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FOR SALE: Mad River Courier solo canoe w/ saddle and float bags.\$450. Call Tom Keith at 536-2513 (Nights)

FOR SALE: Mohawk Whitewater 16 ABS Canoe. Red, excellent Condition. \$500. OBO. Also Perception Saddle & Air Bags, \$60. Call Gary at 404-514-1441 Days and 404-578-8313 Nights.

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FOR SALE: Perception Mirage Yellow. W/ Bags, gear bag, spray skirt. \$375. Cal Wayne at 434-9988 Days.

FOR SALE: 16' Blue Hole OCA, Black, Perception Saddle, Bags, Knee Pads.\$600. OBO. Call Brian at 922-7915.

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FOR SALE: Old Town Hunter ABS Canoe, Green. \$350. Also, Coleman 15' Polyethylene Canoe, \$250. Call Tom at 404-775-7626.

FOR SALE: Mad River Courier-All new ash gunnel rails, bow & stern airbags, knee pads, skidplates, saddle and cane seats for converting to tandem. \$500. Call Duane at 928-2333. Woodstock, Ga.

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FOREST SERVICE RENDERS DECISION

ADVANCED PERMIT SYSTEM DROPPED

Horace Jarrett of the U.S. Forest Service Walhalla Dist. has notified all Organized groups that the advanced permit system utilized since 1985 to control club usage on the Chattooga, has now been dropped for a trial period to include all of 1991. This means that organized groups such as the GCA will no longer have to schedule Chattooga River trips as much as a year in advance and hope that someone will volunteer to lead the trip when it comes around. The USFS also announced that all trips including private and club trips are now limited to 12 craft per group and that organized groups should indicate their name on the day permit which is still required. The notification also calls for the self regulation of all Organized Groups to limit their usage to one group of 12 craft per club per day. The GCA Board has

voted to support this effort by the USFS 100% and will not schedule more than one trip on the Chattooga per day and we will instruct our trip coordinators to strictly limit all trips on all sections to 12 craft per trip. Please be advised that members who do not register in advance for a Chattooga trip and just show up at the put in may not be allowed to paddle with the Club trip that day.

The Forest Service has also stated that it will not allow large club activities on the Chattooga such as the Spring Extravaganza that would be in violation of the new regulations. The GCA Board has also supported this action and has scheduled your Spring Extravaganza for Blackburn Park near Dahlo-nega this year.

Mr. Jarrett did, however indicate that this practice would be carefully scrutinized and that if conditions

warrant, that some future special permits may be considered for this type of activity.

The GCA Board has worked very hard to achieve these new regulations and it's most important that all paddlers comply with these new rules. Not only does this action protect the river and the Wilderness experience it now offers by not allowing large groups on the river, it also erases the discrimination factor Organized Groups have been regulated to in the past by now putting private paddlers and Organized Groups in identical categories.

The GCA Board is most grateful for the opportunity the USFS has granted us and our members. And we have committed to work hard to continue our relationship with the USFS and to do all we can to support these new regulations.

UPDATE ON FEDERAL BOAT TAX

The GCA River Rights Committee spoke with Mr. Jim Adams of the Maritime Committee on 2/26/91 regarding the "Canoe and Kayak User Fee" (see last months Eddy Line for a complete history). Mr. Adams stated that the Coast guard has not released the proposed rules and will not release them for two to four weeks. Public hearings are set for sometime in April, but the date has not been set yet. There are bills before congress to 1) repeal the entire boat user fee measure regardless of power source (motor or people power)- ACA does not think this bill is likely to pass given the current budget crunch, although the power boat lobby is very strong or 2) exempt "manpowered vessels such as canoes, and kayaks" from the provisions of the "user fee" law. Does this mean that "women powered" craft are also exempt? The ACA feels that this bill may stand more of a chance of passage. **WHAT CAN YOU DO?** Write to your federal representatives, both house and senate and write to Commandant G-NAB, Navigable Waters User Tax Section, United States Coast Guard, 2100 Second St. SW, Washington D.C. 20593. **SUBMITTED BY CAROL MERCER.**

LAWSUIT UPDATE

LAWSUIT UPDATE: Nothing new to report regarding the lawsuit. It is watch and wait for the time being. We will keep you informed as things happen. Stay tuned to you Eddy Line for further details. C. Mercer

DAMS PROPOSED FOR FRENCH BROAD

Many of us who paddle the French Broad River in North Carolina near Asheville or hike in the area have been wondering and concerned about possible dams on the river system. I spoke with someone from the French Broad River Foundation in Asheville NC this past week to get some information. There are six dams proposed for the area. According to the Foundation, the project surfaced about two years ago and no one thought anything would come of "it". Wrong. The proposal is for a series of six dams: 1) a 56 ft high dam on the North Fork, French Broad River, 2) a 110 ft high dam on the West Fork, French Broad River, 3) a 95 ft high dam on the East Fork, French Broad River, 4) a 50 ft high dam on the South Fork, Flat Creek, 5) a 95 ft high dam on the North Fork, Flat Creek and 6) a 125 ft high dam on Cathey's Creek. The proposal is from the Soil Conservation Service of the US

Dept. of Agriculture. The dams are supposed to be a flood control remedy; not to eliminate flooding but to reduce it. However, a spokesman from the Foundation stated that in the last significant flood (1964), the damages in 1991 dollars would have been in the \$450,000 area. Although these are small dams, the Foundation is not in favor of the proposal. As is any state, there appears to be persons that may see land values rise dramatically due to the dams and are in a position to push the dams through. We will keep you informed and will have more info next month. C. Mercer

LAST MINUTE SHORTS

Volunteers needed for the Slalom Team Trials on March 4-7. Help needed in all areas. Call Jean Hillary 404-977-9416 or 565-5140 if you can lend a hand.

Judges Certification Clinic, date and time TBA. Learn the proper way to judge slalom gates on an international level. Call Don Giddens 404-641-1028.

First Aid and CPR Courses now being formed. Include the whole family. Something all paddlers and outdoor people should keep current. Call Oreon Mann for additional information at 522-3469.

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APRIL 12-14

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WANTED: Yakima Tower Racks for car with raingutters. Locks and kayak stacker a plus. Call Bill Mann at 404-242-7748 Evenings

FOR SALE: Mohawk Canoes in both Royalex and Fiberglass. Paddling Equipment NEW AND CHEAP. 35 Minutes south of I-285 in Jackson, Ga. 404-775-7501. Tom

FOR SALE: Perception C-1 Sage. Set up with knee pads and saddle. Spray skirt included with deal. Call Rachel at 552-8160. \$75.00.

Ads are free for due paying members.

FOR SALE: Perception Kayak Dancer XT with airbags, spray skirt, paddle, helmet and cradles. Also, Sunburst canoe set up for tandem. All in good shape. Some extra gear is available at extra cost. Call Allen Hedden at 426-4318.

FOR SALE: Red Prijon T-Slalom kayak with sprayskirt and airbags. Only 15 months old and in very good condition. \$400. ALSO, Sawyer Charger Canoe, 18'6" Expedition model. Bomb proof kevlar layup. Red, in good condition. Call Doug at 873-5691.

FOR SALE: Mohawk Challenger Solo, River ready Saddle, air bags, thigh straps. \$300. Quick & Easy roof racks w/ 60" bars. \$45. Thule roof rack attachment for 2 bicycles. \$45. Call Hank Baudet at 623-9230

Twenty-Third Annual Southeastern U.S. Slalom and Wildwater Championships and the 1991 A.C.A. Dixie Division Decked Boat Championships

- SPONSOR:** Georgia Canoeing Association.
- DATES & LOCATION:** Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19, 1991 on the Nantahala River, North Carolina.
- SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS:**
 - No registration on Saturday morning or Sunday morning.
 - Open boat slalom on Saturday and decked boat slalom on Sunday.
 - A second wildwater race, finishing above Nantahala Falls, will be held on Sunday morning.
- ENTRY FEES:** If postmarked by May 5, \$12.00 per person first event and \$5.00 for each additional event. If postmarked after May 5, \$15.00 for first event and \$6.00 for each additional event.
- ENTRY CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation of entry will be mailed to all preregistrants. If you have not received yours by May 15, please call the registrar to make sure it was received, or plan to arrive at the races in time for late registration. See schedule below.
- REGISTRAR:** Louise Martin, 1319 Pasadena Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30306. 404-873-5691.
- ACA MEMBERSHIP:** All participants must be members of the American Canoe Association. Please bring your membership card to the race. If you are not yet a member, you may join as an event member by including \$5.00 with the registration form.
- LODGING:** Advance reservations for rooms, camping, etc. are suggested. For information about accommodations contact the Nantahala Outdoor Center or the Swain County Chamber of Commerce, both in Bryson City, North Carolina.
- BIBS & NUMBERS:** Pre-registrants may pick up bibs from the Registrar during one of the scheduled registration periods or before the racers' meetings. See the schedule for specific times. Bibs will not be available at the starting line.
- CLASSES:** Classes with fewer than 3 entries will not be held unless they can be combined with the next higher class to reach the 3-boat minimum. Separate classes for juniors and masters will be held if they meet the 3-boat minimum.
- BOAT INSPECTION:** All boats must be inspected and classified. The decision of the boat inspector will be final.
- SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Decked Boats - all decked boats must have grab loops (tape loops are acceptable) and adequate flotation; and decked boat paddlers must wear life jackets and helmets. Open Boats - all open boats must have adequate painter lines and paddlers must wear life jackets. Helmets are strongly recommended. Additional flotation is encouraged, but must be below the gunwales and not impede water flow.
- RACE HEADQUARTERS:** Race headquarters will be at the N.O.C. Pavilion during registration and contestants' meetings, and at the scoring table during the races. All contestants must attend contestants' meetings. The NOC Pavilion is located on river left just below the NOC bridge. Each contestant is responsible for reading posted information. Additional information will be posted near finish line once races have begun.
- AWARDS:** Awards will be given for the first three places in each class. The awards ceremonies will be held at the Saturday evening supper and as soon as possible after the end of Sunday's races, both at the N.O.C. Pavilion. **SPECIAL AWARDS:** The Southeastern Cup will be awarded again this year to the ACA Dixie Division Club whose members attain the best team results. The "Julie Wilson Award" will go to the woman in the fastest solo decked boat downriver, and the "Charlie Patton Award" will be given to the person in the fastest solo canoe downriver.
- ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO HELP SET UP THE COURSE ON FRIDAY OR JUDGE GATES ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.** Sign-up lists will be at the contestants meeting both days, and near the finish line during the races.

SCHEDULE

- Friday, May 8, 1991**
6:00 to 8:00 PM: Late registration for all races, bib pick-up for preregistrants, and boat inspection at Pavilion.
- Saturday, May 18, 1991**
7:30 to 8:00 AM: Bibs and boat inspection at Pavilion for preregistrants only. No late registration.
8:00 to 8:30 AM: Contestants' meeting at Pavilion.
9:30 AM (approximate): Open boat slalom classes begin. Exact start time depends on water release.
1:00 to 2:30 PM: Late registration at Pavilion for both wildwater races and Sunday's decked boat slalom race.
4:30 PM: Wildwater runs begin.
- Sunday, May 19, 1991**
7:30 to 8:00 AM: Bibs and boat inspection at Pavilion for preregistrants only. No late registration.
8:00 to 8:30 AM: Contestants' meeting at Pavilion.
9:30 am (approximate): Decked boat slalom and Wildwater runs begin. Exact start time depends on water release.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

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| 4-4 Board of Directors Meeting | Jewish Community Center | All are welcome |
| 4-5 Okefenokee Pre-trip Meeting | See 4-12/4-13 | John Upchurch 992-3200 |
| 4-6 Metro Hooch Settles to Abbot | Class 1-2 Easy | Jay Finnerty 992-7246 |
| 4-6 Cartecay | 2-3 Intermediate | Chris Fritsche 273-3422 |
| 4-6 Tellico | 3+ Advanced | Flip Hager 659-6672 |
| 4-7 Okefenokee Swamp Day | Flatwater | Dick Butterworth 993-6513 |
| 4-7 Broad | 1-2 Beginner | Dirk Birtrand 929-0385 |
| 4-7 Leader's Choice | 2-3 Intermediate | Bruce Bishop 641-1542 |
| 4-7 Week of Florida Rivers | Florida Flatwater | Dick Butterworth 993-6513 |
| 4-12 Okefenokee 3 Day Camping | Flatwater Trip | John Upchurch 992-3200 |
| | Must sign up before 4-5 Pre-trip Meeting | 242-7672 |
| 4-13 Toccoa | 1-2 Trained Beginner | Margo Booth 487-8084 |
| | | or 404-838-4521 |
| 4-13 Cartecay | 2-3 Intermediate | Gregg Hood 279-9003 |
| 4-13 Ocoee | 3-4 Very Advanced | Jim Silavent 587-1172 |
| 4-13 Chattooga Section 3 | 3-4 Advanced | Julia Crosby 995-9434 |
| 4-14 Upper Hooch | 2-3 Intermediate | Ed Bouvette 478-1268 |
| 4-14 Lower Amicalola | 3+ Advanced | Rob Kerr 404-889-6566 |
| 4-20 Family Canoe Trip Leaders Choice | Class 1 | John Upchurch (W) 992-3200 |
| 4-20 Cartecay | 2-3 Intermediate | Barry Hahn 252-9538 |
| 4-20 Upper Hooch | 2-3 Intermediate | Ben Fouts 404-532-3523 |
| 4-20 GCA-AWC Chattooga Cleanup | 3-4 Section 3 | Doug Wilson 874-8876 |
| 4-21 Chattooga Section 2 | 2+ Trained Beginner | Laura Jordan 803-836-8498 |
| 4-21 Sweetwater Creek | 3+ Advanced | Evelyn Hopkins 875-2574 |
| 4-27 Spring GCA Extravaganza | Blackburn Park. Sign up today. | |
| 4-28 Paddling, Good Food and Good times | to be had by all. See insert. | |
| 4-27 Metro Hooch Clean-up | Class 1 | John Upchurch 992-3200 |
| 4-28 Nacoochee Section Upper Hooch | 1-2 Trained Beginner | Dick Hurd 664-4770 |

MONDAY NIGHT ROLLING PRACTICE ENDED ON MARCH 25TH. WATCH FOR START DATE FOR STONE MTN. ROLLING SOON.

The Cruisemaster notifies me that there has been a tremendous interest in the more extensive flatwater programs he and several others have been working on. It's important for you to keep the input coming. We don't know how we're doing unless we hear it from you out there.

To volunteer to coordinate a trip for your club, contact Dave Richardson at work 435-3800 or at home 431-9841. We especially need flatwater trip coordinators and more Sunday Churchgoer special trips, you know, short trips, close to home that can be run in on Sunday afternoon.

**SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA
REGISTER TODAY**

DEADLINES

Deadline for the May Eddyline is April 5th. This means that I must receive your typewritten articles, trip reports and classified ads in my mail box by the 5th of the month. If you have a computer, please submit them on a 5 1/4 or 3 1/2 disk as an ASCII file labeled .TXT and include a printed copy. Send all material to Andy Warshaw, P.O. Box 941755, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. I will not accept phoned in material or handwritten items. Please be courteous. Thank you for your help.

BOARD MEETING

The next executive board meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 P.M. at the Atlanta Jewish Community Center near the intersection of Brookwood Station and Peachtree St. Meetings are open to all club members and we welcome new faces. If you have an item for discussion, call President Gwen Bergen at 512-7320 so she can add your topic to the agenda.

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CRUISING

The Cruisemaster has received lots of requests for more and a bigger variety of class 1-2 trips, especially trips suitable for families. Unfortunately, there is a shortage of qualified volunteers to coordinate these trips. Coordinators are especially needed for the following rivers. Hiwassee, Etowah (all Sections) West Fork of the Chattooga, Nacooche and Smith Island sections of the Hooch, Flint, Lower Chestatee and any other comparable rivers within a short distance of Metro Atlanta. Contact Dave Richardson if you can help. Home 431-9841 or work 435-3800.

NANTAHALA PERMIT UPDATE

The Forest Service has advised the cruisemaster that advance permits are no longer required for the GCA club trips on the Nantahala. However, in the near future, the Forest Service will be putting up registration stations at both the normal put in and at the Farabee put in. Registration forms similar to those utilized at the Chattooga will be available at these stations. All GCA trip coordinators should register club trips clearly identifying the trip as a GCA trip. This registration does not affect private trips at the present time. We will keep you updated on further developments.

CANOE CAMP CLINIC

One of my first trips was with my good friend, Dr. Dale Douglas on the class 1 water of the Buffalo River in Arkansas in the late 1970's. Since that time we both have greatly improved our skills; Dale now paddles the whitewater Emory Obed system near his home in East Tennessee. When I last approached him about going back to the Buffalo, he referred to this as "wimp water".

On Saturday, February 16, almost fifty people who still have an interest in "wimp water" gathered at the first official meeting of the GCA flatwater division for a canoe camping clinic. We discussed the basics of coordinating overnight camping trips, had a large and varied display of camping gear provided by REI and Go With The Flow, and speakers John Upchurch, Malcomb Tobias and Sam Miller discussed various topics. We had a lively and diverse group, ranging from beginners to highly experienced trippers. The fact that this meeting was attended by almost 50 people shows that there is a strong interest among the GCA in canoe camping and other flatwater activities.

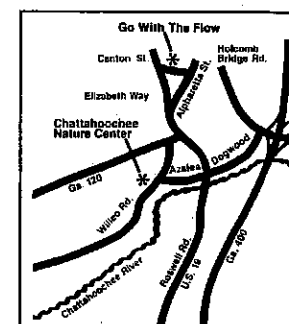
I want to personally thank everyone who attended and helped to make this what I feel was a very successful meeting. Article submitted by Douglas G. Bridges.

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Sat., April 26
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Sat., April 27
10:00 - 7:00
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10:00 - 5:00

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