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Finger Lakes-Ontario Watershed Paddlers'
Club Newsletter, Rochester, NY

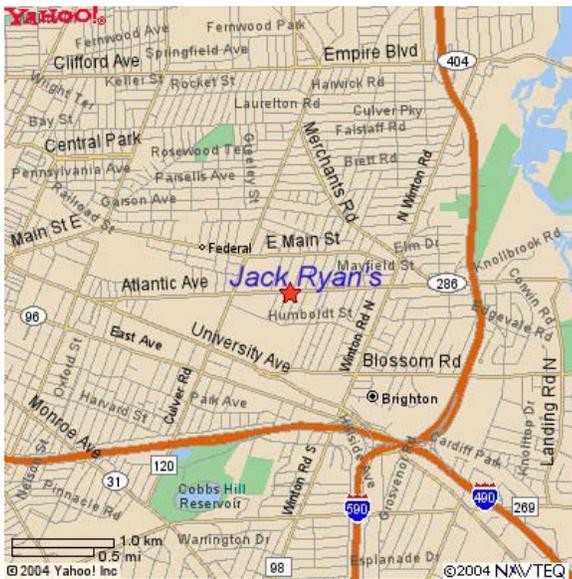


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FLOW Winter Party

This year's winter shindig will be at Jack Ryan's (825 Atlantic Avenue, Rochester) on Friday January 14th at 6 pm. Miriam has volunteered to coordinate the food. If you'd like to amaze your fellow paddlers with your culinary artistry, let Miriam know ASAP what you plan to bring. Submit your recipes and receipts to her on the night of the party and you'll be promptly reimbursed. In addition individual contributions, the club will provide pizza, wings, chili, veggie chili, beer and wine. We'll also have the usual revelry and an amateur film festival with approximately 1-2 hours of video shot by club members. Geof Smith, Andy Cook and Norm Deets will be bringing approximately 30 minutes of video apiece.



2004 Elections Slate

- President— Don Shaw
- Flat-water VP— George Scherer
- Whitewater VP— Norm Deets
- Secretary— Cathy Rague
- Treasurer— Jerry Koehler

We'll also be voting on the budget, found on page 3.

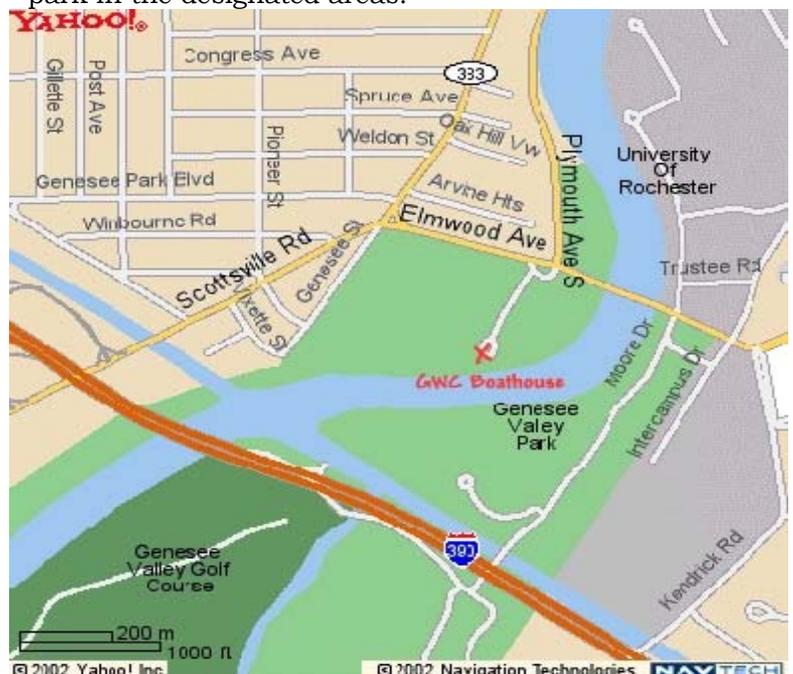
Please be prepared to vote at the Winter Party. If you fail to vote you will be sternly reprimanded and denied tasty beverages.

Flatwater Planning Meeting

Looking for new places to paddle? Interested in a weekend paddle? Could you use some tips, techniques, and practice time (or share tips and techniques)? Come to the Flatwater Paddling meeting on February 10th at the Genesee Waterways Boathouse.

We'll plan trips, clinics and weeknight floats for the season. Bring your suggestions and ideas on where you want to explore or favorites you'd like to share with others. We want to book a variety of flatwater options.

Directions to the Genesee Waterways Center, 149 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York. GWC is located in Genesee Valley Park near the city ice rink: From I390, get off at the Scottsville Road (NYS Rt. 383) exit which is on the southwest side of Monroe County. Travel north on Scottsville Road for about 2/3 mile and then bear to your right onto Elmwood Ave. Proceed 1/4 mile on Elmwood Ave and turn right into Genesee Valley Park. Go another 400 feet until you see the GWC facilities and park in the designated areas.



Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!

FLOW Organization

President.....	Don Shaw.....	223-5077
Whitewater VP.....	Steve Kittelberger.....	442-6138
Flatwater VP.....	James Hopkins.....	330-5649
Secretary.....	Cathy Rague.....	(315) 926-7890
Treasurer.....	Joel Chastek.....	768-4651
Membership.....	Simon Barnett.....	899-6803
Corporate Liaison.....	Rose Conley	
	rosems@rochester.rr.com	
Trips & Events.....	Ivan Rezanka.....	381-7475
Newsletter.....	Andy Cook.....	461-9182
Instruction Advisor.....	Art Miller.....	377-1994

Newsletter Submissions

Send trip reports, articles, letters to the editor, rants, photographs, additions, corrections, deletions or anything else that you would like to see in *FLOWlines* to newsletter@flowpaddlers.org or

Andy Cook
515 Meigs St.
Rochester, NY 14607

The newsletter deadline is the next-to-last Thursday of the month.

Membership / Address Changes

To join FLOW, download the membership form from www.flowpaddlers.org, fill it out and send it with \$35 (\$40 for family rate) to:

FLOW Paddlers' Club C/O Simon Barnett
72 Maple Park Hts.
Rochester, NY 14625

If you don't have access to the web, contact Simon at the above address. Please send any address changes to Simon as well.

Upcoming Trips and Events

Whitewater trips.....	Ivan Rezanka.....	381-7475
Flatwater trips.....	James Hopkins.....	330-5649

National Organizations

American Canoe Association.....	www.acanet.org
American Whitewater.....	www.americanwhitewater.org

Local River Gauges

Genesee River (Letchworth).....	468-2303
Cattaraugus Creek.....	(716) 532-0626
Black Creek at Churchville... (800) 452-1742 #361131	
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Paddling Contacts

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www.jackryansbar.com.

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Canoes, kayaks accessories, rentals, tours and instruction. 10% off accessories for FLOW members.

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www.paddlingny.com.

Businesses Offering FLOW Discounts

Colorado Kayak Supply.....www.coloradokayak.com

15% off accessories (must supply ACA number)

Get Out & Stay Out.....427-0960

10% off all hiking, camping and climbing gear

getoutstayout@hotmail.com

Nantahala Outdoor Center.....www.noc.com

10% off all goods

Northern Outfitters.....www.noh20.com

10% off all retail items

Paddle Hut.....www.paddlehut.com

10% off boats and equipment

Zoar Outdoor.....www.zoaroutdoor.com

Local Businesses & Instruction

Adventure Calls.....(888) 270-2410

Whitewater rafting and boat shuttle in Letchworth State Park.

www.adventure-calls.com

Art Miller.....377-1994

ACA WW instruction & USACK WW slalom instruction.

artm@rochester.rr.com or www.kayakracing.org

Charles Feller.....226-8505

ACA & ARC canoeing, small craft safety & Basic Water

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Genesee Waterways Center & Lock 32.....328-3960

ACA Whitewater Kayak and rowing instruction.

www.geneseewaterways.org

George Scherer of Sea Kayak Rochester.....381-2104

ACA certified open water coastal kayak instructor

Georg.scherer@kodak.com

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Seayaker Outfitters.....(315) 524-9295

ACA certified Coastal Sea Kayak instructor— courses & tours.

www.seayaker.com

Talic Sport Hammocks.....381-5401

Wooden canoe and kayak stand manufacturer. www.talic.com

2004 Budget Report and 2005 Budget

2004

2005

Income:

Item:	Estimated	Actual	Delta	Positive= More income than estimated	Estimated
Individual Memberships	99	101	2		100
Family Memberships	54	61	7		60
Total Membership \$	\$5,625	\$5,705	80		\$5,700
Corporate Memberships	\$300	\$1,000	700		\$1,000
Wheatland Practice	\$130	\$17	-113		\$25
Pittsford/MCC Practice	\$250	\$90	-160		\$0
Swap Meet	\$60	\$70	10		\$60
Misc. Credits	\$0	\$115	115		\$0
Approx. Total	6365	6997	632		\$6,785

Expenses:

Item:	Estimated	Actual	Delta	Positive= Underran ex- pense estimate	Estimated
ACA Dues	\$3,060	\$4,116	-1056		\$4,150
January Party	\$500	\$500	0		\$750
August Party	\$800	\$310	490		\$800
Mailings	\$800	\$346	454		\$400
Meeting Rooms/Lodges	\$390	\$195	195		\$100
Meeting Expenses/Food/Etc.	\$95	\$189	-94		\$125
Pool Insurance	\$465	\$20	445		TBD
Donations	\$200	\$100	100		\$200
Web Site	\$60	\$60	0		\$60
Miscellaneous	\$0	\$115	-115		\$200
Approx. Total	6370	5951	419		\$6,785

Overall Delta (Approx.)	-5	1046	1051	Positive = More \$ than esti- mated	0
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Beginning Balance Charter One Account-Jan. 1, 2004	\$4,965.32
2004 Income	\$6,997.06
2004 Expenses	(\$5,951.09)
Calculated Balance Charter One Account-Dec. 31, 2004	\$6,011.29
Ending Balance Charter One Account-Dec. 31, 2004	\$6,011.29

Respectfully Submitted: Jerry A. Koehler, January 3, 2005

New York Area Boaters Get an Early Christmas Gift!



Posted: December 23, 2004 by Kevin Colburn at <http://americanwhitewater.org/archive/article/1261/>

American Whitewater is happy to report that New York area paddlers got a very special Christmas gift this year - two days early. The Ausable River is one of AW's 2004 Top River Issues because a dam owner on the river has been actively seeking to deny public access to the whitewater river downstream of their dam. On December 23rd, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission dealt the power company a lump of coal, a denial of their attempts to exclude paddlers and to cancel paddling studies. The FERC ultimately supported the arguments laid out in a long series of comments filed by American Whitewater - and concluded that river access is possible on the Ausable. The FERC has called for the completion of a flow study and other associated studies, and has affirmed that inherent issues relating to risk and rescue do not warrant banning paddling.

While we consider this a major milestone in a very important case, there is absolutely nothing unusual about this FERC decision. What is unusual is the attitude of the power company toward whitewater paddling and their attempts to lock paddlers out of the river. We are pleased to report that the FERC has made a good, consistent decision that supports river access below hydro dams - regardless of a dam owner's protests.

Check out our Top River Issue article for more background on the Ausable (edited version below): http://www.americanwhitewater.org/archive/article/1225/#sar_au

Check out our most recent Comments on the Ausable:

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/resources/repository/Ausable%20AW%20FERC%20EA%20Comments.doc>

This case is a strong example of how American Whitewater is constantly working to protect the interests of the paddling public. We hope that you will consider becoming a new member of American Whitewater, or renewing your membership for 2005. Your support is essential to our ability to work with the paddling community to protect whitewater rivers from environmental harm, and to protect public access to the rivers that we all cherish. Your \$35 dollars goes a long way in our organization, and delivers you a huge return on your investment - every time you go paddling. Since FLOW is an affiliate club, FLOW members can become full AW members for only \$25. As a member, you will receive:

- ◆ Six exciting issues of the *American Whitewater* magazine a \$29 newsstand value.
- ◆ Our monthly online electronic newsletter "AW Beta" featuring the latest whitewater news!
- ◆ 10% discount on outdoor equipment from Nantahala Outdoor Center Store, catalog and website.
- ◆ 40% off the subscription price of "Kayak Session" magazine.
- ◆ The chance to enjoy VIP treatment at an AW Hospitality Tent at an event in your area.
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Saranac and Ausable Rivers - New York

Issue: Dam owner seeks complete exclusion of whitewater paddling below its dams located on navigable waters.

Goal: To secure fair and reasonable public access to the Saranac and Ausable rivers while preventing New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) from claiming a corporate monopoly on these breathtaking rivers.

Current Status: NYSEG exemplifies dam owners seeking profit from a river at the American Public's expense, and they are willing to go to virtually any length to meet their goals. Throughout the relicensing of the Ausable Chasm on the Ausable River and the High Falls and Kent Falls reaches on the Saranac Rivers - located in Northeastern New York - NYSEG has opposed all paddling use of the rivers they control. American Whitewater has collaboratively worked with dam owners on roughly fifty recreational flow studies and only failed to successfully conclude three of these. Two of those three were the Ausable and Saranac projects.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has agreed with all of our arguments in opposition of NYSEG's stated goal of excluding paddlers from the Ausable Chasm. NYSEG claimed concerns regarding public safety, liability, terrorism, corporate relations with an adjacent corporation, difficulty – and the list goes on. Still, after agreeing that paddling is entirely possible and reasonable the FERC accepted NYSEG's request to lock paddlers out of the Chasm. We are fighting this unsupported proposed decision by the FERC and hope to convince the FERC that our interests must be met on the Ausable River. We expect a ruling from the FERC in late 2004.

NYSEG completed two recreational flow studies with American Whitewater on the Saranac River in 2003, agreed to the results, submitted the studies to FERC, and then inexplicably asked the FERC to disregard the studies entirely claiming that their own studies were biased and flawed. They also questioned American Whitewater's staff and volunteers' professional integrity. NYSEG has decided to fight hard against paddling use on the Saranac River, and has exhibited an incredible and unjustifiable disrespect for American Whitewater and our members. The battle lines have been clearly drawn by NYSEG and American Whitewater has stepped up consistently with strong counter arguments every step of the way. The FERC will decide the ultimate outcome of this conflict ridden project in late 2004 or early 2005. We would like to thank the Scott Murray Foundation and each of our 296 members in New York for their support of this very important and demanding project.

Next Steps: We expect to have to continue filing comments to the FERC regarding the Saranac Project. We will have to continue to argue every potentially precedent setting and anti-paddling point that NYSEG makes over the coming months and years.

Precedent: NYSEG represents the corporate pressure that is constantly vying for the public's rivers. While many dam owners work with the public to share the rivers they profit from, NYSEG fights for absolute control. Without American Whitewater's presence, NYSEG could change the face of paddling in New England and elsewhere by successfully claiming that dam owners have no responsibility to mitigate their impacts on recreation.

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are still living in the stone age, here are a few reasons why you should join this modern life. First, we have these magical things called computers that allow you to read these words without a printing press. They were pretty cool back in the 15th century, but they're kind of passé these days. In addition, we no longer need the pony express to deliver our mail. Instead it travels along a wire to a wizard (named Bill Gates) who redirects it to your intended recipient. This saves a couple of trees, which we now use to prettify our riverbanks instead. Since the advent of email, paddling clubs can now save hundreds of dollars a year. They can now spend their printing budgets on tasty foods and beverages. Email also cuts out the time it used to take to actually transport a piece of information over a long distance. This way you get your information at least a week before you would have. Switch now or I'll be one week ahead of you for the rest of the season. If you still feel you need a hardcopy, then you can volunteer to print, staple, fold and apply stamps to 100 hard copies. I bet five hours later you'll switch to email.

Thanks again to all of you who have made the switch to email distribution. For those of you who



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