might be fun. The Trip Planning meeting will be in late January.

Extended Trips: An e-mail discussion has already started using the IND_TOURING_KAYAK mailing list so that we can figure out major trips before the meeting – so far, I’ve heard people talking about Tybee, Florida, Lake Erie–South Bass Island, Isle Royale, Pictured Rocks, the Apostles, South Carolina, Sleeping Bear/Manitou, the Chesapeake Bay area. Obviously, we can’t do everything but think about where you would really like to go.

Local Trips: Okay, we almost always do the same set of local day and overnight trips – Monroe, Cagle’s Mill, Brookville, Summit, Patoka ... If there are other places that you’ve sea kayaked near here that might be fun, let us know.

Training – Okay, we know that there will be an open water rescue clinic next year. If there are things that people would like to learn – let Duane, Dave, or me know and we’ll see what we can do. If people wanted, we could do off-the-water classes out of season on kayak camping, navigation, or whatever floats your boat.

Thatcher Pool Rolling Sessions – The pool sessions at Thatcher Pool move to Saturdays on Saturday, November 26 (the Saturday after Thanksgiving). A great chance to tune up your open water rescues and your roll. These will stay on Saturdays until the end of March. You can get your sea kayak into Thatcher so you can practice with it there.

Lake Monroe 11/2016



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

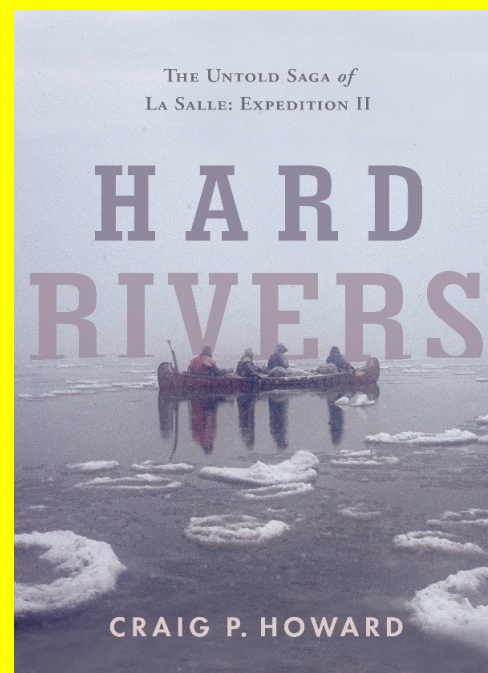
Forty years ago this coming January, the Hoosier state was host to a unique group of paddlers. Sixteen Chicago-area teenagers dressed and traveling as voyageurs had come all the way from Montreal following the route of La Salle to the Gulf of Mexico to claim the Mississippi watershed for France.

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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