

FLOWlines

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So... You think you can do better...

As of December 31st, 1999, your favorite Newsletter will be editorless. Dan and Helen have decided to step aside and let others participate in the joys of sharing... If you are interested in working on the newsletter or know of someone who would be, please contact your favorite board member. Until then, we will do our utmost to keep you abreast of the latest and greatest in our little corner of the world

September General Meeting

Time: Thursday, September 16th, 7P.M.
Place: Brighton Town Lodge

The September general meeting of FLOW will feature a whitewater program entitled "Creekin' Colorado '99" presented by Brian Joly, an officer of Three Rivers Paddling Club in Pittsburgh. Joly's program will include a Rick Gusic video of Colorado whitewater. Gusic's videos are frequent finalists in the annual National Whitewater Paddling Video competition. The September meeting will be held at 7pm on Thursday, September 16, the THIRD rather than the usual second Thursday of the month. The meeting location, also different, is the Brighton Town Lodge at 777 Westfall Road, a quarter mile west of the intersection of Westfall and South Clinton.

Another successful picnic at Stoney's wet wonderland

The annual FLOW picnic was another booming success due to one part water, one part food, and one part fire. The keepers of the water were kind enough to send us their very best 750cfs. Tom Cogdon and Dave Griffy fed the masses with their gourmet cooking (gotta love that turkey in a can...) Stoney put the cap on the evening with a fire that topped last years. Once again, we pulled it off without a hitch (Dan just needs to remember to put his tent on high ground next year...) Many thanks to all who helped and participated. Prepare for next year, we will be back!!

September Steering Committee Meeting

Time: Thursday, September 9th - 7 P.M.
Place: Ed and Cathy's winter retreat at 3218 GoosenRd. Marion. Take 490 south to Linden Ave/ Rte 441 exit. Travel east 16.0 miles on route 441 and turn left on Cory Corners Rd. (Cory Corners is 2.6 miles east of the signal light in Walworth.) Travel approx. 1.4 miles north on Cory Corners and take the 1st right which is Goosen. We're the 2nd house on the right.

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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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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 for Whitewater Trips. Contact Harry Weidman (315) 524-9295 for Flatwater Trips. Refer to insert for the latest version of the trip lists.

Gauge numbers

Genesee River (Letchworth)716-468-2303
Cattaraugus River716-532-5454
Salmon River1-800-452-1742 #365123
Keuka Outlet716-234-0090

Web Pages

http://www.rit.edu/~dsbpph/flow
http://www.netacc.net/~seayaker
http://www.awa.org

PULASKI RELEASES DRAW HUNDREDS

This summer's releases on the Salmon River in Pulaski, NY, have been the first scheduled and controlled by the terms of the Altmar hydropower dam relicense. With the advance scheduling this offered, releases on the weekends of June 26, July 10, July 24 and August 7 have drawn an average of 300 paddlers per day, according to Steve Kittelberger, FLOW president. FLOW has been conducting a formal river use census each release weekend to augment the surveys conducted by DEC. "I'm pleased and surprised by the turnout, and the number of paddlers from out of state," said Kittelberger, who hopes for another good turnout Labor Day weekend, the last release of the season.

Under the conditions of the hydropower license granted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a certain number of release-days devoted to white watersports are required. After several years of negotiating among the interested groups, agreement on a formula was reached for the present season.

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FLOW TO AFFILIATE WITH ACA

The results of the insurance poll taken during May and June are complete, and the FLOW membership chose overwhelmingly to affiliate with the American Canoe Association. This affiliation with ACA through their "Paddle America" program provides membership in ACA and all its benefits, such as subscriptions to Paddler Magazine, The American Canoeist, discounts, programs and access to the ACA information network. This new affiliation extends ACA's blanket liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence to FLOW, its members and officers.

At the August 5th meeting, the FLOW Steering Committee voted to raise annual dues to \$30 for individuals and \$35 for families to cover the cost of the ACA membership, which is \$15 for individuals and \$20 for families. The new fees and affiliation will go into effect for the membership year 2000. FLOW members who currently join ACA privately will no longer need to do this.

BAY CREEK
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Are you interested in a nimble and sleek all around kayak?
Come check out the NEW Velocity, by Sun (aka Riot) Kayak! We have a 'fresh off the mold' demo model at the shop.
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Finding Water Levels

Some paddlers have favorite old standby methods of judging a river's level. Example: "If the rock under the bridge on Little Sandy is just barely wet on top, then The Big Sandy is at a prime level". Here are some other (better) methods to find out about rivers, releases, and their levels.

FLOW Website: Levels can be obtained by going to the FLOW site <http://www.rit.edu/~dsbph/flow/> and then going to the Links page and clicking on the Map Finder. You can easily find the level of the river you want by clicking on that river's name.

National Weather Service Call 412-262-5290 Pittsburgh area "Friendsville 2.1" Assumes you know Friendsville is for the Upper "Yough" River. Perhaps we can give a list of other area gauge numbers later.

USGS Website: For New York Rivers http://www.dnyalb.er.usgs.gov/rt-cgi/gen_tbl_pg

Find the Drainage – "Hudson River" Its important to know which gauge for the section you are running Look for the correct gauge "Hudson River at North Creek" This gives a quick view of the level, but you can pick the site number on the left, and get even more data, such as level history over the last month. For the Hudson, those spikes on the graph are Indian River releases!

AWA Website: <http://www.awa.org> pick River Pages Project, Pick the State (NY), Pick the River (Salmon). Some pages are more informative than others.

Water-Line: 1-900-726-4243 (There is a charge for this service) The Salmon River number is compliments of NIMO/ORION Call 1-800-452-1742 The River number for the Salmon is # 365123 Tells prediction a couple of days in advance and is updated each day at 11:45 am.

An E-mail List: One excellent local example is the one from Karl Gessleing of Ithaca. To subscribe send email to

majordomo@lightlink.com with "subscribe kayak-l" in the body of the message. Karl sends weekly updates about area river levels and events. He automatically sends the mail for the coming weekend by midweek.



Definitions

(in case you didn't know...)

Rafters -- "carp" (upper Yok), "civilians," "customers," "pilgrims," "touroids," "raftoids," "creeps from Ohio," etc. Rafters are people who pay money to get yelled at by raft guides. When not engaged in water fights, yelling contests, and speculations on when lunch will be served, rafters can be seen running rapids with their paddles in the air. Often resented by private boaters, rafters provide a good livelihood for river people and give us all somebody to look down on.

[Raft --A.K.A. "rubber bus," "cattle boat," etc. A large, cumbersome, semi-rigid inflatable platform used primarily for transporting civilians down rivers on a commercial basis. While having a reputation for running over kayakers and generally cluttering up the river, rafts can carry vast quantities of food, beer, wet bags, lawn chairs, and guitars when used in kayak support mode.]

-Humbly supplied by Dave Griffy

Champion River Corridors Open to The Public Today

Newest addition to Adirondack Forest Preserve open for the first time in more than century New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner John P. Cahill today announced that the famous "northern flow" corridors of the Deer, St. Regis, Oswegatchie and Grass rivers opened to public use today for the first time in more than a century. Access to the corridors was part of the largest land conservation transaction in New York State's history, an agreement announced by Governor George E. Pataki last month that preserves 144,300 acres of forestland formerly owned by Champion International Corporation. The property encompasses three large, non-contiguous blocks of land located in portions of 10 towns in St. Lawrence, Franklin, Lewis and Herkimer counties within the Adirondack Park. The balance of the lands will open to public use next summer.

"For the first time in more than 100 years, the public will have access to the famous 'northern flow' river corridors that boast some of the best canoeing areas in the country," Cahill said. "Although dry weather may temporarily curtail water recreation in some areas this season, this property will provide vast new recreational opportunities for years to come."

Because low water conditions prevail across the North Country, DEC recommends that people contemplating a canoe or kayak trip contact DEC's regional offices in the North Country for the latest conditions.

Opened today are portions of the 29,000 acres that the State has purchased in fee surrounding the "northern flow" river corridors. In order to separate public and private uses of the lands, public use of the fee lands will be limited to 500 feet on either side of the rivers. Hunting, fishing and trapping will be allowed on those lands beginning July 1, 2000.

On the 110,000 acres of private lands that will be opened to public use through a conservation easement, private hunting clubs retain exclusive hunting and trapping rights during the big game season for the next 15 years. Consequently, these lands will be closed to the public (except for primary access corridors used to reach the fee lands) from Sept. 1 through December 31, until 2014. Beginning in 2015, those lands will be open to the public year-round.

The river corridor lands opened today consist of three properties known as the Santa Clara, Tooley Pond, and Croghan tracts. The lands were purchased for their significant stretches of high quality recreational water.

The three properties are all within the Adirondack Park and are subject to its rules and regulations. Following are special use regulations for the corridors opening to the public today and information on how to access these rivers.

Information on the property and further rules and regulations are also available on the DEC web site at www.dec.ny.us .

Neil F. Woodworth
Counsel
Adirondack Mountain Club
New York - New Jersey Trail Conference

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).

Perception Pirouette for sale. Purple. Original owner, used for 2 seasons. \$375. Call Harry at 244-9807 or write Harry_Marinakis@urmc.rochester.edu

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

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.

Mature **Mirage** seeks lonely boater. Experienced on the Yough, Salmon, and Genessee. Side-surfs well in Titanic. Good condition- \$200 Call Kathy Corey 716-889-9351.

Deadline for next newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Friday, September 17th. Send submissions to Helen Cherniack .

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