



FLOWlines



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



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February 2005

Whitewater Planning Meeting

Time: 7 pm
Date: February 17th
Location: GWC Boathouse behind pool in Genesee Valley Park (see map next column).

Now's your chance to lobby for changes to the WW trip schedule. If there's a trip you would be willing to lead or even one that you want to go on, speak up. The meeting will have be an open forum to suggest trips and dates. In addition to the normal fare of New York rivers that are hallmarks of FLOW's trip schedule, we'd like to add some interesting extended trips and possibly some series of trips to expand our boating horizons. We're looking for innovative ideas that will encourage people to get on the river more often, challenge themselves and become better boaters for it. We'd also like to include a wide range of trips for novices that includes a variety of geologic and hydrologic formation. We'd also like to bridge the gap between novice and intermediate trips in order that folks can get their feet even more wet in gradual steps. If you'd like to help in this project please come out to GWC on the 17th. If you can't make it please feel free to make your suggestions online.

Pool Practice

FLOW has again secured pool time at MCC and Wheatland-Chili HS. The sessions at W-C will start on Monday February 28 and run from 7- 9 pm. The sessions at MCC will be on Friday night from 8:30-10pm. The starting date for MCC is not available at printing, but should be announced on the Message Board soon. The prices for members will be the same as last year, \$5 per session, \$35 for an individual season pass or \$45 for a family season pass. It's not yet clear if we'll be able to offer admission to non-members because of insurance reasons.

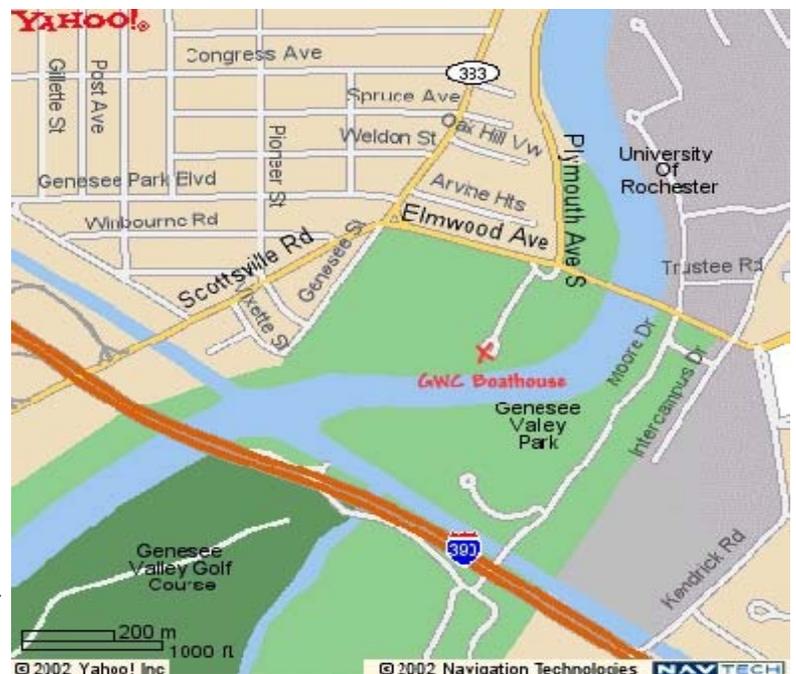
If you need a liquid fix in the meantime, GWC is offering pool time on Sunday night (and some Saturdays-check the Message Board) from 6- 8:30 for \$10.

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.



FLOW Organization

President.....	Don Shaw.....	223-5077
Whitewater VP.....	Norm Deets.....	224-9349
Flatwater VP.....	George Scherer.....	381-2104
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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
Salmon River..... (800)	452-1742 #365123
Waterline Site Codes.....	www.h2oline.com

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.

Located at 416 Manitou Rd. in Hilton and

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

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

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

10% off boats and equipment

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

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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

Rescue Instruction. ChasFeller@alum.rit.edu

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

Hemlock Canoe Works..... 367-3040

Hand crafted lightweight canoe manufacturer

www.hemlockcanoe.com

Karen Bader..... 377-4326

ACA certified flatwater instructor kmbader@aol.com

Pack, Paddle and Ski..... 346-5597

Flatwater, whitewater, canoe, kayak & sea kayak instruction.

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= Under-ran expense 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 estimated	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

Raffle Winners

To entice folks to renew their membership on time this year, we held a raffle. If you renewed at the winter party (or before), you were automatically entered. Winners were drawn by Norm Deets at the last Steering Committee Meeting. (Norm was considered un-biased since he renewed late and was ineligible to win anything.)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank three of our corporate sponsors who donated items to the raffle: BayCreek Paddling Center, Canalside Rentals, and Oak Orchard Canoe & Kayak.

Here are the winners:

Harry Weidman - EKG Paddling Top, Donated By Oak Orchard

Melissa Hofer - EKG Paddling Top, Donated By Oak Orchard

Wade Bowman - \$35 Gift Certificate, donated by BayCreek

Ron Turney - \$35 Gift Certificate, donated by BayCreek

Rick Mauser - \$35 Gift Certificate, donated by BayCreek

Larry Berking - Boat for a weekend, donated by Canalside Rentals

Don Shaw - EarthSports Fanny Pack, Donated by Oak Orchard

Thanks to everyone who renewed early! (And if you didn't, please renew soon.)

Election Results

The slate of officers was approved with 98% for, 2% opposed. That means that Norm Deets is the new Whitewater VP, George Scherer is the new Flatwater VP, Jerry Koehler is our new treasurer, Don Shaw remains our Fearless Leader (President) and Cathy Rague returns as our Treasurer.

The 2005 Budget (see page 3) was approved with 95% in favor and 5% opposed.

FLOWmail

Tokyo-Japan

January 20, 2005

Flow Paddlers Club

Dear Sirs.

My name is Ran Gabe who had organized adventure race in Costa Rica before. I came back to Japan last year, and I sent e-mail to you about our competition whose name is Extreme Series 2005 in Japan. We will organize this competition in this year. We hope that you will present it to many person and team member, and they will be interested in it. I think that you can enjoy this adventure race in Japan. And we think that we must enlarge this event little by little in the future.

You can obtain detailed information in our web site. We wish your cooperation and many participants coming to Japan in this event. Yours very truly,

Ran Gabe—Extremo Office (www.a-extremo.com)

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AW Update: Saranac and Ausable Rivers



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.

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.

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.

However, days later NYSEG formally objected to the license and convinced FERC to hold a "rehearing." It is uncertain what the results of this will be, but AW is following this potential precedent closely and expects to have more answers early this year.

Join AW Your \$35 dollars goes a long way 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. If you haven't heard enough reasons yet, here are some more:

- ◆ Six exciting issues of the *American Whitewater* magazine a \$29 newsstand value.
- ◆ Our monthly online electronic newsletter "AW Beta" featuring the latest whitewater news!
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Unlimited access to the most comprehensive whitewater resource website in the world.
- ◆ The ability to enjoy your whitewater rivers for many years to come.
- ◆ Official American Whitewater Membership Card (available in April 04) and AW decal

Join AW Today at <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/participate.phtml>

Newsletter Distribution

Due to the exorbitant price of printing the newsletter, FLOW has decided to take action. As of May you will no longer receive US-Mail distribution of the newsletter unless you notify us that you need to. You can respond to Andy Cook at (585) 747-8478, send a postcard to FLOW Paddlers' Club c/o Andy Cook 515 Meigs St. Rochester, NY 14607 or email newsletter@flowpaddlers.org As of next January, FLOW members who choose US mail distribution will be charged \$10 to cover the cost. We regret that it has come to this, but the steering committee found it to be too much of an imposition to ask individual members to print the newsletter and we just can't afford to print it at Kinko's. If you have a brilliant solution to this problem we are more than willing to hear it. Thank you for understanding.

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