

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

So the water was a bit hard for our New Years Day paddle, but our trip planners are putting together another fun filled calendar for all of our paddling groups as well as a few all club events. Coming up: Wilderness First Aid training on 2/17, Indy Boat Sport and Travel Show 2/16 thru 2/25, and our annual Ice Falls trip March 3. We are updating the trip leader guides and will be holding some meetings to help new trip leaders get started. So check your gear, work on your skills at the pool sessions, and watch the newsletter, our new Facebook Page, and your email for our events. Please remember to send in your trip announcements and your trip reports for the newsletter. If you have something to share in the newsletter, send it to dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com by the 17th of the month. See you on the water!

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Check out our new Facebook Page page at <https://www.facebook.com/hckcIN/>

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Training Opportunity

Wilderness First Aid/CPR/AED Class

February 17, 2018

The HCKC is proud to offer its own CPR/AED and wilderness first aid class (WFA). WFA is the assessment of and treatment given to an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. Participants will learn how to assess, treat, and (when possible) contain emergencies within the scope of their training. Think how important this could be when you are on the river and far from help. This training is being provided by a certified instructor recommended by another club. The 8 hour class will be held on Saturday, February 17th 9a-6p in Brownsburg.. The cost \$65-75 per HCKC member, \$90-\$100 for non-members.

Lunch and an afternoon snack will be provided. This course entails 3 hours of CPR/AED training and 5 hours of wilderness first aid training. Register online via the club website or via email to tosharri@gmail.com by February 4th.

Trip Announcement

Ice Falls Trip Sugar Creek

March 3, 2018

Trip Sponsor: Dwayne James Theresa Kulczak

Get your early paddling fix with the annual (open water permitting) Ice Falls Trip on Sugar Creek. We will meet at Deer's Mill Covered bridge at 10:30 a.m. The put-in is at Deer's Mill bridge, next to the canoe livery at the east end of Shades State Park on Indiana 234. You must pass the entrance to Shades to get to the bridge. The shuttle should run about 11:00 a.m. The takeout will be determined pending resolution of parking. We will go to at least The Narrow's Bridge located at the East edge of Turkey Run State Park. More than likely we will be able to paddle another 3 miles to the take out at Cox Ford Bridge as we have done most years.

Bring a lunch and drink for the trip as there are no other provisions along the way. Some paddlers elect to eat together at the Turkey Run Inn or somewhere else before driving home. We can talk about that while we paddle and make plans for those that wish to do so.

Please watch the weather and be sure to contact Dwayne prior to the trip since this trip may be cancelled due to frozen water or bad weather. If the water is frozen, or the temperature is below 30 F for the day, or if the water level is above 3.5 feet on the USGS gauge we will cancel the trip. Follow this link to check the flow: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/in/nwis/uv?site_no=03339500 Dress accordingly and be sure to bring a dry bag with extra clothes in case you get wet.

Please contact Dwayne by Friday evening, March 2nd to confirm your attendance and that the trip is a go. DwayneSJAMESA1@hotmail.com I will be sending out an email with further details closure to 3/3/2018.

Cold Weather Paddling Tips–

Jim Sprandel:

During the winter, paddling is still enjoyable but you need to dress properly to be comfortable and safe. The Fort Wayne paddling group circulated the following links on how to survive if you fall through thin ice:

<http://www.archive.org/details/ColdWaterSurvival>

<http://www.archive.org/details/YoureOutNowWhat>

<http://www.archive.org/details/Gett...tSinkingFeeling>

If you want to paddle, be sure to paddle with other people. Especially during this time of year, there's safety in numbers.

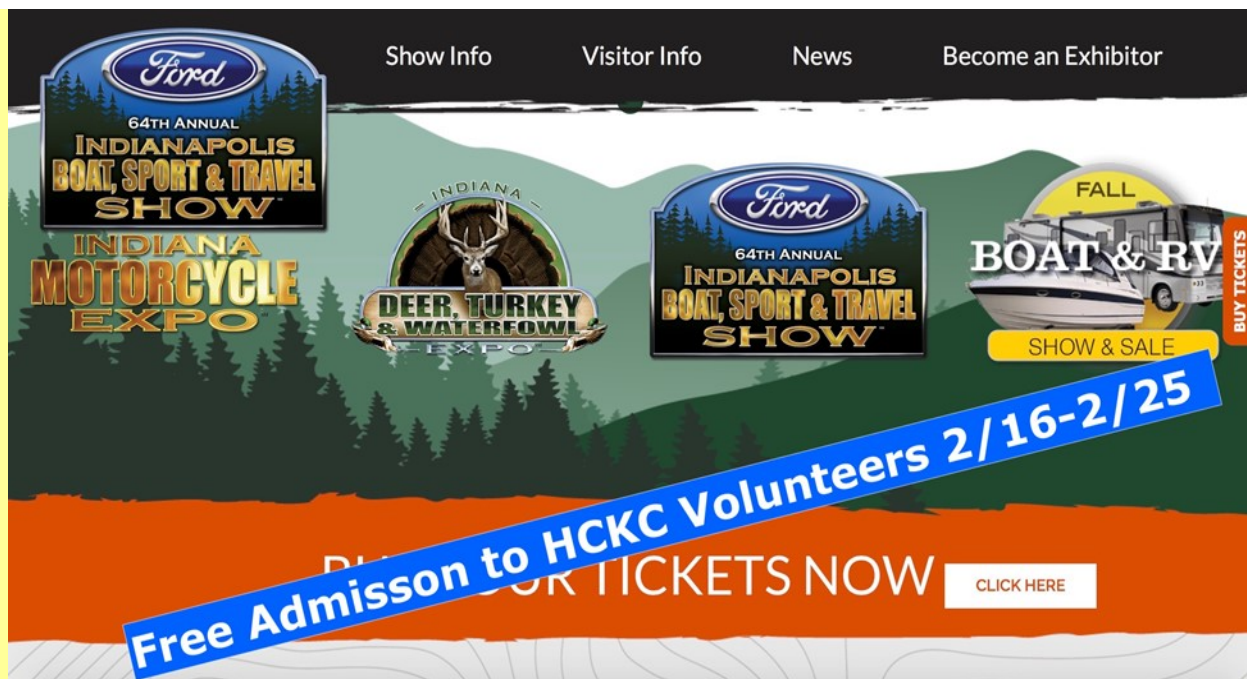
Canoeconopia

Madison, WI March 9-11, 2018

The ultimate place to get gear and check out the latest paddling equipment happens March 9-11 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI. More information can be found here: <http://www.canoeconopia.com/canoeconopia/speaker.asp?spid=1001892>

I suggest you use our facebook group page to find potential ride share or hotel shares. Indiana Adult Paddlers are putting together a trip. Look for more information from the Central Indiana Wilderness Club about potential ride sharing. Rooms are booking fast so make your plans now.

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Recruiting volunteers to represent the HCKC at the Boat Sport and Travel Show.

Dates: 2/16—2/25...will fill the 3 day weekends first with 2 -3 members on each day. (2-3 hour shifts—more time if you would like)

Weekend dates are Feb 16, 17, 18 and Feb 23, 24, 25

The club will demonstrate our new low head dam model designed by Earl King during this event. More info later on how we will partner with the DNR on this project.

Contact: marianndvs@gmail.com with your dates and time if interested...first come, first served. More info to follow later.

SHOW HOURS

February 16-25, 2018

Fri. 16	1 PM – 9 PM
Sat. 17	10 AM – 9 PM
Sun. 18	10 AM – 5 PM
Mon. – Thurs. 19-22	12 PM – 8 PM
Fri. 23	12 PM – 9 PM
Sat. 24	10 AM – 9 PM
Sun. 25	10 AM – 5 PM

New Trip Ideas

Please let us know if you are interested in combining a canoe/kayak trip with hiking or biking. And how about getting in some fishing while paddling? Are you interested in attending a session on how to pack and what to pack for a canoe/kayak camping adventure? Please let us know. Contact the trip chairs or send an email to the newsletter editor before the trips planning meeting this coming February.

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Looking forward to a new paddling year. Linda Decker and I have begun populating the [2018 Sea Kayak schedule](#). I'll circulate a draft list after the Trip Planning meeting to the Sea Kayak mailing list. We should have the full sea kayak schedule filled in with schedule glitches worked out by the 2nd week in February. Give it a look and see which trips appeal to you this year.

Roll Training - Rolling is the safest and fastest form of open water rescue. Learning to roll is highly individual and I would encourage you to go to the pool to learn to roll. Saturday pool sessions are available between now and the end of March. Sessions are held between 10:00 a.m. and Noon at Thatcher Pool. Check the [Pool Training Page](#) on the HCKC Web Sites

Sea Kayak Symposium Summary - I have posted a summary of 2018 sea kayak symposia to the Sea Kayak Forum on the HCKC Bulletin Board – please read through it if you are interested in upcoming events. Please post comments there if you had the opportunity to attend any of these events.

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/page-18205>

Taking courses at a symposium gives you a chance to quickly increase your skill level because they are held in locations where there are rough water conditions to play in and since some draw the best coaches in the country.

Calling all Long Boaters — Join our Sea Kayak E-Mail List: The Sea Kayak fleet uses an E-mail list- IND_TOURING_KAYAKS@GOOGLEGROUPS.COM- to let members and friends with sea kayaks know about upcoming sea kayak paddling and training events. People also use this list to discuss boats and gear or to pick up other paddlers for spontaneous trips when it is just too nice to stay inside. If you have a sea kayak and would like to be added to the list, please e-mail me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net so I can add you to this list.

Reminder—Get your 2018 DNR Lake Permit



You must have a 2018 DNR Lake Permit if you want to paddle your boat in Indiana state parks, state-managed reservoirs, or state forests. Annual permits are still only \$5 per boat per year. The fine for paddling on Lake Monroe without a sticker is over \$100 and is enforced by the state's conservation officers.

Permits may be bought at the Indiana Government Center (402 W. Washington St., Room W160) in Indianapolis or at the property offices or entrance gates at state parks, reservoirs, and forests when they are staffed. You can also buy them at the DNR booth at the Boat, Sport, and Travel Show in February. Alternatively, you can buy stickers on-line at:

<http://stores.innsgifts.com/watercraft-exp-12-31-15/>

Note: Early in the season, attendants will be available at some launch ramps. However, not every ramp and not every day so be sure to check at the park you are going to before you head out. You can also visit the DNR booth at the Boat Sport and Travel show and purchase your permits. Pet the bison while there.

Possible BWCAW Trip Dwayne James

I have been thinking about doing a week long trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness on the northwestern edge of Lake Superior. I am considering this year perhaps in late May or early June. As it is difficult to schedule vacation times for a group please contact Dwayne James at dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com if you are interested or would like to find out more about this type of trip. Please suggest optional dates that you would be available. I am also wanting to do this for 2019, so put in your requested time frame asap.

Once I have a list of interested persons, we can set up a meeting to discuss potential entry locations, the type of trip—hard slog military march across endless portages each day vs. a nice loop with a few portages for the week vs base camping and doing lots of day trip options without having to portage more than fishing gear, lunch and canoes.

Are you wanting to learn about the BWCAW and tripping up north? I am happy to discuss details of getting a permit, outfitters, entry points, portages, gear needs, safety, and any other questions you may have. I have canoe camped this area many times, going up before fishing opener in early May to clear portages and check campsites, going in June during snow storms, baking in July in the heat, and enjoying the bugless, cooler weather of September/October. I have travelled lakes in the Sawbill area, the Gunflint Trail, and up the fire road north of Ely. I also have gear to borrow. So let's get this planned soon!

New HCKC Web Site Feature – Second E-Mail Address

The HCKC web site currently sends notices and trip announcements to the primary e-mail address associated with your membership. Wild Apricot recently added a new feature that allows you to associate a secondary e-mail address with your account profile.

After you specify a secondary address, the HCKC will send all club e-mails to your primary e-mail address as before but will also copy your secondary address. For example, you might want to specify your spouse's or child's e-mail address as a secondary address so that they know about events as soon as you do.

To turn on this feature:

Go to the HCKC Web Site and log in.

After logging in, click on your name in the upper, right corner of the web page.

You will now see your "My Profile" page.

Click "Edit Profile" in the upper, left corner of this page.

Go down this page until you come to the "Secondary E-Mail Address" field and enter your secondary e-mail address. After entering and checking the e-mail address, go to the bottom of this page and click "Save".

Future Newsletters

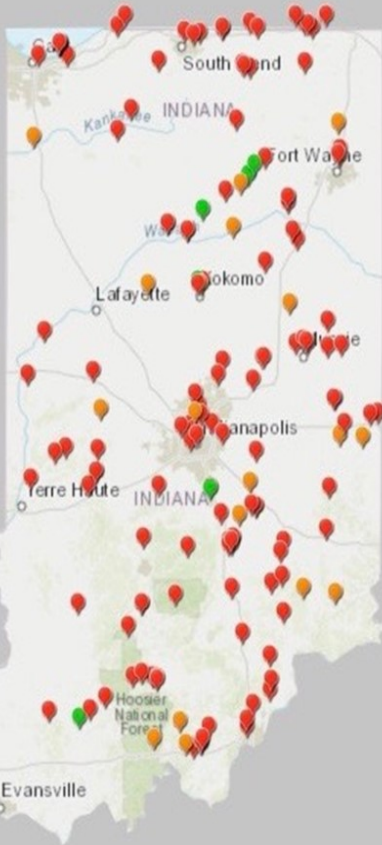
Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. 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. Pictures are always welcome.

HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

LOW HEAD DAMS ARE:



OVER 150 DAMS IN INDIANA



LOCATION OF LOW HEAD DAMS

MISSION STATEMENT: Initiate the removal of Low Head Dams in Indiana through public education and working directly with and engaging those organizations, clubs, schools, and public officials/legislature that can influence such results. River and water safety education is paramount in accomplishing this goal.

CURRENT WORKING INFORMATION REGARDING LOW HEAD DAMS IN INDIANA:

Over 150 low head dams in Indiana. (the public is uninformed)
Inadequate signage signaling the approaching dam.
Little or no information available regarding the location of these dams to unsuspecting paddlers...and the dangers of encountering them.
DNR has designed an interactive app showing location of all known low head dams in Indiana
Many of the LHD are on private property requiring education and diplomatic negotiations with the owners...(maybe, offer incentives)
Many Indiana legislators may be uninformed regarding this issue: educate
Average age of drowning in a low head dam accident is 20.5 years.(youth education is paramount)

24 incidents in Indiana LHDs in 2017: 6 deaths and 18 recovered rescues

THE HOOSIER CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB'S GOALS IN THIS PROJECT

Outreach to the paddling and on-water recreational clubs, organizations, liveries, etc, in Indiana by: working independently but cooperatively with the DNR & Silver Jackets.
Developing an interactive platform in order that information on the issues and initiatives can be accessed readily...*Currently, we are in communication with the Pelorus Project (Fort Wayne) regarding re-development of the Pelorus website, with a name change and enhanced mission...Pelorus has decided to give the club administrative rights and this will happen very soon.*
enabling all clubs to link to this site to access materials and information on the project
The Over, Under, Gone video in a 10 minute version will be available as a teaching tool for educational

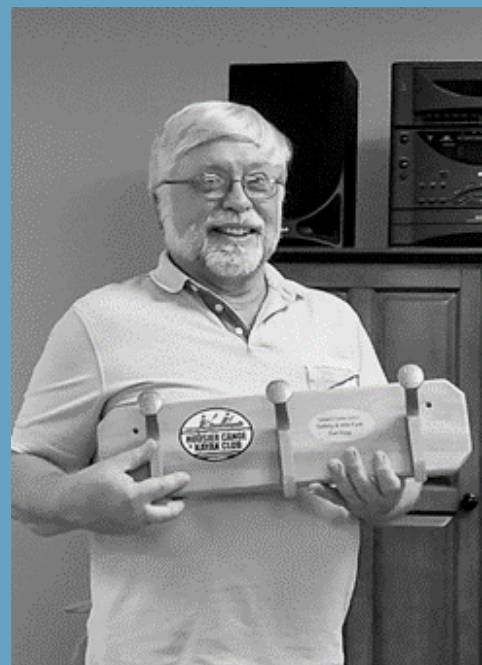
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programs in schools and in other events. Link to the video: [\(click\) Over, Under, Gone video](#)

encouraging other Indiana clubs to carve out, in their organization, LHD education & safety on their website and Fb page and link directly to our platform

designing and building a Low Head Dam model—currently in process—as a working demonstration in educational venues. **Earl King, our project designer on this model is almost at completion: See model below.**

*[**Our club's website is completely independent of the DNR website and will function as a singular voice for recreational clubs and its associate organizations and membership. We are not part of any governmental agency when performing club activities including outreach and education].*



Follow Progress in the newsletter or on Fb until our website is up and running

Direct any questions to **Mariann Davis**, marianndv@gmail.com, Subject: Low head dams



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