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ADDRESS CHANGE? SUBSCRIPTION PROBLEM? Write to GCA Membership Chairperson, P.O. Box 7023, Atlanta, GA 30357. The editor does not do these things. Deadline for the next newsletter is the 15th! Send material to Gary DeBacher, 614 N. Superior, Decatur, GA 30033. Please use a decent ribbon and type border-to-border (zero margins) with indented paragraphs, and don't skip a line between paragraphs. This saves valuable space. Photos, cartoons, artwork, and clippings of interest to paddlers are also welcome. Ads are free for members selling used paddling equipment only. NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WILL BE THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7:30 PM, at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center at 1745 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, just north of Brookwood Station next to an Int. House of Pancakes. Members and interested persons are invited to attend. If you wish to submit any matters for discussion or vote, call President Allen Hedden, 252-6167, so he can plan time on the agenda.

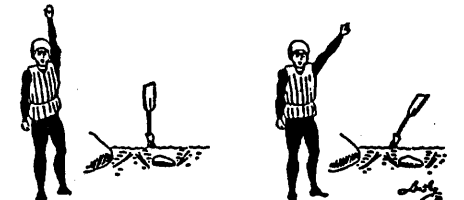
EDDYLINE LATE? If your Eddyline has not arrived by the 15th, call GCA Treasurer Ed Schultz, 266-3734, so he can mail a replacement copy. Please make full use of the extended trip list from the previous month before you hit the panic switch, but if the schedule runs out before you get the latest copy, you can call the editor Gary DeBacher, 634-4651, for interim info to tide you over. Or you can just plan to work on the yard....

Sept. 2	Upper Hooch	2-3, int.	Barry Hahn	252-9538
	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	John Miles	487-8362
3	French Broad	3-4, advanced	Bill Smith	704-622-3381
9	Cartecay	2-3, intermediate	Hank Baudet	623-9230
	Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Scott Wilhelm	449-3835
10	Ocoee First Timer's Trip-	advanced gunnel grabbers.	Allen Hedden	252-6167
16	Metro Moonlight	Hooch Run- or something like that.	Gwen Bergen	993-2336
	Nantahala	2-3, int.	Bill Gay	482-8568
	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Hal Herndon	W: 432-8705
16-17	ACA Instructors' Methods	Workshop, Nantahala Outdoor Center	Roger Nott	1-536-6923
17	Chattooga 4	3-5, very advanced		
23	Lower Chauga	2-3, intermediate	Laura Jordan	1-803-836-8498
24	Etowah	1-2, trained beginner	Jimmy Gunter	974-3843
	Ocoee	3-4, very advanced	Greg Grant	1-615-344-2573
30	Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Roger Salas	1-673-6392
Oct. 1	Broad	1-2, trained beginner	Jim Patsos	477-9747
	Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	Ben Fouts	1-532-3523
7	Upper Hooch	2-3, intermediate	Oreon Mann	522-3469
	Wildcard	3-4, advanced	Dewey Tate	355-5826
8	Chattooga 4	3-5, very advanced	Mark Levine	971-5866
14	Flint	1-2, trained beginner	Don Langford	1-324-3007
	Nantahala	2-3, intermediate	Bill Mann	242-3893
	Chattooga 3	3-4, advanced	Ken Kale	921-6108
13-15	Camberland Island	camping at Sea Camp. Warm campfires and cold showers.	Carol Mercer	373-6683
15	Trip Leaders	Needed--- Call Carol Mercer		



STOP: Potential hazard ahead. Wait for "all clear" signal before proceeding, or scout ahead. Form a horizontal bar with your outstretched arms. Those seeing the signal should pass it back to others in the party.

HELP/EMERGENCY: Assist the signaller as quickly as possible. Give three long blasts on a police whistle while waving a paddle, helmet or life vest over your head.



ALL CLEAR: Come ahead (in the absence of other directions proceed down the center.) Form a vertical bar with your paddle or one arm held high above your head. Paddle blade should be turned flat

FLASH!! The GCA General membership meeting will be 7 PM Oct. 20 at Henderson Mill High School. See flyer for details.

Call Carol Mercer to volunteer to coordinate trips-- 373-6683

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS. Watch for specifics next month on the GCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, including election of officers and other more interesting matters; it almost always falls on a Friday evening in late October.

Celebrate the finale of the 1989 whitewater season and help save America's rivers at the annual GAULEY RIVER FESTIVAL Saturday, September 16, from 5 PM til ?? Find someone sober enough to explain why the Gauley festival is held at the New River Gorge Campground on US 19 at Milroy Grose Road, one mile north of the New River Gorge Bridge.

Festival Coordinator Anita Adams promises an Extravaganza Extraordinaire featuring a live band, folksinger, whitewater videos, raffle and silent auction. Teams representing affiliate clubs and commercial rafting operations will square off in tug of war and beer chugging contests. Outfitters and manufacturers will display and sell whitewater gear at the Festival Marketplace.

Admission is \$5 per person, and on-site camping is an additional \$2. Food and beer will be available from concessionaires. Profits from the Festival are utilized by the AWA for river conservation.

CATAWBA RIVER RACES ON OCTOBER 7-8, near Morgantown, NC. On Saturday there will be open canoe downriver and slalom in the 18th annual Southeastern Intercollegiate Canoe Races. Contact Bob Benner at 704-438-6063. On Sunday the North Carolina Marathon Canoeing State Championships will be held, using USCA and recreational classes, on a down and back course from John's River Access on hwy 18 near Morgantown. Contact David Benner, CB 40-14, Hudson, NC 28638.

MORE CRANKY EDITORIAL CHANGES. Every month it seems I'm busting my stern trying to make an 8 page newsletter out of 6 pages worth of material. This is silly. From now on, if I don't have enough for 8 pages, I will put the essential and current stuff in to make up a 4 page newsletter and save the rest for the next month, when it will help to make up an 8 page newsletter. This may mean that you wait a little longer to see your trip report in print. (I won't delay ads or announcements unless they need retyping.)

SOME OF YOU DIDN'T READ WHAT I SAID ABOUT DRAFT QUALITY DOT MATRIX, and are still sending in trip reports printed this way. Read my lips! No more draft quality dot matrix! Call me and I will help you get set to print N.Q (near letter quality) on your 9-pin dot matrix, or send your article to me as an ASCII file on a 5.25" 360K IBM PC floppy and I will print it on a daisy wheel printer. Yeah, I know the President said to print all trip reports no matter what, but that's tough, 'cause draft quality dot matrix has no more place in this newsletter. -Editor

The following list of candidates for office has been submitted by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Executive Board. The election will take place at the Fall General Membership Meeting in October. Other nominations may be submitted at the meeting.

President	Gwen Bergen	Training Director-Kayak	Jim Flemister
Vice President	Doug Klaucke	Director at Large	Nolan Whitesell
Secretary	Brad Nichol	Director at Large	Wayne Gentry
Treasurer	Ed Schultz	Director at Large	Roger Nott
Newsletter Editor	Gary DeBacher	Director at Large	Andy Warshaw
Cruisemaster	Barry Hahn	Immediate Past President	Allen Hedden
Training Director-Canoe	Mark Levine		

CARTECAY RIVER, Saturday, July 2, 1989. Trip coordinator: Dick Hurd. A small group of paddlers from all over--Charleston, Savannah, and Florida, met at the put-in at 10 AM; the good folks at MOE ran shuttle for us as they do for all GCA members. The water was good at 2.3, and though overcast most of the day, the rains held off. It was a good run for all, and at this level, the trip was considerably faster at the lower end than usual. It was a good bit like the Nantahala. A word of CAUTION: the take-out is in bad shape for your vehicle--huge mudholes and a drop off the pavement, so don't take your best car. Enjoying this outing were: in kayaks, Eileen Rowan, Mark Kramer, Jason Pickering; in canoes, Les Davenport, Beth Keyserling, Tom Pickering, and myself.

Addendum: on July 4, I got a 'pick-up' trip back down at 2.8, and at this level it really cooks. Call MOE for daily reports and trips, because the Cartecay rises and falls quickly after rains.



TANDEM CANOE FOR SALE. 17' OLD TOWNE TRIPPER. ABS MATERIAL. VINYL GUNNELS. PADDLES INCLUDED. FIBERGLASS REINFORCEMENT KIT FOR BOW. EXCELLENT CONDITION. CALL PAT AT (404)279-0577 AFTER 6 PM.

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FOR SALE: Rubber waterproof bags, good condition. Two 16"x16" @ \$15.00 each. One 12"x12" @ \$10. Call: Ginnie Good (404)-457-2357, or write at 4140 Ashwoody Trail, NE, Atlanta, GA 30319.

FOR SALE: Mad River Explorer Canoe w/extra thwart, block, D-rings, skid pads, 2 Norse paddles, all \$350.00. 3 Mohawk paddles, all \$15.00. Two Dry Boxes \$50.00 ea. Two helmets \$10.00 ea. Three wet suits \$15.00 ea. Two spray skirts \$10.00 ea. Fuji 35mm waterpf/camera \$75.00. Minolta 110 waterpf/camera \$35.00. 3 PFDs \$10.00 ea. 4 Dry Bags \$5.00 ea. Waterbottles \$3.00 ea. Rich 261-4875

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FOR SALE: Yakima rack for Ford Taurus. Used one year, 66" crossbar, \$50. Drysuit, used six months, ladies' large, \$100. Call Karen Smith, (404)-234-8195.

WANTED SMALL KAYAK SUITABLE FOR SMALL CHILDREN, BETWEEN 6 AND 10 YEARS OF AGE. ALSO PADDLE. CONTACT DONALD WIGSTON PHONE (404)7277497 (work), 3291698 (home).

FOR SALE: MOHAWK WHITEWATER 16ft ABS, FULL FLOTATION, KNEEPADS, SOLO THIGHSTRAPS. \$350. Call MIKE BRIDGES 924-0006 after 6pm.

On Saturday, July 29, 1989, Kevin Huff was drowned while paddling the Tellico River.

The group consisted of Mr. Huff, age 24, in an OC-1; his father Larry Huff, also in an OC-1; and Jeff Wroblewski in an C-1. They put in at the bridge below Jarred's knee with the river running 1.4 (175 cfs).

They had paddled about 5 miles without incident. Everyone was adequately skilled and comfortable with the river. They stopped to discuss the dangers of a place called "Readers Rock". This innocent looking rapid can be recognized by a "keep right" sign nailed to a tree on the river left bank. This sign warns of an extremely undercut rock on the left, a class 2 rapid with a class 6 penalty. Kevin missed his line, probably deflected by a small rock in the approach. He slid sideways into the undercut rock and disappeared. Only a small piece of his boat and his hand remained visible. It quickly became obvious that he was unable to free himself. Jeff got out of his boat and ran upstream where he could lie down on the rock above the victim. Jeff grabbed Kevin's arm, trying to pull him loose or at least raise his head above the water. When Kevin's watchband broke, Jeff lost his grip. He then used his knife to slash one of Kevin's airbags. Perhaps the additional force of the water would push the boat though beneath the rock? While the boat remained pinned, Kevin floated out from under the rock. He had been underwater perhaps 5 minutes.

Larry and Jeff got Kevin onto a rock in midstream about 100 feet below the rapid. I was driving by and saw them pull him up on the rock and begin CPR. I stopped the next car and told them to go to the Ranger's station and call for an ambulance.

I then went down to the river to offer any help I could. Another car stopped and 2 women trained in CPR joined the resuscitation effort. There were now 5 people alternating the administration of CPR. The efforts continued for another 20 minutes, until the ambulance arrived. The EMT's inserted a tube into Kevin's lungs and removed a large amount of water. They continued life support efforts to Sweetwater Hospital where Kevin was pronounced dead.

Later reports from the group that freed the boat gave no clearer indications as to what pinned Mr. Huff. The boat was a Sunburst, outfitted with a Perception saddle. He did not have toe blocks or thigh straps. Although the saddle had shifted slightly, it did not appear to have been a factor in Kevin's death.

The most likely scenario is that the buoyancy of the boat trapped him against the underside of the rock. When Jeff cut an airbag, the current pushed the boat lower in the water and turned it slightly allowing room for Kevin to flush out.

In most drowning's, the victims airway spasms at the first gulp of water. When this does not happen, the lungs fill with water and in the field, CPR is seldom successful.

Even when the water is expelled, it has already caused other life threatening complications.

Mr. Wroblewski and the elder Mr. Huff performed admirably. While Jeff tried to stabilize the victim, Larry was setting up a Z drag. They got Kevin out quickly and sustained CPR until professional help arrived. We offer our deepest sympathies.

For those who run the Tellico, the following safety procedures are recommended:

1. Above 600 cfs, the undercut is not overly dangerous to swimmers or boaters. However, a throw rope on river right is still a very good idea. Run the rapid on the right side, away from the Readers Rock.
 2. Above about 350 cfs, scout the undercut. It is a distinct hazard to swimmers and possibly to out of control boaters. Again, a throw rope on river right and perhaps someone on the rock to push away a boat.
 3. Below 350 cfs, this is when all the really scary stories take place. Scout! If you are not absolutely sure of your boat control, WALK! Throw rope on the right, person on the rock.
- Please respect this rapid. It doesn't look like much, but a lot of people have had big trouble there.
Next month other thoughts about safety.