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GCA Spring Extravaganza

The 2002 GCA Spring Extravaganza is on schedule for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 12-14. The Extravaganza is a weekend of paddling and camping, featuring a catered dinner on Saturday evening, club sponsored trips on Saturday & Sunday, and the fine company of many, many GCA members. Our friends at the Diamond Lure Campground near Ellijay, traditional hosts of the event, will have us back again this year. Registration form and map are inside this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

The GCA is still in dire need of a Recreation Committee Chair and a person or committee to plan for the Extravaganza. This is a great opportunity for you to give back something to the club in the form of creating a means for other club members to get together for the social occasions that we all look forward to. If you can help out with this in any way, please contact Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022. Your help is greatly appreciated!

The Races Are Here!

by Gina Johnson, Race Master

The GCA is holding the 34th Annual US Slalom and Wild Water Races on the 27th and 28th of April at the Nantahala River. Volunteers are needed. You do not need to have any experience. All volunteers and racers receive a limited edition T-shirt designed by Wulf Kuehmstedt.

Saturday night:
Lasagna dinner and a raffle!
Last year's raffle prizes included:
Dagger Honcho kayak
Garmin GPS
Canoe and kayak paddles
Helmets, PFDs dry bags, paddling jacket and pants AND lots more.
We hope to top last year's offering! Buy a ticket for this years goodies! Contact Nancy Donnelly at 770.667.6558 or e-mail at nad6558@aol.com.

This is an opportunity for those of you who are new to the club and not yet able to lead river trips to give back to the GCA. Without your help, we cannot continue to hold these races. For volunteer sign-up and dinner reservations, please contact Virginia Balbona at 404.226.8579 or e-mail her at virginia_balbona@emoryhealthcare.org to sign up. THE GCA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

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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 Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 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 Mike Winchester at 770.319.8969.

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 Jim Albert at 770.414.1521.

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 Geoff Kohl at 404.457.3517 or Newsletter Editor Allen Hedden at 770.426.4318.

For information on videos and books available from the GCA Library - Call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636.

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. The location has changed — call Marvine Cole 770.475.3022 for directions. All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, please call GCA President Marvine Cole at 770.475.3022 so she 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	Marvine Cole
Vice President	Gina Johnson
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Treasurer	Ed Schultz
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Recreation Chair	Vacant
Resource Development Chair	Cameron Pach
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Training Chair	Jim Albert

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 **gacanoe@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 classified 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

April

4	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — New location. Call Marvine Cole for directions			770.475.3022
6	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	John Hudler	706.632.7621
6	Nantahala (Note 2)	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
7	Upper Amicalola	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Edward Stockmam	770.394.3469
7	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mike Winchester	770.319.8969
12-14	Spring Extravaganza — Camping, paddling, fun!! Diamond Lure Campground — Marvine Cole			770.475.3022
20	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	John Hudler	706.632.7621
20	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Mary Ellen Griffin	828.488.2635
27-28	Southeastern US Slalom & Wild Water Championship Races — Nantahala River — Knox Worde			770.475.3022

May

11	Chattooga Section 3	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Toebben	770.804.9416
18	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770.998.0350
19	Cartecay	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Edward Stockman	770.394.3469
26	Leader's Choice (Note 1)	Class 2-4 intermediate/Advanced	Marvine Cole	770.475.3022

June

6	Board of Directors Meeting — Members Invited — New location. Call Marvine Cole for directions			770.475.3022
14	Ocoee	Class 3-4 Advanced	Allen Hedden	770.426.4318

Note 1: Paddle with the Prez.
Note 2: Camping Saturday night at Nantahala.

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, Mike Winchester, at 770.319.8969. 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 6:00 PM 'til dark, May thru October at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. See announcement in this issue of *The Eddy Line*.

Attention GCA Members!!!!!

Be a hero and sign up your friends as GCA members. Not only will you be helping to grow the club, but starting in February, MTI Adventurewear will be giving away two PFDs to new members every month. That's right, MTI will send out PFDs (white water or touring) for 2 lucky new members each month throughout the 2002 year. Names of winners of this random drawing will be published each month in the newsletter. You can check out MTI's line of products at www.mtiadventurewear.com.

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GCA Library Items

The GCA Library has many videotapes and books available to any GCA member. All you have to do is call GCA Librarian Denise Colquitt at 770.854.6636 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:

Denise Colquitt
3794 Glenloch Road
Franklin, GA 30217

The following items are currently available:

Videos:

Canoes by Whitesell
Cold, Wet & Alive
Expedition Earth
Faultline (Will Reeves)
First Descents (North Fork Payette)
Grace Under Pressure (learning the kayak roll)
In the Surf
Introduction to Canoeing
Kayak Handling-The Basic Strokes
Mohawk Canoes (promotional w/detailed boat outfitting instructions)
Mohawk Whitewater Canoes (promotional w/ detailed outfitting instructions)
Only Nolan (Promotional, Canoe Technique)
Path of the Paddle: Quiet Water
Path of the Paddle: White Water
Performance Sea Kayaking (the basics & beyond)
Play Daze
Retendo
Solo Playboating!
The C-1 Challenge
Vortox -- low cost storm water sampler
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
Whitewater Self Defense

Books:

A Canoeing and Kayakng Guide to the Streams of Florida
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Kentucky
ACanoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Ohio, Vols I & II
A Canoeing & Kayaking Guide to the Streams of Tennessee-Vol I & II
A Hiking Guide to the Trails of Florida
A Paddler's Guide to the Obed Emory Watershed
ACA Canoeing & Kayannng Instructors Guide
Alabama Canoe Rides
AMC White Water Handbook
American Red Cross Canoeing & Kayaking
Arkansas information (assorted)
Basic River Canoeing
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)
Canoeing Wild Rivers
Carolina Whitewater (Western Carolina)
Endangered Rivers & the Conservation Movement
Florida information (assorted)
Georgia Mountains
Godforsaken Sea: Racing the World's Most Dangerous Waters
Happy Isles of Oceana: Paddling the Pacific
Homelands: Kayaking the Inside Passage
Idaho Whitewater
Indiana Canoeing Guide
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
Paddling SC-Palmetto State River Trails
Path of the Paddle
People Proteeting Rivers
Pole, paddle & Portage
River Rescue
River Safety Anthology
River's End (Stories)
Sea Kayaking Canada's West Coast
Song of the Paddle
Southeastern Whitewater
Southern Georgia Canoeing
The Georgia Conservancy Guide to the North
The Lower Canyons of the Rio Grande
The Mighty Mulberry-A Canoeing Guide
They Shoot Canoes, Don't they?
White Water Tales of Terror
WhiteWaterTrips (British Columbia &Washington)
Wildwater (Sierra Club Guide)
WildwaterWestVirginia
Youghiogheny-Appalachian River

Maps:

The Big South Fork

Announcements

GCA Email List

The GCA email list has at this printing about 300 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 "gacanoe@flipper.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@ flipper.kapcom.com" and on the first line of the body of the message type:

subscribe gacanoe

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 gacanoe@flipper.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.georgiacanoe.org. We are continually adding information and links of value to paddlers. Send your ideas for updates to Allen Sinquefield by using the e-mail link for WebGuy at the site.

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 Earthlink as your choice, you can do your paddling club a big favor. When you call to sign up, tell the Earthlink sales rep you were referred by Georgia Canoeing Association and we will receive a $20.00 credit toward our monthly ISP subscription cost. You will need to give them the GCA email ID — gacanoe@mindspring.com — for us to receive the proper credit. Thanks for your help!

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Or on your annual renewal form, just check the block for the *Electronic Eddy Line* and INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS so we can send *The Eddy Line* to you electronically.

2002 GCA Instruction Schedule Announced

Training Director Jim Albert has released the 2002 GCA Instruction Schedule. The flyer with course descriptions and sign-up sheet is included in this issue of *The Eddy Line*. Some of the dates are close, so check the schedule NOW and sign up before it's too late.

Mail Failure Notices

Since members are no longer charged for receiving the *Electronic Eddy Line*, we cannot bend over backward to ensure email addresses are kept up-to-date. If your email address comes back with a mail failure notice, you will be deleted from the recipient list for the *Electronic Eddy Line* until we get a request to be added back with a current email address.

Also, if we get a mail failure notice against an email ID on the GCA Email List, that ID will be unsubscribed. It is the subscriber's responsibility to maintain the subscription with the current email ID.

Your cooperation is appreciated — it makes less work for our volunteer staff.

Summer Roll Practice

Joint GCA/AWC summer roll practice will resume in May at the lake at Stone Mountain Park. Sessions will run from 6 PM to dark each Wednesday from May thru the end of Daylight Saving Time in October. There is no charge for roll practice, only the admission charge to get into the park. A season pass is recommended if you plan to attend more than 5 sessions. Plan to take advantage of this great club benefit. See the announcement in next month's *Eddy Line* for complete details.

New Donations to the GCA Library

by Denise Colquitt

Just a note to say a great "Thanks!" to Steve Cramer for his generous donation of 3 books to the GCA Library. The following titles are now available to check out and have been added to the Library List in *The Eddy Line*:

Homelands: Kayaking the Inside Passage by Byron Ricks

Godforsaken Sea: Racing the World's Most Dangerous Waters by Derek Lundy

The Happy Isles of Oceana: Paddling the Pacific by Paul Theroux (hardback)

These look to be very interesting stories and great additions to the library. Thanks, Steve!!!

GCA Trip Sign-up Guidelines

Some considerations to be made when signing up for GCA trips and activities:

Be considerate of our trip coordinators (TCs). Avoid calling late at night, or at the last minute, to sign up for a club trip. Many of the more popular trips fill up very

quickly. Calling early in the week, or even earlier, helps to ensure you get a spot on the trip and helps the TC to make plans. We do not have an easy time getting people to coordinate trips, and these little annoyances help to discourage the few we get from repeating their favor.

Please do not attempt to sign up for a trip via email. Many potential trip participants may not be aware that participation in club trips is not guaranteed. Two major reasons for this are that trip sizes may be limited because of many factors, and there is a de facto screening process that takes place when someone calls to sign up for a club trip. Boaters are allowed to participate in a club trip solely at the discretion of the trip coordinator.

Trip size limitations may take place due to river conditions, river characteristics, safety considerations, governmental agency regulations, permit systems, parking availability at put-ins & take-outs, or trip coordinator preference (not wanting to deal with the logistics of a 40 person trip). Again, we don't want to do anything to discourage these TCs from repeating their favor, so try to cooperate with these limitations.

For the same reasons, avoid just showing up for a club trip without signing up with the trip coordinator. Calling and leaving a voice mail message or sending an email does not constitute signing up. TCs often do not get last minute messages or emails before leaving for their trips. And if the trip is already maxed out, you may get to the river and not be able to go on the trip.

The screening process for potential trip participants is a tool to help avoid putting TCs and other trip participants, and indeed the callers themselves, in the awkward and often unsafe position of dealing with trip participants who may unnecessarily get into trouble on a club trip. Other than because of trips being full, TCs may decline to have a caller participate in a trip and gently suggest that perhaps she/he should consider not participating, or signing up for a trip of a lower difficulty level, if they suspect that the caller may not have the necessary skills, experience, proper type of boat or outfitting, adequate paddling or rescue equipment, proper protective clothing, or any number of other things that may affect the caller's ability to participate in the trip without placing him- or herself in an unsafe position. This avoids affecting the quality of the trip experience for the TC and the other participants, as well as not jeopardizing the safety of the screenee.

As a potential trip participant, if you find yourself "screened out" of a trip, try to ascertain why, so you can work toward remedying the conditions that cast doubts on your ability to participate safely. Ask for suggestions that may help you prepare for future trips of a particular difficulty level. As a trip coordinator, try to be honest but tactful when screening potential participants for your trips. Paddlers' egos bruise very easily — we are mostly a proud and independent lot. If it comes down to it, though, a bruised ego is better than a lost or broken boat, a severe injury, or worse. And no one wants their ego to cause problems for an entire group.

One thing that should NEVER be done — Don't sign up for a trip and then invite / allow other people to come with you on the trip. The correct protocol is to have the other people individually contact the trip coordinator directly to sign up for the trip. Again, we want to be considerate of the TCs so they will continue to coordinate trips, and "surprises" are not a good way to do this.

Lastly, please try to be on time at the designated meeting place. The club has a 15 minute rule regarding waiting for late-comers for any club event, so if you show up late and miss the group, PLEASE don't get huffy with the trip coordinator.

Your cooperation and understanding in adhering to these guidelines are very much appreciated.

And the Winners Are....

The lucky winners of the new PFDs from MTI Adventurewear for the month of February 2002 are new members Neal Coats of Carrollton and Steven Lee of Calhoun. Congratulations, Neal and Steven!!

Watch for the March winner announcement in the next *Eddy Line*.

Upcoming Events of Interest

April 6 — Asheville Slalom Challenge — French Broad River near Asheville, NC, NRC 828.488.2175 ext. 108, www.nrcrhinos.com.

April 12-14 — GCA Spring Extravaganza — Diamond Lure Campground, Marvine Cole, 770.475.3022.

April 20 — Canoe race — Flint River Outdoor Center 706 .647.2633, Bruce 706.674.2335 website: flintriverwatchers .com.

April 27-28 — Southeastern US Slalom & Wild Water Championship Races — Nantahala River, NC, Knox Worde, 770.475.3022, playboatn@aol.com.

May 25 — Altamaha Wilderness Adventure Challenge — Hazelhurst, GA, Charlie Ford, 912.379.1371, cjford@ altamaha.net.

June 1 — Lanier Canoe & Kayak Club Regatta — Lake Lanier Olympic Center, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

July 23-27 — USACK Sprint National Championships —

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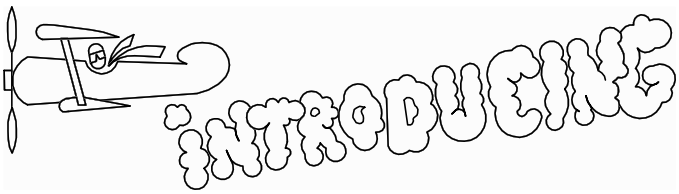
Lake Lanier Olympic Center, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.

Oct 10-13 — Ocoee Festival and Rodeo — Ocoee River, TN.

December 7-8 — Tuckaseigee Jiffy Slalom & Wild Water Race — Bryson City, NC, NRC 828.488.2175 ext. 108, www.nrcrhinos.com.

August 6-10, 2003 — Lanier Canoe 2003 Sprint World Championships — Lake Lanier, Gainesville, GA, Connie Hagler, 770.287.7888, ConHagler@aol.com.



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

Richard Brownlow	Decatur GA
Neal Coats	Carrollton GA
Steven Lee	Calhoun GA
Alejandro & Melissa Montes	Atlanta GA
Kevin & Sean Tomlinson	Kennesaw GA

Olympic Legacy Venue

Gainesville, GA. - February 26, 2002. In 2003 the eyes of the Olympic world will again turn to Gainesville, Georgia, and Lake Lanier, the site of the 1996 Olympic sprint canoe/kayak competition. This time Gainesville will host the 2003 Sprint Canoe/Kayak World Championships, the premier international event second only to the Olympic Games. This will mark the first time in history the USA has hosted the Sprint World Championships.

NBC Commentator Charlie Jones recognized Lake Lanier as the "Hospitality Capitol of the World" during the 1996 Olympics. Being awarded an event of this magnitude is a credit to the leadership of the community. However, the fact that the 2003 Worlds will serve as a qualifier for the 2004 Athens Olympics makes it an even more significant tribute. The world must come to Lake Lanier in order to qualify for the Athens Games.

Having the world championships on US soil the year before the Olympic Games is an enormous opportunity for the sport, its athletes and for the city of Gainesville. The world-class venue was constructed by the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games and donated to Gainesville and Hall County following the 1996 Olympic Games. No tax dollars have been used for the buildings or grounds. However, as with any major investment, improvements are needed to keep the facility state of the art.

An Olympic Venue that has become an Albatross is much more common than an Olympic Legacy success. Georgia is very unusual in that it has an amazing legacy success at the Lake Lanier Olympic Center.

The venue that was left as a legacy is one of the finest in the United States for club programs, but is substandard for international events. The stretch of Lake Lanier that is the Olympic course, which is straight for 3,000m and protected from wind by the banks of the Chattahoochee River and North Georgia pine, is a rare treasure and one of the finest natural venues in the world. In only 7 years Lake Lanier has become a national center for both canoe/kayak and rowing. The amazing thing is that there were no programs for either rowing or sprint canoe/kayak on Lake Lanier prior to the Olympics.

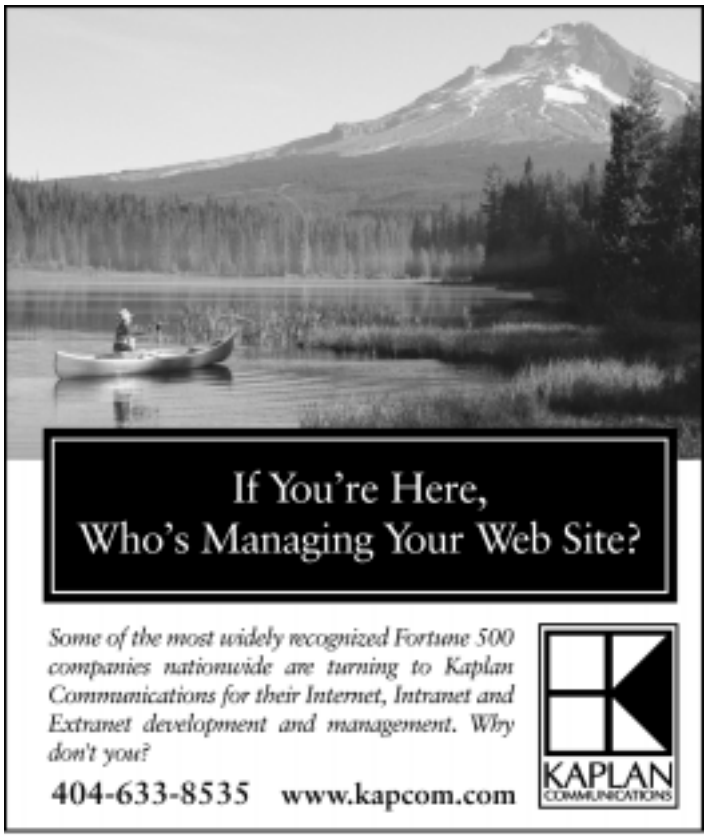
There is competitive success with the local canoe club placing many members on the national team, as well as winning the national championships in 1999 and 2000. There is community development success through community programs for both canoe/kayak and rowing. There is amazing economic success through tourism associated

with training camps and events.

The Gainesville Community is currently lobbying for state funding in order to make the necessary improvements to the facility. If successful, the state of Georgia will complete the biggest Olympic legacy success of the 1996 Games and set the stage for an international success that will be played out over the next years. "The funding is critical in order to have the event be worthy of an international competition," said Connie Hagler, Executive Director of the Lanier Canoe and Kayak Team. "The World Championships prior to the Olympics is almost bigger than the Olympics itself."

The legacy of the 1996 Olympic Games is alive and well in Gainesville. The Lanier Canoe and Kayak Team has developed into one of the largest and most successful paddling clubs in the USA in a very short amount of time. With the Lake Lanier Olympic Center venue, imagine what they can do in years to come.

USA Canoe/Kayak would like to thank our title sponsors, Dagger, MTI, Kenwood Communications and Canoe and Kayak Magazine for their continued support of our team. USA Canoe/Kayak is the national governing body for canoe and kayak racing in the United States. For more information, log on to www.usack.org or contact Media and Public Relations Assistant Mary Beth Vorwerk at 518.523.1855 or via email at mvorwerk@usack.org.



River Access

Pigeon River Better than Ever

by Kevin Colburn, American Whitewater

February 20, 2002. American Whitewater and the boating community had a couple of significant wins recently on the Pigeon River, which is on the TN/NC border: Extra releases were announced, and fees for the boating public were blocked.

American Whitewater's access staff worked together in mid-February to thwart an attempt by the Cocke County, Tennessee, Tourism Director to impose a user fee on the boating public. We called the Tourism Director and were unsuccessful at reaching a mutually agreeable resolution. The proposed fees (on private property where we have legal access) were to use access sites which not only don't exist, but for which there is no land, budget or building plan for. The money would go into the county's general fund. So we attended the meeting and asked the county legislative board to reject the proposal because it clearly put the cart before the horse (the stern before the bow?). They voted to reject the proposal and send it back to a committee.

American Whitewater intends to work with Cocke County to develop suitable access sites in a manner that does not require mandatory fees be imposed on the boating public. This will alleviate any access problems while continuing to attract private boaters to visit Cocke County and the Pigeon River.

We would like to thank Cocke County for taking the time to understand our concerns, and the rafting company owners for their help on this issue.

Extra Releases

In other Pigeon news, from now until the end of the hydro license, boaters will be able to enjoy an extra day of releases each week of the rafting season (Memorial day-Labor day)! Four days per week of scheduled releases, and the consistently improving water quality will surely make this run an even more recreationally and economically important resource. The word on the local Asheville news is that the fourth day will be Wednesday. The plan is for water to flow on the usual noon to 6 schedule on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

The reason for the increase is that the license stipulated that an additional day of releases would be granted by Carolina Power and Light when use exceeded 50,000 individual user/trips per year. Use is now estimated to be

near 70,000 per year. A good lesson to learn about forward thinking license conditions!

And as always it is a good idea to patronize local businesses in the area. Fill up your vehicle and your belly on occasion. Nothing like a little extra money in the pockets of hardworking local folk to get them to see you as friend not foe.

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Book Review

Sea Kayaking Safety & Rescue - by John Lull

reviewed by Robert "Woody" Woodard

In my last book review I opined that a good rescue book was "Sea Kayak Rescue" by Roger Schumann and Jan Shriner. I still stand by that recommendation for beginning and advanced beginner paddlers. For those that progress into the intermediate and advanced sea kayaker ranks, I can recommend this book to you. Careful, I don't recommend a beginner take on these topics until they have built a firm foundation in basic skills and rescues. But those that chase hurricanes up the coast may want to give this book a read.

There are many topics concerning rescues/safety I haven't seen covered well in other books (if at all). Some examples:

Sea-kayaking domains (e.g. open water, surf zone, rock gardens, inland marine waterways).

Rescues in surf and rock gardens (including swimming, assisted and self rescues).

Towing (and loose boat recovery in windy or current conditions).

Paddling in current and handling tide rips.

Dealing with different types of boat traffic.

Safety in surf and ocean rock gardens.

Risk assessment.

Group safety through teamwork (club and private group trips).

Training (to include site selection).

This book contains MUCH more information about surf than the entire Coastal Kayaker's Manual. The light but adequate coverage of self/assisted rescues leads me to believe the author expects you to already know these basics, so I still recommend the book by Schumann/ Shriner for beginners/adv beginners. If you are starting to paddle in more advanced conditions, Woody gives Mr. Lull's book 2 thumbs up!

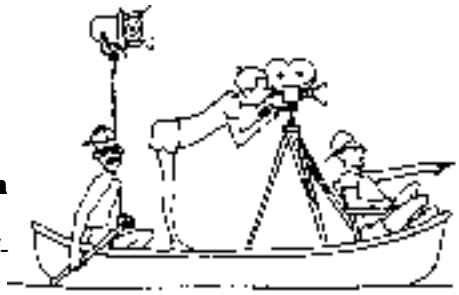
- *From the CPAKayker email list.*

Video Review

National Paddling Film Festival

by Carl Bolyard, West Virginia Rivers Coalition

Fun and Films Together to Honor William Nealy and Support Conservation.



This year's National Paddling Film Festival (NPFF) was a great opportunity to see what film makers have been hard at work on this winter and celebrate together to support several good causes. WVRC took to the road with two of our WVRC board members, Beth Koller and Ed Gertler to present a new film and participate in a great weekend. With a winter that has been shy on precipitation this was the perfect outlet for boaters and a treat.

Kayaker and board member Beth Koller, has spent time developing a film titled "A Christmas Carol" which is a parody that educates viewers about two surface mining disasters 30 years apart. February 26, 2002, marks the 30th anniversary of the Buffalo Creek Mine disaster in which a coal slurry dam broke and drowned 125 people under thousands of gallons of coal slurry. Communities were destroyed and people left homeless in the wake of the spill.

In October of 2000 the Martin County, Kentucky, spill dumped 250 million gallons of coal slurry into the Big Sandy River in West Virginia and Kentucky with many of the same devastating effects. The spill killed 70 miles of river all the way to the mouth of the Ohio River. Fortunately, there were no human casualties in the spill. WVRC choose this year to show Beth's 7 minute presentation at NPFF and help debunk the coal company's claim on both occasions that the spills were an "Act of God". The film made a connection between clean water and our paddling resources and received positive feedback as a non-competing entry to the film festival.

Boater, author and WVRC board member Ed Gertler was a steadfast and impartial judge for the film entrants and was overheard saying that he really enjoys the festival, as he does not often have a chance to watch white water films at home. He got a whole days worth. Hundreds of folks turned out for the day that started at 9 a.m. with a full auditorium.

The crowd was really awed by the debut of Kate Geis's film "Riversense". This feature length documentary looks at what makes river people tick and how rivers shape us all. It is also a touching look at the life of William Nealy, his relationship with his soul mate Holly Wallace and their mutual love of rivers.

The first ever "William Nealy Award" was presented by Holly Wallace during the festival to honor the contributions of Bob Sehlinger, co-founder of Menasha Ridge Press. Menasha Ridge Press is the publisher of Nealy's works, numerous guidebooks such as "Wildwater West Virginia" and long time supporter of NPFF. Since the inception of this festival by Bob Sehlinger, William Nealy and the dedicated volunteers of the Bluegrass Wildwater Association, the NPFF has raised $57,493 dollars for river conservation. WVRC has benefited from NPFF contributions since 1998. An all volunteer staff runs the day's events from lunch crew to silent auction and all the technology that allows participants to view films throughout the building and as a web cast.

The Winners:

The festival had many prize-winning films in a variety of categories. The Paddler's Choice award went to "Thunderballs: The Return of Team C". The video was a professional category film from Rick Gusic who also created "Spreading the Disease" and "Silent Thunder". The infamous Team C swims, laughs at themselves, and one woman even gets trapped in her dry top. This one was really a crowd pleaser with audience laughter competing with applause.

Many of the professional category films were slick, glossy and mostly fun to watch. Best of Show in the Professional Division went to "Main Stream" from Ben Aylesworth and Good Gravy Productions with lots of vertical paddling action. The Best Documentary went to Julie Keller's "America's Most Scenic Rivers", a digital slide show of America's rivers from the Grand Canyon to Great Falls of the Potomac with many great images from around the country.

The Best Instructional video was "The Kayak Roll", a new video edited down for the festival, but it looks like the video is worth seeing in its entirety. "The Kayak Roll" is produced by Performance Video & John Davis. Best Commercial video was "International Paddle Adventures", which is Ken Whiting's brochure for kayaking in Chile — which does look really cool. As if I needed more motivation to save my flyer miles for Chile!

Best of Show in the Accomplished Division was "The Search" by Vince Shay, who has a story about surf kayaking and wave skiing near the Channel Islands in California. The wipeout carnage in this one made some bad river swims look like a picnic. Best of Show for the Amateur Division was "Costa Rica, January 2001", which is a vacation video of friends running rivers, eating and relaxing in you know where. David Kahn won this prize. The still image category went to Robert Combs of Alexandria, VA, for Image #1 "Kayaker at Great Falls of the Potomac". This show was chock full of fun stuff to watch and worth the drive to see.

That evening's awards ceremony was a terrific party that featured vendors, great tunes and a roaring fire on the site of the original film festival 19 years ago. The band Catawampus Universe started the evening and Club Dub finished by bringing the house to its feet with great dance tunes. The moonlit night saw great times and folks getting some exercise after sitting in the dark most of the day watching films.

We were able to attend the American Whitewater workshop for River Stewardship on Sunday before driving home to West Virginia over many creeks too low yet for paddling. It was good to get an inspiring fix of virtual paddling though at the festival, and we recommend checking out the 20th Anniversary NPFF next February.

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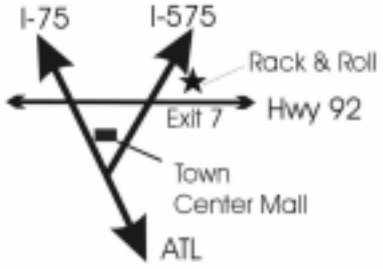

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Florida Rivers, Part 2

by Susan Oehler

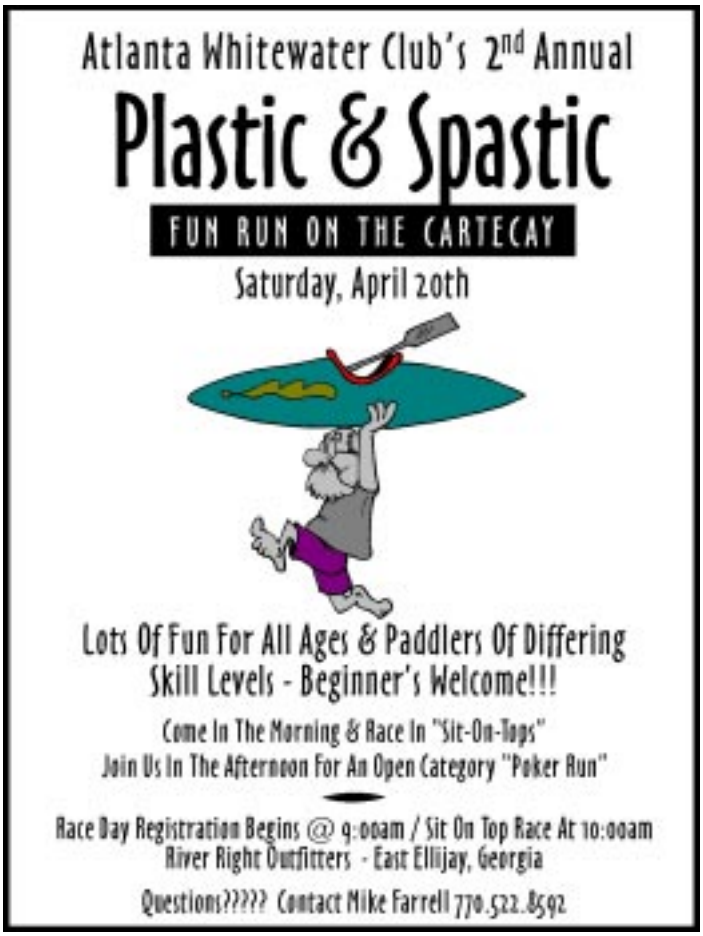
After joining up with Mo's trips, a few of us continued our river adventures in Florida. I had scheduled trips on the Rainbow River, Juniper Creek and Alexander Springs. We had a free day (Monday) between my trips and Mo's trips, and we were right next to the Halls river and the Homosassa river. LeRoy Robbins and I paddled into the Halls river (at different times) and upstream on the Homosassa.

Pat Hagan, in an OC-1, did not get out on these rivers because it was a very windy day and the rivers are rather wide. The wind made for a more exciting trip in a kayak (I would not have done it solo in a canoe). I found it wanted to turn me and my boat into the wind, much like a weathervane. This was great when I was paddling downstream, into the wind, but made paddling upstream more interesting by far.

The Halls river is quite wide where it joins the Homosassa, much like a lake. Little current is evident. The Homosassa gets smaller as you head upstream, and branches off into several small inlets leading to the springs. It is a rather developed river, and there was some other traffic on this river. On the way back, I joined up with LeRoy, and we watched the manatees surface and dive, and blow bubbles for quite a while. The water was a bit dark here, so they would appear and then dive down into the vegetation again, not to be seen. I think there were about 5 or 6 manatees, but we could not tell for sure. I nearly inadvertently hit one in the face with my paddle, but he moved off at the last second.

We headed off the next day to paddle the Rainbow River. This is a special river, in spite of the fact that it has homes all along side it's shore. Pat, LeRoy and I put in at K.P. Hole County Park, just south of the western part of Rainbow River State Park (the eastern part of Rainbow Springs has camping, and you can put in there also). We paddled up stream in the clear waters of the Rainbow river, with amazing colors of blue and green. I watched and followed a turtle here for several minutes, easily watching where he was going, until he disappeared into the vegetation.

There were lots of fish and birds on this river, as is true of nearly all central Florida rivers. The river is fed by



one major spring, and a few smaller ones off to the side. One of these side springs is bubbling up out of the white/tan sand on the bottom. On bigger springs, you can actually feel the water bubble, but not on this river. There is also a man-made waterfall here that feeds into the river. It is called "Seminole Falls" and is the largest drop in Florida. It is only big enough for Smurf Kayaker to run, however.

Pat got out and explored Rainbow Springs State Park, while I drifted back down stream and admired the colors of reddish-brown reflected in the river from the pine needles on the bank. This is a beautiful river. After we returned to K.P. County Park, we did a shuttle down to the town of Donnellen. This is a pretty section also, and we saw a hawk and several river otters. The water is not as clear here as it is upstream, due to vegetation growing in the river.

We headed over to Juniper Springs Campground that night, and got acquainted with the local raccoons. Those guys were quite bold, and rather enjoyed Pat's snacks that he inadvertently fed them. The Juniper Creek is very beautiful, and is a real wilderness experience. Between the three of us, we saw alligators, raccoon (what was he doing up during the day?), deer, turtles, fish and birds of all kinds. (I probably have missed a few here.) This is a wonderful float.

That night, the raccoons put on a show for Pat and me. There were yelling and carrying on like someone was trying to kill them, and I thought maybe a bear was after them. I've never seen raccoons act like that before! It was only the raccoons, no bears, and they did not seem the worse for wear.

The next day we headed over to Alexander Springs, and we put on at the campground. We figured out (too late) that if we had put in at the bridge downstream, we could have avoided the fees.... but if you do this, and then get out at the park, there is a $3 "parking" fee for your canoe or boat. This business of paying for everything is ridiculous!

We put in just below the main spring for this run, and there was a rope across the river and a sign that said "No canoes beyond this point." Fortunately for me, I was in a kayak, so I paddled up to and under the rope, and visited the spring. The spring there was stunning. We then paddled down stream, saw lots of abundant wildlife.

Those were our river trips in Florida, and it was a great time. There are lots of wonderful rivers to explore in central Florida. And I know this would have been a more interesting trip report if someone had gotten their arm bit off by a gator, but it just didn't happen. Maybe next year.... same time, same channel, maybe different rivers.

Just Another Great Day

by Becca Brown

It was a typical day on Highway 85. Cars and trucks were speeding down the road each one zooming by faster than the last. Some misread the sign and believe the speed limit to be 85 or higher. As I moved in with the flow of traffic, I noticed a pick-up truck barreling down behind me. He wasn't slowing down. When his headlights almost touched my bumper, I noticed a young boy sitting next to the driver wearing a bike helmet.

As he zoomed dangerously close to me on the right, I shrugged my shoulders as if to say "Why?" The guy looked at me, made a face, and aggressively swerved towards me forcing me out of my lane. After avoiding a disastrous accident, I was shaking and furious. As he sped ahead, I saw a wildlife license plate and a "Look twice for motorcycles" bumper sticker. Hmmm. Save the wildlife and motorcycle riders and kill the drivers. Okay.

A deep breath and I was on my way. By the time I turned onto 985, my pulse had slowed to normal and I sighed with relief. I am going to the river.

When I arrived at the put-in I was greeted by warm, smiling faces. As a trip leader, I love arriving on time (10:30 on this day) and having everyone already there. For those of you new to GCA, when you arrive at the meeting spot and you are on time, everyone else is already there. When you arrive early, people are already there. Is this a plot? Or do GCAers sleep at the put in? When you arrive late (i.e. 10:31), forget it. Of course there is the 15-minute rule, but I think I am digressing.

There had been little rain during the week and many naysayers deemed the water level "too low". The Cornelia USGS gauge was at .85 and the bridge level was less than 2 feet at about 1.8 feet. We decided it was low enough and made a deal not to complain about the water level. On a previous trip with Marvine Cole, she instituted the "No Whining" rule, which I often use in my classroom. I think it's a good one. Other than having a collective pre-trip pee, there was not much we could do about it.

After introductions and a safety talk, we got in our boats and began our journey on this perfectly sunny day. Upstream, we saw Jim Albert paddling down in his blue canoe, having started from his new home along the Chattahoochee (lucky guy!). He timed it perfectly and joined our group that included Connie Venuso, also in an open canoe, Bob St. Pierre in a Torrent, and Tom Bishop, Becca Brown, Susan Martin, Don Piper, Brannen Proctor and Harvey Witt in kayaks.

Susan was the first one to brave the cold water by practicing her roll. "You go, girl!" We paddled down to the first drop and surfed awhile. We watched as Harvey cartwheeled his Disco on some rocks and "Oops!" broke a paddle blade. Luckily, Bob whipped out some duct tape, a must for any real boater, and Harvey patched the paddle.

As we made our way down the river, Jim informed us of the new Buck Shoals State Park on river right. Yeah! This includes the land to the right of the rapid with the same name, various patches of land along the river, and the sandy beach beyond Canoe Eater.

At Buck Island Shoals, Brannen showed us up by catching all the little eddies in the rapid and then paddling back up to make the sharp right turn. We continued down to the next drop that Dave Chaney calls "My Favorite Rapid". By the way, does anyone know the name of the small creek that enters the river on the left just after this drop?

Everyone enjoyed surfing at the sandy beach area while Susan found some sticks to patch the broken paddle blade. With the sticks and some more duct tape on the paddle, Harvey just needed some leaves on his helmet to make a camouflaged trip down the Amazon.

At the ledges, we stretched out on the rock next to Third Ledge for lunch. (Where do all those huge trees come from?) The sun warmed us as we shared river stories. Later we experimented with various successful lines at Third Ledge and then made our way downstream. At Horseshoe, we played and surfed. As we paddled down, we watched two turtles sunning on a rock quietly slip into the water. A kingfisher flew by. We sighed at the take-out. Wow! This was a different ending than the typical day on Highway 85. It was indeed just another great day on the river with a great group of people and a fine water level. Thanks everyone!

SAMIAM

Sam I am.
I am Sam.
I do not like Miller and Spam.
I will not drink it in a boat.
I will not eat it on a float.
I do not like Miller and Spam.
I do not like them, Sam I am.

I will not try them in a hole.
I will not, will not show my roll.
I will not eat 'em in a canoe.
I will not drink it with a pot of stew.
I do not like Miller and Spam.
I do not like them, Sam I am.

'Cause my name is Sam,
it's Sam I am.
Now what I like is Honey Brown,
And paddlin' 'round with Becca Brown.
I'll take a picture if I please,
And maybe catch you in a squeeze.
At Quarry Rapid, I'll surf the hole
And maybe then you'll see my roll.
At Surfing Rapid, I'll light a smoke
Then you'll see me with one quick stroke,
Smoothly surfin' in my canoe.
"Look at me go!" and all say "Who?"
It's Sam I am.
I am Sam.
I'll catch Micro and Macro at the falls
And the crowd will cheer me one and all,
'Cause I am Sam.
And Sam I am.

- Written for Sam Blackwell by Becca Brown 12/ 2001, inspired by "Green Eggs and Ham" by Dr. Suess, and was written before the movie with the same name.

Sam Blackwell at Nantahala Falls, swinging into Macro eddy.
- Photo by Becca Brown.

The Alabama White Water Guide

by Murray Carroll

It seems only a few years ago that information about the beautiful and challenging white water canoeing streams that Alabama has to offer was almost totally nonexistent. My wife and I began canoeing the rivers and creeks of Alabama in 1991 when descriptions and details about these waterways was almost nonexistent. Our only guide to the streams that we wanted to canoe was John Foshee's venerable guidebook "Alabama Canoe Rides and Float Trips".

Foshee's book, copyrighted in 1975, had been the standard guide for Alabama canoeists and kaykers for over 15 years when we entered the sport. As I was exposed to more streams in the state, it became apparent that Foshee had only scratched the surface and that a much more comprehensive guide needed to be researched and published. I'm sure that this thought crossed the minds of many paddlers in the state, but no one took up the challenge until Mark D'Agostino from Huntsville set his mind to the task.

Mark is a remarkable paddler who is disguised as a NASA engineer during his workdays. In his off-time, Mark has attempted to paddle and catalog every possible piece of white water in the state. His efforts have lead to the creation of "The Alabama White Water Guide", which is available to the public on the internet. The guide offers trip descriptions, pictures, flow information, difficulty classifications, maps and a variety of other data for 87 white water trips in Alabama. The guide is meant to be your one stop shopping place for information on Alabama white water runs; what they are like and whether they are

running.

When asked why he did this, Mark replied "The simple answer is I got carried away. The early part of winter 1999-2000 was dry, and we had just bought a computer for our home. In the past, I had been asked what the runnable levels were for our local creeks and rivers based on the available phone and internet gauges. I compiled a list, but then realized that you could not just say a run was class III and turn people loose. Also, I had seen the proliferation of on-line guides for the Ozarks, California, Virginia, and the southeast and saw that we could not keep the local information to ourselves. So instead I got out in front of the curve.

A highly innovative feature of the guide is the "Flow Page". The computerized program gathers river levels from the Tennessee Valley Authority and USGS gauges, then makes estimates on what streams are runnable based on these levels. A quick glance at the flow page, which is constantly updated, will give you a good idea about where you can go canoeing or kayaking on any given day.

Mark's web site is a work in progress, he knows that there are a few more white water runs in Alabama that he hasn't found or put in the guide yet. He continually gathers more information from a network of friends and correspondents throughout the state. The web site http:iialabamawhitewater.com now receives between 4,000 and 8,000 visits a month from white water enthusiasts across the state and the nation.

It is totally amazing to me the progress that has been made through Mark's efforts. When I became involved in white water paddling, we learned about white water streams through word of mouth and Foshee's guidebook. We found out about river levels by calling Pardue's Grocery near the Locust Fork or checking the TVA Town Creek gauge; everything else was a "guesstimation". Now, it's all at our fingertips, courtesy of Mark D'Agostino and friends.

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

International Scale of River Difficulty

A little humor for when it's too cold to boat.

Someone asked an anonymous boater about his class IV comfort level and he answered something along the lines of, "I'm comfortable that I can usually find an eddy to swim to." Thus, the interviewer was inspired to offer this International Scale of River Difficulty.

Class I: Easy

Fast moving water with riffles and small waves. Swimming is pleasant, shore easily reached. A nice break from paddling. Almost all gear and equipment is recovered. Boat is just slightly scratched.

Class II: Novice

Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels which are evident without scouting. Swimming to eddies requires moderate effort. Climbing out of river may involve slippery rocks and shrub induced lacerations. Paddles travel great distance downstream requiring lengthy walk. Something unimportant is missing. Boat hits submerged rock leaving visible dent on frame or new gash in plastic.

Class III: Intermediate

Rapids with moderate, irregular waves which may be difficult to avoid. Water is swallowed. Legs are ground repeatedly against sharp, pointy rocks. Several eddies are missed while swimming. Difficult decision to stay with boat results in moment of terror when swimmer realizes they are downstream of boat. Paddle is recirculated in small hole way upstream. All personal possessions are removed from boat and floated in different directions. Paddling partners run along river bank shouting helpful instructions. Boat is munched against large boulder hard enough to leave series of deep gouges. Sunglasses fall off.

Class IV: Advanced

Water is generally lots colder than class III. Intense, powerful but predictable rapids requiring precise swimming in turbulent water. Swimming may require 'must' moves above dangerous hazards. 'Must' moves are downgraded to 'strongly recommended' after they are missed. Sensation of disbelief experienced while about to swim large drops. Frantic swimming towards shore is alternated with frantic swimming away from shore to avoid strainers. Rocks are clung to with death grip. Paddle is completely forgotten. One shoe is removed. Hydraulic pressure permanently removes waterproof box with all the really important stuff. Paddle partners running along stream look genuinely concerned while lofting throw ropes 20 feet behind swimmer. Paddle partners stare slack-jawed and point in amazement at boat which is finally pinned by major feature. Climbing up river bank involves inverted tree. One of those spring loaded pins that attaches watch to wristband is missing. Contact lenses are moved to rear of eyeballs.

Class V: Expert

The water in this rapid is usually under 42 degrees F. Most gear is destroyed on rocks within minutes if not

seconds. If the boat survives, it is need of about three days of repair. There is no swimming, only frantic movements to keep from becoming one with the rocks and to get a breath from time to time. Terror and panic set in as you realize your paddle partners don't have a chance in hell of reaching you. You come to a true understanding of the terms maytagging and pinballing. That hole that looked like nothing when scouted, has a hydraulic that holds you under the water until your lungs are close to bursting. You come out only to realize you still have 75% of the rapid left to swim. Swim to the eddy? What #%^&*#* eddy!? This rapid usually lasts a mile or more. Hydraulic pressure within the first few seconds removes everything that can come off your body. This includes gloves, shoes, neoprene socks, sunlasses, hats, and clothing. The rocks take care of your fingers, toes, and ears. That $900 dry suit, well it might hold up to the rocks. Your paddle is trash. If there is a strainer, well, just hope it is old and rotten so it breaks. Paddle partners on shore are frantically trying to run and keep up with you. Their horror is reflected in their faces as they stare at how you are being tossed around! They are hoping to remember how to do CPR. They also really hope the cooler with the beer is still intact. They are going to need a cold one by the time you get out! Climbing out of this happens after the rapid is over. You will probably need the help of a backboard, cervical collar and Z-rig. Even though you have broken bones, lacerations, puncture wounds, missing digits and ears, and a concussion, you won't feel much because you will have severe hypothermia. Enjoy your time in the hospital. With the time you take recovering, you won't get another vacation for 3 years.

Class VI: World Class

Not recommended for swimming.

- From a posting to the GCPBA email list submitted by Lori Major.

Ode to Spell Checker

Eye halve a spelling checker
It came with my pea sea.
It plainly marks four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

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It nose bee fore two long
And eye can putt the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
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Impressions from a Predawn Launch

by Thomas P. Light

Moonshadow precedes me to the river's edge
Rime glistened kayak rests cold on my shoulder.
Stretching from shore past the channel ledge
Echoed bold stars shine from the water.

As bow slides to the Bay
Pink bands push blue at quickening pace
Stars and Saturn all wash away
And Jupiter alone waits for Moon's last embrace
Sun stoutly emerges, performing his duty
Yet radiant Moon holds fast her beauty
By mid-morning, perhaps, she'll glide out the gate
In her luminous presence, evanescence can wait.

3 December 2001

- From the CPA Kayaker email list.

"I had a linguistics professor who said that it's man's ability to use language that makes him the dominant species on the planet. That may be. But I think there's one other thing that separates us from animals. We aren't afraid of vacuum cleaners." *- Jeff Stilson*

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FOR SALE - Canoe, Mad River Outrage, green with wood rails, Voyageur 3-D nylon air bags, UFO saddle, play boat knee pads & thigh straps, excellent condition, stored inside, digital photo available, $750, call Wayne Guerke 229.386.2104 (Tifton, GA) or email: wguerke@surfsouth.com.

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FOR SALE - Canoe, kayaks & racks. Mad River Explorer canoe, Royalex, $500. Kayak, Wave Sport Godzilla, fully outfitted, $375. Kayak, Dagger RPM, outfitted, $400. Yakima racks for small gutterless car, never used, $100. Yakima locks, set of 4, $25. Please call Joe Webb at 770.954.9609 or page at 1.866.335.0980.

FOR SALE - Canoe, Mohawk XL-15, red, fully outfitted, set up for solo or tandem, a few battle scars but in good condition, kept inside, $600, 706.355.8506.

FOR SALE - Canoe & kayak. Dagger Caper canoe, blue, wood gunnels $400. Kayak, Piranha Mountain 300, red, $300. Call Barney or Sherry Spurr at 770.486.9685.

FOR SALE - Kayak, Perception Pirouette, black, $300. Two front and two rear float bags also available @ $10 per set. Carlisle Ausable two piece kayak paddle, 110 cm. Ideal for sea kayak or inflatable kayak, $20. Ladies size medium Stohlquist two piece dry suit. Needs waist and feet gaskets. Neck and wrist gaskets good. Red. $40. Dry bag, yellow, size 15" X 24". $5. Call Hank Klausman 770.587.0499.

FOR SALE - Kayak. Dagger Outburst white water kayak. Great beginning or intermediate boat. Stored indoors. Includes spray skirt, float bags, Perception paddle, PFD, brand new helmet. All for $550 or best offer. Please call Rodney at 770.826 .1982, or e-mail me at reslinger @mindspring.com.

FOR SALE - Land. Interested in a private take-out on the Upper Chattahoochee? Picturesque riverfront and river accessible property located in White County only a few miles downstream from Duncan Bridge Road. Beautifully wooded lots (1 to 23 acres) and a log cabin are available. Call Mark at 404.216.5621, or email merler@mdhodges.com.

FOR SALE - Mountain bike, Litespeed Toccoa, 16" frame, 9-speed grip shift, LX/XT/XTR components, female owner, excellent condition, light use, digital photo available, $1500, call Wayne Guerke 229.386 .2104 (Tifton, GA) or email: wguerke @surfsouth.com.

FOR SALE - Roof Rack Systems. Yakima tower rack system with kayak stackers. This is an adjustable system designed to fit on vehicles with a gutter, everything you need to clamp on and go, $99. Quick and Easy roof rack, to fit vehicles with gutters. Includes carpeted cross support, $55. Chuck Gregory, 770 .971.0779, e-mail, ChuckG@mail.dnr .state.ga.us.

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 - White water canoe, Mad River Outrage or Mohawk Probe 12. Call Kelly at 404.667.8140 or email synth_ace@yahoo.com.

WANTED - Canoe, Mohawk Canoe - Nova 16 ABS. Call Ardie Olson at 770.781.5988 or e-mail sdopc_2@ mindspring.com.

Need paddling equipment? Want to get a jump on the other members? Come to an *Eddy Line* Mailing Party and check out the Want Ads early!! Call Rachel at 404.296.4480 to volunteer.

GEORGIA CANOEING ASSOCIATION INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

CANOEING & KAYAKING INSTRUCTION

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 FLAT/MOVING WATER:
For people who have never had a boat on moving water or want to improve their skills in a basic course. Full day Saturday flat water session emphasizing strokes, safety, self-rescues. Full day Sunday session on moving water river. No white water.

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. 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 ages 16 and under.

TRAINED BEGINNER 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 WHITE WATER:
Intermediate clinic participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III white water such as the Nantahala, wish to master the roll in rapids (kayaks), 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 www.georgiacanoe.org 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. Please don't wait to register. All classes are subject to being closed due to student limits or being rescheduled or canceled if there are insufficient students registered. Registration closes ten days before each class due to insurance and planning considerations.

CANCELLATIONS 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

GCA INSTRUCTION

SPRING AND SUMMER 2002

Canoe

Flat/Moving Water Canoe

Coordinator: Jim Albert (770.414.1521)

+ Beginner Family (children welcome)
  July/August TBA
+ Beginner
  July/August TBA
+ Canoe/Sea Kayak Camping Trip (& low key clinic)
  June 22, 23

White Water Canoe

+ Beginner
  Coordinator: Steve Cramer (706.208.8382)
  June 4 (evening), June 8, 9
+ Trained Beginner
  Coordinator: Jim Albert (770.414.1521)
  May 11, 12
  August TBA
+ Intermediate
  Coordinator: Haynes Johnson (770.971.1542)
  May 18, 19
  September TBA

Safety

+ Basic White Water Safety (Formerly "1st Three Minutes")

Coordinator: Brannen Proctor (770.664.7384)

July 27 (1 day - $25)

Sea Kayak

Coordinator: Steve Cramer (706.208.8382)

+ May 25, 26 (call for class fees)
  Charleston, SC
+ Sea Kayak Rescue Skills (call for class fees)
  July 13 (1-Day)
  Lanier Canoe and Kayak Club

White Water Kayak

Coordinator: Knox Worde (770.475.3022)

+ Beginner
  June 3 (evening), 22, 23
  Lead Instructor: Knox Worde (770.475.3022)
+ Trained Beginner
  June 8, 9
  Lead Instructor: Carol Meyhoefer (770.479.9478)
+ Intermediate
  May 18,19
  Lead Instructor: David Stubblefield (706.864.0901)

Registration: to register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing 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 until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for $50.00 per person. Please don't wait to register. All classes are subject to being closed due to student limits or being rescheduled or canceled if there are insufficient students registered. Registration closes ten days before each class due to insurance and planning considerations.

CLINIC _____

NAME _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ALLERGIES OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES _____

_____

DISABILITIES OR PHYSICAL PROBLEMS _____

_____

GCA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA 2002

April 12, 13, 14,
Diamond Lure Campground
Ellijay, Georgia(9 miles from Ellijay)

EXCLUSIVELY RESERVED FOR GCA MEMBERS
Hot Showers, Club House
Fishing and Boating Lake
Mountain Biking at M.O.E.

CAMPING
$6.00/site (2 persons)/night
$2.00/night for each additional person in campsite

PLEASE, ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH!!

FRIDAY EVENING:
Friday Night at the Movies — 8:30 p.m. at the club house — Bring your favorite video to share

SATURDAY NIGHT CATERED DINNER AND BONFIRE
FUN AND GAMES TO BE ANNOUNCED!!
Best Bar-B-Que in North Georgia
Pork, ribs and all the fixings
New this year — meatless dinner available — see registration form
Price $10.00 (Children 12 & under $6.00)

Homemade sausage & buiscuits available Sat. & Sun. morning - $1.00 each

Register early — late fee applies after April 5

BOATING SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Meet at Club House at 8:30 a.m. to organize trips
Rivers (water level permitting): Ocoee, Nantahala, Cartecey, Toccoa, Amicalola, Tuckaseigee, Chestatee, Etowah and Upper Chattahoochee

For further information, contact:
Marvine Cole 770.475.3022 or email mcsputnik@aol.com

GCA SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA 2002
Registration Form

TO REGISTER — Fill out registration form belowand mail QUICKLY (notice late fee below) with your check made out to "GCA" to:

Marvine Cole
625 Glendalough Court
Alpharetta, GA 30004
For questions, call 770.475.3022

Name_____ Phone_____

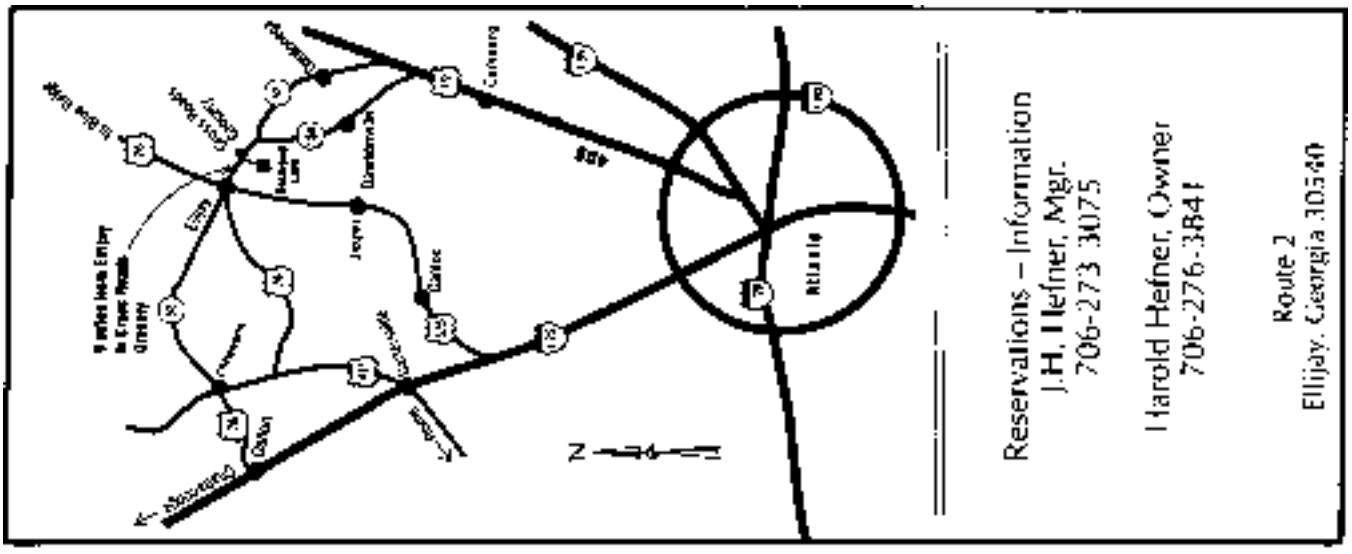
Address_____ Email_____

Camping:
Number of tents @ $6.00 (Incl. 2 people) Fri _____ Sat _____
Extra people @ $2.00 ea. (Over 2 people) Fri _____ Sat _____ Total $_____

Saturday dinner:
No. of barbeque meals @ $10.00 _____ @ $6.00 _____ Total $_____
No. of meatless meals @ $10.00 _____ @ $6.00 _____ Total $_____
Sausage & biscuits @ $1.00 ea. Sat _____ Sun _____ Total $_____

$5.00 LATE FEE IF POST MARKED AFTER APRIL 5 ..... $_____
(Per registration form)
Make check payable to GCA for total of: Total $_____

Willing to lead a trip Saturday or Sunday on:
Cartecay_____ Etowah_____ Upper Amicalola_____ Chestatee_____
Lower Amicalola_____ Upper Hooch_____ Ocoee_____ Tuckaseigee_____
Other _____



GCA Southeastern Championships, April 27-28, 2002
Sign up for the Race Crew, Order Awards Banquet Dinner Tickets and Raffle Tickets

See the race article elsewhere in *The Eddy Line* for additional information.

Name(s): _____
Phone: _____

I would like to be part of the RACE CREW in one or more of the following areas:
(Check ALL areas that you would be willing to work in):

_____ Race Headquarters set up (Thursday and Friday). Pitch the tents, hang the banners.

_____ Race Course set up (Thursday and Friday). Get the slalom gates set just right.

_____ Slalom Race Gate Judging (Saturday and/or Sunday). Did the racer make a gate? Touch a pole?

_____ Slalom Race Timing (Saturday and/or Sunday). Can you keep four stop watches running at once?

_____ Wild Water Race Timing (Saturday). You only have to operate one stop watch.

_____ Down River Fun Run Timing (Sunday). You only have to operate one stop watch.

_____ Slalom Race Scoring (Saturday and/or Sunday). Can you talk and write at the same time?

_____ Slalom Race Safety (Saturday and/or Sunday). Good aim with a throw rope is a plus.

_____ Wild Water Race Safety (Saturday). Paddle with the Wild Water crowd.

_____ Down River Fun Run Safety (Sunday). Paddle with the Down River crowd.

_____ Hospitality (Saturday). Serving breakfast, lunch and the Awards Banquet Dinner.

_____ Hospitality (Sunday morning). Serving just breakfast and lunch.

_____ Race Course and Race Headquarters take down (Sunday). Take it all down.

My T-shirt size is: _____ (free race crew T-shirt)

All Race Crew members are encouraged to attend the AWARDS BANQUET DINNER, Saturday, April 27, 6:30 PM, Nantahala Outdoor Center, Base Camp Dining Room. Lasagna Dinner by Rivers End (Regular and Veggie) Tea or Coffee. Cheer as the Race Winners receive their medals. Listen for your name in the Raffle Drawing.

Number of adult dinners: _____ @ $12.00 = $ _____

Number of children 6 to 12: _____ @ $8.00 = $ _____

Number of children under 6 _____ (free)

Total Amount Enclosed for Awards Banquet Dinner = $ _____

RAFFLE TICKETS AT $1.00 PER TICKET: $ _____

Dinner & raffle tickets ordered here can be picked up at the Hospitality Tent on April 27. Seating capacity at the Awards Banquet Dinner is limited. Dinner tickets can be purchased at the door on an as-available basis for $12 for adults and $8 for children.

Mail this form and your check (payable to GCA) for the Awards Banquet and Raffle Tickets to:

Virginia Balbona
1441 Clifton Road NE, Suite 215
Atlanta, GA 30322

4 Elizabeth Way Roswell, GA 30075 USA
888-345-FLOW 770-992-3200

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M-F 10-7 SAT 10-6 SUN 12-5

GCA 10% Discount (all non-sale items)

SpraySkirts

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Videos / Books	MSRP	ON SALE!
Aphrodesia Video	$29.95	**$15.00**
Off The Deep End Video	$29.95	**$15.00**
Players Video	$29.95	**$19.95**

GWTF Gear	MSRP	ON SALE!
GWTF 18" Rack Pads	$25.00	**$19.95**
GWTF 15' Tie Down Straps	$16.95	**$12.50**
GWTF Logo T-Shirt	$9.95	**$8.00**
GWTF Paddle Leashes	$13.95	**$9.95**
GWTF Twill Caps	$16.50	**$10.00**

GWTF GA Low Price Guarantee

Paddle Gear	MSRP	ON SALE!
Gaia 5.5 Liter Tortugas Dry Bag	$14.95	**$10.00**
Harmony Paddle Floats	$36.50	**$29.00**
Harmony Bilge Pumps	$29.95	**$19.95**
AT - Zen Kayak Paddles	$259.00	**$199.99**

Paddle Wear	MSRP	ON SALE!
Chota Neo/Fleece Boater Mitts	$29.95	**$19.95**
Patagonia Skull Caps	$29.00	**$22.99**
Mtn Surf Monsoon Pants	$99.00	**$79.00**
MTI Livery PFD	$39.95	**$29.95**
MTI Cruiser PFD	$59.95	**$45.99**
Lotus Lola PFD	$99.00	**$79.00**
Lotus Sherman PFD	$120.00	**$96.00**