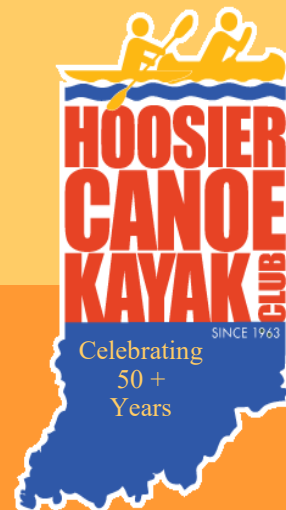


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## Skipper's Note

Well, Hello! If you weren't at the club's Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, you missed a wonderful gathering - representative of the personalities, skillsets, boating interests that make up the cornucopia of what is all things Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club! I was honored to have been accepted by those present to be your Skipper for the upcoming year. Thank you to all that worked so hard to make the meeting a great success and I look forward to serving all of you.

A few highlights from what was discussed at the meeting:

**Membership** – we are growing! As of the Annual meeting our numbers have exceeded 350 memberships, four of which are new lifetime members who were honored at the meeting: congrats and THANK YOU for being a formative part of the group to Tom Siddall, Patricia Bledsoe, Jack Mitenbuler, and Richard Coughenour.

**Your HCKC Board** consists of seventeen members whom meet monthly through the year to discuss topics related to club outreach, education, current relevant projects going on in the Hoosier state, and exchange ideas on how the club can better serve its membership. I am thankful to have been a part of the board for four years now and am proud of the work that's come out of the group. I want to give a heartfelt thank you to Duane Garloch whom has served us well these past two years and I hope to build upon the good work that's been done under his leadership. Duane has been a member of the club for over fifteen years and has been an integral part of our Intro to Paddling classes as well as a beloved part of the Sea Kayaking fleet! I also want to give a shout out to our newest board member Tim Owens.

Always a fun time, there were several awards given out during the meeting...the most notable (and long time coming in my opinion) was to honor our Newsletter Editor Dwayne James for the tremendous work he has done month after month of putting the newsletter together in addition to all the other volunteer work he has done for the club over the years. Thank you Dwayne for everything you do!

These are the things I am most excited about for 2020:

- We have some **INCREDIBLE Instructors!!** Over the past few years the number of ACA and Voyageur Certified Instructors has grown significantly – currently we have thirteen certified instructors in the club, most of which hold multiple certifications in more than one discipline. Last year the club provided not only the always popular Intro to Paddling classes and weekly pool practice sessions, but added an ACA Swift-water Rescue class with plans to add more opportunities in upcoming years. The club now has a Safety and Education Committee that is working on Trip Leader education and more consistent instruction across all of our fleets.

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Please send reports, pictures or items for sale to me.



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Hunt for some of these on the Ice Falls 2020 Trip

## Welcome our Newly Elected Officers and Board Members November 16, 2019

We elected our 2020 HCKC officers and board members during our Annual Meeting on November 16. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the 2020 HCKC Officers and Board.

**Skipper (President)** - Toni Harris  
**Executive Officer (Vice President)** - Linda Decker  
**Purser (Treasurer)** - Jim Clendenin  
**Yeoman (Secretary)** - Jim Sprandel

### Board Members at Large:

Returning board members are designated with an asterisk.

John Carlson*	Richard Clapham*	Mariann Davis*	Dave Ellis*
John Gates*	Natalie Needham*	Earl King*	Tim Owens
Brent Saucerman*	Judy Thompson*	Jeff Stejskal*	Jon Reneberg*

Duane Garloch will continue to serve on the board as Past President.

### Skipper's Note: continued

• **Outreach opportunities and Amazing Volunteers** – the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club has always been incredibly connected to the community. Whether it be supporting the Triathalons at Eagle Creek Reservoir or taking kids out on their first canoe ride and talking to them about being safe on the water, we have had some amazing club members come forward throughout the year to represent the club and spread the word about our favorite pastime. This year we have opportunities to work with Veterans through the Team River Runner program and have several members involved in the Voyageur Canoe program. I am thankful for the time and effort you've all put forward for us and look forward to hopefully working alongside each and every one of you again this year!

THANKFUL for a SUPER 2019 and EXCITED for 2020!!

Your (Newest) Skipper

Toni Harris

## Trip Announcement New Year's Day Paddle January 1, 2020 Sponsor: Dwayne James

We are watching the water levels as this fall has been a bit dry. We will float either the White River from Broad Ripple down to the golf course or put in on Fall Creek below Killer Falls. Both trips are less than 10 miles and are suitable for all paddlers. Please review our guidelines and suggestions for cold weather paddling gear located on our website at [HoosierCanoeClub.org](http://HoosierCanoeClub.org).

We will meet at the designated put in and be ready to start running the shuttle at 11:00 am on January 1, 2020. Watch for the post on the club calendar and for an email for last minute details. If you have any questions/concerns about skills, gear, etc please contact Dwayne at [dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com)

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## Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

End-of-Season Paddle - We finished off the Sea Kayak fleet's paddling season on November 2 and 3 with an overnight trip on Lake Monroe. Six paddlers launched from Cutright Public Access Site and paddled down the lake towards Patton's Cave. After that, we paddled up the peninsula in Deam Wilderness to set up camp before paddling up to Pine Grove after lunch. A weather front was passing through during this part of the trip so we had interesting wind and wave conditions. Most of us camped overnight and we could tell winter was coming since the temperature dropped below freezing overnight. The temperature was no problem since we built a large fire and had appropriate gear.

2020 Trip Planning - Linda Decker and I will be your Sea Kayak fleet chairs again next year. We are currently pinning down dates for the fleet's extended, week-long trips. Details have already been sent out for our Florida trip in January and trip to the Chesapeake in June. We are working on details for a trip to the Beaufort, NC area in April, the Land between the Lakes in May, and the Apostles in September.

Send us your Ideas – We will fill in local day paddles and week-end trips and training events at the Trip Planning meeting in January. Please contact Linda or me before the trip planning meeting if you have suggestions for places where you might want to go for weekend day paddles or overnight trips.

Learn to Roll After Thanksgiving, pool sessions will move to Saturday morning from 10 am until Noon. Saturday sessions will continue through March. Check the HCKC Training Calendar for details. This is a great opportunity to tune up or learn your combat roll.



HCKC Trip to Land between the Lakes, October 2019



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## **Sea Kayak Trip Announcement**

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**June 7-14, 2020**

### **Chesapeake Bay Region**

The Chesapeake Bay region offers an enormous variety of paddling experiences including brackish tributaries, sea grass lowlands, Bald Cypress river, open bay and Atlantic barrier island. The Chesapeake Bay trip is scheduled for June 7-14, 2020. This year's agenda will start out at the Susquehanna River, head waters to the Chesapeake Bay and head south to Tangier Sound (Delmarva region).

1. Camp at Susquehanna State Park Maryland, June 7-8 2020. Launch at camp ground. I have never paddled this are so it is time to try something new and it looks interesting.

Break camp early morning on June 9 and head to Annapolis. Annapolis, incorporated in 1708, is home to the US Naval Academy and Maryland State Capitol. The Maryland state house has been in continuous legislative use since 1779 and its dome is viewable from the harbor. We will launch on the Severn River and paddle past the Naval Academy, into Annapolis city dock and possibly out towards the historic Thomas Point lighthouse.

Following the paddle, the plan is to cross the Bay Bridge and on to Jane's Island State Park.

2. Camp at Jane's Island State Park Maryland, June 9-13. Depart on June 14th. Jane's Island will serve as a Tangier Sound base camp. Paddling can include local trips launched from the state park, Cedar island to the south and Big Annemessex River to the north. We may drive to Chincoteague island Virginia on the coast, or to the Pocomoke River and head upstream towards Snow Hill.

Trip Format – Conduct paddling trips launching from the camp ground ramp or drive a short distance to nearby ramps to see a variety of sites.

Paddling conditions – 0-2ft wave height is normal but open bay and large rivers can become rather choppy when wind picks up. Tides generally run about 1.5-2ft and current is noticeable at times.

Sea kayaks of 15ft minimum length with spray skirts and water tight bulkheads are required.

Those interested in attending should contact Robert.  
[njordball@gmail.com](mailto:njordball@gmail.com)



Trip Report  
Max Kidwell

Max and Carol's update November 2019

I am writing this with software called Dragon. It changes words into text and spells a lot better than I do, but sometimes software does not understand some words I say, so you may find some mistakes they are very hard for me to find.

Our camper had a malfunction and they wanted \$6000 in repair it. It was manufactured the Aliner Co., but they sold to another company. They would not stand behind the original company. That is why we decided to buy a camper made in Indiana it is called an R POD. It will go to my daughter at my demise.

My daughter Kathy, still is in Fayetteville, North Carolina, she teaches fifth grade. This may be her last year teaching, since she is able to retire. Her home is paid for. My son has his own church in Fort Pierce, Florida. He has new wife from Trinidad, Joe's congregation is in the black community. He has a job in a prison for adolescence in Fort Pierce. He will be 65 next year. Kathy will be 62. I will be 90!

This last summer Carol had a third of her colon removed along with her gallbladder. She had cancer and after the operation she had three months of chemotherapy. So far she is not had to go back to chemotherapy until the doctor believes it is necessary. Carol is now feeling will add almost back to normal.

At the same time my dog Marty of 12 years had to be put down. We had one front leg removed but the cancer came back and she had problems with some enteral organs and we were afraid she would be in pain so we put her to sleep. I am still trying to get over my loss. She was a 14-pound Multii-poo.

Carol's granddaughter is a ballerina, she has performed in Atlanta, Oklahoma City and now in San Diego Where a one room cost \$75, a month. We hope to see her this Christmas. The other granddaughter, Magan is at a Tampa college where she is studying for medical research. The grandson, Phillip wants to be a high school band director, he is now a junior in high school. My granddaughter, Aliya, is now a lawyer in Norfolk, Virginia. She attended Butler University for three years and transferred to William and Mary in Virginia and finished her degree and passed the bar where she is now working there.

Since 2007 I have ridden my bicycle 6500 miles. Carol and I sponsor our church bicycle club. I still like to kayak but the Summers are too hot so I wait until winter.

Your friend, Max Kidwell



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**Fantastic Krueger Sea Wind Kayak for Sale ????** If this is still available, jump on it!

After many happy trips with the club, I'm giving up. My Krueger Sea Wind kayak with 2 piece spray skirt, retractable rudder is available for \$3500.  
Also Aqua-Bound 2 piece paddle if you want.

See Krueger website for details of great kayak with larger than normal cockpit, great for long legs or wide hips.

I'm 20 minutes west of Bridgeton, if you're going on covered bridge trip.  
Jack Fenoglio (see members list for phone number) [jcfenoglio@att.net](mailto:jcfenoglio@att.net)



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