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## May GCA Meeting

The May GCA meeting will be held Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 PM at the Garden Hills Community Center in Buckhead. If you're like me, you've heard about sprint racing, and wondered just what it is. What kind of boat? Kneeling or sitting? What kind of paddle? Who does this? At the May meeting, you can have all of these questions and more answered. Our guest speaker, Connie Hagler of the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club, will talk to us about sprint racing, the Club today, the \$12 million facility the Olympics left behind, and the future focus of the Club — to attract paddlers of all disciplines to the Club's facilities — including you! Don't miss this opportunity to widen your paddling horizon.

To find the Garden Hills Community Center: From Peachtree Street, go east on East Wesley Road (8/10 mile south of the intersection of Peachtree and Roswell Road). Turn left on Rumson Road. Go about 100 yards to the first intersection and you will see the Community Center on the right.

As usual, we'll provide refreshments. See you there!!



## For Something A Little Different...

Come to the June Board Meeting, 11:00 am, Saturday, June 12, 1999. We will meet at the boathouse of the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club, 3105 Clarks Bridge Road, Gainesville, GA. 770.287.7888.

Come check out the wonderful facility left as a legacy from the 1996 Summer Olympics. The meeting will be at 11:00 AM sharp. After the meeting, we are invited by LCKC to attempt (I think that is a challenge) to paddle/stay upright in a sprint boat. Team members will be on hand to laugh, I mean help and provide pointers. Plan to get wet.

The boathouse is located at Clarks Bridge Park on Lake Lanier. I 85 North to I 85. Turn West at exit 7 (Jesse Jewell Parkway), go 1-1/2 miles to second light. Turn West (right) on the Limestone Pkwy. (129) and go to the second light. Turn right on Clarks Bridge Road (284). The boathouse will be on the left just after the bridge over Lake Lanier, about 2 miles.



## June GCA Meeting / Paddle

Who wants a meeting when you could paddle? Join us on the river Thursday evening, June 17, for a summer solstice (almost) celebration paddle down the Chattahoochee. We'll meet at the Island Ford Park (part of the Chattahoochee National Recreation Area) between 6:00 and 6:30 PM to start the shuttle process, and take out down river at the River Park on Azalea Drive for a mini-picnic and river stories as the sun goes down. This is a beautiful stretch of the river with shallow, easy shoals near the put-in, and flat water on down. This was a great hit last year, so don't miss this wonderful stress buster!

To get to Island Ford Park, from GA 400 northbound, take exit 6, Northridge Road westbound, bearing right at the end of the ramp. Take the first right on Dunwoody Place (almost immediately) and follow the signs to the park, turning right on Roberts Drive. We'll meet near the buildings at the end of the road. From Roswell Road (the one that crosses the Chattahoochee running north from Sandy Springs to Roswell), Roberts Road is the last right before crossing the Hooch going north.

If you want to go directly to the take-out, cross the Hooch on Roswell Road and turn left at Azalea Drive. You'll see the park and boat launch about one mile down.

We'll have drinks and snacks — bring goodies if you like.

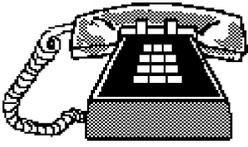


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## Who Ya Gonna Call?

The following list is provided for your convenience:

**For general information about the club** - Call the club telephone

number, 770.421.9729, and leave a message. Someone will get back to you.

**To volunteer to help with club activities** - Call President David Martin at 404.351.8208 or contact the committee chairperson for your area of interest.

**For information on payment of dues or membership status** - Call Treasurer Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**To sign up for a club trip** - Call the trip coordinator at the number listed on the activity list.

**To sign up to lead a club trip** - Call Cruisemaster Jason Schnurr at 770.422.9962.

**For change of address or for *Eddy Line* subscription**

**information** - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**If you didn't receive your *Eddy Line*** - Call Ed Schultz at 404.266.3734.

**For information on GCA clinics** - Call the clinic coordinator listed on the clinic schedule, or call Training Director Gina Johnson at 770.971.1542.

**For information on roll practice** - Call Revel Freeman at 404.261.8572.

**For information on placing want ads in *The Eddy Line*** - Call Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318, or see "To place an ad" in the Want Ad section of *The Eddy Line*.

**For information on commercial ads** - Call Advertising Director Jim Kautz at 770.321.9826 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318.

**For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library** - Call GCA Librarian Tom Martin at 770.662.0058. ✂

## Board of Directors Meetings

Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) beginning at 7:30 P.M. All members are encouraged to attend. The location is changing, so contact President David Martin for the latest location information before you come. Also, if you have an item for discussion, please call David Martin at 404.351.8208 so he can add your item to the agenda. Attending Board meetings is a great way to become more involved with the GCA. ✂

### GCA Executive Committee

President .....	David Martin
Vice President .....	Brannen Proctor
Secretary .....	Jim Harvey
Treasurer .....	Ed Schultz
Member Services Chair .....	Tom Martin
Recreation Chair .....	Karla Bowman
Resource Development Chair .....	Debra Berry
River Protection Chair .....	Dan MacIntyre
Training Chair .....	Gina Johnson

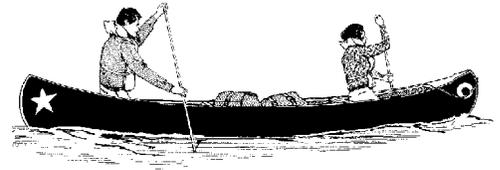
## Submitting *Eddy Line* Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication in the next *Eddy Line* is the fifth of the month, i.e., for the January issue, material should be submitted no later than December fifth. The editor must receive all articles, trip reports and want ads by the deadline or they MAY NOT be published in the next issue. To submit material via EMAIL, send to [gacanoemindspring.com](mailto:gacanoemindspring.com). The text of an article can be placed in the body of a message, and photo images can be attached to the message as attached files. To submit material via COMPUTER DISK submit articles or trip reports on a 5-1/4 or 3-1/2 inch IBM/DOS formatted disk as an ASCII text file labeled with a ".txt" file extension, or as a text file on a 3-1/2 inch high density MacIntosh formatted disk, and include a printed copy (Disks returned only if requested). To submit material via U.S. MAIL, send to: **Allen Hedden, 2923 Piedmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30066**. All want ads will be run for two months unless otherwise requested. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Newsletter Editor **Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318** for questions. Thanks for your cooperation. ✂

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## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



<b>May</b>		
1-2 Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground — Ellijay		Jim Griffin 770.498.3695
8 Lower Cartecay	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Nick & Peggy Moore 706.636.2837
8 Etowah	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Paul Lund 770.271.7360
8 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Debra Berry 404.320.6148
9 Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman 770.394.3469
9 Chattooga Section 3 or 4	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jason Schnurr 770.422.9962
15 Coosawatee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Tom Martin 770.662.0058
15 Etowah Youth Trip	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Doug Bridges 770.476.5126
15 Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott 770.536.6923
15 Leaders Choice	Class 3-4 Advanced	Peter Elkon 404.373.7535
16 Hiwasee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Peter Chau 864.885.9477
20 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun!! Garden Hills Community Center		Marvine Cole 770.475.3022
22 Upper Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Margo Booth 770.487.8084
22 Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Carole & Chuck Creekmore 770.995.5788
22 Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Ricky Bowman 770.425.0911
23 Lower Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jim & Maggie Griffin 770.498.3695
23 Leaders Choice	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Stacey Patterson 770.466.7538
29 Nacoochee Hooch	Class 1+ Easy Beginner	Dick Hurd 770.664.4770
29 Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Doug Ackerman 770.503.0365
30 Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Dick Hurd 770.664.4770
31 Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Oreon Mann 404.522.3469
<b>June</b>		
3 Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden 770.426.4318
5 Hiwasee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Mike Christison 770.973.6482
5 Tesnatee Cleanup	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Nott 770.536.6823
6 Etowah	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Peter Elkon 404.373.7535
8-11 Alapaha (Note 1)	Canoe Camping	Bob Sippey 352.793.5203
12 Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club Boathouse — David Martin		404.351.8208
12 Hiwasee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Roger Toebben 770.804.9416
12 Nacoochee Hooch	Class 1 Easy Beginner	Dave Chaney 770.973.7910
13 Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman 770.394.3469
17 Club Meeting — Entertainment — Fun!! Evening Paddle, Island Ford Park		Marvine Cole 770.475.3022
19 Chattooga Cleanup	Class 3-4 Advanced	Haynes & Gina Johnson 770.971.1542
19 Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Bill Gatling 770.516.0852
29 Nantahala (Note 2)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jason Schnurr 770.422.9962
		Louis Boulanger 404.373.4775
<b>July</b>		
13-15 Suwanee (FL) (Note 3)	Canoe Camping	Bob Sippey 352.793.5203
Note 1: 4 Days, 3 Nights. Primitive Camping.		
Note 2: Joint GCA & AWC Trip.		
Note 3: 4 Days & 3 Nights, Primitive Camping.		

**Signing Up:** Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Call early in the week to ensure you get a spot on the trip, and in consideration for the coordinators, PLEASE avoid calling late in the evening.

**Training Trips** are a combination of recreation and training designed to attract those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what you learned in the clinic and expanding your skill level.

**To Volunteer To Lead Trips:** Call the Cruisemaster, Jason Schnurr, at 770.422.9962. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flat water to class 5 white water. Our excellent trip schedule depends on the efforts of volunteers, so get involved and sign up to coordinate a trip on your favorite river today! The GCA needs YOU!

**Chattooga Trips** are limited to 12 boats on ANY section on ANY trip, club trip or private (USFS regulation). Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

**Roll Practice:** Wednesday evenings from 6 P.M. until dark, May thru September at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. Revel Freeman - 404.261.8572.

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## GCA Library Items Available

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Tom Martin at 770.662.0058 to find out what is available. The cost is \$3.00 per tape or book for postage and handling.

Any / all donations or loans to the library are welcome. (Please, no bootleg video copies.) Send them to:

Tom Martin  
6339 Danbury Lane  
Norcross, GA 30093

The following items are currently available:

### Videos:

A Second Helping - A Review of Kayak Basics Canoes by Whitesell

Cold, Wet & Alive

Faultline (Will Reeves)

First Descents (North Fork Payette)

Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)

Heads Up, River Rescue

Introduction to Canoeing

Kayak 101 (mastering the basics)

Kayak Handling - The Basic Strokes

Only Nolan (Canoe Technique)

Path of the Paddle: Quietwater

Path of the Paddle: Whitewater  
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)  
Plunge!

Prijon Wildplay Wildwasser Sport

Solo Playboating!

Take the Wild Ride

Tallulah Gorge (Rob Maxwell)

The C-1 Challenge

The Kayaker's Edge

The Open Canoe Roll (Bob Foote)

Ultimate Canoe (Niagara Gorge & Other Rivers - Whitesell)

Waterwalker (Bill Mason)

We Come to Play (Orosi)

Whitesell

Whitewater Groove

### Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I and II

ACA Canoeing & Kayaking Instructors Guide

A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida

Alabama Canoe Rides

AMC White Water Handbook

American Red DCross Canoeing & Kayaking  
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed/Emory Watershed

Basic River Canoeing

Boundary Waters I&II

Brown's Guide to Georgia

California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers

Canoe Racing

Canoeing Wild Rivers  
Cruise of the Blue Flujin  
Cumberland River Basic Canoe Trail Guide  
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement

Idaho Whitewater

Kentucky Wild Rivers

Missouri Ozark Waterways

Northern Georgia Canoe Guide

Ohio County Maps & Recreational Guide

Paddle America (Guide to trips & outfitters)

Paddle to the Amazon - The World's Longest Canoe Trip

Path of the Paddle

Pole, paddle & Portage

River Rescue

River Safety Anthology

River's End (Stories)

Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast

Song of the Paddle

Southeastern Whitewater

Tennessee Canoe Guide

The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North Georgia Mountains

The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande

They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?

White Water Tales of Terror

White Water Trips (British Columbia & Washington)

Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)

Wildwater West Virginia

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## Announcements

### GCA Email List

The member response to the GCA email list has been great. We have at this printing about 230 subscribers.

Thanks to Mike Kaplan and our friends at Kaplan Communications (an Internet Access Provider) for providing software and server space for the GCA email list.

Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gacano@kapcom.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Anyone can use the address — it's just another email address — and all subscribers will get the email. The list is an "open list", i.e., anyone can subscribe to it mechanically by sending an email to "majordomo@kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacano

You will receive a verification that you are subscribed and a welcome message with instructions on how to unsubscribe and various other commands available through the service. Be sure to save this information for



future reference.

All GCA announcements and forwarded email from other sources concerning new river access issues, late breaking news items of interest to the paddling community, etc., will be sent out via the GCA email list at gacano@kapcom.com. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe to the list using the above instructions. Also, don't be shy about using the list to send out or to request information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

By the way, should you change or lose your email ID, please take a minute to "unsubscribe" your old ID and/or to "subscribe" your new one. ✂

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### GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.mindspring.com/~gacano>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Susan Glinert Stevens: [sglinert@aol.com](mailto:sglinert@aol.com). ✂

"We need the possibility of escape as surely as we need hope; without it the life of the cities would drive all men into crime or drugs or psychoanalysis." - E. Abbey

### Need an Internet Service Provider?

If you plan to sign up with an internet service provider for the first time, or if you plan to change providers, and are considering MindSpring as your choice, you can do your paddling club a big favor. When you call to sign up, tell the MindSpring sales rep you were referred by Georgia Canoeing Association and we will receive a \$10.00 credit toward our monthly ISP subscription cost. You will need to give them the GCA email ID — gacanoec@mindspring.com — for us to receive the proper credit. Thanks for your help!

## Weekday Paddlers

There has been good response to the request to develop a list of paddlers available to paddle during the week. We now have 70+ entries on the list, including members who are retired persons, those with variable or non-standard work schedules, those available to paddle weekdays when school is out (students and teachers), and even those who have a lot of vacation time to burn and want to take vacation days for paddling. The list includes members who paddle smooth water as well as all classes of white water

If you would like to be included in the list, please call Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318 and leave your name, phone number, days of the week you are available to paddle, and class of water (flat, I thru V) that you are interested in paddling. You will then receive an up-to-date copy of the list. The list will be re-published quarterly (January, April, July, October). Updates are available by request through the GCA phone line. If you received your copy of the list more than 3 months ago, you should request an updated copy (the April update is out). There have been considerable changes to the list. To receive an up-to-date copy, call the GCA phone line at 770.421.9729 and leave your name and address with a request for the list. ✂

## Summer Roll Practice

Joint AWC / GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Lake this year beginning in May and running through September. Sessions are scheduled for Wednesdays at 7:00 (or earlier). Admission is free once you enter the park (a season pass is highly recommended



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if you intend to attend multiple sessions).

To get there, enter the park from the Stone Mountain Freeway entrance and take the first left. Continue about a mile until the road crosses the dam and take the first right into the parking lot. The boat ramp is on the right.

Use the area around the ramp to load and unload boats only. There is a fair amount of power boat traffic putting in and taking out at the ramp. Once in the water, try to stay clear of the ramp for the same reason.

Note: Park regulations do not allow "swimming" at this location, so if you are in the water spotting for someone, an explanation to the park officials may be in order. So far no one has been cited for a violation there.

Volunteers are needed to help with kayak, canoe and C-1 rolling. Your help is appreciated! ✂

## Upcoming Events of Interest

April 30 - May 2 — GCA Spring Extravaganza, Diamond Lure Campground, Ellijay  
April 30 - May 2 — Cheat River Festival, Albright, WV (304.379.3141)  
May 7-9 — U.S. Team Trials, Savage River, MD  
May 15 — Chattahoochee River Challenge Canoe &

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Kayak Race and Demo Day, Helen, GA, Anne Gale (706.865.4451)

May 21-23 — Ocoee Rodeo, Upper Ocoee, Ocoee White Water Center, TN, Jayne Abbot (828.645.5299, email jhabbot@aol.com)

May 22-23 — Marathon National Team Trials, Gainesville  
June 6 — Regional Junior Race - Georgia Games regional event, Gainesville

June 19 - 20 — USCKT Junior Team Trials, Gainesville

June 25 - 27 — Lake Lanier Sprint Challenge and Youth Championship of the Americas! Competitors in this event will receive an "Americas" ranking. This is an International Regatta with opportunities for club and community athletes.

July 10 — Junior Olympic Southeast Qualifier, NOC Bryson City, NC (828.488.2176)

July 10-12 — Open Canoe Slalom Nationals, Golden, CO, Bob Stecker (303.444.3979, email bobjillc2@cwix.com)

July 16-18 — Open Canoe Down River Nationals, Salida, CO, Scott Overdorf (303.682.2674, email soverdorf@dawsonschool.org)

July 25 - 27 — Junior World Championships, Zagreb, Croatia

July 24 - 25 — Georgia Games State Championships, Augusta

August 3 - 7 — USCKT Sprint National Championships, Lake Placid, NY

October 1 - 3 — Lanier Paddlefest '99 and the Great Dock Race



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## Contest for New GCA Logo

The GCA is having a contest to select a new logo for the club. While the tandem canoe on the state background has served the club well, there is general agreement the GCA needs a more modern logo.

The rules are:

There are no requirements of what must be represented in the logo. Use your creativity. For examples of current logos of other paddling organizations, go to the GCA web site and follow the links to other clubs, the American Canoe Association, and American Whitewater.

There is no requirement that the logo either be single color or have multiple colors. However, if a submitted logo has multiple colors, a single-color version must also be provided.

Detailed design features, such as the thin horizontal lines on the current logo, are difficult to reproduce and should be avoided.

All entries must be received no later than August 31, 1999. A selection committee will select the winning entry. The current GCA logo will be entered in the contest. The

winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. The winner will be announced at the Fall General Membership meeting held in October, 1999.

The person submitting the winning entry must assign all rights to the logo to the GCA.

When you submit your entry, send a printed copy of the logo. If you have it in digital file format, send the file on diskette with the printed copy. Mail entries to:

Brannen Proctor  
180 Andover Drive  
Alpharetta, GA 30004.

If you have questions, please contact Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 or email questions to bproctor@mindspring.com.



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## Volunteers Needed!

I am requesting volunteers to help out at the Ocoee Rodeo this year in May!

I am specifically asking for help with the awesome Free Style Through a Rapid, held on Sat. 5/22. We need a couple of timers, starters, tabulators and judges. Really are in need of judges who are somewhat familiar with rodeo and won't be competing.

If you know of anyone who might be able to assist, please ask them to get in touch. Thanks so much! It will be a great weekend, and for the first time Ocoee rodeoers won't be fearing for their lives on the shoulders of the road at Hell Hole. The entire event will be held on the Upper O.

Cheers!

Risa Shimoda Callaway  
864.306.9920 phone/fax evenings,  
828.281.4800 ext. 12 most days (the voice mail message will clarify),  
email: risashi@mindspring.com.



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## Welcome New Members

The GCA would like to welcome the following new (and nearly new) members. New members are the life blood and the future of the club. Thank you for joining us!!

### February

William Buckley  
Mark Buterbaugh  
Chris Camp  
Nace Few  
Jon D. Hall  
Gillian & Michael Jones  
Jim Kelly  
Sudi Lenhart  
Patricia & William Murray

Acworth GA  
Atlanta GA  
Roswell GA  
Atlanta GA  
Tyrone GA  
Conyers GA  
Smyrna GA  
Gainesville GA  
Dunwoody GA

Jackie W. Queen, Jr.  
 Stephen A. Smith  
 William Tallman  
 Kaylen & Steve White

**March**

Stephen Boyd  
 Susan L. Boyd  
 Douglas & Brenda Bridges  
 Pauline Dillard  
 Tom & Barbara Fitzpatrick  
 Dave & Beverly Gale  
 Bob & Rose Ann Haynes  
 M. Riduan Joesoef & Mary Serdula  
 David & Pam Mitchem

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 Covington GA

Norcross GA  
 Acworth GA  
 Duluth GA  
 Bryson City NC  
 Jacksonville FL  
 Demorest GA  
 Conyers GA  
 Decatur GA  
 Lithonia GA

Cameron Pach & Brandee Jones  
 William Michael Parsons  
 Larry & Sherry Paulsen  
 Neal & Bep Phelps  
 Cindy D. Powell  
 Richard A. & Richard M. Power  
 Bill Reasor  
 Steve Rush  
 David C. Rydelek  
 Jerry & Sil Schell  
 Clark Stepp  
 Kirk H. Warren  
 Karl Whitlock  
 Harvey Witt

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 Lula GA  
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 Alpharetta GA  
 Blue Ridge GA  
 Cumming GA  
 Marietta GA  
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**Anniston Museum  
 Exhibit on Southern  
 Rivers**

From the canyon streams and waterfalls of the Southern Appalachians to the deltas and swamps of the Coastal Plain, the South is indeed blessed with water. The Anniston Museum of Natural History captures this story in River Walk, an exhibit of breathtaking photography by Beth Maynor Young, interactive displays, and insightful narrative by journalist Jennifer Greer. The exhibit opens at the Anniston Museum on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, and remains on display through June 27, 1999. Afterward, River Walk will travel to museums and institutions throughout the Southeast for two years, appearing at the Museum & Archives of Georgia, Georgia College & State University, April 8 - June 3, 2000.

River Walk identifies and illustrates the fragility, beauty, and sacredness of Southern rivers, then offers a vision for the 21st century and provides steps for protect-



ing waters for future generations. Throughout the exhibit, informational text — ringing of watershed management, aquatic biodiversity, non-point source pollution, and the urgency for us to change our behavior — leads visitors through conversations with Southerners who have made saving the rivers their mission. Biologist Malcolm Pierson of Alabama Power Co., Historian Dr. Harvey H. Jackson, III, of Jacksonville

State University, Mobile Native and Harvard Biologist E.O. Wilson, Paul Hartfield of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the staffs of the Cahaba River Society and the Alabama Rivers Alliance, the distant words of Harry Middleton and W.C. Handy, and many others give voice to the value of our water resources and answer questions such as, "Is our water safe to drink?", "Why is the biodiversity of our rivers so precious?", and "How can communities become more involved in managing water resources?"

"Water has always reflected our society, our values and who we are. In the Bible, water symbolized a covenant with man. All of the major agreements — the rainbow, the parting of the seas, the baptism, everything — included water. The rivers were here long before we were and will be here long after us. What we do with them is our legacy." Christine Olsenius, Coordinator, Southeast Watershed Forum, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The photographs of Beth Young — ethereal, spiritual, captivating — give vision to these words. Her work of the past decade has recorded a portrait of the South's rivers and wetlands — the Little River, the Cahaba, the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, the Chattooga, the Tallapoosa. Her images return us to the soul and spirit of rivers and away from the use of water as merely a substance to benefit

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## Ichetucknee Springs Threat

by Dick Sturtevant

According to an AP article in the Florida Times Union, Suwannee American Cement Company is proposing to build a cement factory three miles from Ichetucknee Springs. The factory would burn coal and old tires day and night, and would spew hundreds of tons of pollutants. Park officials fear the pollutants will settle into Ichetucknee Springs and the Ichetucknee River. At a public hearing, the state environmental regulators said that the company will probably get permission to build the factory.

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- *National Geographic, Special Edition; Water*

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- *World Book Encyclopedia*

Number of deaths in the world per day from contaminated water: 15,000.

- *World Book Encyclopedia*

Demand for water will double in at least half of the countries in the world by the year 2000.

- *Gaia: An Atlas of Planet Management, Published by Doubleday, 1984*

Average amount of water used per person per day in the US: 60 gallons. Amount used in bathrooms: 45 gallons.

*In Context, #39, Fall 1994*

Water needed to produce 1 pound of wheat: 25 gallons.

Water needed to produce 1 pound of meat: 2,500 gallons.

- *Diet for a New America*

In one summer day a single willow tree uses and loses (through aspiration) over 5,000 gallons of water.

- *The Water Planet, Lyall Wilson*

The hydrologic cycle uses more energy in a day than human kind has generated throughout history.

- *The Water Planet, Lyall Wilson*

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### Excerpt from "The Basic Essentials of Canoe Poling"

While poling has long been associated as a utilitarian means of propelling a loaded canoe from one point to another, the development of modern techniques has brought many new converts over because of the ease of climbing upstream. Poling creates a sense of independence and self sufficiency by eliminating the need for shuttles. It opens up the ability to hit the waterways after work, or when there is no one to boat with to help set up shuttles. The ability to push upriver and then paddle or pole downstream gives an individual a feeling of freedom in escaping the pressure and stress of everyday life and relaxing on the river. It temporarily removes the need for other people and creates an entirely isolated situation where you can become one with nature, taking in the peacefulness and tranquility of the land, water and animals. ✂

# Good Rescue Training is Training NOT to Rescue

by Chris Parker

The best safety training is to learn to stay out of dangerous situations. Learning advanced river rescue techniques and rope work is great, but the best rescue is one that never took place. Do not get me wrong; I am a firm advocate of safety training. However, if you can prevent the incident, then you are better off.

Anyone who has had advanced training can tell you that once ropes get involved in a rescue effort (other than a throw rope toss), the likelihood of a positive outcome is slim. People have been saved, but timing is everything and the world we play in is very dynamic. The success of the situation is based upon many variables such as weather, water level, river size, location of incident, number of trained practiced rescuers, and equipment available.

But what if the rescue never had to take place? But what if the group that day had asked several "But What If?" questions? What if the group had prevented the rescue by doing what is right? This is being safety minded. Asking the questions, reviewing the situations, and preparing to not have a river rescue. Being safety minded is



not only getting trained in new skills, it becomes a change in paddling attitude.

Here are some tips.

1. Know your limitations. This could include boating skills, physical conditioning, attitude of the day, or effects of the weather on you.

2. Get physically conditioned. Face it, paddling is a physical sport. You can not sit at a desk all week and expect to be in shape to paddle

all weekend. Get into some sort of exercise program. Next subject is FOOD. Remember in 1st grade, "You are what you eat." How can you expect to perform if you have nothing to burn. Eat properly before, during and after the river. It will make a difference.

3. Know the river you are on. Class, water level, length, access, hazards. Just because you are not the trip leader doesn't mean you can't know the river. Read the books and ask the questions. If you do not know it, then don't paddle it.

4. Have proper equipment in good condition and sized for you. Paddling requires equipment. Do not skimp on getting exactly what you need. Would you skimp on a parachute? What is the difference.

5. Don't boat what you would not swim. How about this common statement, "If you are not swimming, then you are not learning." The statement carries only partial truths. Swimming is fine under well thought out situations: Where will I go when I swim? Where will my boat go? Is there a recovery place? Is there a place for my friends to rescue me? Do I know what I am doing? Are my friends at risk? If you swim often, you may not be pushing the limits, you may be pushing your luck.

6. Get out of the passive mode; practice aggressive self rescue. Your boat, your equipment, your butt. Take care of them all; it is your responsibility, not your friends'.

7. ReThRoG — Reach, Throw, Row, Go. Understand rescue priorities.

8. Understand how to use your safety equipment. Why carry a throw bag if you do not use it? Why bother standing at the bottom of a rapid with a throw bag you can not use confidently? Get trained. Take boating classes, get a mentor, learn First Aid and CPR, know rope work, understand river rescue techniques.

10. Respect the River Gods.

- From "River Write", newsletter of the Huntsville Canoe Club. ✂

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## Helmets

by David Curry

I realize that for a lot of paddlers, wearing a helmet can be a bother. They are cold in the winter, hot in the summer, your head itches under them, and they just don't look pretty. However, if you are paddling a boat in moving water or are in a boat with thigh straps, a helmet is the most important single piece of safety gear you can wear.

When I first started paddling, I observed that one of my newfound buddies would put his helmet on almost as soon as he got out of the car and didn't take it off until he started to change clothes at the take-out. I thought it rather unusual, but after I observed that he was one of the most safety conscious paddlers around, I decided to at least try to follow his example. I am now glad I did.

I have often seen paddlers who will remove their helmets when paddling across a stretch of low grade white water, or even not put on their hard hats unless they are playing a wave or in class III water or above. A couple weeks ago, I had an incident occur that made me realize that this can be a big time mistake.

I was paddling with a large group on the Locust Fork at low water. I was drifting sideways through a small wave train on one of the class 0 riffles a few hundred yards before Powell Falls; the sun was in my eyes and I wasn't paying much attention to what I was doing. Just as I put the paddle in the water to do a crossover stroke to straighten the boat out, I hit a rock I was unprepared for.

The boat immediately flipped over towards my on-side. I had no time to brace. I landed on my head with a jolt that was hard enough to scar my Kevlar helmet. If I hadn't been wearing the helmet, I'm sure I would have suffered some serious injury.

I can think of several other occasions when my helmet protected my head from injury; but all these occurred when I was supposed to be wearing it, like in class IV water. This incident occurred at a time when I might not have been wearing it. That's what scared me.

Here is some advice on helmets. If you don't have one, get one. Get a good one. If appearance is important, get a pretty one. Wear it on the river — all the time. Wear it when you carry your boat down to the water. Wear it when you carry your boat up from the take-out. Wear it when you are scrambling around on slippery rocks while scouting. Wear it.

The most important thing to remember about your helmet is — you will only need it if you hit your head on something. The problem is — you don't know when that might happen.

- From "River Write", newsletter of the Huntsville Canoe Club. ✕

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## Rafting and Kayaking Don't Mix

by C.L. Garren

It was a balmy September day in the Nantahala gorge where Anthony and I were enjoying the umpteenth run of the summer. Everything had gone well for the day, from the ride up including a quick hitchhike ride from NOC to the top of the river (a one car trip).

As is the usual fare for a warm Saturday on the Nanty, river traffic was a total Zoo with an inordinate number of rafts and big canoes. An effort had to be made the whole day to avoid "clumps" of rafts, guided and unguided and the eddies were like a bumper cars ride.

We had played a lot along the way and were about halfway through the run going down some "name-unknown" class II rapid. Anthony was ahead of me nearing the pool at the bottom of the rapid. I was in the big purple T-Canyon and warily watching an unguided raft a little to my left.

It happened so quickly, as most all accidents do. The raft hit a big rock on the bank and instantly careened back into the rapid, hitting me about head high with a force and speed I could do nothing about. OK.... I say to myself, I have rolled over.... no big deal, just roll back up.... not a chance....

If you have never been upside-down, under a raft, let me tell you it is exactly as described in the safety lecture in the beginners class this spring. The bottom of your boat "floats" up into the raft bottom and sticks like saran wrap; you have control of nothing!! I was under the raft and going down the rapid and quickly realized it was time to bail.

As I reached for the rip cord, I felt a crushing blow to my head and can only remember the brilliant white flash of light that came with the blow. I don't know what really happened next, but the blow pulled me out of the boat and clear of the raft. I should have been dead; except for the

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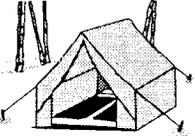
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cold water perhaps I would have been. Certainly if I had been knocked unconscious things could have been real grim.

As I surfaced about mid-stream, blood was pouring from my head wound into my eyes, and I was trying to decide exactly where I was. I never saw the raft that took me over again. I remember a passing canoeist asking if I was all right and responding, "Not really."

I did have enough good sense left to point my feet down-stream and head for shore. I made it to the shore and remember sitting with my feet in the water and my head in my hands; things were a little fuzzy at that point.

The Good Lord works in strange ways sometimes; a very young boy was the first to come to my side.... he pulled off his shirt and told me to use it to stop the bleeding. I tried to refuse but he wet it and pressed it against my head to stop the flow. I don't know where he got off to after that. About that time Anthony, who had noticed that my body was not in the kayak and I was not swimming in the pool, had appeared from the right and tried to comfort me.

Almost immediately two canoes appeared. Out of one came a registered nurse with a full first aid kit. She patched up the head wound with some suture tape, gauze and medical tape. This was when I learned that my nose and upper lip were cut also. The second canoe had the instructor for a river rescue class that TWRA was holding that day. There was some discussion about whether I

could have a concussion and if I should pull out and hitch a ride to the Bryson City hospital.

I actually felt pretty good, considering, so I bummed a ride in one of the canoes to my boat and agreed to just sort of float with the group on down the river. I just sort of stayed in the easy groove and the rest of the run was uneventful, but I did get a lot of funny looks.

We even stopped at one hole so Anthony could play a little. I met a young fellow who shared his similar experience on the Ocoee a month earlier; he had a nice scar.

We ran the river out, made the falls OK, and pulled out at the NOC river left and loaded up the boats. We decided to go on into Bryson City since Knoxville emergency rooms tend to be quite full on Saturday nights. But first things first: Some grub at the NOC restaurant, and on to Bryson City. We found the hospital OK, we were the only patients in the ER — in and out in 45 minutes flat.

Anthony called home to advise my wife of the situation. Not to worry, it was only a flesh wound. My face was a real conversation piece for the next few weeks. However, this I can share with you. When you have a real life brush with death, it will tend to make you think hard about how you set your priorities. Also, get a good full coverage helmet. The rock found my forehead and completely missed the helmet!

- From the newsletter of the East Tennessee Whitewater Club. ✂

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## River Access

# Selected Readings on the Georgia Law of River Access

Compiled by Dan MacIntyre

*This is the seventh in a series of readings from various legal documents that have impacted Georgia's laws on river access. These readings range from the Magna Charta, which codified English common law, and in turn provided a basis for Georgia law, to the most recent court filings on the recent case relating to passage on the West Fork of the Chattooga. These readings are meant to provide background for educating our membership and the public on how we got to where we are in the area of river access, and where we need to be going.*

### **Part VII: Givens v. Ichauway, Inc., Supreme Court of Georgia, November 24, 1997—Dissenting opinion by Justice Fletcher, Presiding Justice.**

This case is not about the ownership of the creek bed or the rights of property owners adjacent to the creek. The issue in this case is whether the public has a statutory or common law right of passage on the Ichauwaynochaway Creek because it is, or was, capable of navigation. The majority opinion misconstrues the statutory definition of navigable stream under state law and ignores the public's right to use interstate waterways under the commerce clause of the United States Constitution. Because the record presents disputed issues of material fact, I would reverse and, on remand, would direct the trial court to consider whether the Ichauwaynochaway Creek is a navigable water under federal or state law.

1. Until today, this court has never approved the grant of summary judgment on the issue of the navigability of a river or other body of water. In *Georgia Canoeing Association v. Henry*, we reversed the grant of summary judgment that enjoined the public from passing through Henry's property on Armuchee Creek. Citing previous cases, we explained that summary judgment was generally inappropriate in equitable matters and that parties should proceed to a bench trial where the trial court can resolve disputed issues of material fact.

[268 Ga. 716] That ruling was consistent with the two other cases in which this court has considered the question of a river's navigability at the interlocutory injunction stage. In *Parker v. Durham*<sup>1</sup>, this court reversed the trial court's grant of summary judgment enjoining the public from traveling on the Hughes Old River by boat because the record showed questions of fact on the navigability of the river where it joins the Altamaha River

in Long County. Likewise, we found conflicting evidence in *Maddox v. Threatt* on whether the Chattahoochee River between Morgan Falls Dam and Holcomb Bridge was a navigable river. A review of the record in that case shows that the adjoining property owner contended that the Chattahoochee was not capable of holding craft other than a shallow-draft canoe or flatboat due to shoals, rocks, and shallow water; the state contradicted that evidence by asserting that the relevant portion of the river could bear small freight-laden craft with a three foot draft and eight foot beam.

This case is in the same procedural posture as the *Georgia Canoeing* case in its second appearance before this court<sup>2</sup>. After the trial court here granted an interlocutory injunction, the property owner moved for summary judgment on its request for a permanent injunction, which the trial court granted. Since the trial court failed to consolidate the hearing on the interlocutory injunction with the trial on the request for a permanent injunction, this case should be reversed and remanded for a hearing.

2. OCGA § 44-8-5 provides the description of navigability for waters under this state's law. The statute defines the term "navigable stream" as "a stream which is capable of transporting boats loaded with freight in the regular course of trade either for the whole or a part of the year. The mere rafting of timber or the transporting of wood in small boats shall not make a stream navigable."

The legislature first adopted this definition of navigable streams as part of the Code of 1863<sup>3</sup>. In appointing persons to prepare the original code, the General Assembly instructed them to develop a code that embraced the existing law, whether derived from common law, State Constitution, state statutes, Supreme Court decisions, or English statutes<sup>4</sup>. Since the codifiers had no authority to originate new [268 Ga. 717] matter, the presumption is that the legislature did not intend to change the law<sup>5</sup>. Thus, it is instructive to consider the common law at the time the Code of 1863 was approved to assist in interpreting the statute.

At English common law, a navigable stream was defined as a river or stream in which the tide ebbed and flowed<sup>6</sup>. In response to different conditions in this country, the courts expanded the term to include freshwater rivers and lakes. In 1849, this court described three kinds of rivers:

1st. Such as are wholly and absolutely private property. 2nd. Such as are private property, subject to the servitude of the public interest, by a passage upon them. The distinguishing test between these two is, whether they are susceptible or not of use for a common passage. 3rd. Rivers where the tide ebbs and flows, which are

called arms of the sea<sup>7</sup>.

In defining the rights of the public on the second class of rivers, the United States Supreme Court held in The Daniel Ball case that rivers are navigable in law if they are navigable in fact. "And they are navigable in fact when they are used, or are susceptible of being used, in their ordinary condition, as highways for commerce, over which trade and travel are or may be conducted in the customary modes of trade and travel on water."

In defining commerce on water, the courts do not limit the term solely to the carrying of merchandise, but also apply it to the carrying of passengers and the rafting of logs and timber<sup>8</sup>. The presence of artificial obstructions, such as dams or bridges, does not prevent the stream from being navigable in law if it would be navigable in fact in its natural state<sup>9</sup>. Once a stream is found to be navigable, it remains so<sup>10</sup>. Thus, if a stream is, or was, naturally of sufficient size to float boats, vessels, rafts, or logs, whether propelled by animal power, [268 Ga. 718] wind, or steam, the river is navigable water and the public has the right to use the stream.

3. In interpreting statutes, the cardinal rule of construction is to follow the legislature's intent. Statutes adopted in derogation of the common law must be strictly construed<sup>11</sup>. "Unless the contrary manifestly appears from the words employed, the language of a Code section should be understood as intending to state the existing law, and not to change it<sup>12</sup>."

Comparing the common law as developed in this country with the statute adopted in Georgia, it appears that the statute generally follows the common law on navigable rivers in the first sentence. That sentence defines a "navigable stream" as one that is capable of transporting boats loaded with freight in the regular course of trade for at least part of the year. On the other hand, the statute appears to have adopted a more restrictive definition than the common law in the second sentence, which eliminates the rafting of timber or floatage of logs as sufficient evidence to prove navigability. Construing the two sentences together, the proper standard in determining the navigability of a stream under Georgia law is whether the stream has been used, or is capable of being used, to transport boats loaded with freight other than timber or logs.

In applying this standard, courts may consider the historical use of the river. That is, it is the river's capacity for commercial traffic as understood by lawmakers at the time they adopted the definition of navigable streams that applies. If we were to adopt the property owner's position that the modern standard of commercial navigation controls, it would be difficult to find any river or stream that

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is navigable in the State of Georgia<sup>13</sup>.

This standard is consistent with the few cases in which our appellate courts have determined whether a particular stream or creek is navigable under OCGA § 41-8-5<sup>14</sup>. In the first reported case, [268 Ga. 719] we found that Knoxboro Creek, a tidewater stream flowing into the Savannah River, was navigable where it provided transportation for flat-boats and their cargoes from a rice plantation to the City of Savannah<sup>15</sup>. Subsequently, the Court of Appeals found that the Canoochee River was not navigable because it was not capable of floating any boat loaded with freight or passengers at any time and was not capable of rafting logs or timber unless its waters were swollen by rain<sup>16</sup>. Finally, without any discussion of the facts, this court affirmed trial court judgments concluding that part of the Ogeechee River and the Armuchee Creek were not navigable streams under the statute<sup>17</sup>.

In this case, the trial court erroneously concluded as a matter of law that the Ichauwaynochaway Creek was not a navigable stream as defined by the state statute. It based this conclusion of law on its factual findings that a dam crosses the creek, a big tree lies across the creek immediately below the dam, the creek has rock shoals within two feet of the surface, and the size of boats that travel on the creek is limited. It failed to consider the cases applying the common law on navigable streams and then failed to construe the evidence in the light most favorable to Givens, instead resolving issues of fact in favor of Ichauway, Inc. The majority opinion compounds the error by its reliance on irrelevant expert testimony concerning the inability of a present-day commercial barge to travel the creek and its summary dismissal of all evidence supporting the creek's capacity for freight traffic at the time the legislature first adopted the statute. None of the factors on which the trial court and the majority rely precludes a stream from being considered navigable under the state statute.

Construing the evidence in the light most favorable to Givens, as this court must do on summary judgment, the record raises a disputed issue of material fact concerning the navigability of the creek. The evidence shows that the Ichauwaynochaway Creek is 75- to 200-foot wide; the creek through Ichauway's property was used in the past to transport agricultural products south to the Flint River; the creek can still carry boats loaded with freight commonly used in the regular course of trade in the nineteenth century, as illustrated by the raft used in the Goat Float; and the power dam is an artificial obstruction that was built this century. Further, a review of state [268 Ga. 720] statutes supports Given's contention that the Ichauwaynochaway Creek has borne commercial traffic

in the past. As part of legislative efforts to protect and improve navigation in the state's rivers and creeks, the Georgia General Assembly in 1831 appointed three commissioners to examine the navigation of the Ichauwaynochaway Creek, described by citizens as "navigable for considerable distance in Baker County<sup>18</sup>," and appropriated \$1,500 in 1837 for the creek's navigation<sup>19</sup>. Based on this evidence, I would reverse the grant of summary judgment and instruct the trial court to hear further evidence on the navigability of the creek under state law based on its past and present capacity for water trade.

4. Finally, the trial court erred in considering navigability solely under state law. The question of navigability is a federal question<sup>20</sup>. A river is a navigable water of the United States when it forms by itself, or in connection with other waters, a continuous highway over which commerce may be carried with other state and countries. The waters of the Ichauwaynochaway Creek flow into the Flint River, which joins the Chattahoochee River in the southwest corner of the state to form the Apalachicola River. The Apalachicola flows south across northwest Florida to the Gulf of Mexico<sup>21</sup>. Therefore, the Ichauwaynochaway goes all the way to the gulf and is part of interstate commerce.

Because the creek is part of interstate commerce, federal law applies<sup>22</sup>. The federal test of navigability is whether a river is used, or susceptible of being used, in its ordinary condition to transport commerce<sup>23</sup>. On remand, the trial court should first consider whether the creek is navigable in fact under federal law before considering whether it is a navigable stream under state law.

I am authorized to state that Justice HUNSTEIN joins in this dissent.

**Foot Notes:**

1. The property owner offered evidence showing that land formed a barrier between the two bodies of water at low tide; the fishermen offered evidence that boats could pass between the two rivers even at low tide.
2. See *Georgia Canoeing Ass'n v. Henry* (1997) (affirming the permanent injunction against public use entered after a bench trial), *Georgia Canoeing Ass'n. v. Henry* (1993) (affirming grant of interlocutory injunction without an opinion).
3. The Code of the State of Georgia § 2208 (1863).
4. 1858 Ga. Laws 95.
5. See *Ropers v. Carmichael*, (1937).
6. *Black's Law Dictionary* 926 (5th ed. 1979); see *Boardman v. Scott* (1897).
7. *Young v. Harrison* (1849).
8. See Joseph K. Angell, *A Treatise on the Law of*

- Watercourses 695-97 (7th ed. J.C. Perkins ed. 1877).
9. Economy Light & Power Co. v. United States (1921).
  10. United States v. Appalachian Elec. Power Co., (1940) (absence of use because of the coming of the railroad, improved highways, or other changed conditions does not affect the navigability of rivers in the constitutional sense)
  11. Johnson v. State (1902).
  12. Lamar v. McLaren (1899).
  13. Cf. The Montello (in relying on "Durham boats" propelled by animal power, noted that it "would be a narrow rule to hold that in this country, unless a river was capable of being navigated by steam or sail vessels, it could not be treated as a public highway.")
  14. See also Rauers v. Persons (1915) (affirming conclusion that McQueen's Inlet on St. Catherine's Island is a navigable tidewater as defined in OCGA § 44-8-7), overruled on other grounds in State v. Ashmore (1976); Johnson v. State (1914) (holding that term "navigable stream" does not apply to a bay, estuary, or arm of the sea).
  15. See Charleston & Savannah Ry. v. Johnson (1884) (record showed the stream was seventy-five to two hundred feet wide, fourteen feet deep where the bridge crossed it, and had an ebb and flow of three-and-one-half feet).
  16. See Seaboard Air Line Ry. v. Sikes (1908).
  17. See Brantley v. Lee (1913) (Ogeechee River dividing

- Screven and Bulloch Counties); Georgia Canoeing (Armuchee Creek in northwest Georgia).
18. 1831 Ga. Laws 264.
  19. 1836 Ga. Laws 31.
  20. Urah v. United States (1971).
  21. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Water Resources Development in Georgia 1993, p. 25 (1993).
  22. See 78 Am. Jur. 2d, Waters, § 61, 73, (1975); Blalock v. Brown (1949) (since under the commerce clause Congress may require the recording of the purchase and operation of vessels on a navigable stream traversing two states, by analogy Congress would have the same right to legislate the recording of airplanes with a federal agency.)
  23. United States v. Harrell (1991) (citing United States v. Appalachian Elec. Power Co. (1940)). ✂

## West Fork Chattooga Access

The access situation on the West Fork of the Chattooga has not yet been settled. The Forest Service and the land owners could not come to agreement on a purchase price in order for the land to be bought by the Forest Service, and the judge in the case has ordered the parties into court on the issue of navigation.

The case will be heard in the Gainesville District Federal Court, probably in the June-July time frame. Until then, the landowners have been ordered by the judge to allow passage on the river. ✂

## Letters

Georgia Canoeing Association:

On February 28 I decided to run the upper Toccoa. Since the access at Deep Hole was closed for the winter, I opted to put in on Cooper's Creek at GA Highway 60. As I was unloading, a woman at a nearby house appeared and said I was trespassing. I kindly pointed out to her that I was on the highway R.O.W., but she insisted that I was on her property and could not use it to gain access to Cooper's Creek. To avoid further conflict, I reloaded and found another put-in point.

The following day I went to the Fannin County Road Department and confirmed that the R.O.W. on Hwy. 60 at the Cooper's Creek bridge is 100'. Next, I went to the Fannin County courthouse and obtained the name of the property owner. Finally, I talked to a deputy at the Sheriff's Department, who told me that I was completely within my rights to use the R.O.W. as an access. She said the property owner would be contacted and informed of



the public's rights regarding state R.O.W. access points. She instructed me to call the Sheriff's Department if I encountered this problem again.

I have requested drawings of the R.O.W. at the bridge from the Georgia D.O.T. and will send copies to the property owner and the Fannin County Sheriff's Department.

This problem is not new for paddlers. Paddling organizations could and should spend time and effort lobbying for clearly marked R.O.W.'s at bridges and, if necessary, have property owners near bridge access points informed of the public's rights.

I solicit any assistance this organization can offer in this endeavor.

Sincerely,  
Ernest Stewart

Dear GCA Board and Members:

THANKS AGAIN! On behalf of the Board, athletes, coaches, and volunteers of the Atlanta Center for Excellence, thank you for the wonderful work of the GCA in

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presenting this year's Southeastern race. As usual, the race was a tremendous success and proved to be an important "warm-up" event for our athletes.

We are grateful for the hard work and dedication of so many volunteers, sponsors and friends in organizing this ambitious event. It is regional racing events such as these in which our younger athletes develop the experience they need to compete at a national level. Your contribution to their success is very significant.

Thanks again. See you on the river.

Sincerely,  
Frank Crane,  
ACE President

Allen:

On behalf of the Board, athletes, coaches, and volunteers of the Atlanta Center for Excellence, I would like to offer our sincere appreciation for the countless hours of volunteer time given by many GCA members during this year's Ocoee Double Header canoe and kayak race. As usual, the event was a tremendous success. We are truly

grateful for the hard work and dedication of so many volunteers, sponsors and friends in organizing this very important national event.

For any of GCA's members who may not know, the Ocoee Double Header and Nantahala Spring Race held the previous weekend have become perennial favorites of athletes vying for a spot on the USCKT National Slalom Team. Since these two races are held back to back weekends when many schools and colleges are having spring break, and because they are held in a Southern locale with usually mild weather for early Spring, the events attract a field of competitors unequalled in the US except for annual team trials and the national championships.

The Ocoee Double Header offers the recreational paddler or an entire family the unique opportunity to witness world class athletes on an Olympic venue. And most importantly for ACE, it provides our athletes an opportunity to compete against these same athletes on a world class slalom course.

Many of our ACE volunteers spent the entire week-

end at the race and witnessed a number of your GCA members there alongside us working to pull off this tremendous event. I won't make an attempt at names because I'd inevitably leave someone out, but they know who they are, and more importantly GCA knows who they are because they're the same faces you see at Southeasterns and other club events.

I just wanted to go on record letting the GCA know that ACE appreciates not only your financial support of our athletes, but also the magnanimous generosity of your individual members who give of their personal time to enable our kids to compete.

Thank you,  
Frank Crane, President  
Atlanta Center for Excellence

April 7, 1999

GCA Members:

The memorial stone for Ed Green has been approved for the put-in at the Tuckasegee. I have the text and the artwork coming back from the memorial company for approval, and the local community improvement committee has asked me to let all interested parties know that they want to go ahead and use my plan as a stepping-stone to beautify the whole park. They request people donate a tree, shrub, fertilizer, or mulch if so desired. These may be dropped at Squire Watkins Inn in Dillsboro, behind the Huddle House. Mrs. Emma Wertenberger is the head of the committee. This will mean that while I still have about \$300.00 to raise for my part of the expense of the stone and certain installation expenses, the landscaping will be done on the entire park over the next few years — thus benefiting all the boaters as well as the town.

The dedication is scheduled for Father's Day Weekend, the actual date and time to be announced via email or a mass mailing to interested persons. Money may be donated to the Ed Green Memorial at:

Carolina Community Bank,  
West Main Street  
Sylva, NC 28779

I can be reached at:

Beth Thompson  
305A Old Settlement Road  
Sylva, NC 28779  
828.586.8196

Email: sylgraf@dnet.net

I want to thank all those who have written, called, and emailed. It has been a very difficult time, and it is not over yet. My hope is that this memorial will help others to remember to be safe boaters, and know Ed lived. I appreciate the support I've been given thus far, especially

from the GCA.

The text of the memorial reads as follows:

In Memory  
Edward Lee Green  
July 3, 1953 to December 27, 1998

Outstanding  
Artist, Musician, Adventurer  
Loving Father, Beloved Friend

His unique talents and abilities  
Will be forever missed by all who knew him.

Died as a result of pinning at Crack in the Rock Rapid  
On the Raven Fork River in Cherokee, NC  
December 23, 1998.

Please Scout Blind Drops!

Jesus said; "I am the way..." John 14:6

The stone will have a waterfall from the book Ed and I wrote over on the right side by the text about the accident. I hope it is a fitting way to remember a truly larger than life person, and that all of you, the community we were a part of, will think so as well.

Beth Thompson



"See, Frank? Keep the light in their eyes and you can bag them without any trouble at all."

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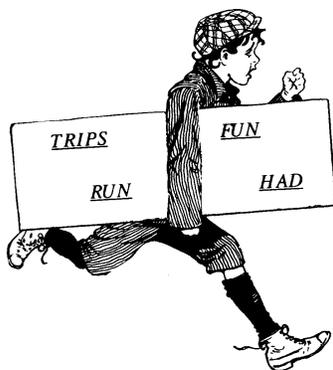
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## Springtime on the Tellico

by Ray Channell

A caveat — this is not unbiased journalism—I love the Tellico. When weekend water level (and scheduling) permits, I am frequently in East Tennessee making my way to this river. There are continuous, challenging, fun, class II+ to III+ rapids in the first three or so miles. More technical at lower flows, pushier at higher, but always a lot of fun. In fact, the changing water flow contributes to the challenge (and fun). You don't have the opportunity to "learn" this river like you learn the Ocoee or the Nantahala. It will be different at every water level — holes disappear only to be discovered somewhere else, easy eddies may become elevated, much more dynamic, or cease to exist — and you may have to "learn" a new route or move — on the fly.

This is a great place to practice eddy-hop and fast water ferry skills on a smaller river. There are some great places for slot moves, drops with immediate turns indicated at the bottom, boof moves with and without a "pillow", mid-rapid eddies, elevated eddies, and some hole-surf-ferry to tight little eddy spots. Front surf, side surf, 360, cartwheel, pop-up, and stern squirt spots. And all of this on a scenic, uncrowded, stream. And there is no "creek-anxiety" — you can car scout the entire run on the



way up for strainers / log jams.

Bridge Rapid (a.k.a. Put-in) is a good example of a rapid in which the line changes with different water flows. At lower flows, hard right is a good line, but at higher flows not only does that tongue get much smaller, but the eddy you'll end up in also gets much more turbulent. The holes at the Lower Ledges generally grow and change position. And while the rocks in Bump and Grind are better padded at higher flows, there is also a much higher probability of an unanticipated side surf.

This river is scenic and pretty, but is by no stretch a wilderness run. The parallel road frequently offers the chance to perform for sightseers who seem to consider paddling the Tellico an extreme sport. The Tellico is also a popular trout stream. It was especially popular this weekend — the rangers told me that the stream was stocked heavily earlier in the week. While I have never developed a taste for Purina Trout Chow-flavored trout, it is apparently a delicacy in this part of the world. Undoubtedly, part of the attraction is the challenge of matching wits with a salmonid that has spent its entire life, until last Wednesday, in a concrete trough.

This was to be a (the first?) joint AWC / GCA trip. Louis Boulanger, also a new AWC member, has volunteered for duty as the Cruising chair. Response to the posting in the AWC newsletter was underwhelming — none.

Fortunately, even though I didn't get this trip posting into *The Eddy Line* (snafu), I posted it to the GCA e-mail list about two weeks prior to the trip and got eighteen (18) hits. (Louis, let's change our focus, if the creeks are too high, we can always go to the swamp!)

Britt Warren, Hays Dunnam, Ed Stamm, Janet Johnson, Pat Gourley, Rick Battaglia, Mark Hoyle, Jack Shoaff, and a new friend from Knoxville, Randall, all met at the bridge pretty much on time. This was the first spring weekend and the weather was perfect. Sunny and warm — not typical Tellico paddling weather. We all enjoyed working on our tans at the put-in and take-out — Ed more so than the rest of us. Mark got some good practice time in on that new rodeo move he's developed. Janet, I saw a warning sign on the Obed this last weekend that you would have liked. Rule number one was "Only swim in safe places". Good advice in theory, but hard to follow in practice. Ray's Rules: 1. Don't look too far downstream, don't make plans too far in advance. Be strategically resolute yet tactically flexible — situations change. (More to follow. Maybe.)

I hope to paddle with this group a lot more this spring, everyone enjoyed each other's company and had a great time on the river. ✂

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## Upper Chattahoochee

by Becky Engel

27 March 1999. I have always heard that the Trip Coordinator's job is not to do everything, but just to coordinate things (I wonder if that is where the title came from?). It took Nancy Barker to instruct me in the proper manner of doing that. She signed up to lead this trip on the Upper Chattahoochee who knows how long ago, when it was believed that the weather would be warm at the end of March. Or, at least, that is what she claimed. So when we paddled together a week earlier, she asked me if I would lead things if the weather turned out to be cooler than she likes to paddle. What a great excuse! I will have to try it myself.

And whaddya know, it did turn out to be as cool as predicted, just a bit below the 60 degree minimum, and not sunny warm either, although not too cold for the 17 or more boaters that turned out. There were people all over the place, and somehow things did not get coordinated as I even got a phone call at 7:00 in the morning from a last minute paddler, who called again as we were running shuttle to say she was on her way but would be a few minutes late.

With that many boats we broke into two groups, also handy since most people were ready while others were still unloading. My thanks to Ed Stockman for taking most of the paddlers in the first group. They got off the river and left before the second group which I tried to lead finally reached the take-out. We were slow!

I managed to miss several names from the trip list, but, among others, the following were present: Doug Ackerman (running sweep with the second group. Thanks),

Bonnie Semora, Chuck Stowe, Rick Thomas, Joe Pringle, David Johnson, Belle Wilmer, Tony Colquitt, David McFadden, Michael McFadden, Clark Meyes, Alex and Mary Ann Pruitt, Connie Venuso, John Dixon, me, Jeff Engel and possible others! ✂

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## Broad River

by Becky Engel

20 March 99. The Annual (Guess How Many) Nancy Barker Birthday Paddle. It seemed like the typical March canoe trip. All week long the weatherman kept changing his mind as to temperatures, cloud cover and amount of rain, but he was never optimistic. Therefore, we wound up with a warm and mostly sunny day, even though as I drove to the river I was still hearing forecasts of cloudy and cool.

The water level was medium, and all had a good time. We had a couple of swims to keep things interesting, and a couple of people did some side surfing both unexpectedly and for longer than they were comfortable. But everybody survived.

My sincerest thanks to Bill Convis for running sweep. He was not on the trip list and drove up unexpectedly as we were running shuttle. For punishment we made him sweep, and he did a superb job.

Also along were Shon Bailey, Hope Adkins, Dick Polmatier, Peter Copp, Connie Venuso, Peggy Bailey, Sheila Small (trip photographer), Doug Ackerman, Tony Colquitt, Alex Pruitt, Bonnie Semora paddling tandem with 9 year old Domingo Camano, Guest of Honor Nancy Barker, leader Jeff Engel and I am sure a few others who I missed. ✂

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## Get the Lead Out!

by Tom Martin

Say what?!? We have an excellent offering of river trips thanks to the Cruise Master, Jason Schnurr. Thanks also to the many trip coordinators who have volunteered their time and energies to provide trip opportunities. There is no shortage of volunteers; it does take a lot of effort on Jason's part to find some of them. Thanks also to the many participants/future volunteers.

Bear with me... there is a point to all this. Many of us enjoy "leading" trips. We shouldn't "lead trips"! That is, we need to get the "lead" out. We are only striving to "coordinate" trips.

"Leading" trips implies a lot of things unintended, both legally and otherwise. A "coordinator" should be familiar with the put-in, take-out, lunch stop, and know

the basic features of the river. He or she should remind the participants of GCA safety guidelines, even to the point of discouraging unprepared paddlers at the water's edge when necessary.

The coordinator should brief the group on AWA river signals, the location of first-aid kits and throw ropes, the identification of CPR and first-aid certified paddlers. He or she should caution against the use of alcohol or drugs while paddling and get waivers signed. The coordinator will usually designate "point" and "sweep" boats to keep the group together...

But these are all basically administrative tasks, duties necessary for a group activity. On the water there is no omniscient, omnipotent, super-paddler "leader" who is going to ensure that all goes as planned and everyone has a safe trip.

We usually have safe trips due to careful planning

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and group dynamics -- BUT THERE IS NO GUARANTEE. The next trip you're on, get an extra copy of the waiver and read it.

I once coordinated a "Trained Beginner" trip on a river that had a number of drops. An untrained kayaker wanted to participate and I was concerned about her boat pinning. Also there were no experienced kayakers participating (I actually tried to recruit some). Finally, she said, "I just want to make sure I'll get back alive!" to which I replied, "That's just the point! I can't do that!"

That was not my role; but I did feel justified in discouraging her participation on this particular trip. (Often I coordinate trips for class I - easy beginner intending to discourage no one). Don't misunderstand. Even if I had signed her up for the trip, the final obligation to decide would have been hers. After talking with me, she (being most familiar with her own skills) could have judged her preparedness inadequate.

Incidentally, I discouraged another untrained paddler on this particular trip who had a paddling "coach" that was going to also participate. I later heard of incidents with this paddler on a subsequent trip that totally reinforced my previous reservations.

Also, don't misunderstand: Training alone does not qualify a paddler for participation in any trip. If the trip coordinator is not comfortable with the group dynamics (e.g. too high a ratio of inexperienced to experienced paddlers, or marginal equipment, or non-current experience, or marginal weather conditions), he or she may discourage someone from participating. I once listed a kayaker (trained by a reputable instructor on class III water) on a trip only to find out later that she did not have a wet exit! Trained, yes. Adequate experience, NO!

The coordinator *at best* can try to describe the conditions likely to be encountered.... And those conditions are subject to change! Only the paddler can make the final decision concerning his/her own safety. So, paddlers, ask questions, and don't hesitate to "just say no"!

The point is: Coordinators, you are NOT trip leaders! Paddlers, don't expect to be led! Let's GET THE LEAD OUT while still striving to have safe group activities.

Note: Coordinating river trips is a rewarding experience. If you are interested in planning and coordinating a trip but still have questions, watch for the next trip coordinator clinic. ✂

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## Merced River, California

by William C. Reeves (The Hawk)

*Merced River*

*Section: Redbud to South Merced bridge*

*Appropriate for: Intermediate or Advanced*

*Months Runnable: March through June, peaks in May*

*Difficulty: III (IV at high water)*

*Gradient: 75 ft/mile*

*Runnable level min: 800 cfs*

*max: 5,000 cfs*

*Hazards: Boulder sieves, holes*

*Distance: 5.2 miles*

*Scenery: Exquisite*

*Scouting: From the road.*

*Gauge: 916.653.9647*

I was planning to write-up our March 1999 Potato Creek run, but then Will and I ended up in California. A Shredder cataraft is readily packaged for airline transportation and we had a rent car, so we opted for the Merced River just below Yosemite Valley.

The Merced can be run from March through June. Boatable levels range from 800 through 5,000 cfs, and we did it at about 800. At that level it's class III drop and pool with one easy class IV, but if it was honkin' at 5,000 it would be impressive. We put in at Nightmare Island and ran 5 miles of 75-foot/mile fun drop-and-pool.

Nightmare Island is an easy relatively technical class IV rapid. The right side has a nice S-turn vertical drop through a boulder garden that was too low to run in the shredder. The left side is a more navigable nice long technical boulder garden. It's possible to pick-up any dangling pieces in a short pool at the bottom.

Next comes Chipped Tooth. You will think about bank scouting because there is a horizon line and it looks like a boulder garden from above. No problemo, Chipped Tooth is a solid class III 100 yard or so long staircase type rapid that can be run on either side. There's a rock in the middle that creates an impressive hole at higher levels. However, this one also runs into a friendly recovery pool.

The next rapid was not named in the guidebook. It is also a boulder garden with a hole on river right, which we intentionally dropped into sideways. It will hold a Shredder and sucked me off the tube for a short swim.

The remaining 3 miles or so have numerous fun boulder-filled class III rapids. There are multiple play spots, holes and surfing waves and the run should take two or three hours. The river is contiguous to the road the whole way but the scenery is spectacular and the highway is unobtrusive.

If you have two cars, the river is up, and you don't mind possibly getting hammered, drive a mile or so beyond Nightmare to Upper Red Bud. Gradient is around 80 feet/mile and difficulty would be constant class III-IV.

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If you like hair, go all the way to El Portal. Gradient is about 120 feet/mile and difficulty is said to be IV+. Unfortunately this section is not readily scouted from the road, so.....

There are several options to get to the Merced River. If you have lots of time, drive and boat everything between Georgia and California along either the southern or northern routes. It's more realistic to fly. If you're in the Bay Area, the Merced River is only about 2+ hours away. Just take I-5 or the classic Highway 99 route to Merced. From Merced take State Highway 140 towards Yosemite National Park. It's about 64 miles to El Portal, the upper

put in.

The highway begins to parallel the river about 50 miles out of Merced and you can scout from the car all the way to the park entrance at El Portal. The good stretch goes from El Portal to just below the confluence with the South Fork of the Merced River. Below that, gradient drops to about 40 feet/mile, but there are some good rapids and a 25' fall that should probably be portaged.

Since we had only one car and had to run shuttle the classic way, we just did 5 miles from Nightmare Island to the South Fork. Nightmare Island is obvious (the only island) and there are multiple large turn-outs. ✂

## On the Death of Paddlers

by Kate White

It's March and the river is high from melting snows and recent long days of rain. But it is not the high waters that lead me to think about the death of paddlers. It is a recent conversation I had with a long-time paddler who had just come back from a trip with Jamie McEwan. "How is he?" I ask, and we both look at the floor so as not to see the sadness and concern we both felt for him, and for the loss of Doug Gordon on that big water in Tibet.

This paddler tells me a little of Jamie slowly, and there is a feeling that rises in my chest. It is hard to describe. I don't know Jamie, or anyone who went on that fatal trip. In fact I have not known any of the paddlers who have been killed while running rivers over the last few years, but I have strong feelings about the death of paddlers. This feeling that rises comes from the heart. It is the slow but definite pressure of grief. And I am not even a paddler.

I am a bodyworker who works with paddlers.

I have come to know paddlers through my hands. There is a palpable qualitative difference between those who kayak and canoe as a life practice and those who don't. With my hands on them, I can feel the pulse of life so strongly: like the fast moving waters of a rapid, clear and strong but mysterious.

Sometimes I describe it like a force, and behind this individual life force is the vital flow of the natural world, and I can feel it with my hands. So, I always look forward to the visits of the paddlers in my treatment room, and imagine that I could feel the waters of world through touching them, and then come ever closer to the mystery of life and the ability to perceive the health that is everyone's birthright.

The grief began with the death of Richie Weiss. I did not know Richie, but I know some of the paddlers who loved and admired him. By that time, I was seeing some

of the top canoeists and kayakers in the US, and each one wanted to talk about Richie's death. I could feel their sadness and was surprised to witness my own anger at the loss of such a paddler. Then news of more and more deaths of paddlers came in, and my anger stayed on simmer.

The politics of running rivers became part of discussions at gatherings of paddlers. Should they run waterfalls? Should those who go before and see dangerous parts of rivers leave a mark for others to see? Who was responsible here? After Doug's death there was the statement made that paddlers who die while running rapids are doing what they love the best, and they were going to keep on taking risks, come what may.

Well, I can see the truth of this statement. I am a risk taker. I would chafe at any restriction put on me and revel in my anti-establishment rebellious act of doing what I wished. But with paddlers, I wish to state a caveat and send it out to all paddlers as the 1999 season begins and mountain streams become rivers that join other rivers with the melting of snows.

For me, paddlers are a human bridge to the natural world. As a species, we need them more than ever. We are in a technology craze that increases our stress levels. Even as we say it is helping us live our lives better, I witness it as helping us die slowly and painfully. We are faxing, emailing, cell phoning, riding in our cars, living in

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our offices, buying prefabricated foods, and thinking this is the pinnacle of life. We have lost our connection with nature. Who has time? Well, those who make time and do it for love.

Therefore, for me, paddlers are a special kind of human being. They sacrifice what society sees as current and necessary (a "job", for example) in order to pursue their passion for the water. As a bodyworker and a health practitioner, I experience a higher degree of what I would call health in these people: a high satisfaction with life, a

general overall positive attitude, and a supple and tone quality to their physical body (even if in need of massage).

Saying this, I want to impart a certain degree of responsibility to paddlers for the well-being of humans as a species. We need you people. Don't kill yourselves, if not for your sake, then for the sake of others. Paddlers are secret healers of the 21st century human, along with other athletes who revere the outdoors and seek to maintain it for the sake of our grandchildren.

So, stay alive.



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Class 1: Easy. Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Few obstructions, obvious and easily missed with little training, risk to swimmers is slight; self-rescue is easy.

Class II: Novice. Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Occasional maneuver may be required, but rocks and medium sized waves are easily missed by trained paddlers. Swimmers are seldom injured and group assistance, while helpful, is seldom needed. Rapids that are at the upper end of the difficulty range are designated "Class II+".

Class III: Intermediate. Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid and which can swamp an open canoe. Complex maneuvers in fast current and good boat control in tight passages or around ledges are often required; large waves or strainers may be present but are easily avoided. Strong eddies and powerful current effects can be found, particularly on large volume rivers. Scouting is advisable for inexperienced parties. Injuries while swimming are rare; self-rescue is usually easy but group assistance may be required to avoid long swims. Rapids that are at the lower or upper end of this difficulty range are designated "Class III-" or "Class III+" respectively.

Class IV: Advanced. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise boat handling in turbulent water. Depending on the character of the river, it may feature large, unavoidable waves and holes or constricted passages demanding fast maneuvers under pressure. A fast, reliable eddy turn may be needed to initiate maneuvers, scout rapids, or rest. Rapids may require "must" moves above dangerous hazards. Scouting may be necessary the first time down. Risk of injury to swimmers is moderate to high, and water conditions may make self-rescue difficult. Group assistance for rescue is often essential but requires practiced skills. A strong Eskimo roll is highly recommended. Rapids that are at the lower or upper end of this difficulty range are designated "Class IV-" or "Class IV+" respectively.

Class 5: Expert. Extremely long, obstructed, or very violent rapids which expose a paddler to added risk. Drops may contain large, unavoidable waves and holes or steep, congested chutes with complex, demanding routes. Rapids may continue for long distances between pools, demanding a high level of fitness. What eddies exist may be small, turbulent, or difficult to reach. At the high end of the scale, several of these factors may be combined. Scouting is recommended but may be difficult. Swims are dangerous, and rescue is often difficult even for experts. A very reliable Eskimo roll, proper equipment, extensive experience and practiced rescue skills are essential. Because of the large range of difficulty that exists beyond class IV, class 5 is an open ended, multiple level scale designated by class 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, etc... Each of these levels is an order of magnitude more difficult than the last. For instance, increasing the difficulty from class 5.0 to class 5.1 is a similar order of magnitude as increasing from class IV to class 5.0.

Class VI: Extreme and Exploratory. These runs have almost never been attempted and often exemplify the extremes of difficulty, unpredictability and danger. The consequences of errors may be very severe and rescue may be impossible. For teams of experts only, at favorable water levels, after close personal inspection and taking all precaution.

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**FOR SALE** - Canoe, 1998 Mohawk Shaman 12, red Royalex, yellow 60" Voyager air bags, Perception saddle with adjustable foot pegs. Asymmetrical hull with 4-1/2' bow to 5-1/2" stern rocker - looks like a scaled down Caption. Quick and responsive, an eddy grabber. Surfs like a champ and rolls with practice. Purchased September 1998. \$700. Also ask about miscellaneous gear. Chris: 404.288.1375.

**FOR SALE** - Canoe; Old Town Discovery Scout 18 ft. Comes with two paddles. Purchased March 1998 and only used 3 times. Asking \$575. Eric or Jen 770.614.4382.

**FOR RENT** - Vacation cabins on the Chattahoochee River at Duncan Bridge Road next to Wildewood Outfitters. Includes TV/VCR and Primestar. Central heat & air. Gas log fireplaces. Rustic lodge which sleeps 10 on 6 acres next to rapids, also private gate. 1 BR - \$95, 2 BR - \$105. 10% discount to GCA members. Gary Gaines 770.503.8537.

**FOR SALE** - Home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath home 2 miles from Nantahala Outdoor Center in NC. 1700 sq. ft. on 5.3 acres plus detached workshop and studio. Paddler's dream location. \$93,900 Art 828.488.3652. Email debar@noc.com.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak & paddle building equipment. Kayak & spoon blade paddle molds, kayak plugs, rolls of fiberglass cloth, mat, Yakima toe braces, seam tape, etc. All tools required to properly work fiberglass. In short, everything (except fresh resin) required to make at least three (3) complete kayaks. Also, enough mat to build several new molds from the plugs. All materials are top quality and in excellent condition. Everything for only \$750... I need the space. Marvin Albitz phone: 404.296.7041.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Pyranha Acrobat 270 (black) with air bags and paddle. \$450. Call Knox at 770.475.3022.

**FOR SALE** - Kayaks & C-1. Kayak, Pyranha Acrobat 270, black, in good condition: \$400. Kayak, New Wave Sleek, red/black, in excellent condition: \$450. C-1, New Wave Cruise Control, with new Mountain Surfskirt: \$400 obo. call: 404.377.8836.

**FOR SALE** - Kayaks. Dagger Touring Kayaks, Magellan w/rudder \$850, Edisto (2) w/ rudder, \$650, w/o rudder \$600. All less than 1 yr. old. Also have touring paddles and PFDs. Greg Anderson 770.640.0301.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak. Touring Sea Kayak, Hydra Sea Runner, 17' 6" plastic boat with metal rudder, two storage compartments, red, in very good condition. \$499. Call Debbie @ 770.614.1784.

**FOR SALE** - Kayaks (K-2), Two Prijon Topo-Duos, purple, excellent condition, stored indoors year round, great play boats and parent/child white water craft. Very stable. Will deliver. \$900 each. (\$1350 new) Call Don Holden at H: 770.339.8527, W: 770.513.4442, email dholden@flash.net.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Wave Sport Frankenstein. Red & Black. Great Condition. Fully outfitted with padding & back band (very comfortable). Great for anything from learning to Section IV! \$400 OBO. Looking for a Wave Sport Y! Mark 770.591.2425.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Dagger Crossfire (bluish-green color), Perception spray skirt, Werner paddle, Protec helmet, Yakima locking rail riders, stackers & multimounts, Okespor Gorges (8), 2 stern floatation bags, Snap Dragon back band, Padz hip wedges, nose clip. All this has never been used on white water. Everything in excellent condition — only taken out on a pond 3 times. \$1150 invested — make me an offer. Con-

tact Randy @ 912.764.5743 or email me @ rcowart@frontiernet.net. Delivery arrangements may be possible.

**FOR SALE** - Kayak, Wave Sport X, purple, red and orange. Bought in September '98 and paddled only until November. \$900 or best offer. Call John at 770.436.8523.

**FOR SALE** - Log cabin & land. 2 bedroom, 2 bath Log cabin, rec room and garage in basement, 5 acres, 2 streams, 12 x 25 ft. storage quonset hut, private but not remote, paved road, Murphy, N. C. Also: 13+ acres, 360 degree view, several possible building sites, 5 miles from Murphy, N. C. 706.865.6061.

**FOR SALE** - Land. Secluded mountain lots - great views, streams, heavily wooded, extreme privacy w/ restrictive covenants. Between Cleveland and Dahlenega on Piney Mountain (easy access to Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Overflow, Chauga, Nantahala, etc.) - Only six lots left - 3 to 5+ acres starting at \$5,500 per acre. Call Martha Herndon at 404.231.5367.

**FOR SALE** - Vehicle, Poor man's SUV - 1990 Toyota Corolla 4wd wagon, 5sp, ac, am/fm/cassette, Yakima racks, 138k miles, garaged, excellent condition. Book value \$4600, will sell for \$4000 obo. Robert 770.460.5176.

**HELP WANTED** - Yes, the GCA needs your help. We need volunteers to serve on committees, label and mail newsletters, etc. Call 770.421.9729 and leave a message.

**WANTED** - Canoe, 12 or 11ft. white water canoe; Dagger Ocoee or Ovation, or Mad River Outrage in good condition. Call Belle 404.257.3236 (day) or 770.381.3602 (evenings).

**WANTED** - Canoe, Mohawk XL-13. Call Jack at 770.998.0350.

**WANTED** - Canoe, used slalom racing open canoe, short or medium class, in good condition. Gabriella 404.636.9339 evenings.

**WANTED** - Kayak, Perception Overflow X. Call Pete @ 404.296.3707.

**WANTED** - Pamlico - Pamlico Excel, Pungo, Breeze, Loon160T, Bayou, Bayou2, Delta, Manteo. Call Paul 770.641.7504 or email britman45@mindspring.com. ✂



## ACA Swift Water Rescue Clinic

Week Night TBA, May 15-16, 1999 or Week Night TBA, June 5-6 1999

The GCA Swift Water Rescue program is offering two sessions of the ACA Swift Water Rescue clinic. This hands-on, in-water course is specifically designed for intermediate and advanced paddlers, and will give the student training and practice in rescue skills and techniques such as single and group wading, defensive and aggressive swimming, special swimming situations (including drops and strainers) and contact rescues. Rope techniques such as snag/tag lines and pig rigs, and the physics behind them, will also be taught and practiced.

The course consists of one week-night classroom session, and a weekend of dry land and in-water work. Participants should be intermediate level paddlers, or better, in good physical condition, and be comfortable swimming in class 2-3 water. Basic rescue equipment (60-70 ft. throw rope, 2 carabiners, one 10-12 ft length of webbing, and two prussick loops), and either a dry suit or wet suit is required. Participants are also required to have a copy of River Rescue, 3rd Edition by Bechdel and Ray (available from GCA). There will be reading assignments from this book.

Cost of the class is \$60.00 per person, and GCA membership is required. Make your check payable to Georgia Canoeing Association and send it and this registration form to:

Ms. Kathy King/SWR Registration  
Apt. R  
6532 Hillandale Dr.  
Norcross, Ga. 30092

Please circle the class your are registering for.      May 15-16/99      June 5-6/99

Questions? Call or email Bo Wise, 770.806.6001, email [JWWise@Mindspring.com](mailto:JWWise@Mindspring.com)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

GCA Member Yes/No \_\_\_ Paddling Level: Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced \_\_\_

# 1999

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

C A N O E I N G

# INSTRUCTION

K A Y A K I N G

## PADDLING CLINIC INFORMATION

Clinics will be taught by ACA-certified instructors and qualified assistants. In order to provide individual attention, the maximum student-to-instructor ratio is 4:1. Space is limited.

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **BEGINNING WHITE WATER:**

For people who have never had a boat on moving water. Three-hour evening classroom session with videos and lectures covering equipment, safety, river features, and paddling techniques for tandem and solo boaters. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, wet exits. Full day Sunday session on a class II river, practicing ferries, eddy turns, peel-outs, running rapids, self rescue, and assisted rescue. You must attend both the dry and flat water sessions to participate in the white water river portions of the course.

#### **BEGINNING YOUTH WHITE WATER**

Same course as above, but designed for youths aged 16 and under.

#### **INTERMEDIATE 1 WHITE WATER:**

Participants should have had recent Beginner level instruction or 5 days of white water experience. Polish-up beginner skills, plus bracing and rolling (kayaks).

#### **INTERMEDIATE 2 WHITE WATER:**

Intermediate clinic participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III white water such as the Nantahala, and wish to master the roll in rapids, and learn how to play confidently in Nantahala-type waves and holes. Intermediate kayakers should have a 100% flat water roll and a 50% reliable combat roll in class II rapids. Saturday morning lake session working on strokes and rolls (kayaks) and an afternoon session on the Nantahala working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Sunday trip on a class II-III river.

### ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES

#### **GCA MEMBERSHIP:**

All participants must be current GCA members. To join the GCA, call the GCA at 770-421-9729 or go to the GCA web page <http://www.mindspring.com/~gacanoec> for a membership application. Dues are \$25 per year.

#### **REGISTRATION:**

Call the coordinator of the clinic you want to take for more information. You will NOT be registered, however, until the coordinator receives a check for \$50.00 per person, payable to GCA. Call early, clinics fill quickly.

#### **CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS:**

If you wish to cancel or switch to another date, please notify the Clinic Coordinator as soon as possible. If you cancel at least 10 days before the first class session your fees will be refunded. After that, refunds will be made only if a replacement is found. Clinics will be conducted rain or shine. No-shows and those not completing the full course are ineligible for refunds.

#### **AGE:**

If you are under 18, all liability releases must be signed by a parent or guardian, who must also provide suitable power-of-attorney for medical care. Except for youth clinics, pre-teens will not be enrolled unless they have had suitable paddling experience in the Training Director's judgment.

#### **SWIMMING ABILITY:**

You must be able to swim and should not panic with your head under water. Beginning kayak clinic participants will spend a lot of time upside down inside their kayaks on the lake. All students will practice swimming self-rescue skills in rapids.

#### **PHYSICAL CONDITION:**

White water paddling is a physically and mentally challenging activity that requires fitness, flexibility, and a positive attitude in stressful situations. Kayaking is a high-risk activity for individuals with a history of shoulder dislocations. Applicants should discuss potential physical limitations with the Coordinator before signing up.

#### **EQUIPMENT:**

You must furnish all of your own equipment. You will receive a detailed list of required and recommended equipment well in advance of the clinic.

INSTRUCTIONS & REGISTRATION FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

# PADDLING CLINICS



## CANOEING

### BEGINNER WHITE WATER CANOE

June 22, 26 & 27

Steve Cramer 706-208-8382

### INTERMEDIATE 1 WHITE WATER CANOE

June 5 & 6

Brannon Proctor 770-664-7384

August TBA

TBA

### INTERMEDIATE 2 WHITE WATER CANOE

May 8 & 9

Oreon Mann 404-522-3469

September 11 & 12

Haynes Johnson 770-971-1542

### OCOE PRIMER WHITE WATER CANOE

October TBA

Allen Hedden 770-426-4318

## SEA KAYAKING

### BEGINNER - CHARLESTON, SC

May 8 & 9

Steve Cramer 706-208-8382

### INTERMEDIATE

TBA

Steve Cramer 706-208-8382

## DUCKIE DAY

### FOR SIT-ON-TOPS & INFLATABLE KAYAKS

June 12

Gina Johnson/Kathy King 404-257-3160

## KAYAKING

### BEGINNER WHITE WATER KAYAK

June 3, 5 & 6

Doug Pratt (call Gina Johnson 404-257-3160)

### INTERMEDIATE 1 WHITE WATER KAYAK

(follow-up to beginner ww kayak)

July 8, 9 & 10

Brent Coleman 770-867-4061

### INTERMEDIATE 2 WHITE WATER KAYAK

May 8 & 9

Jane Rooney/Jim Kelly 404-299-0443

September TBA

Revel Freeman 404-261-8572/Jim Kelly 770-801-8059

### REGISTRATION:

To register for one of these clinics, you must be a member of the Georgia Canoe Association. To join the GCA or for an application call 404-421-9729. Dues are \$25.

To register for a clinic, call the coordinator of the clinic for more information. You will **NOT** be registered, however, until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for \$50.00 per person, payable to GCA. Call early because clinics fill quickly.

Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home & Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Prescription Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Disabilities, Medical Conditions, Shoulder Problems: \_\_\_\_\_

**TANDEM OR SOLO CANOE**

**MAIL THIS FORM TO THE CLINIC COORDINATOR**



Mobility  
 Connection to people in wet places  
 Culture  
 Intelligence  
 Lack of Fear  
 Reputation

# GET A GCA T-SHIRT!



T-shirts - GCA official logo (a canoe across the state of Georgia) on the front of the shirt while the back has the GCA official motto (River Running is a wet, thankless job but someone has to do it!). Sizes: L, XL, 2X Colors: Teal or Purple Price: \$12.00



Polo Shirts - GCA official logo on the front left breast pocket. Sizes: S, M, L, XL Color: Forest Green Price: \$22.00



Henley Shirts (no collar, button placket) - GCA official logo on left breast area. Sizes: M, L. Color: Forest Green Short sleeve: \$15.00 Long sleeve: \$18.00 - Picture not shown

Sweatshirts - GCA official logo on left breast area. Size and color available by special order. Price: \$15.00

Decals - GCA official logo on a clear decal suitable for attaching to boats, cars, and pretty much anything else. Colors: Green and White Price: \$1.50

Pins - GCA official logo on a 1" round, military clasp pin. (Use for hat pins, tie tacs, earrings, etc., etc.) Price: \$2.00

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