

FLOWlines

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Watershed Paddlers' Club, Rochester NY

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JUNE GENERAL MEETING **June 10, 1999**

"SUMMER FUN NIGHT AT MENDON
PONDS"

The June general membership meeting will be held at the Pond View Shelter on Hundred Acre Pond in Mendon Ponds Park. We have the site starting at 4 PM till 10 PM. Burgers and hot dogs will go on the grill around 5 PM, this and soda will be provided by FLOW. Bring a dish (dessert, munchies, salad, etc.) to pass. We'll be on the water with a field nearby, so boats, Frisbees and such are all invited. BayCreek will be bringing a trailer down with all types of boats (including Wave Sport!) so people can try out "alternative" craft. Hopefully, our other sponsors will also be able to participate. We're looking for a couple of people with bigger grills, so if you can bring one, please call Dorothy @ 359-4710. Hope to see you all there!

Insurance Balloting **Extended**

Steve Kittelberger

At the time of the May general meeting, about 10% of the membership had sent in their insurance ballots. Based on this, the club voted to extend the voting period to the end of June. One write-in ballot inquired about a family membership, a subject which is under discussion at the Steering Committee. ACA offers a family membership for \$5 over the cost of the individual membership. If the club votes for the ACA option, it is reasonable to expect

FLOW to create a family membership for a modest increase over the current individual membership fee of \$20. My personal recommendation would be to set the total individual membership fee at \$30 and the family membership fee at \$40, including the portion due ACA.

WEEKDAY PADDLER **CALL**

Mike Shafer

Do you ever paddle during the mid-week? If you can break away, you know this is a great time to have more of your favorite waterway to yourself. No crowded eddy, no waiting for that wave, no hassles at the put in. Only problem is...who is there to paddle with?

I am putting together a call list of weekday paddlers. As summer vacation weeks approach, this could be a handy list for us all. I'll maintain the list ongoing, and Bay Creek Paddling Center has agreed to "house" the list. To be added to the list, give me a call at 227-9291. Mention the days your available and the type water you like to paddle, your phone, and e-mail. I'll place it into the FLOWLINES throughout the paddling year.....and hope to paddle with you on a weekday soon!

June Steering Committee **Meeting**

Time: June 3rd, 7 p.m.

Place: Dorothy Sullivan's house. Call Dorothy for directions at (716)359-4710.

FLOW organization

President	Steve Kittelberger 716 442-6138
Vice Presidents	Kathy Rague 315 926-7890 James Hopkins 716 621-2721
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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:

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Oak Orchard Canoe1-800-4-KAYAKS
BayCreek Paddling Center (716) 288-2830
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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:

Mike Shafer
Re: FLOW Paddlers' Club
89 Dorsetwood Dr
Rochester, NY 14612

Upcoming trips/events

Contact Ivan Rezanka (716)381-7475 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
Cattaraugus River716-532-5454
Salmon River1-800-452-1742 #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

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SAVE THESE DATES

On Friday, **June 11th**, BayCreek Paddling Center will be hosting Mad River/Wilderness Systems "You Can Paddle! Days" event. At 3:00p.m., Riverside Associates East, sales representatives for the company, will be at the shop (1099 Empire Blvd.), with many different models of Wilderness Systems kayaks, Mad River canoes, and new to the Confluence Inc. family, Wave Sport whitewater kayaks. Com on down and check out all the different boats, including the new 15' Wilderness Systems Cape Horn, the Mad River Horizon, and for you whitewater addicts, the Mad River Outrage X and the new Wave Sport Z!!!! If you need more information, call BayCreek at 288-2830.

The Third Annual Rochester River Challenge will be held on **June 19-20th** on the Genesee River at the South Wedge Landing. There is tons of stuff to see and do, so get out and get wet!!!! For information, call Walter Ketchum at 256-1740.

For Future Plans...

Jerry Hargrave will be up at the Ottawa River the Week of Aug.14-22nd. He'll be up there doing abit of fishing. This is not a FLOW trip, but if anyone would like to paddle during that time, he'll be available to join them.

Refridgerator Fodder!!
Release Dates

- Esopus
6/5 - 7 (KCCNY Slalom Races)
7/17 - 18
- Keuka Outlet, Penn Yan
May 29,30,31 - 3-gate release
- Lehigh,PA
6/12 - 13
6/26 - 27
- Sacanadaga Festival
7/17
- Salmon River
6/26 - 27 (400 CFS)
7/10 - 11 (750 CFS) Mini Festival
7/24 - 25 (750 CFS) Black R. Fest
8/7 - 8 (750 CFS)
9/4 - 5 (750 CFS)

Check it out.....

CNY Whitewater Club out of Central New York has been sending me their newsletter and it's great!! Lots of info on what's going on in their area and its only 2 hours away! It's a wonderful resource for the paddling community. Dues are \$6.00/year and can be sent to Nancy Howells (4256 Old State Rd.,Morrisville, NY 13408) or check out their website at <http://www.shazamny.com>

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GRAVITY RESEARCH INSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE

Report Indian/Hudson Rivers May 15th, 1999

Jerry Hargrave

Friday night, Tom and I camped at Lake Durant. The rest camped elsewhere or got motels. Without bothering with the tent, I fell asleep, listening to spring peepers and watching the stars.

On Saturday morning, the sun cutting through the fog over Lake Durant was a good omen. After a breakfast at the bait shop in Indian Lake, several of us scouted Otter Slide. No one ran the class 4. Paddlers were - Tom Congdon, Jim Low, Doug Caine, Dorothy Sullivan, Gary Smith, Brent, Tim, and myself - Jerry Hargrave. We were in the water and ready for the "bubble to be released at 10:00. Linda and Shani rafted with Whitewater Challengers. When the river filled, we headed down the Indian.

I can't tell you much about the Indian. Paddling it is helter-skelter, every "man" for her-self. Everything is a complete blur until we get to the halfway point. We ran ahead of the release bubble and waited for it to catch up, filling the nooks and crannies of the rivers edge. At this level, holes are punchable, waves are close together, but eddies are almost nonexistent. The large hole I had warned everyone about was innocuous and several punched right through it. This is the first year I can remember where there have been no swims on the Indian.

The Hudson, around 3.5 feet on the gauge is fun and challenging, but not as intimidating as it was a couple of weeks ago at 6 feet. After the scout of Blue Ledge, Tom and I caught several brook trout. Several braved the ender hole. Black flies were out, but because of the drought were not biting much. It's a long paddle or float out past where the railroad and the Boreas River comes in. We had fun mocking Brents' boat - The RPMS. The takeout is still posted. We worry that some day we will not be allowed to take out before North River. With all the business us paddlers bring to the area, why can't the state put in

another takeout?

Four of us had Mexican food at Indian Lake. Some drove home with several other paddlers renting a condo at Garnet Lodge. We - Tom, Doug, Dorothy and I returned to Lake Durant. The gatehouse was not staffed, closed and locked. The sign says - "If you come in late pay in the morning". After we stopped, we went to go to our site. The rangers chased us down for the fee, apparently thinking we wouldn't pay. They made us drive back to the gatehouse and got payment on the spot. And then, even though the park was nearly empty, they still made us park the third vehicle way down by the office! Why do they harass boaters? Wouldn't it be better showing campers they are welcome? We enjoyed a big fire complements of Tom's woodpile and told lies till 10:00.

The next morning, I headed to the Paddle Festival in Inlet. I was amazed at the number of vendors, boats and boaters. You could try out any make and model of kayak, canoe, seakayak, or whitewater boat imaginable. The lake was littered with all sorts of craft. I highly recommend we schedule this outing the same weekend next year. I ended the day with a hike into Gull Lake. Gary and Brent spent Saturday morning scouting sections of the Moose and Black Rivers. They spent the afternoon playing practical jokes, and waking up single tired kayakers who were safety napping at the Thruway rest stops.



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Open letter from Jerry L Hargrave

Paddlers:

On May 11th, Bill Kuipers and I attended the second FMAT Salmon River Flow Management Advisory Committee Meeting Held at the fish hatchery in Pulaski. The topics include much more than just the whitewater releases you are all very interested in. Topics discussed were stream ecology, riparian lands, reservoir protection, watershed predictions, recreational releases, and fish habitat to name just a few.

Represented on the team is a plethora of interests. This includes NIMO, US Fish and Wildlife, four fishing representatives, Stream fishermen, Trout Unlimited, Lake fishermen, Drift boaters associations, US fish and Wildlife, County Legislators, and state agencies such as DEC. There are five municipalities including Pulaski and Redfeild. And don't forget NYRU, ADK, and AWA. With the executive leadership of DEC's Les Wedge, NIMO and US Fish and Wildlife, I feel we are working very well as an energetic and dynamic team.

Paddlers must remember, the Salmon River is a "shared resource". Everything is a compromise of interests. 1999 is the first year five releases were required by FERC. The 1996, 1997, 1998 were complimentary NIMO releases, organized by local paddlers. We realize this is late in the season to announce 1999 release dates. For that reason we don't really expect a banner year in 1999. Please prove me wrong! It may take years for eastern US Paddlers to learn Salmon releases are back.

This year we will use the dates mandated in the FERC License. There is some resistance from Lake fishermen for the last release date. They feel it will draw spawning fish upriver away from the lake. On Oct. 14th, we will review all the releases to discuss what worked and what didn't. On that date, we will establish the year 2000 dates well in advance of the 2000 paddling season.

Until we can prove ourselves as an important asset to the economy, I feel we should consider ourselves "guests". We are all playing nice in the sandbox right now. DON'T BLOW IT! Please be courteous! This has been a "fishing town" for many years. Fishing is a large part of their economy. We don't plan on replacing a fishing economy, but we can certainly supplement it.

Patronize local businesses - buy groceries, eat at restaurants, gas up there, camp there. Tell business people proudly that you are Paddlers and that you enjoy their town.

- Avoid blatant nudity when changing at put-ins and take-outs.
- Avoid on and off river conflicts with fisher-people, drift boat guides and clients.

We will resume teaching River etiquette lessons. Most Paddlers don't know how to avoid a fisherman with a hard earned "fish-on"! Please eddy out above and wait until the netting is successful. Don't speed through neighborhoods, even on back road shuttles.

We realize the 400 CFS release is marginal. But it added one early weekend. The paddling study confirmed that 400 CFS is good for training and classes early in the year. These releases are defined as "minimum CFS". On above normal rainfall years, releases can be increased, or days added. Yes, with great success, there are possibilities of more and/or larger releases in future years. I trust you will all help to make this river the paddling Mecca it was until the early 80's.

And, the work is not done, and you don't have to be a whitewater paddler to participate. There are hiking/biking trails to be built, river cleanups and strainer removals to be organized, . There are plans for a Salmon River festival that will need statewide volunteers and support. Please volunteer to keep the whole Salmon River corridor a landmark Statewide asset.

Many Thanks to:
ADK Adirondak Mountain Club,
AWA American Whitewater,
NYRU New York Rivers United,

If you are not a member or contributor to these organizations please consider doing so.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE:

Blue & White **Dagger Crossfire** \$450
- Purple **Perception Pirouette** \$450. Dave Meyer (716)937-9652

Wanted to Buy: Perception 'Dancer's'. Beaver Camp, a non-profit children's camp in the Adirondacks, is looking for old style 'dancers' for children's instruction. Boats should be functional and moderately priced (\$100-\$300). Please contact the camp at (315)-376-2640 or a representative at (716) 288-4417. For questions, please call Aaron Buzzell (288-4417).

Laurie Clemency is selling her **Pirouette S** (purple) - \$375.00. Also on the market is her **Hydra Dragon Fly** for \$150.00 (such a deal!!!) Her number is (716)695-9238.

15-1/2 ft **Blue Hole** Whitewater canoe, 70 lbs. Roylex, \$300. In Avon until May 15th. **X Par Missile** 23' stern rudder racing boat, used twice \$1800. In Denville NJ. Contact Ben Jones @ (973) 361-2785.

Hey Big Guy! You need a Dagger Vortex for \$350. Also selling a medium spray skirt for \$40. Call Rick Mauser @ 473-2162

Deadline for next newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Saturday, June 19th. Send submissions to Helen Cherniack .

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