

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

As our year is coming to an end, join us at our annual meeting on November 10. We will be voting for club officers and board members, enjoying great food, and reminiscing on the past year of paddling. We also have a wonderful guest speaker, Lonnie Bedwell, who is the fist-ever visually impaired kayaker to complete the entire 226 mile stretch of the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Make sure and see the newsletter for all of the details.

See you on the water! Duane

Volunteers Needed - Eagle Creek Park Clean Up Saturday, October 27, 2018

We will have a shoreline cleanup of Eagle Creek on Saturday, October 27th. Help pay back one of our local partners by cleaning up the shores of Eagle Creek reservoir. ·

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 a.m. (Ready to Launch) until 1:00 pm ·

Where: Eagle Creek Park – Ramp at the southwest end of the Discovery Center Parking Lot (next to Go Ape) ·

What to Bring: Snacks, water, gloves, hat, good water shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, and your canoe or kayak. You might bring a knife for cutting fishing line.

What we will provide: Trash bags and some trash grabbers. ·

Park Entry: Please tell the person at the entrance booth that you are a HCKC member here for the shoreline clean up. We'll work until early afternoon. Plan to stay for all or part of the clean-up, and we often go out of lunch afterwards.

The HCKC gets volunteer hours for safety boating and for clean-ups during the year. Many thanks to all the paddlers who have supported Eagle Creek Paddlers through the year.

For more Information or to Sign Up: E-mail Kellie Kaneshiro (knkane@gmail.com) or Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).

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November 10, 2018

Annual Meeting Indianapolis Sailing Club



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Pirate Paddle & Party

Saturday, October 20

Aye Maties, prepare yourself for the Saturday before the Hunters Moon in October!!!

Callin' all river rats, pirates and scoundrels! The pirate paddlers will be gatherin' for the White River Flotilla and Party on Saturday, October 20th. 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 other marauders of ill repute. Enjoy the pirate sea shanty band, Red Rum, as they welcome paddlers to the river bank before we launch!

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.

The Pirate Party will feature HCKC's very own one-man band Bob Heckler, who hails from the white-water fleet and is quite the motley character himself! If you were at the very first Pirate Paddle, you'll remember who Bob is!

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 BEER WENCH (Natalie) at nataliehckkayak@gmail.com or text THREE-ONE-SEVEN-840-4507.

Please put Pirate Paddle in the email subject line or in the text if you text me.

See all you scurvy sea hags and scoundrels on the river!

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Annual Election of Officers and Board Members November 10, 2018

The Selection Committee would like to present the following proposed slate for the 2019 HCKC Board (new members are bolded):

Executive Officers:

Skipper: Duane Garloch

XO - Toni Harris

Purser - Jim Sprandel

Yeoman - **Linda Decker**

Past Skipper - Natalie Needham

Board Members at large:

Dave Ellis - Membership

Judy Thompson

John Carlson

Jim Clendenin

Richard Clapham

Brent Saucerman

Jon Reneberg - Website Coordinator

Earl King

Mariann Davis

Deb Wilson

John Gates

Jeff Stejskal

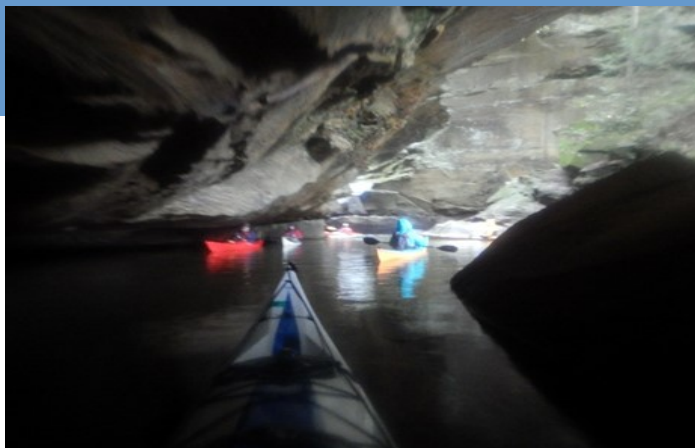
Election will be held during the business portion of our Annual Club meeting on November 10, 2018. Per club by-laws, anyone wishing to submit their name for consideration as an officer or board member may do so at the meeting prior to the vote.

HCKC Proxy Voting Procedure

If you would like to vote on the election of the officers or the at-large board members but are not able to make the meeting, you may vote by sending your vote to the HKC Yeoman, Shirley Gates. Proxy voting was added in 2017 since people had requested this capability after the 2016 Annual Meeting.

To submit your Proxy Vote, you may either e-mail or mail your vote to Shirley Gates - E-Mail: sigates.7177@icloud.com, Address: 6197 Oakmont Circle, Indianapolis, IN, 46234. You must send your voting information early enough that Shirley receives it one day before the election.

Grayson Lake exploring



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Overcoming Adversity

How one man overcame blindness
to become National Geographic's 2015 Adventurer of the Year



Lonnie Bedwell, a former Navy Petty Officer 1st Class, was injured in a hunting accident that took his sight instantly. Thirteen years later through a chapter of Disabled Sports USA, Lonnie became the **first-ever** visually impaired kayaker to complete the entire 226-mile stretch of Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. Hear the incredible journey that led to Lonnie's passion for adaptive sports -- from climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to kayaking some of the planet's most challenging whitewater rivers.

Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club Presents the Annual Party, Nov 10, with guest presenter and Blind adventurer/kayaker, LONNIE BEDWELL

Location: Indianapolis Sailing Club: 11325 Fall Creek Rd; Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Directions: From I-69 North of Indy; Exit onto 96th Street (posted as Exit 203)

Go east about 2.5 miles until you reach the round-about at 96th Street and Fall Creek Road

Go 3/4 way around to Fall Creek Road north

Go approximately 2 miles to another round-about at the intersection of Brooks School Road

Take the first right (south) to the ISC driveway, then straight through the gate.

or you can use the 116th Street exit (usually less traffic):

Exit onto 116th Street (posted as Exit 5)

Head east approximately 3.5 miles until you reach the intersection with Brooks School Road

Turn right (south) onto Brooks School Road

Continue for approximately 1.5 miles to the round-about at Fall Creek Road

Go 1/2 way around to the ISC driveway, then straight through the gate.

Pitch in side dishes and BYO adult beverages...Meat entrees provided

Arrival-1-1:30: Pre dinner and social time

1:30-2:30 Dinner

2:30-3:00 Short business meeting with election of new board members

3PM-Awards presentation by Dave Ellis & Shirley Gates

3:45-4:45 LONNIE BEDWELL, extreme sports athlete and adventurer, with question and answer period to follow.

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Sea/Touring Kayak Trip Announcement

Annual Fall Lake Monroe Overnight Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Sat.-Sun. November 3-4, 2018

This is our annual fall pilgrimage and we will camp out on the peninsula across from Cutright Public Access Site. The North and Middle Forks of Salt Creek will be closed but there is still a lot of Lake Monroe that we can explore such as the lake area down toward Patton Cave or up to the Pine Grove Ramp. On Sunday, we can venture over onto the wild (West) side of the causeway.

If you only want to paddle on Saturday, join us during the day for the paddle – it is only a 2-mile paddle back to Cutright from where we camp if you don't want to stay overnight.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Area. Turn left into Cutright after you cross the causeway spanning Lake Monroe while going South on 446. We will launch from the first ramp that you come to within Cutright.

Driving Note: No home Indiana Football game this weekend. However, Highway 37 is still undergoing construction between Indy and Bloomington so factor in a little extra time if you come that way. You can type "Cutright State Recreation Area" into Google Maps if you want you get driving directions or time from your home (it's about 1h40m from the Glendale area).

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 up to 8-10 miles. However, it's usually not this severe so check Bloomington's weather the week before the trip. If you have a questions about probable conditions, call or e-mail me.

Kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads and spray skirts are required. If the air/water temperature drops or the wind/waves kick up, 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 appropriately 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 –10:00 am Arrive at Cutright PAS (10:30 am – Packed & ready to launch)

We will probably paddle 3-4 miles, set up camp, have lunch, and then explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We can return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We as a group will figure out a plan Saturday night. In the past, some people have gone straight back to Cutright and the rest go on from there for a bonus paddle. I always like going over to the West side now but we will see what the group feels like.

Contact information: Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net (317) 257-2063

Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Friday before the trip if you want to come. Please contact me since I will monitor weather that week and will notify people if we need to adjust our plans



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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

Well, it seems that I am running out of thoughts for this year. We just had a fantastic trip to Grayson Lake. There were fifteen HCKC paddlers down there and the weather was cool and dry enough. This was definitely a water fall trip –there were falls everywhere because it rained earlier that week. That definitely adds interest to the trip. Many thanks to Deb Wilson for sponsoring it.

Friday: We paddled from our Saturday take-out just south of the state park and explored the finger with Little Gimlet Creek. This finger includes [Lick Falls](#) (click [here](#) for Dave Ellis's video of people playing in the falls). We explored this area since most people are ready to head to the take-out by the time that they reach this point on Saturday.

Saturday: We launched from the ramp off of KY 504 and paddled about 12 miles up the lake to our take-out. This is an amazing paddle because the lake is lined by 50-100' cliffs much of that 12 miles. We were hoping for fall colors but the trees had not changed yet due to this year's warm weather.

Sunday: We paddled about 6 mile from the ramp just north of our campground to a formerly secret grotto on this finger of the lake. You paddle back to it through a narrow channel with rock close on either side and above and come out into an open pool with a large waterfall cascading down into it. Definitely a highlight for the trip.

If you have never paddled Grayson Lake, it is worth the 4-5 hour drive. The mileage of the Friday and Sunday paddles is short enough for rec boats. Another paddling club that we met there was doing an out-and-back from the Saturday Launch site so that they didn't have to paddle the 12-mile stretch that we did. If you have questions about this trip, the location of our put-ins and take-outs is contained in the [trip announcement](#) or send me an [e-mail](#). Click [here](#) to see my pictures from the trip.

2019 Trip Planning – I looked over our 2018 schedule and realized that we had nine or ten people step up and sponsor trips. Thanks to everyone who sponsored trips - having different people lead trips brings us new ideas, new and different places to paddle, and new energy.

Looking forward to 2019, please think about places where you really enjoy paddling and want to share. Please send your ideas (where to paddle and the best time of year to go) to Linda Decker or myself and we'll look at how to integrate these ideas into an even better 2019 schedule.

Saturday-Sunday, November 3-4, Lake Monroe Fall Overnight –We just have our end-of-season Lake Monroe to go. Always a fun paddle. Details for this trip are in an article in this newsletter and on the [HCKC Event Calendar](#).

Reminder: Eagle Creek Clean-Up - We will have a shore-line clean up on Saturday, October 27. You can get details from the October Newsletter or the [club event calendar](#). Or, send me an [e-mail](#).

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Trip Report

Grayson Lake Ky

Jeff Stejskal

Here is a link to my Grayson Pictures:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/albums/72157696629313190>

This was a special trip since it had rained the week before we were there and there were many, many waterfalls to play. The trees had not changed but that may not happen this year.

Thanks to Deb for organizing and for helping rescue Grayson, the culvert kitten. Jim Sprandel

And more

Here is a link to pictures from Grayson Lake that i took.

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/cW6RTigpCbDB3fc96>

I want to thank Deb Wilson for organizing the campsites and being the trip leader. We had a total of 15 HCKC members on this trip.

Jeff Stejskal



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

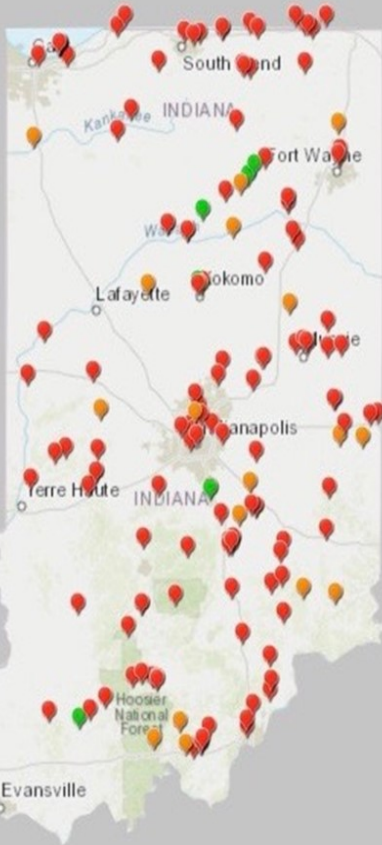
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HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

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**, marianndvs@gmail.com, Subject: Low head dams



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