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December GCA Meeting

Join your paddling buddies for a round of Holiday fun. The December GCA Meeting will be our annual Holiday Party. The location this year will be the Parish Hall of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Sandy Springs. The meeting / party will start at 7:30 PM on Wednesday (NOT Thursday), December 15. Bring a partying attitude and possibly a red and/or green snack or drink. Entertainment details are not firm at this writing, but something entertaining always happens! Bring photos from your paddling trips or from recent GCA events. Dress is casual (no neoprene, please!).

To get to the Episcopal Church of the Atonement:

From I-285 topside perimeter, take Roswell Road/Sandy Springs exit south (inside perimeter) approximately two miles to Windsor Parkway. Turn east (only direction you can turn), travel approximately 1 mile. Turn north (left) on Highpoint. The church is two blocks on the right in the woods. Look for the parish hall.

From Buckhead, go north on Roswell Road, turn east on Windsor Parkway and follow the directions above.

See you there!!



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Winter Roll Practice

Joint GCA / AWC winter roll practice is back! It will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 beginning the first Monday in January, and running through the last Monday in March (NO ROLL PRACTICE ON THE KING HOLIDAY JANUARY 17 - THE FACILITY WILL BE CLOSED). Our host is the Warren Memorial Boys' and Girls' Club on Berne Street near Grant Park. Once again, the ACA carries our insurance for this event, and non-ACA members will be

required to sign up for an ACA event membership at an additional cost of \$5.00 for the entire event (January thru March). This is in addition to the \$5.00 per session paid to defray pool rental expense. ACA members, have your ACA number available or pay for an event membership.

Revel Freeman is our Roll Practice Coordinator. If you have questions about roll practice, or would like to volunteer to help, either with instruction or keeping track of money and waivers, call Revel at 404.261.8572. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

TO GET TO THE WARREN CLUB POOL: Go east on I-20 from downtown and exit at the Boulevard / Grant Park / Cyclorama exit. Go right about 1/2 mile to Berne Street on the left (at a traffic light). Turn left and go about another 1/2 mile and you'll see a large brick building on the left at the corner of Berne and Marion Streets. Turn left. You are at the Warren Club building. The pool entrance is in the rear. Enter through the gate at the far end of the building to unload boats. Parking is available beside the building and in the lot across Marion Street.

BE SURE YOUR BOAT IS CLEAN. A hose is available at the door to rinse out river mud, old birds' nests or cobwebs.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!



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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 Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 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 Jim Griffin at 770.498.3695.

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 winter 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

The Georgia Canoeing Association Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Thursday of even months (February, April, etc.) from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, located on Piedmont Road at the Prado, next to Piedmont Park. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Brannen Proctor at 770.664.7384 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	Brannen Proctor
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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 gacanoec@mindspring.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



December

2	Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	404.351.8208
4-5	Withlacoochee (FL)	Smooth Water	Morris Friedman	770.469.8414
11	Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Debra Berry	404.320.6148
11	South Sauty Creek (AL)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Dane White	256.820.1127
15	Club Meeting — Holiday Party —	Episcopal Church of the Atonement —	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
12	Exploration Wild Card	Class 1-4? (Note 2)	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
12	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
18	Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Dickie Tillman	770.466.1197
18	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jim Griffin	770.498.3695
18	Caving Trip (Note 1)		Hawk Reeves	404.325.5853
19	Tellico	Class 3+ Intermediate/Advanced	Jason Schnurr	770.422.9962

January

15	Lower Amicalola	Class 3-4 Advanced	Keith Taylor	770.956.1767
16	Chattooga Section 3-1/2	Class 3-4 Advanced	Jason Schnurr	770.422.9962
17	Little River Canyon (AL)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Dane White	256.820.1127
20	Club Meeting — Entertainment —	Fun — Episcopal Church of the Atonement —	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022
22	Winter Hike	Moderate-Strenuous	Hank Baudet	706.492.4318
23	Upper Hooch	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Lindsay Meeks	404.872.5211
29	Trip Coordinator Training Clinic —	Learn how to coordinate club trips —	Brannen Proctor	404.351.8208

February

2	Board of Directors Meeting	Atlanta Botanical Garden	Brannen Proctor	404.351.8208
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Note 1: Limited Spaces. Call For Info.

Note 2: Trip difficulty will be determined by river condition and/or registrants

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call the Cruise Master and Sign Up Now!!

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, Jim Griffin, at 770.498.3695. 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: Monday nights from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Warren Memorial Boys & Girls Club pool near Grant Park. Contact Revel Freeman at 404.261.8572

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 Florida
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
Arkansas information (assorted)
Basic River Canoeing
Boundary Waters I&II
Brown's Guide to Georgia
Buyer's Guide 1993 (Canoe Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1994 (Paddler Magazine)
Buyer's Guide 1996 (Paddler Magazine)
California Whitewater - A Guide to the Rivers
Canoe Racing (Marathon & Down River)
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Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Florida information (assorted)
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Kentucky Wild Rivers
Missouri Ozark Waterways
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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
People Protecting Rivers
Pole, paddle & Portage
River Rescue
River Safety Anthology
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Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast
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Tennessee Canoe Guide
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North Georgia Mountains
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
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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 over 285 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 "gacanoes@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 gacanoes

You will receive a verification that you are sub-

scribed 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 gacanoes@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. ✂

GCA Web Page

Check it out at <http://www.mindspring.com/~gacanoes>. We are adding information and links of value to paddlers with each update. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Siquefield at asinque@bellsouth.net. ✂

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!

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Upcoming Events of Interest

December 4 — Citizen Slalom & Wild Water Races, Bryson City, NC, 828.488.2176, ext. 108.
January 1, 2000 — Cartecay Chili Run and Cook Off, Ellijay, GA, Jay Srymanske, M.O.E., 706.635.2726.
January 3, 2000 — First day of winter indoor roll practice, Warren Memorial Boys' & Girls' Club, Revel Freeman,

404.261.8572.

February 25-26, 2000 — National Paddling Film Festival, Lexington, KY, NPFF, 120 Victory Ave., Lexington, KY 40502, www.surfbwa.org/npff.

May 19-21, 2000 — Ocoee Rodeo, Upper Ocoee, Ocoee White Water Center, TN, Jayne Abbott (828.645.5299, email jhabbott@aol.com)

August 8-12, 2000 — USA Canoe & Kayak Sprint National Championships, Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, ConHagler@aol.com. ✂

2000 Cartecay River Chili Run

by Jay Srymanske

Mountaintown Outdoor Expeditions and River Right Outfitters are pleased to announce Dagger Canoes and Kayaks as proud sponsors of the 14th Annual Cartecay River Chili Run and Cook-off. What started as a jestful comment has turned into one of the Southeast's major New Year's celebrations.

River trips start at 10 a.m. and go until 2 p.m. with shuttles from M.O.E. Chili for the famous cook off must be in by 2 p.m., judging until 3 p.m. As last year, entrants will have first access to their chili, with chili for the general public to be available from 12 p.m.

The 1999 Best Chili winners: Mike Wilson, Mike Herndon, Peter Alhart, and Mike Penosky teamed for the Delicious Chili. Tony Marcellino showed best in Hottest. A special thanks to Tom Burke at Kinetic Pictures for a GREAT video of last years party. He has managed to capture the true spirit and enjoyment this event is meant to convey and stand for — old and new friends paddling and eating together. What more to ask for?

Looking forward to lots of fun and involvement with Dagger and their folks. This is an absolutely Y2K proof activity where all are invited to dip a paddle and dip a spoon with us.

Best Always, Jay. ✂

Join us for the
17th annual national paddling film festival!

Showcasing Paddlesports image artists from around the world!
 Enter your videos, slides, digital images and river safety posters. Includes raffle, silent auction, and party.

February 25-26, 2000 Lexington, Kentucky

For entry deadline and other information:
www.surrowa.org/npff or NPFF, 126 Victory Ave., Lexington, Ky. 40502
 All profits go to ACA, AW, and River Conservation

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Performance Video	Rocky Mountain Outdoor Center	
Riot Savage	Spyderco	Wave Sport

Photo: NPFF 1999 Best Paddling Image Winner by Julie Keller

The National Paddling Film Festival

Lexington, Kentucky. February 25-26, 2000.

Born on a dare, the National Paddling Film Festival (NPFF) was started 17 years ago by some energetic Bluegrass Wildwater Association (BWA) paddlers who had the brilliant idea to combine a terrific excuse for a party with homage to the river gods. From humble beginnings in a drafty barn transformed with several hundred yards of black plastic, the NPFF has fast-forwarded into the 21st century as a multi-media, digitally-enabled, celebration of paddle sports.

Propelled by the BWA, whose members donate hundreds of volunteer hours to make it happen, the NPFF raises money for river conservation and access. All proceeds from this non-profit event go to American Whitewater, American Canoe Association and other river causes. Last year the NPFF donated close to \$10,000 to AW, ACA, and the West Virginia Rivers Coalition!

The NPFF competition offers three mediums for paddle sports image artists: motion entry, still image and a safety poster contest. In the motion category, the Festival showcases a broad array of instructional, travelogue, hair boating, comedy and other genre paddling videos, both professional and amateur. For the still image competition, entrants submit either 35 mm slides or digital images which are judged by the audience, with a color printer given to the still image winner. The digital division, which premiered last year, was a huge success. Finally, the safety poster contest is divided into three age categories, with cash awards in each.

Deadlines:

Motion Entry January 28, 2000

Still Image, slide or digital, February 11, 2000

Safety Poster February 25, 2000

The silent auction is a major component of the NPFF, thanks to generous manufacturers and outfitters who donate an outstanding variety of paddling gear and apparel. The gear is laid out at the festival site, with bid sheets to keep track of who's bidding what. The video feed to the auction room allows you to keep an eye on the films while catching up with old friends or debating which dry top to bid on. We also hope to auction off a boat on-line!

Last but not least, there is always a party after the competition, where you can enjoy being with friends, talking with some of the videographers and photographers, and hooking up for paddling trips. So plan ahead, keep your eye out for those photo-ops, join us as entrant or visitor, but **DON'T MISS THE NPFF 2000!!**

For details and updates on special events being planned for the festival, check the web site at <http://www.surrowa.org/npff>.



From the Prez by Brannen Proctor

I wish to thank you, the GCA membership, for electing me as your president. I'm looking forward to another great year of GCA paddling and events. The committee chairs and other leaders within the club have already begun planning activities for 2000.

Shortly after I took office, someone asked me what I wanted to do as president of the GCA. My answer was that I wanted to encourage more active participation and leadership in the GCA by its members.

The GCA is a totally volunteer organization. Every club activity, every service provided by the club, every

action taken by the club on behalf of paddlers, results from the efforts of volunteers. And I believe most people are able to do something for the club. The GCA is what we make it. The more we put into it, the better the club will be.

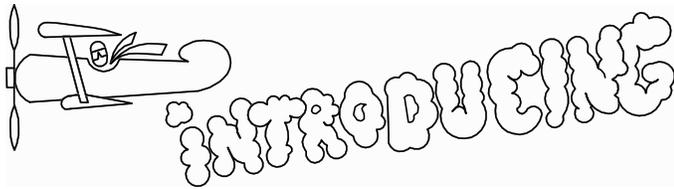
My first initiative is to get more active trip coordinators. Being a trip coordinator is not difficult. But it does require some planning, some time, and some commitment. You've got to pick a river and specify a date up to three months ahead of time. You're going to be answering a lot of phone calls the week before your trip. And the trip participants are expecting you to show up at the designated river at the designated time even if your paddling buddies arrange a trip to another river at the last minute.

So it's only fair to spread the trip coordinator duties around. Therefore, I'm asking every active paddler to coordinate at least one paddling trip in the coming year. Pick your favorite river, the one where you know every

rock and eddy. Then pick a date. And then call Cruise Master Jim Griffin and tell him you want to coordinate a trip for the GCA. If you've been on a GCA trip before, you were able to participate in that trip only because someone volunteered to be the coordinator for that trip. Give something back to paddle sport, which has given you so much.

If you feel you'd like to know more about what's expected of a trip coordinator before you actually coordinate a trip yourself, take the GCA one-day Trip Coordinator Clinic on January 29. You'll learn everything you need to know to be an effective trip coordinator. Please see the clinic announcement with registration form in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

I hope you will participate in the GCA as a trip coordinator or in whatever capacity you choose. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can on the river or at other GCA events in the coming year. 



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!!

August

Marion Aldrich	Alpharetta GA
Alan Bailey	Nashville GA
Robert Blad	Norcross GA
William F. Blakey	Colbert GA
Dennis & Melissa Brown	Roswell GA

Everett A. & Sandra R. Brown
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 Paul A. Tigner

September

Jerry & Sonja Adams
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 Janet Crist
 John F. & Martha Glisson
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 Mark & Theresa Huff
 Marcia Jenkins
 Lance & Candy Kelly
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 Cristi Lewis
 Jeff Martin
 Jerry Meier & Dawn Day
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Winter Paddling Safety Tips

by Dave Walton

Well, if you're like me, you've been going through withdrawal from the lack of river running opportunities. Of course with the long awaited rain, air temperatures will to their normal level. It's time to start thinking about Winter paddling.

There is much debate about what keeps you the warmest on the river and how you should dress. Everyone reacts to cold differently. Rather than debate one type of cold weather gear over another, let's take a somewhat different approach toward thermal protection on the river.

When dressing for a river trip I like to play the "what if" game. Sure, the air temp is in the 60's, but what if I swim? What if someone else pins their boat and I have to stand in the water for 10, 20 minutes, or longer, and hold their head above the water until they can be extricated? Will I have enough thermal protection? Think beyond the normal river run and try to anticipate the worst conditions you may encounter and dress accordingly. I've



always found it a lot easier to cool off if overheated than to try to warm up if chilled.

Speaking of cooling off on the river, one thing I've always found to help reduce the anxiety of that first flip in cold water is to go ahead and get it over with. The colder the water, the sooner I hit a roll. Even paddling in 34 degree water I find that if I go ahead and get it over with, I'm more relaxed knowing that it won't be as bad as I anticipated. More relaxed means less anxiety and stiffness in the body. Less anxiety and stiffness in the body means you're less likely to flip to begin with. And if you do flip in a rapid, it won't come as such a shock and you'll be more likely to complete a successful roll.

As important as proper thermal protection for Winter paddling, is the ability to start a fire should the worst happen. Ideally in a group, at least two people should be carrying the means for starting a fire. The items needed are small, light, and easily carried in a small dry bag or even a wide mouth plastic bottle. This would include, but not be limited to, butane lighter, some sort of fire starter (candles, fire starting sticks, or even 1" square pieces of inner tube) and waterproof matches.

It's important to practice starting a fire in the field before you really need to do it. Some time when you're on the river, find a nice sandy spot, gather some wood and see if you can get your fire going. To make it really challenging, pick a rainy day and practice your technique. It could literally save yours or someone else's life.

Other items, such as extra polypro in a dry bag, a space blanket or a couple of energy bars, can make a real difference between a good trip and a bad one. Also be familiar with the signs and symptoms of hypothermia and learn to recognize them in both yourself and others. Many times early recognition and treatment of hypothermia can prevent serious problems for yourself and others farther down the river.

Don't be afraid to let folks know if you're cold and want to stop to build a fire. Pay close attention to anyone who takes a long swim or repeated swims during the trip. Many times once they begin to chill, more swims are inevitable and their condition will deteriorate rapidly.

Winter paddling can be great. But problems can occur rapidly if you aren't paying attention or aren't properly prepared. So take a few minutes to ask yourself "what if" before that next cold weather trip, and prepare accordingly.

- From the newsletter of the East Tennessee White Water Club. ✂

"Necessity is the mother of taking chances."

- Mark Twain.

W.I.S.E.R.

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Drowning on the Hiwassee

by Mary Ann Pruitt

On Sunday, October 17th, a fisherman drowned on the Hiwassee River at the Power House put-in around 11:00 a.m. He was 39 years old and had been brought to his favorite river for his birthday by his best friend for some fly fishing. The best friend was actually keeping the victim entertained while his family back home in Chattanooga prepared for a surprise birthday party that evening.

Known details are as follows: The victim and his best friend were experienced at fly fishing and using the float tube as a means of floating in the water. The two men put in up at the powerhouse which is above the Power House put-in. The victim was walking in the river and adjusting his fly rod when he apparently tripped and fell. The fall left him upside down in the water with his float tube around his body — trapped with his legs and feet above the water and his head underwater. The victim was unable to "right" himself as the float tube was impossible to tip back over.

The victim then floated for approximately 10 minutes before reaching the boating put-in where a kayaker quickly got in his boat and went out in to the river to bring the float tube and victim to the river bank. The kayaker and his wife immediately began CPR. The wife just happened to be a nurse.

When our group reached the put-in and were asked to help, the CPR had been in progress for about 15 minutes. The victim's head had a bluish appearance and CPR efforts continued until rescue/ambulance staff could take over. When the victim was taken away from the scene, there was a feeling of "no hope" that he would be revived. At this point it had been approximately 45 minutes since the accident happened.

The fisherman had on very nice fishing wear. He had the boots, the pants, the shirt, the tube..... BUT NO PFD. The Forest Ranger advised us that if the victim had been wearing the PFD required by law, he would not have been "capsized" — but instead would have fallen and the PFD would have forced his upper body back to the surface where he could have "righted" himself.

It was a tragic experience for all of us. I am very proud of my good friend and fellow GCA paddler, Kathy Moyer, who participated in the CPR. I only wish the victim had stood a chance of being revived. 10 minutes with your head underwater is a long time. The best friend stated, "You can't wear a PFD with a float tube," when the ranger asked if the victim had been wearing a PFD.

So, Gina and Haynes, what is this about a First Aid and CPR class for GCA members? Sign me up! ✂



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- From the Safety Code of American Whitewater.

Winning

by Rich Kulawiec

It's late, and even when it's not, I can't write as well as Jamie [McEwan] does. But I did want to say something now before I went back to trying to book a flight to Atlanta via the web. (#\$%!!)

One of my best days this year as a racer had nothing to do with winning. I was at the Bellefonte SL, and Chris Carter, Jon Nelson and I were within .7 of each other after first runs. We all thought that was pretty neat, and all three of us figured it'd come down to the second run. (It's a better-of-two-runs race.)

We were excited about it and all trying to work out how to go faster on that second run. Which is the run on which I reinjured my back at about gate 18 or so, and wound up floating through the last few gates. I think Chris was the first person to paddle up to me; Bob Horlacher might have been the second. And Jim Graham helped get me out of my boat, Greg Wojcik and Peter Druian loaded it on the car, and Deb & Chuck Cooper grabbed the first aid kit... and a dozen more including Jon and Linda Hanson and Caroline Ortmann came by to see



Race Watch

if I was all right.

These are my friends AND my competitors AND my partners. And nobody gave a hoot about who won the race, because at that moment, it was trivia. And as far as I'm concerned, it's STILL trivia, because the spirit of sportsmanship and the just plain human concern that every one of those people showed are incredibly more important than minutiae like numbers on a score strip.

There is no ribbon or medal I'll ever win that could replace the feeling that I get when I reflect on that day. The only possible way that I can ever repay these people for their kindness is to pass it on, any and every chance that I get.

And right now, most of the people reading this are thinking about their own story — because a lot of people in this sport have had similar experiences.

And this... this nebulous thing that I'm having trouble putting a succinct label on... "this" is what is important to me in this sport, because it transcends competition. It remains when memories of who finished in what time on what course on what day have long since faded away.

It would be a terrible loss if we became so obsessed with winning that we forgot "this".

- From the NWSC email list.



Halloween Swamp Trip

by Brookie Gallagher

Halloween in the Okefenokee Swamp was excellent! We had an exceptionally enthusiastic group of paddlers from around the state. Cindy McFadden and Ann Farrell came from Athens. Bill Edwards from Columbus, and from the Atlanta area we had George Warriner, Cathy Conway, Dick Butterworth, Hans Klein, Ximena Leroux, Lindsay Meeks and myself. We paddled tandem canoes, a solo canoe, and a kayak.

In spite of some "iffy" forecasts we had perfect weather. The requisite swamp critters were in attendance: alligator, snakes, frogs and spiders, as well as otter, sandhill cranes, heron and egret. There were flowers in bloom, including some of the famous and spectacular "pitcher plants". Autumn in the swamp is far from dull.

This was a very social group, and out of this trip came



both personal friendships and paddling relationships. There was much talk of future paddling together and a strong interest in more smooth water / canoe camping GCA club trips. I believe that the enthusiasm of the group may prove an impetus for increased club offerings in this area.





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The Dam Hooch

by John Watson

On Saturday, September 18, 1999, a group of five paddlers set out on a leisurely cruise from Bowman's Island to McGinnis Ferry Road on the Chattahoochee River. The coordinator was Tom Martin (Is this an OC-1? He paddles a tandem Blue Hole solo), accompanied by Jack Taylor (OC-1), Christine Casper, sister of Astronaut John Casper (sit-on-top), and Jim Watson, my dad, and me (OC-2).

When we met at the take-out to run shuttle at 9:00 A.M., it was very cold and foggy. To make the shuttle easier, Tom put Jack's canoe and Christine's sit-on-top in the back of his huge van. My dad and I followed Tom to the put-in.

As the day progressed, the sun burned away the fog. The water was VERY, VERY COLD — but there WAS water, unlike several rivers I know of! There were a few small rapids that were good for practice surfing. One rapid sounded like Niagara Falls from above. I was shocked to find it was only a one-foot drop. The sound was caused by the fact that the ledge stretched across the entire river.

There was an abundance of wildlife, including the great blue heron, rainbow and brown trout, Canadian

geese, mallards, kingfishers and vultures. It was also neat to watch the model airplanes flying across the river from the model plane airport on the bank.

Next to the cold water, the take-out was the toughest part of the trip. At the bottom, there was a very muddy, slippery beach. Then, to get to the highway, we had to tackle a 20-foot climb up a sandy slope with absolutely no traction. Hauling the sit-on-top was a cinch. After that, Jack's boat went up. It wasn't so easy. Now, two boats left at the bottom: a Mad River Explorer (TANK), which is my dad's boat, and Tom's Blue Hole. We shoved the Explorer up the hill. Just barely made it. Now, another tank to haul up.

This time we got inventive. Tom tied a throw rope to the bow thwart and Jack and I tugged while Tom and my dad guided it up the embankment. We made it!

The most dangerous part of the trip, besides hypothermia, was the speeding cars on McGinnis Ferry Road where we were loading boats.

Overall, it was a great trip. If you like paddling class 1-2 rivers, most trips Tom leads are suitable for you. I would highly recommend a few trips with him. He is my favorite trip coordinator. I am 11 years old and have been paddling a canoe with my dad for three years. I can still remember my first river trip, which was with Tom on the Metro Hooch, as a great "first" in my life. ✂

Food & Drink & "Travelers' Diarrhea"

Paddling in Costa Rica

by Ray McLain

Ray McLain is a Wisconsin paddler who now lives in Costa Rica after retiring from corporate life as an engineer. His "resume" includes: ACA and USCKT slalom competitor (open canoe and decked boats), gate judge at the 96 Olympics, ACA certified instructor (white water level) for canoe and kayak, leader of paddling youth programs + both as Team Manager for the US Jr. Team and for Wisconsin kids, a national officer (Treasurer) for the ACA, and an Honorary Life Member of his local club, the Green Bay Paddlers United. Ray has been answering questions of paddlers from around the world who are interested in a Costa Rica paddling vacation. He has compiled a series of articles, sharing answers to questions commonly asked. For further information, contact Ray at RMcLain@CostaRicaRios.com, or check his web site, www.CostaRicaRios.com.

We from the US are used to being able to trust that the water is potable, the foods we buy are good and sanitary, and we can have good health eating and drink-

ing without undue worry.

This is not the case once you go south of the Texas border all the way to the tip of South America, but with one exception — Costa Rica.

My first trip to Costa Rica was in December of '93. I brought a water filter and a little stove, so we could cook everything thoroughly, and fill our water bottles with assured safe water. It was a lot of work, but better to be safe than sorry. The next fall, I drove down to Costa Rica, again being very careful in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Once I got to Costa Rica, I found out that the government agency, A&A (in charge of water and sewers), has provided technical expertise and systems to assure that the water is potable throughout the country. They do this to keep the cost of public health down! Pretty smart, huh?

When I traveled to Chile back in the spring of '95, I was told to avoid eating leafy plants and raw foods, as the water used for irrigation and for washing food was contaminated. If you did eat these foods, wash them with a disinfectant first. Not a pleasant thought. But better than the alternative.

However, having said all this, we do get exposed to different cultures of stomach bacteria by the foods we eat.

If we have a sensitive stomach, it could be that it will take a few days for things to "adjust", and initially, people could have an upset stomach.

Some people may want to avoid risks, and they should spend the extra money to buy bottled water. It is readily available in Costa Rica at virtually every place selling soft drinks. At about the same price as soft drinks! Could it be that the main cost is the cost of the plastic, the marketing, and the selling, and not the raw material of what is consumed? <smile>

I personally avoid buying from street vendors — although those fruits look awfully good. The exception is the farmers market, where I stock up on market day. I then bring the food home and our cooks wash it and prepare it for consumption.

I think most restaurants take pride in their cleanliness, and understand the health risks for spoiled food and contamination. We never know what really happens in the kitchens, but I rarely have stomach distress, nor do my guests who eat at restaurants. It probably makes sense to eat "safe" foods that you as an individual commonly eat, and eat in the amounts you typically eat. While on vacation, don't double your food intake, and avoid stressing your system. You might also consider bringing a small supply of Imodium or Pepto Bismol "just in case".

You may wish to visit the Center for Disease Control web site, and educate yourself about your health risks for travel to Central America. It is a shame that Costa Rica is lumped with all the rest of the Central American countries by the CDC report on health risks for travel. Costa Rica is different! ✂



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Different Strokes

The Jet Ski, AKA: PWC

by Allen Hedden

Several years ago when I first encountered the term Personal Water Craft (PWC), it was embedded in the language of some proposed legislation concerning boating, and was listed as an exception to some proposed rule. I thought, "Gee, it's neat that they would exempt personal water craft from rules that obviously should pertain to motor boats. Now I don't have to worry about getting my canoes involved in all this. For once, the legislature is doing something right." Wrong!

I quickly learned that PWC was the euphemism coined by the multi-million dollar jet ski industry for those pesky, noisy, obnoxious, oil-smelly, slick-leaving, wildlife startling, canoe swamping, swimmer buzzing, motorized water craft we had been referring to as "jet skis" since their introduction in the very early '70s. I guess the name "personal water craft" imparts a friendlier, more personable feeling than "jet ski" when used in legal language, or in lobbying or other propaganda efforts.

So, what does all this have to do with paddling? I can think of no other water craft that is so universally disliked by paddlers. Having as many unpleasant attributes as they have is bad enough, but the real problem is that jet skis can go virtually anywhere you can paddle. I am continually reading about unpleasant encounters between jet skis and flat water canoes, between jet skis and touring (sea) kayaks, and it's just a matter of time until we have unpleasant encounters between jet skis and white water paddlers.

There was already a television special produced a couple of years ago depicting jet skis on the rapids of the New River in West Virginia. Imagine peeling out of the top left eddy at Table Saw on the Ocoee and seeing a jet ski

powering up through the standing waves — an extra moving obstacle that you really don't need to be worrying about at that point!

All this unpleasantness has led to a hue and cry to ban and/or regulate severely the use of jet skis in many environments. The most recent example of this is the National Park Service ban on jet skis in many national parks and recreation areas. Jet ski users haven't helped their own cause very much, accumulating in a relatively short time some of the worst safety statistics of any type of boat on the water, and sporting a highly visible disregard for the safety of other boats, not to mention what they do to the peace and tranquillity sought by human powered water craft.

Of course we all realize that most jet ski users are responsible, safety-conscious, law-abiding citizens who are just out for a day of recreation and sight-seeing. But as in any form of recreation, a few bad apples, especially highly visible ones, will give the impression that most of the apples are bad.

If I had my own way, I would relegate jet skis to the large lakes, rivers, canals and estuaries that normally support heavy motor boat traffic, and subject them to all the rules and regulations concerning safety, registration, etc., that other power boats are subject to. Or maybe I would just ban them completely.

A friend with a summer place on a lake with a jet ski rental facility nearby has even fantasized about a night frog person mission to sabotage and/or destroy the rental fleet. So I suspect that I am not alone in my feelings about jet skis.

There is an old adage: "Be careful what you ask for — you may get it." It sounds really great to pick out a group like jet skis that present a face to other recreationists that is easy to dislike, and campaign for banning them from the areas "we" frequent. But if you take the logic a step further, it's easy to find groups who object to the presence of various paddling groups in the areas "they" frequent.

Immediately, anglers come to mind on the rivers we use for white water paddling. I know many of them would just as soon we not come by their favorite fishing spots in our often large groups, talking, laughing, splashing and otherwise scaring the fish and spoiling the solitude.

I know of several areas where there is even movement afoot to ban sea kayakers from certain estuaries where adjacent land owners have complained about trespassing, littering, indecent exposure, urinating and defecating on their land, etc. Sound familiar? Same complaints voiced by land owners along the white water rivers when they justify denial of access or passage on a river.



I think the point here is that all of us are, at one time or other, a part of a group that some other group does not want around a certain area for various reasons. If we insist on limiting the rights of a group that we don't particularly like in our paddling environment, our group may be the next target for this limiting of rights by another group that finds our activities in their area objectionable.

The ultimate result may be that we could be heading for a sort of divvying up of the resources, with this lake dedicated to power boats, that one to human powered craft, this section of river dedicated to rafts, that section to jet skis, the other section to white water canoes and kayaks, etc. The USFS already does this to a degree on the

Chattooga Wild & Scenic River, enforcing rules that stipulate what kinds of users are allowed to use which parts of the river.

In my humble opinion, the direction we need to take in this area is the protection of EVERYONE'S rights. Regulations to ensure the safety of others, to protect wild life, to protect sensitive habitat and endangered species, etc., should be allowed in most cases as long as they are universally enforced and not applied to specific targeted groups. Dangerous, destructive or obnoxious activities by ANY group should be the target of such regulations. And in most cases, education rather than regulation is an even better option by far. Remember, be careful what you ask for — you may get it! ✂

In Defense of Plastics

They scourge our waterways when they appear scattered on a shoreline, visible underwater, wedged beneath rocks, or wadded in a heap on the banks. Yet plastics can be very useful in the camping and white water world.

Fill a plastic bottle with hot water and wrap it in newspaper to retain warmth on the drive to the put-in. Unwrap and place the warm bottle in the kayak where it can keep the body warm. A plastic bottle (or several) filled with hot water at the campsite before retiring at night can be placed inside a sleeping bag for extra warmth.

A small soft drink bottle can hold about 30 plastic grocery bags. Cut a 2 inch diameter hole in the side of the bottle and start stuffing those plastic bags. Keep the stuffed bottle in your car to pull out a bag for wet clothing and gear after a trip. These bags come in handy as a protective barrier for wet shuttle passengers.

Consider taking a plastic bag on your river trip for collecting other debris. Plastic bags may be used as clothing. Small narrow bags (from bread, English muffins) are a good water- and wind-proof protector over hands and feet especially with warm, dry clothing next to the skin. A large plastic garbage bag can be made into an emergency raincoat by cutting holes for the arms and head.

This same type bag can also be used to treat hypothermia: after cutting a hole for the head, get the victim inside the bag and stuff it with whatever is available to form a stagnant air space around the body. Suggested stuffing materials are grass, leaves (even wet ones), clothing, paper or more plastic bags.

Ziploc plastic bags are a paddler's dream. Buy the strongest and largest freezer-grade variety you can find. A two gallon product is available, although hard to find.

Organize gear into separate bags of polypro and socks, fleece or heavy undies, and first-aid and snack food. If the bags are not overstuffed the contents will compress into small packages and the seal will hold. Slip these individual Ziplocs into your dry bag to give double protection from water. After a trip, store clean gear in these reusable bags to expedite packing for the next trip.

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So, think twice before discarding those plastics; they can probably be recycled into useful camping and paddling items.

- *From the Tennessee Valley Canoe Club newsletter.* ✂



Search for Missing Canoeists

by Jennifer Kavanaugh

Delaware Water Gap NRA (PA/NJ) - The park received a report of two overdue canoeists on the Delaware River on the evening of September 28th. Rangers Mike Zirwas and Jennifer Kavanaugh began a search for the married couple, who had rented a canoe from a local business permittee, and found them in pitch darkness just a hundred yards north of the point where they'd put in at Smithfield Beach.

The couple had been dropped off that morning and

instructed to head downstream to Kittatinny Point. They had instead paddled upstream against the current, covering about three miles in six hours of steady paddling. According to the woman: "When we reached the fourth set of rapids and the water was still going the wrong way, we decided we had probably been going the wrong way."

They turned around and paddled for 90 minutes, then pulled over to the shore to wait for morning — not realizing how close they were to the boat ramp where they'd put in seven-and-a-half hours previously. Both were okay and in remarkably good spirits.

- *From the NPS Morning Report, October 13, 1999.* ✈

PHOTO OPS ON THE CHATTOOGA...



Pictures from an October, 1998, Chattooga trip. Top left: Dane White in Sock-em-Dog. Top right: Dane White after Sock-em-Dog. (Note the big grin!) Bottom left: Dale Johnson in Cork Screw. Bottom right: Derek Moore hits the launching pad in Sock-em-Dog.

- Submitted by Dane White; taken by Terry Howell (I think).



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HELP WANTED - TrailWorks.com is looking for a boater interested in editing, working with various paddling groups and businesses, writing, gathering stories and pictures, etc. This is an excellent opportunity to work with the paddling community and learn marketable internet skills. Pay is in the \$20k to \$30k range. Contact Corky Collier at 404.872.3412, email ccollier@trailworks.com.

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 - Woodpecker hunter! Canoeing partner wanted to search South Georgia rivers for supposedly extinct ivory-billed woodpeckers believed to still be in river swamps where sighted years ago. Call Jack Thomas, 770.464.2824, or email: crowfrenz@aol.com.

WANTED - Canoe. Used. Abused. Neglected really. You know, that boat in your back yard that has been rotting out. The hull is OK but the gunwales are shot and need replacing. Ideally a kevlar, touring boat (solo or tandem), but let me know what you have. Call Brookie at 404.872.5211.

WANTED - Recreational tandem kayak: Perception Keowee 2, Dagger Bayou 2, Old Town Loon 138T, or similar. Call Ron @ 404.325.5549 evenings. ✂

GCA Trip Coordinator Clinic

Saturday, January 29, 2000, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Have you thought about coordinating a GCA trip, but haven't because you weren't sure if you were qualified to be a trip coordinator? At the GCA Trip Coordinator Clinic, you will learn everything you need to know to coordinate a trip with confidence.

This will be a one-day clinic, held indoors, in the Metro Atlanta area. It will be taught by GCA members who have extensive experience organizing river trips and are well versed in the roles, responsibilities and issues of being a trip coordinator.

Topics will include paddling skills required, selecting a location and date, planning the trip, screening trip participants, waivers, shuttle, pre-launch meeting, trip structure, safety, scouting, making sure everyone is off the river, and what to do if someone is injured. The format will be classroom instruction, group discussion, and role playing.

Safety will be discussed since it is a major part of all river trips. However, this is not a safety training clinic and does not replace any of the GCA Safety and Rescue courses.

For those who have coordinated trips before, this is an excellent opportunity to brush up on your skills. Come share your experiences while you benefit from hearing the experiences of others.

The cost is \$20 per person, which includes handouts of presentations, refreshments, and LUNCH!

You must be a GCA member to take this clinic.

To register, fill out the form below, detach, and mail to the address at the bottom.

Your registration must be received by January 20.

NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: _____ X \$20 PER PERSON = \$ _____

TO REGISTER, SEND IN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "GCA".

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