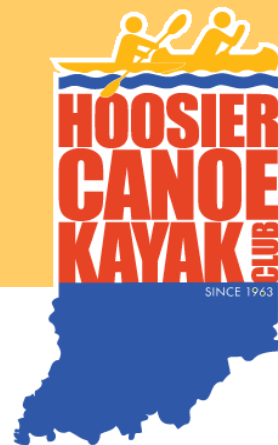


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From the Skipper:

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Skipper, and look forward to the upcoming leadership of Duane Garloch and the new executive board; new trips, and more training opportunities for members. Be sure to come to our annual club meeting on November 11th to meet the new leadership, meet other members in person, check out some fun presentations and, of course, some great food.

Thank you for being such a great club and I hope to see you all on the water at some point!

Natalie

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New Slate of Officers

I am pleased to present to you the new slate of officers and board members nominated for the club to be voted on in our November 11 meeting:

Officers

Skipper – Duane Garloch

Executive Officer – Toni Harris

Purser – Jim Sprandel

Yeoman – Shirley Gates

Past Skipper – Natalie Needham

Board Members

Dave Ellis

Judy Thompson

Earl King

Jon Reneberg

John Wainscott

John Carlson

Marian Davis

Jim Clendenin

Theresa Kulczak

Allison Strurtevant

Erica Stum

Deb Wilson

Alternate nominations may be submitted per Article V, Section 3 of the By-Laws.

Get a refresher on the HCKC Constitution and By-Laws here: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/Club-Documents>

The board meetings are open to all members. If you would ever like to check it out sometime, please let the meeting's host know in advance and bring a dish to share. There's always food, of course. :) Natalie

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Proposed Changes to the HCKC Constitution and By-Laws

Last year, several members who could not attend the annual meeting requested the ability to vote on by-law amendments proposed at that time. Approval of the following by-law and constitution changes will allow members to submit absentee ballots to the Yeoman prior to a meeting.

These proposed amendments will be voted on at the annual meeting on November 11 and 2/3 approval by members present and voting is required to pass. Copies of the current [by-laws](#) and [constitution](#) are available on the HCKC web site. Text changes to the constitution and by-laws are highlighted in red.

By-Law Changes for Absentee Ballots

Article VIII, Section 1.

These By-Laws may be amended at any general membership meeting of the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting **or voting using an Absentee Ballot**, provided:

A. notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given at a previous meeting, or

B. notice of the proposed amendment is published in the HCC newsletter or a special notice mailed to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

C. A member may submit an Absentee Ballot to vote on a proposed amendment by sending an e-mail or mailing a letter to the Yeoman containing their name and their votes for proposed amendments. Such e-mails or letters must be sent early enough to be received by the Yeoman one day before the election.

Article V, Section 4

The Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot, provided however that if there shall be but one candidate for any office, by motion from the floor, the election may be by voice.

A member may submit an Absentee Ballot to vote for club officers and members-at-large of the executive board by sending an e-mail or mailing a letter to the Yeoman containing their name and their votes. Such e-mails or letters must be sent early enough to be received by the Yeoman one day before the election.

Constitution Changes for Absentee Ballots

Article VII, Section 2.

This Constitution may also be amended at any called meeting of the Club by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the governing members present and voting **or members submitting an Absentee Ballot**, provided:

A. a petition for presentation to the membership of the proposed amendment has been signed by fifteen (15) percent of the governing members and;

B. the stipulations of Section 1, Article VII of this Constitution has been met.

C. A member may submit an Absentee Ballot to on an amendment to the constitution by sending an e-mail or mailing a letter to the Yeoman containing their name and their vote for a proposed amendment. Such e-mails or letters must be sent early enough to be received by the Yeoman one day before the election.

Trip Announcement Mississinewa River – November 5, 2017 Rick Moulton

Come enjoy the annual draw down of the Mississinewa Reservoir on Sunday, November 5. We will paddle from just below the dam down to Peru, a trip of about 12 miles, with a early takeout at the 124 bridge about seven miles long. This is a good cool weather trip for experienced paddlers through the scenic river valley with eagles, herons, and limestone bluffs (Seven Pillars). Weather will make this trip easy to challenging, check in with the trip leader prior to see how challenging it is!

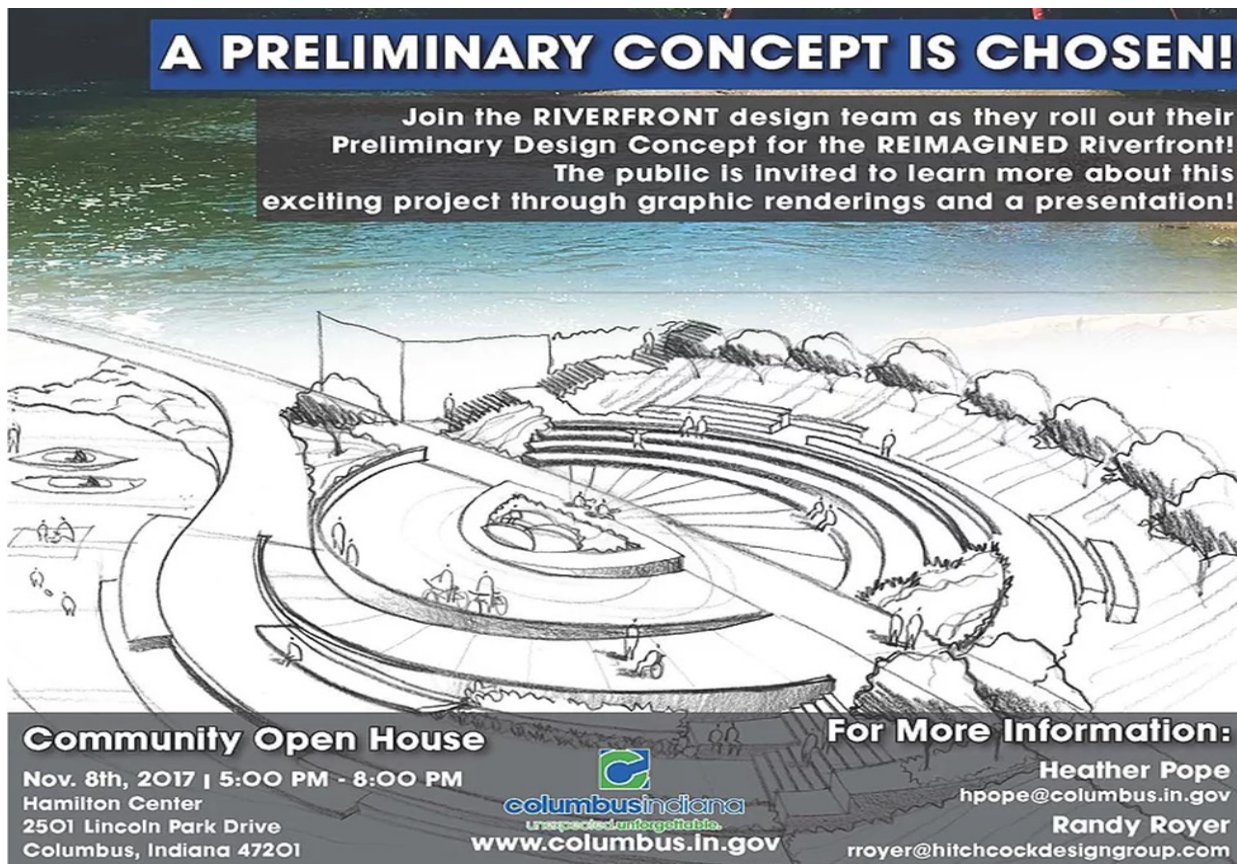
We will meet at 10:30 am at the north public access site generally called "Peoria Access" which is across the river from the village of Peoria. We will run shuttle at 10:45 am and hope to be on the river by 11:30 with the trip concluding before 4:30 pm. There are a few stopping points along the way with Seven Pillars being the big attraction.

Please bring a "dump bag" with a change of clothes, its fall people! Following the trip paddlers may find food in Peru or journey to the Oak Hill Winery (20 minutes south of Peru) for free libations and snacks. Questions send to sprucecanoe@yahoo.com - - Hope to see you there! Rick Moulton

Columbus River Front Update

The preliminary design concept to update Columbus' riverfront has been finalized. Looking carefully at the design sketch, I do see a couple of kayaks. The concept and graphic renderings will be unveiled on November 8th, 2017 from 5 – 8 pm at the Hamilton Center in Columbus (2501 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47201). Let's be sure we show support by packing the room with paddlers! Feel free to pass this on to anyone who might listen. And I do mean anyone!

<https://www.columbusriverfront.org/events>




A PRELIMINARY CONCEPT IS CHOSEN!

Join the RIVERFRONT design team as they roll out their Preliminary Design Concept for the REIMAGINED Riverfront! The public is invited to learn more about this exciting project through graphic renderings and a presentation!

Community Open House
Nov. 8th, 2017 | 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Hamilton Center
2501 Lincoln Park Drive
Columbus, Indiana 47201

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New Sea Kayak Co-Chair: I'm excited to welcome Linda Decker as Sea Kayak Co-Chair next year. Please talk with Linda at the annual meeting and let her know your ideas about sea kayaking "possibilities" that interest you for 2018. Linda brings new skills, energy, and ideas to the running of our fleet.

Lake Monroe Paddle, Nov. 4-5: Our final club paddle will be the November 4-5 Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle (announcement follows in this newsletter). Remember that you can join us for a day paddle on Saturday if you don't want to camp overnight.

Thanks to Eagle Creek Volunteers – I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the Eagle Creek Outfitter moonlight paddles this year and with the Eagle Creek Clean-Up on Sept. 30. I spoke with Jeff Coates and the marina appreciates having experienced paddlers along to help shepherd the new paddlers showing up for these events.

I especially want to thank the 12 people giving up their Saturday to help us clean up Eagle Creek's shoreline. The water level was down this year so it was easier to pick the trash there. We were able to remove 20-30 bags of bottles, tires, fish line, and other detritus as well as dock parts and abandoned rowing course buoys.

Time to Start 2018 Planning: We had a great year in 2017 with extended trips to South Carolina, the Chesapeake, the Apostles, and Sleeping Bear Dunes. I've already heard some discussion about possible destinations for 2018. Trip sponsors may be interested in looking at Lake Champlain and Door County among other options. These will be in addition to our current favorites to Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Monroe, the Ohio River, and Cataract Falls.

Training - If you have ideas about sea kayak training that you would like to see in 2018, please talk to either Duane Garloch, Dave Ellis, or me so we can pull together next summer's training program. Think about learning opportunities over the winter. There are many good books and web sites out there where people can learn such critical skills as navigation, tidal planning, knots ...

Winter Pool Sessions – Winter is a great time of year to learn your roll or to bombproof your roll. Think about working on a second style of roll, or your offside roll. Nothing bombproofs your "go-to" roll like trying the new roll, failing, and then flipping yourself back up with your primary roll. The pool is often your only chance to play in your boat during the winter plus people get together for lunch and talk kayaking afterwards.

In past years, these sessions have moved from Wednesday evening to Saturday mornings after Thanksgiving – stay tuned for more information.



Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle
Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Saturday-Sunday, Nov.4-5, 2017

What better way to celebrate paddling our last club trip of 2017 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.

If you only want to paddle on Saturday, you can day paddle with us on Saturday if you 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.

Driving Note: Indiana University football plays Wisconsin on this weekend so there could be congestion in Bloomington. They have not announced the start time for this game yet. In addition, Highway 37 is undergoing a lot of construction between Indy and Bloomington so factor in extra time if you come that way or think about coming down I65 to IN46.

Expected Paddling Conditions: Lake Monroe is a big lake and conditions vary with the weather - paddlers should feel comfortable paddling in 2-foot waves from all directions and be able to paddle 8 miles. Due to possible lake conditions, 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 kayaks 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.

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 – occasionally heading over to Allen's Creek on the west side of the causeway.

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 and will notify people if we need to adjust our plans due to weather for this late season paddle.

Event Report Whitewater Rescue Training Toni Harris

Nine HCKC Club members attended a two day ACA L4 Swiftwater rescue Clinic instructed by Don Brannen and Eric Stahl at Eastwood Metropark in Dayton, OH. First day was primarily taught on the ground going over rigging, safe rescue techniques, hazard assessment on and off the water and proper gear. Second half of the day was spent in the water working on wading, swiftwater swimming/rescue techniques in the rapid and rigging scenarios. Second day was spent in the water learning in-and-around boat rescue techniques, live bait rescues, group communication during a trip and concluded with a six mile trip down the Mad River full of (staged and not-so-staged) rescue scenarios. Total on the trip including the instruction team was seventeen. Weekend lodging for the majority of the Hoosier group was a rental house ten minutes from the training site. All in all- the people who attended agreed this was a long time coming and that having this class within the club would be a tremendously useful benefit.

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HCKC ANNUAL PARTY/DINNER

Saturday, November 11, 2-6 PM

Location: Spirit Lake

6720 Page Blvd. Indianapolis IN. (Westfield Blvd & 67th; turn into Spirit Lake Condominiums and follow signs)

RSVP: marianndvs@aol.com

JOIN THE FUN

Special Events Of The Day

2-2:30—Meet and Greet

2:30-3:30—Dinner (pitch-in side dishes or desserts, only); entrees provided by the club...BYOB—adult beverages

3:30-3:45—short business meeting & election of new board

4-5 PM—Presentation: Uganda: The Search for White Water & the women who found it

5PM—Awards Ceremony; send nominations (serious or fun) to paddlegates@gmail.com by 11/3

NO SWAP
MEET at this event...to be
rescheduled



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Trip Report

**Lake Patoka, Birdseye, IN,
October 12-15, 2017**

Jim Sprandel

Ten people from the Sea Kayak Fleet headed down to Birdseye, Indiana for our Every-Other-Year trip to Lake Patoka. Three of us arrived on Thursday and claimed the three great waterfront campsites in Fishermen's' Camp. The view is great and it is a convenient spot to launch our boats.

On Friday, I went out for an early (8:00 am) paddle in the fog which was sitting on the lake and paddled out to a stand of dead trees across the lake from the camp. One of my favorite areas since you can slalom your way through the trees and since they are a bit spooky in the morning light and fog. Later in the day, Mariann, Deb, and I went on a 3 hour paddle up the finger of the lake where Fishermen's' Camp. We paddled under IN164 and up into the headwaters of the lake.

On this paddle, we noticed blobs that look like egg sacks floating in the lake or clinging to underwater sticks and stumps. After getting home and googling "gelatinous blobs in Lake Patoka", it turns out that they are freshwater bryozoans – these animals live in colonies and are related to coral. They create colonies that filter water. Kellie told me that the presence of these creatures indicate that the water quality of the lake is good.

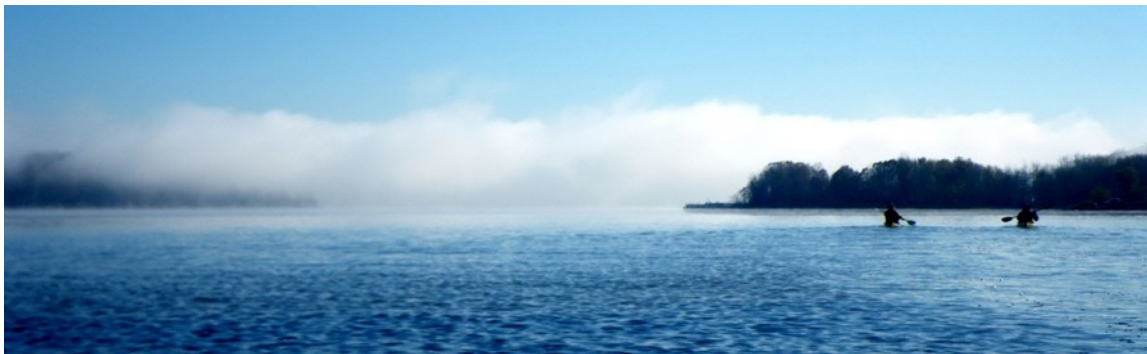
Near sunset, everyone who had arrived by then paddled out and enjoyed the sun glinting off the water as we explored the bay just south of Fishermen's' camp.

On Saturday, 9 of us set out paddling past the island about a mile to the swimming beach where we had lunch before paddling back. On the return trip, we had a light headwind. This turned out to be a 10-mile paddle.

On Friday and Saturday nights, we had great campfires on the point near the water. Both nights the skies were clear and we had a great celestial display complete with shooting stars.

On Sunday Morning, a weather front came through with strong winds and bands of rain/potential thunder storms so we packed up and headed back home rather than paddle to the quarry from Little Patoka Ramp in these conditions.

Patoka is a great lake to paddle with hundreds of bays to explore and very little development along the lake. It is only the third largest lake in Indiana but is very spread out so there is a lot of interesting shore-line and areas to explore.



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Trip Report Blue River Sara Hare and Theresa Kulczak



Theresa Kulczak and Sara Hare led an HCKC trip on the Blue River on Saturday, Oct. 14. Seven people (five solo canoes and two kayaks) made the trip from Milltown to Rothrock Dam. This is advertised as a 14-mile paddle but our GPS registered only 12+ miles. The water at 2.7 feet was not as low as expected and was very runnable with ripples particularly in the second half of the paddle. The trip (with stops on the river) took approximately 5.5 hours. It was a beautiful sunny day with temperatures reaching 80 degrees. Turtles were out sunning and we chased a Great Blue Heron down the river. Leaves were falling and the brilliant fall colors were just beginning to show themselves with some lovely golds and browns here and there. Usually we shuttle on the west side of the river and turn at the “shoe tree” which has now fallen down. However, there was a bridge out at the shoe tree so we found an 8-mile shuttle on the east side of the river. We found fossils at each break and wondered about the geological formations of this area in Southern Indiana. We need to recruit some geologists to paddle with us!



We want to give a shout-out to Cave Country Canoes in Milltown (112 W. Main St in Milltown (812)365-2705, www.cavecountrycanoes.com). They provided information about water levels leading up to our trip and posted photos of us launching on their Facebook page (Cave Country Canoes), saying “Great to see the Hoosier Kayak Club visiting today” (wrong name but that’s okay). But the real reason for the shout-out is that someone from the livery tracked us down at our lunch stop to return car keys and a wallet left in the bathroom before we took off. Thank you Cave Country Canoes!!

Hoosier Outdoor Experience (HoEX)

This past summer's HoEX has proven to be the last one. Please refer to the letter from DNR in this newsletter and Dale's personal thanks below:

I wanted specifically thank all the folks who helped put on the paddling event over the years. I'm sure I've missed few names, but please pass this on to your friends and others in your group.

We did the impossible for many years putting thousands of people in a canoe or kayak in just one weekend. Our success was because of your hard work and dedication, it was a pleasure working with all of you.

Dale Brier

Streams and Trails Section Chief

Division of Outdoor Recreation

Department of Natural Resources

October 2, 2017

To the many generous Activity Providers for the Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience:

I'm writing for two important reasons. First, I want to let you know that we at DNR have decided it is time for the Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience to come to an end. Please understand this was not an easy decision for us to make. Second, I want to tell you that I and the entire DNR staff extend our deepest appreciation for your time, effort, dedication and hard work on this event.

Whether your organization participated one year, every year or somewhere in between since the Hoosier Outdoor Experience started in 2009, you helped touch the lives of thousands of Hoosiers. It has been gratifying to see your representatives share their passion for recreation and our natural resources with a diverse group of Experience visitors each year.

We appreciate the talent, knowledge, and dedication that you brought to the event. It has truly been a pleasure to work with your group, and we hope you will continue to partner with us in new ways in the future.

Thank you for having made the Hoosier Outdoor Experience possible!

Sincerely,



Cameron F. Clark

Director

Indiana Dept. of Natural Resources



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Pool Reminder

As the weather cools, keep your paddling skills polished and even learn some new tricks by coming to our pool sessions. Learn to roll, paddle properly, and practice getting back in your boat in deep water! Only \$10!

Pool sessions switch to Saturdays, 10am-noon after Thanksgiving so keep an eye on the calendar. The pool is heated and indoors at Thatcher Park 4649 W Vermont St, Indianapolis, IN 46222. Please make sure your boat is clean.



Thanks Natalie for your leadership this past two years!!!



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