



FLOWlines



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June 2000

June Steering Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 1
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Mike Shafer's House
89 Dorsetwood Drive

June General Meeting

Date: Thursday, June 8
Time: 5:00 PM
Place: Mendon Ponds, Pond View Shelter
Hot Fun In The Summertime!

The June general meeting will be on the water at Mendon Ponds Park. FLOW will provide the soda, hot dogs, buns, and charcoal. Bring your boats, frisbees, and a dish to pass.

10% Discount at NOC

On this year's annual pilgrimage to Southeastern waters, we made the traditional stop at Nantahala Outdoor Center's shop on the Nantahala. We registered our club with them, leaving them with the current member list. This earns all club members a 10% discount on your purchases at NOC. Enjoy!



Our Pres. Mike Shafer On The Yough.
Photo by Steve Kittelberger

National River Cleanup Week Scheduled For June 3-10

FLOW will be represented on June 10, at the Salmon River, as we join with CNY Whitewater Club in their Salmon River Cleanup Day. This date coincides with 2000 National River Cleanup week. Information for this day was listed in the May FLOWlines. Please come along and help for a day.... one day's sacrifice to give back to our sport is small dues for adding some continuance to places we wish to frequent! For details, call Mike Shafer (227-9291) or e-mail mshafer@rochester.rr.com

World Canals Conference

from the Democrat and Chronicle 5/12/00
The World Canals Conference 2000 will be held in Rochester Sept. 10 - 15 and it will address local, statewide and international efforts to preserve and revitalize canal systems. Last years' conference was held in Lille, France. An international flotilla will dock at the new Corn Hill Landing and feature canal boats, working vessels, pleasure boats and historic barges.



Dorothy Sullivan Takes On The Tellico
Photo by Steve Kittelberger

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Newsletter Submissions

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

If you have e-mail, send articles in the form of a text file to wave@rochester.rr.com

If you do not have e-mail, send articles to:
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220 Mt Vernon Ave.
Rochester, NY 14620

For those of you still living in the dark ages (i.e. without typewriter or computer) handwritten submissions are acceptable, but they must be reasonably legible, or great editorial license may be invoked.

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Lock 32 Project (Art Miller)	377-1994
Oak Orchard Canoe.....	(800)-4-KAYAKS
Pack, Paddle, and Ski	(716) 346-5597
Seayaker Outfitters.....	(315) 524-9295

FLOW Hot Line: 716 234-3893

To access the FLOW Hot Line:

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, telephone, paddling interests, and \$30 (\$35 family rate). Membership papers and updated member lists will be sent to you. Call (716) 621-2721 for more information.

James Hopkins
Re: FLOW Paddlers' Club
43 Whelehan Drive
Rochester, NY 14616

Upcoming trips/events

Contact Ivan Rezanka (716) 381-7475 for Whitewater Trips. Contact James Hopkins (716) 621-2721 for Flatwater Trips.

Gauge numbers

Genesee River (Letchworth)	716-468-2303
Cattaraugus River.....	716-532-5454
Salmon River.....	1-800-452-1742 #365123
Keuka Outlet	716-234-0090

Web Pages

AWA	http://www.awa.org
Bay Creek	http://www.BayCreek.com
FLOW	http://www.rit.edu/~dsbpph/flow
Seayaker	http://www.seayaker.com
Waterline	http://h2oline.com

FLOW Flatwater Paddling Calendar

Weeknight Paddles will be on Thursdays in 2000. A great escape from the mid week blahs and for Canoe/WW/Sea Kayak paddler interaction. The evening will cater to the interests of the participants, and offer a shorter and longer paddle from the same starting point. Don't like Thursdays? Volunteer for another night...added trips are welcome. Contact Jim Hopkins 621-2721 (hoppyski@yahoo.com) with your trip or Evening Paddle Details. We would like to expand this list and offer a variety of trips this year. We're looking for weekend trips, extended trips, and paddling/camping trips. If you would like to add a trip, please contact Jim Hopkins with information. The trip list will be published monthly.

Thurs	Type/Class	Trip/Event	Coordinator	Phone	E-Mail
Jun-Sept	Sea & WW Kayak	Sunday Surfers Durand Beach @ 10:00		Hot Line	
1-Jun	Sea Kayak	Irondequoit Bay/Outlet @ Seabreeze	Frank Cabron	248-2093	fcabron@netacc.net
8-Jun	All	FLOW Paddle & Meeting @Mendon	Mike Shafer	227-9291	mshafer@rochester.rr.com
15-Jun	Sea/WW/Canoe	Irondequoit Bay/Outlet @ Seabreeze	Jim Hopkins	621-2721	hoppyski@yahoo.com
22-Jun	Sea Kayak/Canoe	Erie Canal- Fairport	Harry Weidman	315-524-9295	seayaker@seayaker.com
29-Jun	Sea Kayak	Greenland Paddle Clinic @ Perinton	Harry Weidman	315-524-9295	seayaker@seayaker.com
6-Jul	All	TBD			
13-Jul	All	FLOW Paddle & General Meeting@Webster Park	Mike Shafer	227-9291	mshafer@rochester.rr.com
20-Jul	Sea & WW Kayak	Paddle Strokes & Rolls Mendon	Ardie Shaffer	334-4487	ashafer@rochesterdandc.com
27-Jul	Sea Kayak	Surf or Rescue Clinic	Harry Weidman	315-524-9295	seayaker@seayaker.com
3-Aug	All	Crazy Kayak Games @ Webster Pk	Harry Weidman	315-524-9295	seayaker@seayaker.com
10-Aug	Sea & WW Kayak	Roll Clinic Mendon	Ardie Shaffer	334-4487	ashafer@rochesterdandc.com
TBD	Wilderness River	Churchill River 10-14 Day	Ed McDonald	544-3467	Early June or Late Aug-Sept

Coordinators/Trip Leaders are covered by ACA Insurance for Listed Trips





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1099 Empire Blvd.
(716)288-2830

FLOW Whitewater Trip/Event Schedule

Whitewater paddling, like all adventure sports, entails an element of risk. FLOW members assume this risk, and share the risk and responsibility for assisting others in need, as a condition of joining any of the listed trips below. Each participant will be asked to sign a release to this effect before putting onto the water. To add trips, or change existing trip listings for the monthly update, call Ivan Rezanka, 381-7475. And be sure to check FLOW's telephone Hotline for impromptu trips and events.

Date	Skill Level	Trip Description	Coordinator
May 27	Intermediate	Cattaraugus Creek	Joel Chastek 768-4651
June 10	EVERYONE	Clean up the Salmon River (See article on Page 1)	Mike Shafer 227-9291
June 10-11	Beginner	Lehigh River, PA. Camp overnight nearby	Steve Kittelberger 442-6138
June 24	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski NY. A scheduled 400 cfs release.	Vaughn Skinner 315-683-5379
July 1-4	Intermediate	Ottawa River, Beachburg, Ontario. The annual gathering of FLOW paddlers to celebrate July 4 and Canada day. The river and paddlers are warm, wet, and wild. Class III - IV	Paul Houndt 342-3055
July 8	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	Dan Bogaard 442- 6634
July 22	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	Bill Kuipers 322-7742
August 5-6	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	
August 26-27	Intermediate	Gatineau River Festival	
September 2	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	
September 3	Intermediate	Beaver River, Taylorville section. Class III - IV	Ben Bramlage 518-251-5300
October 14	Intermediate	Lower Moose River. Class IV	Ben Bramlage 518-251-5300
November	Intermediate	Tohickon Creek, Pennsylvania. Class III	

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First River Descent in Tibet

Not a FLOW sponsored trip

Pete Winn from Grand Junction, CO is organizing his 6th Tibet white water kayak and raft trip for Aug. 4 - 25, 2000. Kayakers should have Class III whitewater experience. Rafts will carry interpreters and gear. They will visit monasteries along the river which flows through valleys and shallow canyons of plateau country. Cost is approximately \$5,000 not including air fare. If interested, contact Pete at 970-242-7108.



Camping at Stoney's
Photo by George Mermagen

Siberian Whitewater

Not a FLOW sponsored trip

Some folks in Tomsk, Russia, are planning a joint Russian-American whitewater rafting trip in Siberia (Altay or Sayany) this summer for 2-3 weeks. This is a non-commercial trip. To take part, you need to provide transportation, visas and basic equipment. There are some shared costs to cover organization, food and local transportation. To participate, you must be an experienced whitewater paddler because the rivers are IV-V+ category. For more information (and some great photographs), check out the web site.

<http://www-scf.usc.edu/~evgen/Pohod/rafting2000.html>

Lock 32 is Open! Congratulations Rick Williams

After 4 years and 1,500 tons of rock, Rick Williams' vision of a whitewater kayak course on Lock 32 is now open to the public. FLOW members got to try it out on Friday, May 19 and manager, Art Miller said that Lock 32 memberships are growing quickly. If you haven't seen it yet, come out to Pittsford and view the course, one of only 10 in the country. In addition to offering whitewater instruction, paddlers can use the facility whenever it is open.

GWC Membership fees

To participate in lock 32 programs, you must be a member of the Genesee Waterways Center (GWC).

- Student \$15 (High School, College)
- Adult \$25
- Family \$65

A family membership is 2 adults and 2 students. Additional family members is \$20.

Lock 32 Pass Structure

There are several options depending on how much you plan to paddle.

- *Seasonal*
Dues include free equipment use as available, 10% Discount on GWC programs and unlimited facility use during all open scheduled time slots.
- *Monthly*
Dues include a 50% fee reduction on equipment rental and unlimited facility use during all open scheduled time slots.
- *Daily*
Dues include unlimited facility use during all open scheduled time slots. Daily passes can be purchased singularly or in a block of 10. These 4 hour passes can be upgraded to a full day on weekends for an additional 5 dollars.

Lock 32 Pass Fees

Seasonal	\$ 240	(May - October)
Monthly	\$ 100	
10 daily 4 hour	\$ 120	
1 daily 4 hour	\$ 15	
1 daily 8 hour	\$ 20	

Dues Reduction Incentives

A \$7 credit will be offered for each hour spent doing any of the following:

1. Participating in Lock 32 related work parties.
2. Serving on the "Lock Patrol"
3. Donation of goods or special services to Lock 32.

Lock Patrol

Purpose: Serve as host of the park during open hours of operation

Duties:

- Monitor Lock for safety threats
- Sign in paddlers with a valid pass
- Collect fees and forms for memberships
- Call 911 in case of an emergency
- Assist in keeping area clean

Lock Patrol Member Guidelines:

- Must be active members of Genesee Waterways Center
- Will receive credit of \$7/hr. for services performed for season passes or Lock programs
- 35 hrs. of service needed to be eligible for season pass
- Lock Patrol Members must cover the cost of their shift if they do not appear as scheduled
- Credit hours can accumulate by assisting in work parties

To sign up, call Art Miller at 377-1994 or e-mail: artmiller@worldnet.att.net

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Salmon River Festival

This year, the sixth annual Salmon River Festival will be the biggest yet to date on the Salmon. The festival will take place on July 8-9, 2000 at the Firemen's Field in Pulaski, NY. The Firemen's Field is conveniently located in town and is right on the river. It is being sponsored by American Whitewater Affiliation & CNY Whitewater Club. Here are some of the planned activities:

- The AW silent Auction will take place on Saturday, July 8th. Northern Outfitters has donated the "Perception Boat Of Your Choice" for the auction. There will also be a brand-new Dagger playboat and Eskimo Kendo on the auction block as well as the gear you need to go along with a new boat. Bring your cash and be prepared to walk away with a great deal! Proceeds will benefit American Whitewater!
- There will be a canned food drive on Saturday. It's your opportunity as a paddler to show your support for the community in which you paddle. Canned food and dry goods will be collected at the Festival Booth at the Firemen's Field and at the 2A Put-In. Our goal is 500 cans for the local food pantry. Pack a can of soup or veggies with your gear and feel good about yourself before you get on the river. Your support of this endeavor is greatly appreciated. If you'd like more information, call Mark Roberts at 315-243-1504.
- Races, Races, Races! Get out there and show your stuff both days in all sorts of ways! Saturday is the freestyle event where everybody has a chance to pull off some cool moves and impress the spectators! Sunday is the down river race, the traditional event on the Salmon. There's a class for everybody both days, so visit the fest web site at www.kbswebs.com/salmonfest and follow the instructions for pre registration. You can also call Dan Murn at 315-298-6475 with questions or for more information.
- There are also opportunities for anyone to have their first whitewater experience. Whitewater Challengers will be running raft trips both days for anyone who would rather raft than kayak. Call them at 315-369-6699 for information and reservations.



Gerry Hargrave Carbo-Loading at the Salmon
Photo by George Mermagen

- Mad River Unlimited is going to host a guided paddle on the Salmon on Saturday from the Altmar bridge to the Pineville bridge. They will also be hosting a flat water canoe paddle on the Lower Reservoir on Sunday. It's a great opportunity for anyone who's always wanted to try but has never had the chance! Space is limited, and there is a fee. Please call Pete and Deb Scheidel at 315-599-7328 for more information and reservations.
- There will be all sorts of outfitters attending the festival, along with manufacturers and reps in order to bring you all the latest in gear and accessories. Teva, Perception, Eskimo, Dagger, Pyranha, and others will have boats there for you to demo. Whitewater Challengers, Northern Outfitters, Liverpool Sportcenter, and others will be there to sell you all the latest in boats and accessories. There will be a ton of knowledgeable people there, ready to answer your questions and give you advice on all your paddling needs. Expand your mind and see all the latest stuff!
- There will be a bonfire at Stoney's Campground on Saturday night
- Food at the Firemen's Field courtesy of the Pulaski Boy Scouts.
- Wrap-up party Sunday afternoon at Archer's End Zone.

FLOW would like to have a tent of our own at the festival site. We are currently looking for volunteers to help staff it, and need input on what to offer. Ideal would be signing up for 2 hour shifts, giving us all ample time to enjoy the river. Please call Mike Shafer, at 227-9291, and offer to help. We can only do this by doing it all together.

Special to note: this does not replace our very own Salmon River weekend...with our annual picnic at Stoney's Pineville campground. That remains as FLOW's major summer event on the weekend of August 5 & 6. The masterful Tom Congdon has graciously agreed (I think he has a passion for doing this) to host our great feast once again.

Insufficient Funding Threatens Streamgauge Network

Action Needed to Help Prevent Further Stream gauge Losses

The stream gages that paddlers have come to rely on for up-to-date water level information are being lost at an alarming rate due to a lack of funding support from both the Clinton administration and Congress. Without a significant increase in funding, hundreds of gages will be lost over the next few years. To prevent this disastrous outcome, paddlers are being asked to make their voices heard on this issue and to make lawmakers aware of how important the USGS (United States Geological Survey) Stream gaging Network is to so many peoples lives.

By sending a letter to your representative (a sample letter is available on the Issue Alerts section of www.acanet.org) you can help protect the stream gages you depend on when you paddle. It is critical that both the White House and Congress understand that the nation's stream gages have a lot of public support. It is unfortunate that at a time when technology has greatly improved paddlers' access to stream flow data the gages that provide that data are being now being lost.

The current funding problem stems largely from the fact that many potential advocates for gage funding have been unaware of the problem, and because this diverse constituency has never came together to push for increased funding. Congress and the Administration have been hearing from groups representing state geologists, civil engineers, and flood plain managers, but not from broader segments of the public. Lawmakers will not connect this issue to the needs of the general public until they finally begin to hear from average voters about how important stream gages are.

The USGS Stream gaging Network is currently comprised of over 7000 gages nationwide. Beyond the issue of not enough funding, the problem for USGS is compounded by the fact the agency fully controls only \$5 million of the \$89 million currently spent on gages each year, the rest is controlled largely by state, local, and other federal partners. Therefore, when a locality or an agency such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers decides that a gage is no longer a priority, the USGS is virtually powerless to pick up the tab and keep the gage operational.

The role the USGS Stream gaging Network plays in outdoor recreation and recreation safety is one of the many important reasons to keep the Network healthy. It provides a compelling case for Congress to increase funding. Canoeists, kayakers, fishermen, and even backpackers regularly rely on stream gage information to help ensure a safe and enjoyable outing. Stream flow data is used extensively in the whitewater paddling community to assess the skill level required to safely paddle a given river or stream.

To meet these demands requires that the Network be more than simply maintained, it greatly needs to be expanded and modernized.

The ACA is asking Congress for a \$20 million dollar increase in funding for the USGS Federal Program in FY 2001. Increasing this funding from \$5 million to \$25 million will provide the support necessary to help the USGS Stream gaging Network to meet its current needs.

This substantial increase in dollars for the USGS Federal Program, when combined with more modest increases in the federal matching funds for the state and local cooperative program, will not only prevent the loss of hundreds of gages over the next few years, it will help USGS begin to meet the growing public need for additional stream flow and water quality information. The ACA, along with other recreation groups such as Trout Unlimited and American Whitewater, is asking members to contact their representatives in Congress, let them know how important stream gages are, and urge them to increase funding for FY 2001.

Reprinted from the ACA web page

Classified Ads

Perception medium spray skirt for \$40. **Norse Paddle** for \$40. Call Rick Mauser @ 473-2162

Like new 1999 **Dagger Blast** (great for a small paddler) \$500. Large **BodyGlove Wet Suit** \$30. Call Gary at 800-968-8735 or write gsmith@mail.keuka.edu.

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Art Miller Surfin' Sylvia's on the Salmon
Photo by Steve Kittelberger

FLOW Y2K Southern Trip Was A Great Success

Unfortunately, the trip report and pictures didn't make it to the editors' hands in time for this issue, so here are some Salmon pictures from last year.



Jerry Laufer in Titanic
Photo by Steve Kittelberger

Next newsletter deadline is June 22.

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