

Masthead Contest Deadline August 10

The deadline for entries in the Great *Eddy Line* Masthead Contest has been extended to August 10. Besides the "old" and the "new" entries shown in the July issue, a third entry has been received from a GCA member.

Your entry could become the new masthead and be at the top of the front page of every issue. Check out the article on page 17 for details. ✂

New Number For the Cruisemaster

GCA Cruisemaster Steve Reach has exchanged the freeways and traffic jams of semi-suburban Conyers for the more quiet, critters and dial-up connections of Far North Georgia. He'll still be scheduling GCA trips, leading some of them and appearing in the odd - sometimes really odd - photo in *The Eddy Line*.

What will change is his telephone number. His old home phone number no longer reaches him, so his primary contact is now his cell phone. See the Trip List on page 3 for details. ✂

Meeting the Neighbors

This month begins a new, accidental and hopefully repeating feature, Meeting the Neighbors. Hopefully, it will introduce GCA members to other paddling groups in the southeast and the rivers the love like we love ours.

The first "Meeting the Neighbors" is about Alabama's Coosa River Paddling Club. It began with a notice from new GCA member Mark Wright to let folks know about the group's Whitewater Festival on Labor Day Weekend.

Since that event is threatened by the drought, it became primarily an article about the group itself. That seemed like a good idea, so the plan is to try to include similar information on other groups from nearby states in future issues. ✂

No Trip Reports This Month

This month's edition of *The Eddy Line* includes not a single trip report. That's for the very simple reason that not a single trip report was submitted for this issue.

In large part, that's probably because the lack of rain has limited us to paddling the same few well-known dam-controlled rivers and its not easy to come up with a new perspective for a trip report. Being busy with vacations or kids and their activities while school is out may be part of it, too.

So, will you miss having trip reports this month? The only solution is to go on a paddling trip and submit a trip report. ✂

New Members and Plentiful Trips

This month's *Eddy Line* has a list of new members on page 6, and last month's had several pages of new members, mostly courtesy of the Georgia River Explorer Series. This month's trip list has multiple trips on different level rivers each weekend day. So why not call a new member near you and invite them to paddle?



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Call the trip leader at the number in the trip list.

To sign up to lead a club trip:

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Directors, Executive Committee Meetings

GCA Board of Directors meetings are generally held the first Thursday of March, June, September and December.

GCA Executive Committee meetings are generally held the first Thursday of January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at Page Perry LLC, 1040 Crown Pointe Parkway, Suite 1050, Atlanta, 30338. (I-285 to Ashford Dunwoody NE, left onto Perimeter Center West, right onto Crown Pointe Parkway, park at 1050 and walk to 1040.) All members are encouraged to attend. If you have an item for discussion, call Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263 to be added to the agenda. Attending meetings is a great way to become more involved in the GCA and ensure transparency in decisions and actions. ✂

Submitting Eddy Line Material

Deadline for material to be submitted for publication is the fifth of the prior month, e.g. December 5 for the January issue. Material received after deadline MAY NOT BE PUBLISHED. GCA members are encouraged to submit articles, trip reports, editorials, photos, cartoon, etc. Letters to the Editor are also encouraged. **Submissions should be typed, single spaced and not indented: if possible, please prepare articles in "plain text" rather than in a word processing format.** Material may be submitted to the_eddyline@yahoo.com or to *The Eddy Line*, P.O. Box 441, Gainesville, GA 30503-0441. The text of an article can be placed in the body of an email or as an attachment: photo images can be attached files. If possible, please submit photos and other graphics in "jpg" or "tiff" format and specify the photographer of each picture. To submit material via disk, please contact us for information. Classified ads will run for two issues, but will be rerun at the advertisers request. Hand-written or phoned in material CANNOT be accepted. Contact Editor **Rick Bellows, 678.617.2546** or the_eddyline@yahoo.com if you have questions. Thank you.. ✂

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UPCOMING GCA TRIPS

August

4	Toccoa	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Steve Reach	404.579.3166
4	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
5	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Jack Taylor	770.998.0350
5	Chattooga - Section 3.5	Class 3-4 Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
11	Chattahoochee (Note 1)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Vincent Payne	770.834.8263
11	Ocoee (Note 2)	Class 3-4 Advanced	Roger Nott	770.536.6923
12	Broad	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Connie Venuso	404.633.8038
18	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Steve Reach	404.579.3166
18	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
19	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Jack Taylor	770.998.0350
19	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	John Scott	770.757.2362
19	Chattooga - Section 3.5	Class 3-4 Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477
24-26	Chick Paddle	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Denise Keller	770.591.0980
25	Nantahala	Class 2-3 Intermediate	William Gatling	770.529.7103
26	Chattooga - Section 3.5	Class 3-4 Advanced	Peter Chau	864.885.9477

September

1	Hiwassee	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Brannen Proctor	770.664.7384
21-23	Fall Gala	All Levels	Denise Keller	770.591.0980

October

12-14	Goose Pastures (Note 4)	Class 1-2 Trained Beginner	Lamar Phillips	770.939.5087
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Note 1: Whitesburg to Franklin. Paddle With the Prez - first-time paddlers welcome

Note 2: Upper and/or Middle. Specifics to be determined based on participants.

Note 3: Florida camping. Aucilla and Wacissa Rivers and Slave Canal.

Your Trip Could Be Listed in This Space — Call Cruisemaster Steve Reach at 404.579.3166!

Signing Up: Call the trip coordinator listed to sign up for trips. Most trip coordinators will move a trip to an alternate venue if the water levels and conditions for a particular trip are not favorable. 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 for those boaters who have completed a formal training clinic and would like some on-the-river time with instructors practicing what was learned in the clinic and expanding skill levels.

Canoe Camping Trips are multi-day trips, generally on flat or mild water, with at least one night of camping. For details on a scheduled trip, call the trip coordinator. To arrange a trip, call President Vincent Payne at 770.834.8263.

To Volunteer To Lead Trips: Call the Cruise Master, Steve Reach at 404.579.3166. As usual, we need trip coordinators for all types of trips, from flatwater to class 5 whitewater. 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). Boating is prohibited above the Highway 28 bridge. Your cooperation in protecting this National Wild and Scenic River is appreciated.

Roll Practice: Wednesday evenings from 6:00 until dark, May through the end of Daylight Savings Time, at Stone Mountain Park. For more information, look for the announcement in *The Eddy Line*.

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
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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)
I Said Left, Stupid: A Video Guide to the Chattooga River (Sect. 2 & 3)
In the Surf
Introduction to Canoeing
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
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The C-1 Challenge
The Middle Fork of the Salmon River (Idaho) — by Photographic Expeditions
Trailside: White Water Canoeing the Chattooga River
Vortex -- low cost storm water sampler
Waterwalker (Bill Mason)
Whitewater Self Defense

Books:

A Canoeing and Kayaking 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 & Kayanning 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 & Kayaking Guide to Georgia
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
Youghiogeny-Appalachian River
Maps:
The Big South Fork

Announcements

GCA Email List

By joining the GCA group email list, you can share information with over 400 members and others. Here's how the list works:

By sending an email to "gcalist@yahoogroups.com" you automatically reach all subscribers to the list with the message. Only those subscribed to the list can send email to the list.

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 posted on the GCA email list. If you want to receive any of this information, please subscribe.

The email list is intended to facilitate communication, so don't be shy about using it to invite others on paddling trips, to discuss paddling related issues or to disseminate or obtain



information about paddling related topics, rivers you're interested in, etc.

To subscribe to the list, send an email to "gcalist-subscribe@yahoogroups.com". 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.

When you change or lose your email ID, please take the time to "unsubscribe" your old ID and 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 the GCA web committee at gcaweb@gmail.com. Membership applications, GCA waivers and other forms for use by members are also available on the site. ✂

Mail Failure Notices

Each month the electronic version of *The Eddy Line* results in numerous mail failure notices from members with bad or discontinued email addresses. If email can't be delivered to your email address, you will be deleted from the recipient list for the electronic version until we get an updated email address from you.

When GCA receives a mail failure notice in response to an email to you on the GCA Email List, you will be automatically unsubscribed by the listserve software. You are responsible for keeping your email address current. Thank you — it makes less work for our all volunteer staff. ✂

Summer Roll Practice

GCA Summer Roll Practice will be held at Stone Mountain Park at 6:00 p.m. (or earlier) on Wednesday from May through the end of Daylight Savings Time. Roll Practice is free, but participants will need to pay for entry to the park. A season pass is recommended for folks who plan to attend multiple sessions.



To get to roll practice, enter the park from Stone Mountain Freeway (East Entrance) and take the first left. Continue about a mile until the road crosses

the dam, then take the first right into the parking lot. The boat ramp is on the right.

The boat ramp is very busy with power boats putting in and taking out, so use the ramp area to load and unload only and park away from the ramp. Once in the water, try to stay clear of the ramp for the same reason.

Please note that swimming is prohibited at this location. If you're in the water spotting for someone, be prepared to explain to park officials that you are not "swimming."

Roll practice is an informal arrangement that requires volunteers. If you can help with kayak, canoe or C-1 rolling, your assistance would be appreciated. ✂

I have never seen a river that I could not love. Moving water has a fascinating vitality. It has power and grace and associations. It has a thousand colors and a thousand shapes, yet it follows laws so definite that the tiniest streamlet is an exact replica of a great river.
Roderick Haig-Brown



Volunteers Still Needed Southeastern Slalom and Wildwater Championships

by Roger Nott, Race Master

GCA will be hosting the 39th Annual Southeastern U. S. Slalom and Wildwater Championships on the weekend of October 6 and 7 on the Nantahala. With less than 3 months 'til race time, we need as many people as possible to step up now and volunteer to help with the race.

There are many roles for the volunteer, including gate judge, scorer, timer, publicity committee, and many, many others. If you can help in any way, please contact me as soon as possible: Roger Nott, 2335 Stephens Circle, Gainesville, GA 30506 770.536.6923, ocapaddler@charter.net.

The Southeasterns are one of the oldest continuously run annual races in the country and were the first whitewater slalom races ever held in the ACA Dixie Division states. The races have always been sponsored by the GCA and have a proud tradition which is equaled by few other national races.

The Southeasterns have always been sponsored by GCA and have a proud tradition equaled by few other national races. Mark your calendars. Plan to race and to help with the races. ✂

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Welcome New Members — Directory Additions

These are new members who have joined GCA since the last update. We'll try to include this information on an ongoing basis so you can add new members to your Directory. New members are the life blood and future of the club: call one near you, introduce yourself and maybe paddle together.

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2007 GCA Fall Gala

by Denise Keller, GCA Recreation Chair

The annual Fall Gala will take place the weekend of Sept. 21-23 at Smokey Mountain Meadows Campground in Bryson City, NC. Check out their website at www.smmcamp.tripod.com. Their phone number is 828.488.3672 and you can e-mail Freda at smmcamp@yahoo.com to make reservations. You're responsible for your own reservations.

SMMC offers rustic cabins, RV hookups and tent camping. The campground is within an easy drive to the Nantahala, Tuckasegee and French Broad to name a few rivers, and there are numerous lakes in the area.

If camping isn't your thing, there is Smokey Mountain Meadows Retreat cabins that are next door to the campground. The cabins are big, clean and dry (should we get rain). Their website www.yirtualcities.com/nc/smokymtreat, or you can call Linda Parris at 828.488.6347.

The past few spring and fall galas, I've chosen to stay behind at the campground, instead of paddling, to help out with the catering. It was a pleasure. However, this gala being my last event to organize for the club (see page 8), I've decided not to have this event catered so I can have some time to paddle with the club that weekend.

We will still have the bonfires in the evening so bring some campfire food. I'm hoping to talk the people I know that have Dutch ovens to turn out some great desserts. Anything can happen at the Fall Gala, and it usually does!!

I plan to invite Mark Singleton to join us. He's been to all the GCA events I've planned, and I thank him for that. Doug Woodward, author of *Wherever Waters Flow*, lives close by and I hope he can join us for some river stories and to sign a few books. His book is fabulous! Anyone that owns any type of boat and paddle needs to read this book: it's a "fun" read, trust me.

I'm working on a few more ideas for the Fall Gala: more on that to come. One thing I'd like to do at the Gala is have a raffle. Louis Boulanger had received some items that were donated from Outside World in Dawsonville, one being a 1-hour private kayak class. The money collected will go to the club to be used wherever needed.

More information on the Fall Gala to come. If there are any ideas, questions, or comments, I can be reached at 770.591.0980 or baloata@bellsouth.net.

Support Our GCA Supporters

The GCA web site now features a "GCA Supporters" web page with links to the people and companies that support GCA financially by advertising with us. Help out those who help us out — patronize our advertisers. Thanks!



2007 Chick Paddle

Calling All Chicks Times 3

by Denise Keller, GCA Recreation Chair

Greetings! The dates for the GCA's 3rd Annual Chick Paddle are set for August 24-26. I've reserved a cabin at Horn's Creek Resort in the Ocoee/Hiawassee area in Tennessee.

The plan is the same as years past. We'll gather on Friday and then paddle the Hiawassee, a scenic Class 1-2 river appropriate for all paddling levels, on both days. More advanced paddlers may want to hit the Ocoee (Class 3-4) on one day.

For the girls that feel they are not "whitewater ready," we can arrange for a duckie rental. We have a few every year. (Kim Templin and I have been talking for a few years about sharing a double duck for a few laughs - this may be that year!)

In the evening we hang around the cabin. Joy has promised to make her fabulous, super-duper chili and Karen has got her Dutch oven ready for some wonderful desserts. We all bring a main or side dish to share. There is always a wonderful blend of creative foods.

I encourage you to check out the Horn's Creek website at www.hornscreek.com and get an idea for the place. We held last year's CP there and had a wonderful time. The folks there gave us private access to the water slide and wave pool. We made a lasting impression and are remembered fondly!! (chuckle-chuckle).

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If enough girls are interested in the water park or any other activity at the resort, I'll try and arrange it. Some of us raft the Ocoee the Friday of the CP too.

If you are new to the club or to boating, this is an excellent way to meet other GCA women and work on your paddling skills. If you're a seasoned club member, this is a fun way to get out and paddle with your fellow chicks. Either way, this is just a plain, great time! (There are still stories floating around the paddling world of the GCA's "chick paddle.")

If you plan to attend, I encourage you to contact me as soon as possible to reserve your place. I'm requesting a non-refundable deposit of \$30. I regret the need to do this, but last year I booked the cabin based on those who said they wanted

to attend the CP and when we had a few no-shows without any warning, a few of us took a financial "bath," especially the person on the reservation form.

There is no telling what will happen at this year's CP, but, if anything, we ALWAYS have had a great time together. I'm always amazed at the many talents that come out at the CP, from cooking to pole dancing to headstands, just to name a few. Also, if anyone will bring their "boom box," I promise NOT to bring my music. (I scared everyone last year! chuckle-chuckle).

If there are any questions or additional information please contact me at 770.591.0980 or baloata@bellsouth.net. Thanks, and see you at the "Chick Paddle." ✂

Keller Resigning as Recreation Chair

by Denise Keller, GCA Recreation Chair (and proud of it)

Denise Keller here. I'm the Recreation Chairman for the GCA and thought this would be the perfect time to announce that the 2007 Fall Gala would be the last of the events I organize for the club.

I've been the "social director" for the last two years and I think it's time to pass on the torch. I've enjoyed organizing the club events for you all and have had great turn-outs for the

extravaganzas and galas.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to see who's willing to step up to the plate and take on the Recreation Chairman roll? Who's willing to help out the GCA a little by organizing a few events? It's not hard and I'm willing to help in anyway I can.

The GCA is a fine club, over 40 years old and going strong. Please contact me if you have any questions and are willing to get more involved with the GCA. Thanks. ✂

A good scare is worth more than good advice.
Horace ✂

Two New Chairs Needed

by Vincent Payne, GCA President

Presently we have a couple of key Chairs that are vacant. Now is a good time to step and make a difference in your club. Volunteer to chair a committee.

By design, most of the GCA's business is done in committees. Those committees address the club's concerns. They devise solutions and propose actions to the Executive Committee. Then they implement their plan. This is the process by which the club progresses. Now you can move into one of the drivers' seats.

We need a Recreation Chair. Denise Keller has done an outstanding job and tried several new things. It has been a real plus that we are not always doing the same old thing. Thanks Denise. Denise has graciously offered to coach her replacement until he or she is comfortable with the role. If you have some good ideas and would like to give them a try, please sign up.

Don Kinser has stepped down as River Protection Chair after several years of exemplary service to the club. Thanks Don. Now here is a chance for you to protect our rivers and our environment as this committee seeks to protect both. Here is your chance to make a lasting impact in Georgia on the rivers that we care about. We need a level headed but outspoken person to represent the club on these matters.

Lastly the Nominating Committee is seeking input into the slate for this fall. There is still time to join this committee and impact the future leadership of the GCA. Remember that anyone who is nominated must agree to serve.

To serve on any committee or to chair a committee, please contact Vincent Payne at 770-834-8263 or anotherriვეrrat@bellsouth.net and I'll connect you with the right folks. Make a commitment and make a difference. ✂

May 10, 2007

GCA Executive Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Jamie Higgins, Ed Schultz, William Gatling, Lamar Phillips, Vincent Payne, Steve Reach, Kate Wilkerson, Laura Sidelinger, Dan McIntyre, Tom Bishop.

Minutes:

Old Business:

GCA board meeting minutes were read and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Treasurers Report: Ed Schultz

Cliff Bar and AW gave GCA a box of cliff bars. AW/Cliff bars have a stewardship, conservation, access and river safety grants available to fund two projects \$1250.

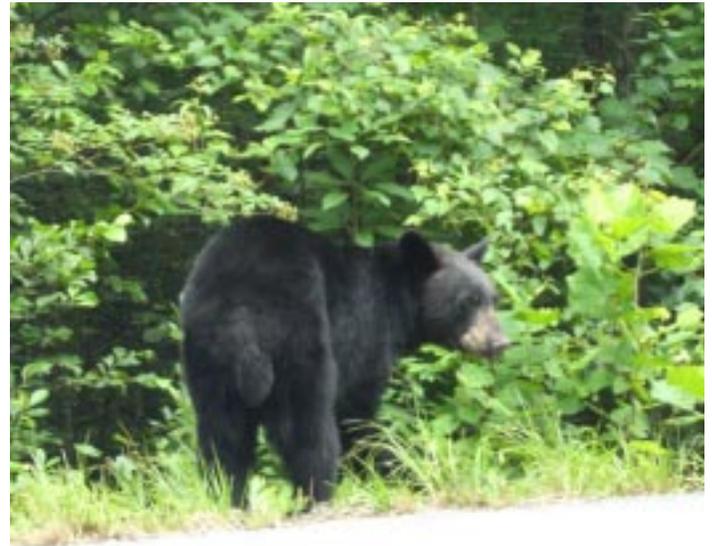
Had a net decrease of \$75. River Access fund CD has matured and rolled over to another CD.

Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for election of GCA officers. Any GCA member in good standing is eligible to be elected to any office, and any member may submit his or her name or the name of another member to the Nominating Committee. Any candidate must agree to be nominated and to serve if elected.

The names of proposed nominees should be submitted to Todd McGinnis of the Nominating Committee at 770.856.4489 or mcgitod2@bellsouth.net. The deadline to propose nominations is August 5. ✂

Picture of the Month



A black bear takes a look back after ambling across Highway 129 between Cleveland and Turner's Corner. Photo by Shari Heinz.

\$5025 in fees for GRES. It looks like we might net around \$1200 plus. We got 27 new members and the average age is 53.9.

River Protection Chair:

Soque Watershed Association: Jamie discussed a request by Nainne Mullin to assist in a river clean-up along the Soque. The board said they wanted more info and would assist in a river clean up a paddle friendly section of the river.

Recreation Chair:

Spring Meeting was a great success at Elvin and Nancy Hilyer's house. Approximately 70 folks attended.

Spring Extravaganza is still on and working.

Fall Gala set for Sept 21-23, location TBD.

Working on Chick Paddle in August.

Membership Services Chair: Kate Wilkerson

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Kate recommended making new golf shirts.

Kate and Steve will look at putting the store on online.

Steve recommended having a magnet bumper sticker for trip leaders to put on car when they run shuttle to identify the trip leader.

Lamar recommended making a flag for trip leaders.

Resource Development Chair: William Gatling

GRES: The Ohoopsee River trip was last Saturday and had 43 participants. They were very happy with the trip.

Georgia Paddling Trails Chair: Lamar Phillips

Lamar discussed updating the membership form to try

to get more folks on committees.

Laura Sidelinger, representing the City of Roswell, asked GCA to create a power point presentation for creating a river trail on the Chattahoochee. Kate Wilkerson, Dan McIntyre, Jamie Higgins, Lamar Phillips and Vincent Paynes have formed a committee to discuss the presentation.

Miscellaneous Business:

Dan offered to host next GCA executive meeting.

Vincent discussed establishing a nominating committee for next year's board and executive committee slate.

The meeting was adjourned. <

Tallulah Gorge Photo Contest

The folks at Tallulah Gorge State Park are looking for photos to be used in their 2008 calendar. Photos may show any aspect of Tallulah Gorge State Park, but the park staff would like to have at least one paddling related photo.

The deadline for photos is August 13. They must be submitted on a disk and there some other rules. They can be read at www.gastateparks.org: drop down to Tallulah Gorge State Park and click on the link for the photo contest.

If you submit a photo and it is chosen for the calendar, please let *The Eddy Line* know so you can receive a bit of public credit. <

Upcoming Events of Interest

August 7-12 - USCA Marathon National Championships - Allegheny River, PA - www.uscanoe.com.

August 11 - Paddle Mania - Chattahoochee River, Medlock Bridge to Franklin, GA - 24 hours continuous paddling - www.ucriverkeeper.org/community4.html.

August 24-26 - GCA Chick Paddle - Horn Creek Campground - Denise Keller, 770.591.0980, baloata@bellsouth.net.

August 25 - 9th Annual AW Ohiopyle Over-the-Falls Festival and Race - Youghiogheny River, Ohiopyle, PA - www.americanwhitewater.org.

September 1 - Coosa River Paddling Club Whitewater Fes-

tival, Coosa River near Montgomery, AL - Alisha Blakeney, 334.272.0952 or Adam Whitely, 334.850.6219.

September 2 - Reel Paddling Film Festival World Tour - Endless River Adventures, Nantahala Gorge - Maggy Williams, 828.488.6199, www.reelpaddlingfilmfestival.com or www.endlessriveradventures.com. (Proceeds to Nantahala River Conservation Fund.)

September 8-9 - Tsali Challenge Triathlon (3.5 mile lake paddle, 4.5 mile trail run, 12 mile mountain bike ride - Tsali Recreational Area - NOC, Bryson City, NC - 800.232.7238, www.noc.com.

September 15 - Lumber River Challenge (10 miles for rec canoe/kayak, 40 miles for USCA C-1, C-2 and kayak) - William McDuffie, 910.948.3238, wlrmduffie@nctconnect.com.

September 21-23 - GCA Fall GAIA - Denise Keller, 770.591.0980, baloata@bellsouth.net.

September 21-23 - AW Gauley River Festival - Summerville, WV - www.americanwhitewater.org.

September 29 - Mountain Island Challenge - racing and rec kayaks only - Mountain Island Lake, Charlotte, NC - Rick Garcia, 704.588.8221, rigarcia222@aol.com.

September 29-30 - 32nd Annual Outdoorsman Triathlon (1 mile swim, 4 mile run, 8 mile paddle - Wesser, NC - Kirk Havens, 804.785.2107, kirk@vims.edu or Ed Sharp, 540.752.5400, e.sharp@att.net, www.outdoorsmantriathlon.org.

October 6-7 - 39th Annual Southeastern U.S. Slalom and Wildwater Championships - Nantahala River - Roger Nott, 770.536.6923, ocapaddler@charter.net.

October 13 - Race Around Roanoke Island - 26 mile relay race for 2-4 men, women, mixed - Manteo, NC - Kirk Havens, 804.785.2107, kirk@vims.edu or Ed Sharp, 540.752.5400, e.sharp@att.net. 

Meeting the Neighbors Coosa River Paddling Club

by Mark Wright

Hello everybody. I just joined GCA a couple of months ago, although I have hitchhiked on trips with you all before. I am and have been a member of the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association (TSRA) for many years. Personally I think you people are more fun but don't tell TSRA that as they have been very good to me.

I also belong to the CRPC (Coosa River Paddling Club) based in Montgomery, AL. I was originally going to plug the Whitewater Festival we have every year, but at the moment it looks questionable due to drought. So instead I thought I would tell you a little about the club and our backyard river. I will give you some contact info for the festival in case we get a tropical depression from the gulf. I dare not say "hurricane," being so close to New Orleans.

The CRPC is a small club of 400+ members. Our aims are similar to GCA in that we promote river conservation, especially the Coosa. We have been involved with FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) to ensure flows on the Coosa. We also "work with" Alabama Power and I'm sure y'all know how that can go sometimes.

Dues are CHEAP: a mere \$10.00 per year or lifetime for \$100.00. The main perks are a put-in that slices 1.5 miles of flat water off the trip on the whitewater section of the Coosa near Montgomery and a nice primitive campground at the take out. You also get a cool sticker just like in the GCA!

The Coosa River is a fairly easy river of mostly Class 1's and 2's. There is one pretty much non-technical Class 3 called Moccasin Gap which is a favorite among playboaters. In fact we have been on the Rodeo Trail several years.

There are also other good play spots. The river is a good

one for whitewater beginners as there is usually a stretch of flat water in between the rapids so you can recover if you need to, which is especially handy if you're taking a group of Boy Scouts down. There is also a livery where you can rent tandem boats and sit-on-tops (no rafts!). Almost forgot, the water is warm! I've never worn a wetsuit on the Coosa.

The river is dam controlled. 8,000-10,000 cfs is best. At



Surfing at Moccasin Gap on the Coosa River. Photo by Van Atkins from the American Whitewater website.

4,000-6'000 it is still pretty interesting. Even at minimum flow (2,200) there are still some play spots. You can call 1.800.525.3711 for flow information: follow the prompts for Jordan Dam. They usually don't give info on cfs, but 1 generator usually means minimum flow, 2 means 4,000-6,000 and 3 means 8,000-10,000.

The CRPC Whitewater Festival is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, with most activities on Saturday. The rodeo takes place at Moccasin Gap, not far from Montgomery.

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There is a big rock island in the middle which is a great place to park your boat and spectate. In the past we've even sold food there. We've also had canoe races and other activities.

As I say this is all tentative this year due to drought. I would suggest you call the contact below around the middle of August. If it is minimum flow, it will be more of a float trip (bring the kids, bring a cooler, bring the dog!). If they do run

water, I promise you'll have a good time and you can still bring the kids (there is a great place to swim at The Gap).

For information, contact CRPC President Alisha Blakeney at 334.272.0952 (Southern Trails) or Adam Whitely at 334.850.6219.

PS - Thanks to John Hudgens for the June 16 Nantahala trip. 

From the GCA Historian The Aluminum Canoe

by Roger Nott, GCA Historian

Aluminum canoes these days often get a bad rap as the province of ignorant and technically inept paddlers. It is true that aluminum designs hardly excel for any specialized category of canoeing. However, if you want a boat that your grandchildren and great-grandchildren will enjoy long after you're gone, get aluminum.

Some old-school paddlers lament that people who learn whitewater skills these days in plastic boats develop sloppy paddling habits. Instead of trying to avoid small rocks, they just speed up and bounce off or slide over them. If you want a beginner whitewater boat which will encourage alertness and the accelerated development of river reading skills, get aluminum. After two trips down the Upper Hooch at low water, a

neophyte will be able to smell barely submerged rocks at 50 yards and learn to avoid them like poison oak.

I still have my first canoe, a 15 foot Sears aluminum model bought in 1973 in which, stuffed with Styrofoam and inner tubes, I made my first trip (without incident) down Section IV. I and the Boy Scouts of Troop 16 in Gainesville have used it every year since 1973 on hundreds of whitewater trips and can't seem to wear it out. In this time I have trashed a couple of ABS boats but have only had to make a few, minor repairs on my aluminum canoe.

From 1945, when Grumman Boats was founded by former airplane fabricators, until 1968, when Uniroyal molded the first ABS Royalex hull, aluminum was the material preferred by most experienced paddlers for the recreational use of open ("Canadian") canoes on whitewater. Most would have agreed when paddling pioneer Randy Carter wrote in 1967 in his celebrated Canoeing White Water River Guide:

"The author prefers the aluminum canoe. He has had one that has been over 2,000 miles on fast, rocky rivers, and it is still with him. They require no maintenance (and) can be left out all year. They can be abused by dragging over rocks and down banks and being banged along through the shallows?" Carter's landmark book is full of pictures of many pioneers of Southeastern U. S. whitewater exploration, all in aluminum canoes, such as Frank Bell, William Hulbert, John Delabar (seen stuck on a rock), and now deceased GCA honorary life members Hugh Caldwell and Ray Eaton.

I got the whitewater bug in 1971 by regularly inner tubing the Amicalola, Middle Chestatee, Etowah and Upper Chattahoochee. We would go to the Copper Mines when the main road still crossed the old steel bridge and run Copper Mine in tubes 30 or so times and then float downstream to just past the quarry.

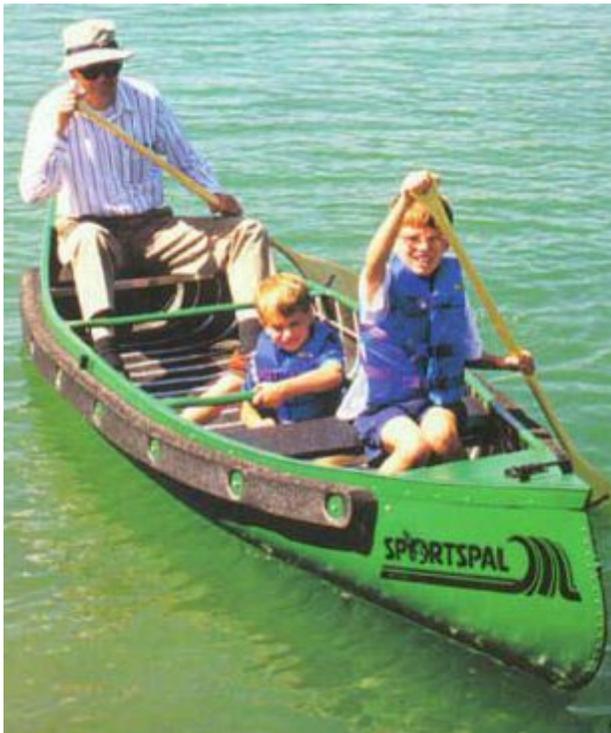
At that time one could still see the ruins of the machinery from the hydroelectric plant on river left just above the upper island at "Blasted Rocks." It was the washing out of the dam for this plant that deposited the "blasted" rocks downstream into this rapid. One can still see a wooden portion of this collapsed dam just under the still water in the narrows just upstream of this rapid.

Remains of a collapsed, similar log crib dam, built during World War I to generate electricity for the adjacent Chestatee Pyrites & Chemical Corporation mine, lie just upstream of Coppermine Rapid. This dam once impounded the waters of the Chestatee for over a mile and deposited layers of sediment which can be clearly seen in the steep, cliff-like, muddy left bank of the river upstream of the dam.

When I decided to buy my



Above, a traditional Grumman aluminum canoe. Below, a modern, lightweight aluminum canoe. Photos from ebay, where both were for sale the week of July 8.



first canoe in 1973, I researched every book and article on white water canoeing I could find in a public library. They all agreed: aluminum was the way to go. Until the late 1970's most participants on GCA trips paddled aluminum boats. Usually on each trip at least one boat would be seriously pinned. This provided great opportunities for team building, as everyone had to get into the swift, often icy water together to pull and tug and pry and finally lift the pinned aluminum canoes free.

Polly Heyward, still paddling her 1972 Grumman on white water when she's not volunteering at Zoo Atlanta, may be the last of Mohegans among GCA members. Polly's Grumman is surprisingly unscathed to this day, although she once had to get it welded after hitting one of the many spikes which used to be in the Broad until GCA crews removed them and 31 from the Etowah waterfall section in 1980.

The 1980 Buyer's Guide in Canoe Magazine lists 8 U.S. canoe manufacturers who were offering 16 models of aluminum canoes specifically designed for white water. The 2006 "Buyer's Guide" only includes 3 U.S. manufacturers of aluminum canoes; only 2 of the 16 models are still available, the Grumman 17 Shallow Draft (with a shoe keel) and the 17 Osagian (SS).

In the mid to late 1970's for about 2 years there was an aluminum canoe broken in half on the left bank of the first part of Section IV of the Chattooga. A GCA member finally retrieved it, cut off the most badly damaged section, welded the remainder back together, and later paddled the resurrected canoe, now 2 feet shorter, on club trips.

USFS “Standards Workshop” Chattooga Update

by Rick Bellows

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) has announced its intention to have a new plan in place for management of the Upper Chattooga (Sections 1, 0 and 00) by the end of 2007. Chief Forester Jerome Thomas has said several times that



means the decision making process will now be moving faster than it has over the past two years of so.

Two steps in that process were the July 10 “Public Hearing” and the July 14 “Standards Workshop,” both held in Walhalla, SC. I could not attend

the Public Hearing, but was told by some who did that it was just a list of presentations by anyone who cared to take the trouble to go to Walhalla on a workday afternoon, sign up and speak.

Some in the paddling community found the Public Hearing provided interesting and helpful insights into the positions of other user groups, especially long-time residents of the area nearest the river. Others found it a time-wasting repetition of well established and sometimes irrational positions. For those who want details, a transcript of the Public Hearing is or soon will be available from the USFS.

The “Standards Workshop” was, to say the least disappointing, at least to me. I thought it had the potential to be a real step in determining what standards and regulations would make sense for the Upper Chattooga and it’s corridor. Unfortunately, the event was much less than it could have been.

Instead, we spent most of a Saturday going through a process I would characterize and largely “rinky-dink” to generate information that was largely divorced from the real issues, including but not limited to the issue of the boating ban. From start to finish, the emphasis was on the process itself, not on the substance of the issues or any proposed solutions. There was more concern that we use the correct color ink and the right color post-it notes for our particular group than on whether the assignments we were given and the results we produced made any kind of rational sense.

Another major problem with the “Standards Workshop” was that it was geared to create unanimity among user groups. While that is certainly a worthwhile goal, the “Standards Workshop” process was designed to create a completely unrealistic unanimity, one based on predetermined and largely artificial “impacts” and actions to address them with no concern whether the “impacts” or the proposed solutions even remotely reflected biological, physical, social,

political or legal reality.

The primary organizational tool of the “Standards Workshop” was to divide attendees into 8 small groups. So that each group would have members from various user groups, we were assigned to groups based on when we hit the registration table. Whether by happenstance or design, one group had no representative of the paddling community and, not surprising, that group’s solution to every problem was to continue the boating ban.

My group, by contrast, had more boaters than non-boaters. The moderator of my group, however — Stephanie Love, a USFS employee brought in from Alabama for the session — would not allow any discussion of any issue specific to boaters v. anglers, at one point losing her temper a bit when AW National Stewardship Director Kevin Colburn attempted to make a point she felt entered that forbidden territory.

The day was divided into discussions of Biophysical Impacts and Social Impacts on the Upper Chattooga and it’s corridor. In both categories, the impacts were phrased in negative terms like “litter from campgrounds” and “competition.” The possibility of positive impacts like boaters being able to clean up litter all along the river was not on the agenda.

Not surprisingly, the process imposed on the participants resulted in much less agreement on the social impacts than on the biophysical ones. With the exception of the group that said continuing the boating ban was the solution to all problems, virtually none of the solutions to the social impacts received unanimous support within any group.

For me, the “Standards Workshop” was very much a disappointment. It substantially weakened my confidence in the USSF and process it has chosen to follow regarding the boating ban and other issues with respect to the Upper Chattooga. While a perfect process would have been unrealistic to expect, the rinky-dink “Standards Workshop” began with biased and artificial information and used a carefully controlled and completely process-oriented means to seek a totally artificial unanimity without actually considering the issues that really mattered to any of the user groups, including but not limited to the boating ban. Put another way, it was a social sciences example of “Garbage In, Garbage Out.”

The “Standards Workshop” convinced me the process by which the management plan is reached has been basically meaningless thus far (with the notable exception of the analysis conducted by Doug Whitaker and Bo Shelby of Confluence Research and Consulting). It is clear to me that, except for that analysis, the process thusfar provides little or no useful information on which to base a decision regarding the boating ban or any other aspect of a new management plan.

Of course, the real issue is not the validity of the process



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but the substance of the ultimate decision. Hopefully, the final decisions in the management plan will be good despite the flawed process for reaching them.

Fortunately, the "Standards Workshop" is not the end of the process. Sometime in August, USFS will issue a "Scoping Package," which they explained as being a group of several alternative proposals for the new management plan. There will then be a 30 day comment period for the "Scoping Package." We were assured at the "Standards Workshop" that anyone in attendance who provided an email would receive notice of when the "Scoping Package" is issued: that has not occurred in the past, and I will be curious to see if that promise is kept this time around.

After the comment period, there will be a "Refining Potential Alternatives Workshop," probably in late September. According to one of the handouts provided by the USFS at the "Standards Workshop," the "Refining Potential Alternatives Workshop" will "allow the public to review and analyze alternatives."

This will be followed by yet another Notice and Comment Period, probably until November, then by Public Meetings, the details of which are yet to be determined. A decision on the management plan is expected by year's end, at least according to USFS.

Editorial

Put Up or Shut Up

by Rick Bellows

Once again, a letter in *The Eddy Line* created a several-day flurry of activity on the GCA groupmail. This time it was Joe Webb's letter in the July issue, which strongly criticized the leadership of GCA. (I wonder why its only the letters in *The Eddy Line* that generate controversy and not anything the editor does, but I recognize that's pretty much a matter of interest only to me.)

One suggestion in Mr. Webb's letter was that issues be addressed in *The Eddy Line*. That idea is worth considering, but may not be practicable because of the long production, printing and distribution time involved in the newsletter. Perhaps publication of issues on the GCA groupmail and/or the GCA website would be more workable.

Some scattered thoughts from someone who read all the groupmails generated by Mr. Webb's letter:

GCA posters are pretty tolerant of criticism and controversy. Many of the posts made a point of recognizing the right of members to criticize the leadership of the club and the fact that criticism often leads to improvements.

GCA posters are polite. Most of the posters were courteous and even pleasant, and most did not attack specific



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individuals. There were exceptions, but they were few in number and at least some were rescinded.

GCA posters need to be careful, not only of what they post but the email they post it from. One post critical of a particular person appeared to come from a female member, but a subsequent email made clear the post was actually from her husband and that she might well have a largely contrary opinion.

GCA posters tend to wander from the initial topic. One branch of the tree, for example, was about “stealth” private trips competing with club trips. Not necessarily a bad thing; just an observation.

GCA Posters are surprising, at least to me. The percentage of posters who agreed, at least substantially, with Mr. Webb’s letter was much higher than I would have expected.

GCA posters are solution-oriented. More than anything else, the posts included not only an opinion or opinions about the problem or problems, but also a suggestion about how to solve it or them.

By far the most common suggested solution was for more members, and particularly those who are not satisfied with one or more of the club’s current leaders, to get involved. Several posts suggested those who are unhappy should attend Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings, volunteer to lead or help with the club’s committees and/

or run for the club’s leadership’s positions.

As it happens, a Nominating Committee is currently seeking candidates for the club’s officer positions. (See page 9.) That means this is the perfect time for club members - particularly those who are unhappy with the current leadership - to step up and become that leadership.

As it also happens, GCA’s River Protection Chair has just resigned and the Recreation Chair has announced the Fall Gala will be her last event. That means this is the perfect time for members to step up and volunteer for two important leadership positions that don’t even require getting elected. (See page 9 for details.)

And for those who can’t or don’t want to run for an office or chair a working committee, there are plenty of other places to help. I’m sure the new River Protection and Recreation Chairs would be glad for volunteers to help with their huge new responsibilities. Or you can pick a specific area to help out: assist the Trash Queen, help with the web, whatever. The important thing is to turn all the talk into constructive action.

If history is any guide, many - including many of those who posted - will do nothing. That is their right. But it is also my right to then dismiss their complaints and suggestions as the pointless whining of the terminally dissatisfied, interested less in fixing problems than in using them as an excuse to gripe. This is the time to put up or shut up. ✂

CLASSIFIED ADS

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For Sale: Yakima Outdoorsman 300 roof rack system (2 58-inch crossbars for compact pickup, \$350 or best offer. Carries boats without a camper, leaving bed free - like new - MSRP \$484. Email for internet address of specks.Kim,770.466.0635, mattienizzy@yahoo.com.

For Sale: Greenland Paddle, \$100. Beautiful inlaid woods, 85 inches long, about 26 ounces - padded case included - never used. Would make an attractive decorative piece. Mrspeh@aol.com or 706.543.8480.

For Sale: Thule rack set, \$150. LB58 bars, 387 tower set (gutter foot pack/high), 878XT set-to-go kayak saddles (4 pair) - good condition. Penny, 4 0 4 . 8 6 2 . 0 4 1 7 , happynowiam@bellsouth.net.

For Sale: 2003 Liquid Logic Skip, \$275 OBO. Yellow, hardly used. Call Don or Donna at 423.894.7624 or 423.987.1232 (Chattanooga).

For Sale: Wave Sport Forplay, \$350. Great playboat in very good condition. Can be seen at Wildwood Outfitters. Gary Gaines, 770.654.5501.

Masthead Contest Deadline Extended to August 10

by Rick Bellows

The deadline for submissions to THE GREAT *EDDY LINE* MASTHEAD CONTEST, announced in the July issue, has been extended. The deadline, originally August 1, will now be August 10. That will allow a few more days for members to prepare and submit a proposed new masthead. (For those of you who missed last month's article, that's the green thing at the top of page 1.)

So far there are 3 entries in the contest, including one submitted by a GCA member. Between now and August 10, members are encouraged to submit a design for a new masthead. All the potential designs will be printed in the September issue. Members will be asked to choose the one they like best and it will become *The Eddy Line's* masthead.

There are some ground rules. The masthead must be 7.75 to 8.25 inches wide and 2 to 2.25 inches high. It must include the name of the newsletter, the address information under the name and all of the GCA logo (the box to the left in

the current masthead). Other than that, the content and look of your proposed masthead is up to you.

Proposed mastheads can be submitted in color, black and white or grayscale, but the winning masthead will be printed in green on each issue of the newsletter. If you want your entry to have a particular shade of green, it needs to be submitted in color.

Entries must be RECEIVED by August 10 and should be emailed to the_eddyline@yahoo.com or burned onto a CD and mailed to P.O. Box 441, Gainesville, GA 30503. Please format your entry as a tiff or jpeg file - my old version of Photoshop can't handle some of the newer formats. NO PAPER SUBMISSIONS - scanning is beyond my techoliteracy level.

The winner of the masthead contest will receive our gratitude and credit in *The Eddy Line*. (Sorry, the budget does not permit cash prizes.)

If you have questions, please email them to the_eddyline@yahoo.com. Questions of general interest will be answered on the GCA listserv. 

REMAINING 2007 GCA INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE & CLINIC INFORMATION

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

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

BASIC WHITEWATER SAFETY:

This is not a Swift Water Rescue course, but rather a one-day safety course focusing on the skills needed to immediately effect a rescue after an incident has occurred. It follows the American Canoe Association's Basic White Water Safety curriculum and is a full day of learning and practicing simple safety concepts and rescue techniques. The morning is demonstration and land-based exercises, including throw ropes. The afternoon is water-based exercises, including self-rescue, rescue of others and retrieval of boats and gear. If you haven't taken a river safety course, or haven't taken one recently, this is a great first or refresher course. The only prerequisites are basic paddling techniques such as those learned in a beginning paddling course.

RECREATIONAL KAYAK:

This class is designed for recreational kayak boaters who want to experience moving water and Class 1 & 2 whitewater. Basic safety will be reviewed and river skills will be practiced.

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SEA KAYAK:

These courses are for longer, narrow kayaks with rudders or skegs. The beginner class is two days of basic strokes, maneuvers, and rescue skills. One day is on quiet water, the second is in mild surf. Instruction level will be geared to the skill level of the participants. For more information see <http://webpages.charter.net/cramersec/skflyer.html> and <http://www.acanet.org/sei-coastal-kayak.htm>

TRAINED BEGINNER WHITE WATER KAYAK & CANOE:

Participants should have had fairly recent beginner level instruction and at least 5 days of white water experience after the instruction. Participants should be able to do basic maneuvers on Class 2 rivers (eddy turns, peel outs & ferries). Polish-up beginner skills, plus bracing and rolling (kayaks).

INTERMEDIATE WHITE WATER KAYAK & CANOE:

Participants should be comfortable paddling class II-III whitewater such as the Nantahala, wish to master the kayakroll in rapids and learn how to play confidently in Nantahala-type waves and holes. Intermediate kayakers should have a 100% flatwater 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 a Class 2-3 river working on turns, surfing, eddy hopping, etc. Full day Class 2-3 river trip on Sunday.

PHYSICAL CONDITION AND SWIMMING ABILITY:

Whitewater 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. 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.

REGISTRATION:

To register for one of these clinics you must be a member of the Georgia Canoeing Association. For an application to join the GCA go to the GCA Web Site at <http://www.georgiacanoe.org/membership.htm> or call 404.421.9729. Dues are \$25. Classes are \$65 per person for a two day clinic or \$35 for a one day event, unless otherwise stated. To register for a clinic, call the coordinator of the clinic for more information, including questions on your skill level and/or course objectives. You will NOT be registered until the coordinator receives this completed form and a check for appropriate fees. 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.

EQUIPMENT:

You must furnish all of your own equipment. You will receive a detailed list of required and recommended equipment.

FEES:

Two Day classes are \$65.00 for instruction or events. One Day classes are \$35.00

Fees included American Canoe Association Insurance: ACA members' fees are reduced by \$10 per class or event.

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.

REMAINING 2007 INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Whitewater Kayak

Nantahala Falls (Working in the Falls)

September 8 & 9

Louis Boulanger

Louis.boulanger@ece.gatech.edu

Intermediate II (Nantahala)

September 29 & 30

Haynes and Gina Johnson

Haynesandgina@alltel.net

Whitewater Canoe (Solo and Tandem)

Trained Beginner (TBA)

August 18 & 19

Jim Albert, jimalbert@gmail.com

Sea Kayak (call for class fees)

Steve Cramer, cramersec@charter.net

ISea Kayak Weekend - Charleston

Sept 29 & 30

Intermediate I (Tuckasegee)

August 25 & 26

Gina and Haynes Johnson

Haynesandgina@alltel.net

Sea Kayak Strokes - Athens Area

August 11

CLINIC _____

NAME _____

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ALLERGIES OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES: _____

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