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Calendar

March Events

- 7 KCK Board Meeting,
- 23 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library Theater

Coming up in April

- 4 KCK Board Meeting
- 11 Annual Safety Meeting
- 27 General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library Theater

Coming up in May

- 2 KCK Board Meeting
- 27 KCK Trip Planning Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library Theater

Check out the class dates on page 4

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MARCH GENERAL MEETING

We have an interesting two-part program planned for our March general membership meeting to get us all ready to enter the 2006 paddling season.

Jon Anderson will share his Harriman Fjord tsunami experience. Anderson and his group were loading their kayaks at Harriman Fjord last summer when a wave from a calving glacier hit the beach. Kayaks went floating, people were swim-

ming, yet they lived to tell their tale.

In addition, award-winning Alaskan videographer Bill Rome will present Prince William Sound Up Close. Bill has over 20 years of experience traveling the waters of Prince William Sound in an inflatable boat. This presentation is the result of years of observation and hundreds of hours of video taping for this full time Alaskan.

Location: Wilda Marsten Theater

Address: Lower Level Loussac Library 3600 Denali Street

Date: Thursday March 23rd 2006

Time: 7.00 p.m.



Rich Crain on the Chulitna

ANNUAL KCK SAFETY MEETING REMINDER

The 2006 Spring KCK Safety Meeting will be held at 7:00 pm Tuesday April 11th at the Loussac Library.

The waterways of Alaska can be as dangerous and unforgiving as they are spectacular. Whether you are a sea kayaker, a white water rafter, or a flatwater canoeist, safety is your concern. With the explosion in the number of people becoming involved in paddle sports there has been an equally large number of accidents and fatalities involving paddle sports. Let's

all do our best to help prevent KCK members or anyone from the Alaskan paddling community from becoming a statistic.

Attendance at the KCK safety meeting is mandatory for those who wish to participate in one of the spring classes (rafting, canoeing, kayaking). Topics include Paddle Safety Gear, Trip Planning, Boating Hazards, Defensive Swimming, and Hypothermia.

Sign ups for the Spring Classes will occur the same

day and place at 6:00 pm. Be there early as they tend to be popular and have filled up in the past.

Marvin Copley is the Safety Committee Director and is coordinating this year's event. The safety meeting flyer is available at <http://copleyak.tripod.com/flydown.html>

There will be safety-related door prizes available at the training. Pick up your ticket at the door.

SUMMARY OF KCK BOARD MEETING—MAR 7th

Reports from ongoing committees or members

KCK Operations Manual

Randy is continuing to gather and type up information to go into the KCK Operations Manual. He will send out an outline form of additional information needed on past board positions on various issues to those involved in past board decisions and actions. Secretary Randy Knauf is facilitating a project to produce a KCK Operations Manual. The purpose of this manual is to capture club procedures and processes and other "institutional knowledge" in one place.

Website

Terry reported the KCK web site had 3000 visits in February with 15,000 hits on various pages. Visits peaked the few days before the general meeting which seems to indicate deliberate use and interest more than random browsing. In addition to the KCK website, the club will manage a Yahoo Group site devoted to KCK and other paddle sports activities. Look for information regarding the Group site on the KCK website.

April Safety Meeting

Marvin Copley gave a report on the planning for the April safety meeting. He has already started publicity notices and contacts in the community. The meeting agenda is made up and presenters selected. Posters have been made and are ready to send out. He has the raffle tickets ready and has selected door prizes for the meeting. Randy will update the KCK hotline and check with Alaska Raft and Kayak on the last two door prizes. Marvin will also arrange for outfitted boat displays at the meeting. He has a registration process set up for instructors and membership. All is on

schedule and progressing nicely.

Opportunities for Training

Kelly briefed the meeting attendees on opportunities for course accrediting instructors, as well as swift water rescue. Visit the resource section of our website to find links to these opportunities.

Photo Contest and Logo

Board member Opie Coombs is preparing to launch KCK photo and possibly new logo contest. Be on the lookout for this development and save your photos.

New Business

Listserver use and/or misuse

There have been complaints about the number and type of commercial postings on the listserver. Members who had been around and/or involved when the change was made several years ago to allow some limited commercial postings reviewed what happened at that time. Kelly went over the current regulations that people are supposed to read when they sign up for the listserver. There was general agreement that the current regulations are not written clearly enough to explain the boards position. There was also agreement that the listserver postings should primarily be for the benefit of KCK members rather than for the commercial companies. Kelly appointed a committee of Carl, Marvin, and Randy to check with pat board members and rewrite the last sentence of the listserver regulations so it will clearly and specifically state how commercial companies may post on the listserver.

KCK Class Processes

Kelly distributed a memo for those volunteering to assist with the KCK spring classes. The purpose of the memo is to provide a timeline and procedures in order to have the event sanctioned and insured for the ACA in a timely fashion.

KCK NEEDS YOU

EDDYLINE NEWSLETTER

The Eddyline is your newsletter and it NEEDS your input.

We would love to share your trip experiences, images, paddling classified info, close calls, and tall tales.

Send your articles (under 250 words),

photos (reasonable sized and in .jpg format), and classifies ads to for inclusion in the next Eddyline.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Want to help keep KCK membership vital? Of course you do! Contact Marti for more information.

INFO & ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

KNIK CANOERS & KAYAKERS:

An Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, canoeists and rafters. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska.

DISPLAY ADVERTISING:

Contact the Eddyline at

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This edition of the Eddyline went to the printer after the March General Meeting. This was necessary to ensure that the spring classes were included in this edition.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to well attended KCK classes this year.

PADDLING HOTLINE

Want to be the first one on the water in 2006? Call the paddling hotline for events and trips at 566-1554

WEBSITE PHOTO CONTEST

KCK is running a photo of the month contest. Check www.kck.org for submission details.

MESSAGE FROM THE KCK PRESIDENT

In a few short weeks KCK will be hosting the annual Paddle Sports Safety Meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wilda Marston Theatre of the Loussac Library here in Anchorage. It gets exciting after this! Come as early as 6:00 p.m. and sign up for one of our spring/summer classes in Whitewater Rafting, Sea Kayaking, and Whitewater Canoeing. As of this writing we are also trying to sponsor classes in Basic Canoeing and Inflatable Kayaking. Courses usually include a classroom session or two, and a chance to get wet in a heated pool followed by an outing on the water. This season we will be offering two courses in Sea Kayaking to accommodate the usual interest in this class. Stay tuned to our website for this and more information.

Other courses and learning opportunities continue to be available through private outfitters and the upcoming Alaska Sea Kayaking Symposium. Check out the links found in the resource section of our website. One can learn the basics as well as get training as an instructor through the American Canoe Association and British Canoe Union systems. Courses in whitewater rescue for safety preparedness when running rivers are also scheduled in the forthcoming months.

When you join KCK (\$10 individual and \$15 family) you are joining years of experience and adventure shared by others. Fun events are always planned and being enjoyed during the boating season and include opportunities for beginners, evening potlucks at the Jewel Lake Shelter, BBQ's on the river, and a season's ending Thanksgiving potluck!

I wandered on down to the annual KCK Safety Meeting several years ago and found myself on the Copper River weeks later on a trip-of-a-lifetime. Since then I have found participation in KCK as a wonderful, safe, and friendly way to learn about many of our glorious waterways here in Alaska. Give yourself this opportunity and join us!



Kelly Tjaden on the Noatak

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale:

AIRE Lynx I (IK) with installed foot braces and thigh straps, red, little used \$950

Probe 12 Solo Canoe, fully outfitted, kevlar/gel coated, white/blue, a very friendly play boat, new \$1400

Tandem wood strip/fiberglass canoe, symmetrical lines 15', about 50 lbs, new. Finishing the last coats of varnish, \$2,400

Contact John Lucking by phone at (907) 694-0900 or by email jhlcnoe@arctic.net

Perception Shadow. Includes paddle, spray skirt and cockpit cover and it's already in Anchorage. Used lightly for 2 seasons. Contact Kelly at kellyja@msn.com

OFFICERS & CONTACTS

President: Kelly Tjaden
Vice President: Kathy Luchsinger
Secretary: Randy Knauff
 Lucy Davis
Treasurer: Eric Downey
Other Board Members:
 Lyle Anderson
 Opie Combs
 Robert Crager
 Richard Crain
 Keith Hawkings
 Carl Persson
 Terry Kelly

Membership: Marti Engebretsen

SELLING OR BUYING?

Looking to finally buy a canoe this summer? Want to sell that hot pink spray skirt you bought last year? Send a short classified ad for the next Eddyline to.

CLASS DATES AT A GLANCE**KCK General Safety Class**

Tuesday April 11th @ 7.00 p.m. Wilda Marston Theater Z.J.Loussac Library

Required for all classes

- May 2 Raft classroom session #1
- May 2 River canoe session #1
- May 4 River canoe pool session
- May 9 Raft classroom session #2
- May 9 River canoe pool session
- May 13&14 River canoe field
- May 20 & 21 Raft field days
- May 20 River canoe optional paddle
- May 22 Sea kayaking session #1
- May 24 Sea kayaking pool session
- May 25 Sea kayaking session #2
- May 31 Sea kayaking lake session
- June 3&4 Sea kayaking camping trip

Visit www.kck for Flatwater canoe dates

ANNUAL PADDLE SPORT CLASSES

KCK is preparing to offer its annual paddle sports classes... whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, and basic canoeing included. This year the club will offer 2 sea kayaking courses. A big thank you for those volunteering to provide and facilitate paddle sport classes for KCK!

KCK is an "Affiliate" of the American Canoe Association. As an affiliate we can gain ACA sanctioning and event insurance one-time-only for each event (class) we wish to sponsor as a club. KCK has utilized its affiliate status in prior years when providing paddle sport classes. More information can be found at: www.americancanoe.org

All class participants must be a member of KCK! Signing up is available at the April 11 Safety Meeting (see Board Member Luci Davis and her helpers at the sign-up table).

All class participants must become a member of the American Canoe Association. Non-ACA members will automatically be signed up when registering for the class. \$10 of your class fee is designated for the participant's one-time/one-event only membership. If a participant is already an ACA member they can show their proof of membership in 3 ways – 1) current membership card copy, 2) member should contact ACA regarding proof and present it, and 3) entering their membership number online at www.americancanoe.org/mlinks/loginresp2.lasso and print out the membership verification page.

KCK looks forward to your participation, all the fun we will have, and your future participation as a volunteer instructor or assistant next year!

SEA KAYAK CLASS

"We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea, whether it is to sail or to watch - we are going back from whence we came."

John F. Kennedy

Class size is limited and is open to members of Knik Canoers and Kayakers. Class cost is \$75.00 Contact Carl Persson at for more information.

This year's Sea Kayaking class has the following format:

- **Tuesday April 11** –KCK general safety meeting and class registration.
 - **Monday May 22**—Classroom Session #1 Gear & Technique 6:00-8:45p.m. @ REI
- Introduction to Instructors, Course Objectives, Materials, and Sources of Information, The Magic and Lure of Sea Kayaking Slide Show, Boats (construction materials, features, stability, size, single or double, rudders, care and maintenance, car-topping, etc.), Basic Paddle Strokes and Paddle Techniques, Bracing, Defensive Strokes, The Wet Exit, Self and Group Rescue.
- **Wednesday, May 24** —Pool Session (boats provided) 6 to 9 P.M. Bartlett Pool

Fitting You into the Kayak, Wet Exit, Strokes, Braces Assisted Rescues, and Self Rescues

- **Thursday May 25** — Classroom Session 2 – Safety and Seamanship
Basic, Mandatory Boating Accessory Gear (Paddles, sprayskirt, PFD, etc.), Clothing for Comfort, Performance, and Safety, Kayak Camping, Navigation and Seamanship (chart and compass, tides, wind, waves, route and destination selection, crossings, escape routes, finding and keeping track of yourself, marine weather forecasting, etc.), Deep Trouble – Incidents to Consider, Understand, and Learn From
 - **Wednesday May 31** —Session at a Local Lake (boats provided)
Develop boat handling skills and Basic paddling strokes
 - **Saturday & Sunday, June 3-4**— Overnight Camping Trip – Resurrection Bay
Trip will be weather dependent (maybe moved to another location if necessary)
- Boats and camping gear not provided for the overnight trip.** Students will need to arrange for use of a kayak (special deals available through class)

RAFTING CLASS

"We said there warn't no home like a raft, after all. Other places do seem so cramped and smothery but rafts don't. You feel mighty free and easy and comfortable on a raft"

Mark Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Class size is limited and is open to members of Knik Canoers and Kayakers. Class cost is \$75.00

Contact Eric Downey for more information, Home ;
Cell ; _____

This year's Rafting Class has the following format:

KCK General Safety Class

Tuesday April 11th @ 7.00 p.m. Wilda Marston Theater

Z.J.Loussac Library

Topics will include:

- River reading - Water safety - Equipment - River Camping

Raft Classroom Session #1

Tuesday May 2nd 6.30 p.m. at 1001 E Benson Blvd.

Driving directions:

3-story white building, behind the mid-town Fred Meyer and Village Inn, across the street from the BP Building. Enter building via the door on Village Inn side).

Topics will include:

Class intro — First Aid Kit — Planning and organizing the shuttle — Hypothermia Prevention — Ropework & Knots — Planning a rafting trip.

RIVER CANOE CLASS

"Love many, trust few, and always paddle your own canoe."

Anonymous

Class size is limited and is open to members of Knik Canoers and Kayakers. Class cost is \$75.00

Contact Pat Fleming for more information,

Learn and practice river canoeing techniques.

Topics will include: safety issues, boats, paddling and maneuvering skills, water reading skills, equipment, river and route selection. This is an active class, participants must be comfortable swimming, getting in and out of a canoe, kneeling for extended periods of time, and must be generally fit.

Needed: Some prior canoe experience, Dry suit (own, borrow, or rent: needed for on river days) Life jacket, Helmet, Paddle, and Throw bag.

If you do not own a canoe (set for white water) for this class we may be able to help you borrow a suitable boat.

Raft Classroom Session #2

Tuesday May 9th 6.30 p.m. at 1001 E Benson Blvd.

Topics will include:

- How a raft is set up and type of equipment to use for a safe trip.
- Rowing with a frame and paddle rafting techniques.
- Raft repair kit and how to use it
- River reading and guiding the raft in whitewater.
- River difficulty rating scales.
- Keeping a Safe Distance from other boats
- Types of clothing to be worn on a rafting trip.

Raft Field Days

May 20th & 21st

Matanuska River from behind King Mountain Lodge to King River. (Pot luck Saturday evening). Bring drinking water for Campground. Camp behind King Mountain Lodge (mile 76 Glenn Highway). Meet at the river behind King Mountain Lodge @ 9.00 a.m. Bring lunch and drinking water. Sunday 21st meet at 10.00 a.m. behind King Mountain Lodge.

Text: *The Complete Book of Whitewater Rafting* by Jeff Bennett (supplied)

This year's River Canoe Class has the following format:

- **Tuesday April 11** –KCK general safety meeting and class registration.
- **Tuesday May 2** – classroom session 6:30-9:30
- **Thursday May 4** – pool session 6:30-9
- **Tuesday May 9** – classroom session 6:30-9:30
- **Sat & Sun May 13&14**– Weekend of river training on the upper Kenai river
Camping and potluck nearby.
- **Saturday May 20**- optional paddle on Eagle river bridge-bridge section

FLATWATER CANOE CLASS

More information about this class is coming as soon as the Instructor is off the Iditarod Trail. Look to www.kck.org for details.

We can tell you that class size is limited and is open to members of Knik Canoers and Kayakers. Class cost is \$75.00

Knik Canoers & Kayakers
P.O. Box 242861
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861

2006 KCK Membership Application

BOATING INTERESTS Please indicate skill level:
W = Want to start, **B** = Beginner, **I** = Intermediate, **A** = Advanced

	Canoeing	WW Canoeing	Rafting	WW Rafting	Sea Kayaking	WW Kayaking
Name #1						
Name #2						
Name #3						
Name #4						

MEMBERSHIP ___ Individual (\$10) ___ Household (\$15)

___ **Check if interested in participating in group trips**

Check info desired in annual KCK directory:

___ Name ___ Phone ___ Email

Mailing Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS

Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| ___ Help with anything | Eddyline newsletter |
| ___ Lead trips | ___ Write stories/articles |
| ___ Meeting presentation | ___ Help with mailings |
| ___ Instruction | |
| ___ Safety clinics | |
| ___ Membership database | |

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: In consideration of your acceptance of my membership application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever waive, release and discharge any and all rights, demands, and claims for damages I may have against Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc., its representatives, officers, members, board members, sponsors or outing leaders for any and all injuries resulting from my participation in any of the activities of the Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc. That I freely and voluntarily assume all risks as incident to participation in any of the club activities and that I will assume and pay for my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I alone shall be responsible for the use of my own judgment in determining whether I should participate in club activities.

Signed
 Person 1 Date:.....
 Signed
 Person 2 Date:.....
 Signed
 Person 3 Date:.....
 Signed
 Person 4 Date:.....

Mail Form and dues to: Knik Canoers & Kayakers
P.O. Box 242861
Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861

IMPORTANT: Each adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian must also sign for each minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.