

FLOWlines

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Watershed Paddlers Club, Rochester NY

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Second Annual FLOW SUMMER PARTY

August 1st in Pulaski, NY

FLOW's summer bash is planned for Saturday, August 1. Along with the Salmon Release for the whitewater boaters, flatwater opportunities abound in the area of Port Ontario.

The Cove area, at Stoney's Pineville Campground is ours both Friday and Saturday nights, with the paddler's party planned for Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to share with your friends to add to the picnic fun; we'll have hots, hamburgers, and liquid refreshments available for your dinning pleasures..

To get there, take exit 36 off Rt. 81, and go 4 miles east towards Altmar. If further instruction is needed, you'll have to call Mike Shafer at 716-227-9291 for the rest of the directions!!

July Steering Committee

Time: Tuesday, June 30, 7 p.m.

Place: Steve Kittelberger's, 160 Penarrow Rd. Call Steve for directions at 442-6138.

New Letchworth Park Director

Richard E. Parker has been named as the executive director of Letchworth Park. Please stop in and say hello...

This Newsletter is dedicated to Heather Mummery.

No, she hasn't gone to the great river in sky, but she's heading off to the paddling playgrounds of North Carolina. Heather was the founding editor of FLOWLINES and it was with her skill, determination and persistence that has set the newsletter and the club on its way.

Note to Heather: Please remember to get a place with floor space. You have now become a vacation destination!!! And remember, Mike says she makes good soup.???



July General Meeting

Time: 7:00p.m. Thursday, July 9, 1998

Place: Watersports Center at Genesee Valley Park (the green building)

Bruce Carpenter, Executive Director of New York Rivers United (NYRU) will present this month's program. The NYRU is a not-for-profit coalition of New York River groups dedicated to protecting the riverine systems of the Empire State. NYRU programs have protected hundreds of miles of rivers, enhanced recreation opportunities at dozens of hydro-electric projects and has opened access sites on popular rivers, including the Black, Salmon, Beaver, and Raquette. Bruce will describe past and current projects with a slide presentation.

FLOW organization

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Newsletter submissions

Send us trip reports, articles, letters to the editor, ads for our classified section, or anything else you'd like to see in FLOWlines.

If you have e-mail:

Send articles in the form of a text file to:
helen.cherniack@usa.xerox.com

Written submissions:

Preferably typed in a 10-point font or larger, double-spaced.

Hand-written submissions must be reasonably legible, or great editorial license may be invoked.

Mail to:

Helen Cherniack
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FLOW HotLine: 716 234-3893

To access the FLOW HotLine:

1. Dial 716 234-3893 from a touch-tone phone.
2. To listen to messages left by other paddlers, **press the remote access code** any time **during the greeting**. After entering the remote access code, listen to instructions for how to access messages.
3. To leave a message for other paddlers, listen to the greeting and leave a brief message after the tone.

The FLOW HotLine is sponsored by FLOW Paddlers Club for FLOW members. The FLOW HotLine is hosted by Bay Creek Paddling Center.

Membership and Mailing List

To join FLOW, send name, address, paddling interests, and \$20 per individual membership to:

Art Miller
Re: FLOW Paddlers Club
264 Vollmer Pkwy
Rochester, NY 14623

Upcoming trips/events

Contact Noreen Wiatrak (716 288-5839) with trips and events for 1998. Refer to the insert for the latest version of the trip list.

Gauge numbers

Genesee River (Letchworth)716-468-2303
Cattaragus River716-532-5454
Salmon River1-900-726-4243 #365123
Keuka Outlet716-234-0090

Pennsylvania rivers:

Philadelphia (Lehigh and others)
1-800-431-4721
Harrisburg (Loyalsock, Susquehanna, Pine Creek)	..
1-800-362-0335

Pittsburgh (Yough, Slippery Rock Creek, and others)412-262-5290

West Virginia rivers:

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Southern WV rivers304-529-5127

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When Lightning Strikes

When I go in to work on a Monday morning after a weekend my coworkers seem to gather like ghouls to hear what I did. I think they have some morbid fascination in hearing about something that they would never do themselves.

The other week I think I really outdid myself and I am not sure that I want to try and top it. Several of us decided to travel up to the RT 3 wave on the Black River in Watertown for a day of surfing. It was a good plan, unfortunately the weather did not cooperate. It seems that there was a rather large weather system sweeping across the Great Lakes doing a little tree trimming in the process, maybe you had some done for you. WELL..... we were out boating in it. Probably not the brightest idea in the world but what the heck there was water and we were weren't the highest objects around. So we surfed. We did get off the water when the lightning got within 2 miles of us and it was a very nice light show.

On a serious note, one couple did show up minus a life jacket and were chided off the river to get it. GOOD. Several others decided to get off when the lightning started and that was the right decision for them. I believe that it is incumbent on each of us to decide what is an acceptable risk and when it's time to go. Discretion is after all the better part of valor

PS we did have a great day of surfing
The Mad Boater

Lock 32 - The Race that Wasn't

(This year...)

Come and join in on the creation of Rochester's first whitewater racing course. Even though the race *will not* be happening this year, we still need warm bodies to prepare the area. The outlook now seems to be that the course will be started in August and hopefully completed by September this year. Every Wednesday night from 6 to 8 pm during June and July, help is needed at the Lock. Prepare to get dirty and wet. Call Rick Williams for details at 381-3418.

Boaters Needed for Derby Day on the Erie Canal Saturday, July 25

Day-long family events and entertainment at Derby Day on the Erie Canal (Route 31 between Macedon & Palmyra. Catch shuttle bus at Ames Plaza in Macedon.)

1:30 p.m. Water Parade – decorate and paddle, row, or putter your boat from Macedon Lock #30 pass the judges stand.

2:20 p.m. Paddle Dice Run – non-competitive mile-long paddle looking for hidden checkpoints.

4:00 p.m. Great Cardboard Boat Race – build and bring your own or watch others in the Erie 500 Thrill & Spills.

FLOW club Paddlers are needed as the water safety boaters for the Cardboard Boat Race and participation in water events.

Call Harry Weidman (315-524-9295) for details and rules. Paddle your front row seat and catch all the afternoon action. Don't forget your camera (waterproof?).

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The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Monday, August 17, 1998. Send submissions to Helen Cherniack (address on p. 2). Send trip announcements to Noreen Wiatrak (see p. 2).

Classified ads

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DAGGER VORTEX, EXCELLENT CONDITION. With float bags, back band, hip pads. James Lockwood. (716 786 2825).

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