



Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network Newsletter

Hello Paddlers!

The network continues to grow with nearly 80 members. Join us this summer for fun on or off the water. We have events planned throughout the season. Remember, you can leave last minute paddling plans on the **NEWSLINE** for other members to retrieve. Don't be shy! Many people are calling and attempting to retrieve messages, and very few of you have actually left messages to be retrieved.

We held an election at our May General Membership meeting. I will be the President again for the coming year. Jeff Wescott continues as Secretary. Lee Bumsted and Wayland Wescott continue as Members at Large, and we welcome **Jon Swan** as our new Treasurer!

Thanks to David Kuhns for a very informative talk and slide presentation on hypothermia and to **Tim Smith** for spectacular slides and intriguing stories of his kayaking trip in Greenland. Thanks also to **Gary Shepard** for taking on the job of Newsletter Editor, starting with this one. He promises to give it a new look, and I look forward to enjoying it from a bit of a distance.

Please take slides/prints of network events this season and we'll have a showing and a contest this fall. Perhaps we can dupe some and put together a slide show. What a great way to keep a record of our activities and to enjoy looking back. More on this in August.

Happy and safe paddling!

Barbara

August Newsletter— Deadline for entries will be August 1st.

Please send all kayak related stories, articles, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, photos, artwork and classifieds to: B. Carter, 7 Gilbert Lane, Portland, Maine 04101.

Favorite Paddling Trips

Paddling in the Biddeford Pool area.

-- by Jon Swan--

Biddeford pool offers a wide variety of paddling options. There is a quiet tidal pool; the nearby Saco River and miles of open beaches with an occasional rocky ledge for interest.

You will find enough water here under all tidal conditions. If you choose to launch from the Town Landing you can go left into the pool itself or bear right to head out into Saco Bay. There is a series of islands close the harbor. At low tide, some of these are connected to the mainland by sandbars-- forcing an outside passage.

Unfortunately, parking is limited for visitors. One possible put-in spot would be the pool mouth at the Town Landing. There are a few daytime-only parking spots there as well. Due to parking restrictions, a day trip is probably your best bet. (However, with a little scouting around, you can find other launch sites nearby).

To reach Biddeford Pool, take Route 9 east from Biddeford past the University of New England. Turn left on Route 208 at the blinking light; proceed one-half mile to a stop sign. Turn left at the "T". After about one mile, turn left on Lester-B-Orcust Blvd. and go straight to the end. The Post Office will be on your left near the Town Landing.

Paddling Partners

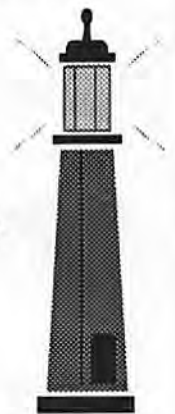
Jean Armstrong- available to paddle weekends or after 4:00 or 5:00pm weekdays.
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Brenda Keene- available to paddle Wednesdays, weekends or evenings after 5:00pm. **799-0361.**

Mary Jo Foley- available to paddle Thursdays, Sundays and sometimes on Wednesdays. Also looking for interested paddler(s) for a river or lake trip during the week after Labor Day. **846-0925.**

Dorry Shaw- available to paddle weekdays and weekends. **782-7937**

Connie Kale- will be in Maine from June 27th- July 22nd. She hails from Flint, Michigan and is looking for paddling partners. **(810)-238-6808.**



What's Happening?

Call the Newsline 24 hours for updates 874-2640

Sunday, July 10

Sebago Lake paddling picnic and skills practice.

Meet at 10:00 am for group paddle.

12:00 pm lunch at our reserved group area.

Afternoon (and after a nap)- paddling and rescue skills practice

If you're interested in attending, contact Wayland Linscott at 655-7442

Thursday, August 4 at 7:00pm

General Membership Meeting at Norumbega Outfitters. Everyone welcome!

Location: 58 Fore Street, Portland

Saturday, August 13

The "Official" 2nd Anniversary Cookout Party!

Location: Winslow Park in South Freeport.

Meet at 1:00 pm for an afternoon group paddle.

5:00 pm we will display our culinary skills with a cookout!

Don't even think about missing this one- contact Jeff Wescott at 773-0910

Friday through Sunday, August 26-28

Students Island on Mooselookmeguntic Lake (near Rangely, Maine)

We have reserved the best three sites on this beautiful island, which is part of the Stephen Phillips Memorial Preserve.

To reserve space, contact Chris Robinson by August 15. 828-1629

What *Else* Is Happening?

Friday-Sunday, August 20-22; contact Forrest Dillon at 244-5087
Weekend on Mt. Desert Island with The AMC and the Acadia Sea Kayak Club

Tuesday, August 31; contact Jeff Wescott at 773-0910
Full Moon paddle with Norumbega Outfitters

Saturday-Sunday, September 11-12; registration required with MITA- call 761-8225
Annual MITA meeting on Warren Island. Always a fun, entertaining weekend with a great feast!

Saturday-Sunday, October 16-17; contact Frank Stockwell at (617) 944- 6069
Knubble Bay with the AMC

The Boston Sea Kayak Club now has their own newsline! (617) 545-2135

Please note: If you are listed as the contact person for an event, it is your responsibility to bring waiver/release forms to be signed by all participants. These forms should be sent to Jeff Wescott, c/o Norumbega Outfitters, 58 Fore St., Portland, ME 04101, at the conclusion of the event.

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Sea Kayaking in Georgia's Land of the Golden Isles

A sea kayaking trip along the coast of Georgia, October 31-November 4 sponsored by the Sierra Club, will provide an opportunity for a leisurely exploration of one of America's few undeveloped wilderness areas.

Two different campsites on Little Tybee island will serve as a basecamp for excursions through undisturbed tidal creeks and marshes, and the viewing of a spectacular variety of wildlife including birds, otters and dolphins. Previous sea kayaking experience is not required.

The group will meet in Savanna, Georgia. The cost of the outing is \$450.00, which includes food, guide services, naturalist instruction, and shuttle service to and from the put-in. Rental kayaks are available for \$50.00 for person.

For more information, please write to:

Sierra Club Outing Department
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