

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION



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NATIONAL OPEN CANOE CHAMPIONSHIPS, NANTAHALA RIVER, AUGUST 10-11

Don't forget the races. We need your support. Come and watch, come and help, come and race!

AUGUST 1974

NEWSLETTER

Deadline for September newsletter is August 21.

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AUGUST TRIP SCHEDULE (see Guidebook for river descriptions)

Saturday, August 3

HIAWASSEE (CLASS II-III)

PREREGISTER: With Dale Bergen at 377-2970 for details and meeting time.

Sunday, August 4

ETOWAH (CLASS I-II)

PREREGISTER: With Jack Weems at 938-5263.

Saturday, August 17

CHATTOOGA III (CLASS IV)

PREREGISTER: With Tom Hamby at 981-1499.

Sunday, August 18

CHATTOOGA II (CLASS I-II)

PREREGISTER: With Maureen Maloney at 427-1049 by Thursday, August 15.

CHATTOOGA IV (SUPER HARD)

PREREGISTER: With Clyde Woolsey at 766-8771.

Saturday, August 24

CHATTAHOOCHEE (NACOOCHEE SECTION) (CLASS I-II)

No leader. Any volunteers? Call your cruismaster, Dale Bergen, at 377-2970.

Sunday, August 25

CHATTAHOOCHEE (UPPER) (CLASS I-III)

PREREGISTER: With Jan Albitz at 469-8848.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Southeastern Championships Final Results

Final results from the June races on the Nantahala have been computed and competitors should have received printed copies by now. If you raced and haven't yet received your results, contact Tom Lines at 233-9545. As usual the GCA was well represented at the race. The following members brought home medals and trophies:

<u>Slalom</u>		<u>Wildwater</u>	
Cleve Tedford	2nd in C-1 Champ	Dave Jones	Fastest time in K-1 and winner of Julie Wilson Trophy (new course record of 48:26)
Mike Terry	2nd in K-1 Jr. Champ	Cleve Tedford	2nd in C-1 Champ
Steve Kohler/ Reid Dowdle	3rd in C-2 Champ	Ken Stockin	1st in K-1 Cruising
Bob Fennessey	2nd in K-1 Novice	Ken Strickland	2nd in K-1 Cruising
		Mark Warren	3rd in K-1 Cruising
		Martha Krickel	1st in C-1 W Open
		Polly Heyward	2nd in C-1 W Open
		Doug Woodward/ Margaret Tucker	1st in C-2 Mixed Champ
		Dave Jones/ Mark Warren	1st in C-2 Cruising

Intermediate Training Session

A training session emphasizing whitewater safety and intermediate level canoe/kayak skills and techniques was held on Section III of the Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River Saturday, July 20. Most of the morning was spend in an on-the-river bank discussion of safety including hidden and often overlooked hazards to whitewater boaters. Bill Heath gave a demonstration on the proper use of throw ropes. After his demonstration, each of the 32 students had an opportunity to make several practice throws. Students were then divided up into groups of no more than five boats per group for on-the-river training. Although several people had bemoaned the 7:15 a.m. meeting time, we were glad for the extra hours since it was 6 p.m. when everybody finally got off the river. We want to thank the following members who served as instructors: Dave Garrity, Bronwyn Fowlkes, Bill Heath, Bill Crowley, Ken Strickland, Bob Fennessey, Tom Hamby, Murray Johnson, Johnny Stephenson, and Cleve Tedford.

Green River Race

We just received the results of the Green River Slalom and Wildwater race held by the Carolina Canoe Club. This was the first major race on the Green River in North Carolina and we want to commend the CCC on a fine job. We hope to see this race continued. Ranked paddlers representing the GCA were:

<u>Slalom</u>		<u>Wildwater</u>	
Margaret Tucker	1st in K-1 W Advanced	Cleve Tedford	2nd in C-1 Downriver
Mark Albitz	1st in K-1 Jr. Novice	Claude Grizzard	3rd in C-1 Downriver
James Stewart/ Bill Bailey	2nd in C-2 Advanced	Ken Strickland	1st in K-1 Cruising
Ken Stockin	3rd in K-1 Novice	Mark Warren	2nd in K-1 Cruising
		Ken Stockin	3rd in K-1 Cruising
		David Jones	1st in K-1 Downriver
		(set the record of 30:31:6)	
		Mark Warren/ David Jones	1st in C-2 Decked

By being so well represented at this race, the Georgia Canoeing Association received the second place team trophy. Congratulations to these paddlers who make the sacrifices to achieve excellence in this great whitewater sport.

New River/Blue Ridge Dam Project

Letters are urgently needed to your Congressmen asking their support on H. R. 11120, a bill that would add the New River in North Carolina to the study category of the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. This would effectively place a moratorium on the proposed Blue Ridge Dam. This issue has developed into a major national battle since it is the first effort to delay a dam using the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, and the utility people are lobbying heavily. A similar bill has passed the Senate, but the utility interests have mounted a full attack on the House bill.

June Meeting

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the GCA was held Friday, June 28. Those who were unable to attend missed a very informative program given by the Forest Service. Forest service planners, Jack Ranney and Roger Frantz discussed management of the Chattooga River Unit as well as proposed management plans for the Chattooga National Wild and Scenic River. One of the main points brought out in the program was the fact that if use of the Chattooga continues to increase at the present rate, regulation in the form of a permit system will become necessary. This use regulation may be a year or two away, but most of us feel that permits such as those issued on some western rivers will eventually be required. One bit of information that brought out quite a lot of discussion during the question and answer session was the fact that the road at Earl's Ford will be closed off back $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the river. This is necessary in order to protect and maintain as wild and scenic the river corridor. The membership seemed to be almost equally divided for and against this plan. Those opposed thought that $\frac{1}{4}$ mile was too far for women and children to have to carry canoes. The Forest Service has always been very receptive to our comments and suggestions in regard to management of the Chattooga River. We thank them again for taking the time to meet with us and talk on a subject of such vital interest to canoeists.

TRIP REPORTS

NANTAHALA, Saturday, July 6

We were greeted with a bright day but some foreboding news---the fishermen were at war with the canoeists. They had felled several trees across the river in retaliation for an alleged incident of a canoe "running down" a fisherman. We were warned by the Outdoor Center to give all fishermen a wide berth and to be extra courteous (good advice for any river trip).

We started down the river with our ten kayaks and four canoes and our leader (Bergen) promptly capsized around the first curve. A new leader (Phillip Kenny) was thereafter appointed and he displayed his versatility by first capsizing on a relatively easy stretch, then successfully running Nantahala Falls backwards.

An intrepid fivesome returned for a second run which ended in a helmet-pounding, blinding rain. Fortunately, we had no problems with fishermen other than one mis-thrown rock. Making up our group were: Kayaks---Don Norton, Walter Evans, Sarah and Jack Tumblin, Hale Sanders, Phillip Kenny, Alan Neely, Gwen and Dale Bergen and Bob Oberg (guest); Canoes---A. C. and "Ace" Marshall, Earl and Mike Moore, Bronwyn Fowlkes, and Buffy Burkes.
---Dale Bergen

UPPER CHATTAHOOCHEE, Saturday, July 13

A large group of 30 boats ran the Upper Chattahoochee on a hot, cloudy day. The gauge at Hwy. 115 read 2.2, a bit low for kayaks, not to mention canoes. We divided into two groups, which worked fine except for the fact that several people changed groups without telling the leader of the group they left. (Panic!) The only excitement occurred when one of the leaders had to be lifted off a rock, kayak and all. For such a large group, the trip went very smoothly--we were off the river at 3 p.m.

In kayaks were: Bronwyn and Carter Fowlkes, Earl and Susan Ferguson, Lee Ann Lyerla, Gerald Collins, Jerry Davy, Steve Wohlgemuth, and Dale and Gwen Bergen---C-1; Robert Bell (CCC, Wash., D. C.)---C-1 open; Chuck Hamilton, Bruce McGregor, Allen Lewis, Gary DeBacher---F-2; Dave and Sandy Grow---C-2 open; Michael Shepard and Joe Dane, Dudley Crockett and son, Craig and Tina Martin, David and Jean Garrity, Sam and Julie Norwood, Carlton and Kathy Shuford, Earl and Earl Jr. Metzger, Joe and Pat Blanchfield, Mark and Mike Blanchfield, Craig and Jill Lyerla, Earl and Mike Moore, Bill and Kathy Cobban, Tom Clark and Betty Fromhagen, and A. C. and Ace Marshall---Bronwyn and Carter Fowlkes

CHATTOOGA III , Saturday, June 22

We had a beautiful day. It was in the upper 70's and just slightly overcast. The water level was about 1.6, which was ideal for the many first-timers. The trip was as large as any I remember on Section III but ran extremely smoothly as was evident by our 5½-hour trip time. There were eleven decked boats and fourteen open canoes. The many new boaters came prepared and did a fine job; several were nervy enough to run Bull Sluice.

I would like to thank Johnny Stephenson; he and Bob Goeke took the decked boats down for me. Also, I appreciated the help from Murray Johnson and Jack Weems as my sweeps with the open canoes.

The names of those on the trip will be omitted this time because in my hurrying at the put-in, I mistakenly put the list of names in my back pocket where it became very soggy.

---Bill Crowley

CHATTOOGA II, Sunday, June 23

This was a large group made up of 13 canoes and 4 kayaks. Most of the canoes were tandem made up of husband and wives; many were recent graduates of our GCA training session out to try their wings. I was really impressed with the effort shown by the new members of our group to master the skills of canoeing. So enthused were many that we had to pry them away from the lunch spot at the Class III falls for they kept running it and rerunning it. It was a beautiful day and though the water was low, it posed no problem for us. Included in the group were: Dudley Crockett, Jean Stevenson, John and Martha Krickel, Doug and Nancy Payne, Eileen Lange and Carl Betz, Stacey Lange, Connie Gibson, Marion and Nancy Barker, M. C. and Sara Fullilove, A. C. Marshall and son, Vin Hirsch and daughter, and Mike Weems. My special thanks to Jack Weems and Bruce for running sweep.---John and Suzy Helmlinger

COMPLAINTS FROM A TRIP LEADER

On a recent trip several situations occurred which indicate the necessity of reminding club members of their responsibilities. First, it is the responsibility of a parent to insure that a child is provided supervision sufficient for the child's safety. While all members of a trip share responsibility for each other, the responsibility for a child is primarily that of the parents. Recently a parent left a child in a kayak behind. Unfortunately, the child was too scared and lacked control of the boat and therefore could not run many of the rapids. The parent was not available to help and other members had to get out of their boats and walk and/or carry the boat and child around the rapids.

Secondly, a club member who hosts a guest assumes certain responsibilities. On a recent trip a member assured me that his guests were competent to make the trip. However, it soon became apparent that the guests didn't know a draw from a pry. Naturally, the guest could not keep up with the group. The host did not stay with his guests but proceeded on downstream.

Also, it is a fundamental safety rule that boaters keep contact with those behind them.
---David Garrity

WANT ADS

Please limit want ads to 25 words and include name, address, and phone number. Only ads for used boats and equipment will be advertised free of charge; \$5 will be charged to advertise new boats. Please include your check made out to the Georgia Canoeing Association with any ads for new boats and equipment.

For Sale

Femat, good condition with bladders, \$150. Call 967-3621.

For Sale

Cruising kayak, used but solid w/spray skirt---\$100. Call John A. Helmlinger at 755-0396.

For Sale

Pavelbone kayak, heavy and looks terrible but hasn't been run very much. \$140 or best offer. Pavelbone kayak, one month old and in good shape, \$190. Prijon Kayak, a very strong boat, only \$185. Call John Stephenson at 471-3235 after 8 p.m.

For Sale

One used Prijon 400, old but tough and a good boat to learn in. \$100 or best offer. Brand new Prijon special slalom run only on Nantahala, \$190 or best offer. Call Harry Kustick at 633-0260.

For Sale

One junior K-1, used but still in good condition. Complete with neoprene spray skirt. \$85. Call Nancy or Buddy Collins at 366-4315 after 6 p.m.

For Sale

New 'River Chaser' kayaks by Hollowform--revolutionary seamless construction of fracture-resistant Marlex^R ---one of the toughest boats ever made. No waiting! \$179 + tax and shipping. Contact Doug Woodward at 875-7791, P. O. Box 15311, Atlanta 30333

For Sale

Small Harishok life jacket, almost new. Call Gwen Bergen at 377-2970.

Wanted

Small Peter Storm life jacket. Call Gwen Bergen at 377-2970.

SAFETY TIPS

Contributions to "Safety Tips" are welcome and encouraged. Include diagrams or illustrations if applicable. Subject to editing.

An Open Letter to the GCA Membership

During the past several years, it seems that we have been developing a rather cavalier attitude toward our white-water activities. This rather glib approach is even appearing in our literature.¹ The theme and tone of these articles seems to me that I am to be thrilled, perhaps inspired, by these death-defying adventures. If this is the case, then I seem to lack the proper esprit de corps, for I am only amazed at the ignorance and sheer stupidity of the writers and participants.

Who among you would stand in the road and let me run into you with my truck? Dumb, stupid question? Not at all, really! Don't we realize that the river is a truck without brakes? A moving body of water, or any other fluid, possesses momentum just as a moving truck does. As in the case of the truck, the momentum of any given quantity of fluid, such as water, is its mass multiplied by its velocity. When a moving mass of water strikes a surface, it exerts a force on that surface due to its momentum. A constant flow of water will exert a constant (no brakes) force, and that force is equal to the momentum lost at the surface each second. Those of you with a background in physics will recognize this as the definition of force, i. e., the rate of change of momentum. The rate of change of momentum per square foot of the surface of the plane, hence, the force per square foot is:

$$\text{FORCE (in foot-pounds)} = \frac{D \text{ (density)} \times V^2 \text{ (velocity)} \times A \text{ (area of surface)}}{32 \text{ (feet/slug)}}$$

where density of water = 62.4 lbs/ft³ and area of a man is approximately equal to 5 ft.²

Have I just bored you to death The above boring bit of garbage can kill you!! In simple language, if I am told that the water flow is 30 feet per second, then my frail body in that water will find a considerable force exerted against it, specifically, 1,440+ foot-pounds. Of course, if I am freely floating down the river, inside the truck as it were, this can be viewed as a form of potential energy, BUT, if I am stopped, thrown out into its path, this force is quite real. A souse-hole, a rock, a tree---all of these are stoppers!! Our frail bodies can not endure against this kind of force. There is nothing you can do about it. YOU ARE BEING HIT BY A TRUCK THAT WILL NOT STOP!

Open Letter (cont'd)

We do have a choice. We can be like the high-wire performer who works over a net and run rivers which do not have stoppers and portaging the stoppers when we find them. We can take down the net, as it were, and run our killer rivers where one small mistake in the span of a split second can make us another statistic.---Marvin Albitz

¹"Spelunkers on the Chattooga," Donal Myrick, American Whitewater, Winter 1972

"Frothing White Rip-Off," Jim Stohlquist, Canoe, May/June 1974, pg. 16.

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