

The Yakker

The Lowcountry Paddlers Club Newsletter

August 2012



Message From The President,

First I'd like to thank people for your support and hope that I can convince everyone else that I'm not all that bad. I'm looking forward to a year where we can bring more members out of the woodwork to join in paddles and other club events. With about 140 members at present we ought to be more concerned about finding events for everyone than filling up paddles. When I first joined 5 years ago it was not unusual to have 30-40 paddlers come out. I still see that when we go Lake Moultrie. Maybe we need to go there more often.

In my plank statement I noted I' like to find ways to get more members going out on their individual paddles. I'm going to have at meetings maps out on display to allow you to better picture our upcoming events and the proximity to paddling options in your own region of Charleston. Not that our town is all that large, but there are so many options available to you without driving an hour to paddle. I plan to discuss with my team of officers and other members that may step forward about more ways to help you contact other members that may be unknowing neighbors to either join quickly for a paddle or to carpool to events. If more folks were setting up their own minipaddles then we wouldn't need more events.

We have a number of members who have the confidence to lead their own paddle on days when they have time to go out. I'd like to get more members to build up their confidence to allow them to get out in their own small groups for day paddles whenever the mood strikes. Call it power to the people if you will. The big picture here is to allow the club to be the means to get members the power to find friends to paddle with and the comfort levels to get water themselves.

Dan Hoke

Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 4 Circumnavigate Morris Island L-4

Saturday, August 11 Cherry Point to Botany Bay L-2

Sunday, August 19 Limehouse Bridge to Bulow Landing and back L-1

Sunday, August 26 Edisto River: Long Creek Landing to Martins Landing. L-1



LOWCOUNTRY PADDLERS

We are a socially and economically diverse organization with one common link...a love of paddling. Whether kayak or canoe, expert or beginner, we all enjoy the camaraderie and the beauty of South Carolina's waterways.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday of each month (except December), with club paddles scheduled throughout the year. Please join us and share in the fun!

Lowcountry Paddlers meet at:
Providence Baptist Church 294
Seven Farms Drive Daniel
Island

Join us at our next meeting
August 20 at 7 p.m.

LCP Club Officers

President

Dan Hoke

Vice-President

Michele Powell

Treasurer

David Bears

Secretary

Tara Harney

Photos from Long Island Circumnavigation Paddle led by Bill Guiffre



Launch at Folly Landing



Rest Stop with Morris Island Lighthouse in background

LOW COUNTRY PADDLERS MEETING

July 16, 2012

President Helon Everett opened the meeting at 7:10p.m.

52 members and 5 non-members were in attendance

Michele Powell introduced guest s speaker; Josh Hall, Outdoor Programs Director, Charleston County Parks and Recreation Commission (CCPRC).

Josh spoke very briefly about the ACA National Paddle Sport Conference that will be held November 2nd through November 4th. This event is held at a different location every year. This year it is going to be in Charleston. He mentioned several ways that our club could get involved. There will be opportunities to host a paddle. There will be river/beach clean ups organized. The conference website will be going "live" soon and there will be more information there.

OLD BUSINESS

Helon asked for a motion to approve the June 2012 minutes as they were published on the web site. A motion was recognized and the minutes approved as published

New Business

Dave welcomed the new members and quests. He also thanked Bobbi Conner for all the work she did putting together the LCP annual picnic. It was a big success.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Bearse read the Treasurers Report

Beginning Balance - \$2,548.51

Total Receipts - \$15.00

Total Disbursements - \$473.75

Outstanding Checks - \$54.54

Bank Balance - \$2,144.30

Dave reminded the membership to keep their ACA membership current. There are opportunities for our members to get discounts on their annual ACA dues. As a member of a Paddle America Club (PAC), we are offered a discount. Also, if you renew your membership at the East Coast Kayak Festival at the ACA booth, they will discount your membership dues.

Helon asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and the report was approved as read.

New Business:

Trip Committee – Ralph Earhart, chair of the trip committee, asked the trip leaders to talk about their trips.

Sunday, July 12 - Bill Guiffre will lead an L2 paddle around Long Island. This is a semi-sheltered, moderate- pace paddle. Meet at Folly boat landing at 9:30a.m. and launch at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, July 22 - Mike Struve will lead an L3 Harbor tour trip. This paddle will be 14 miles, open water, at a moderate pace. Launch at Wappo Cut boat landing at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 4th- Helon Everett will lead an L4 paddle circumnavigating Morris Island from the North end of Folly Island. This paddle will be open water and fast paced. Meet at the last beach access at the North end of Folly Island at 8:00 a.m. for an 8:30 a.m. launch.

Saturday, August 11th - Suzette Urick will lead an L2 paddle from Cherry Point to the front side of Botany Bay. This paddle will be 10 miles round trip, Semi-sheltered, moderate pace. For those who may be interested there is an option to circumnavigate Deveaux Bank.

Sunday, August 19th - Mike Struve- Mike Struve will lead an L1 paddle from Limehouse Bridge boat landing to Bulow landing. This is a 9 mile round trip, sheltered, and leisurely paced. Meet at Limehouse Bridge at 9:30.

Mike reminded the membership about the up-coming camping trips: Aug 31- September 3rd, Labor day weekend, at Devils Fork State Park. October 5 through 8th, Columbus Day weekend at Huntington Beach State Park. Please check the LCP website for more detailed trip information.

Announcements

Swim around Charleston is going to be held on September 23rd this year and there will be a need for kayaking volunteers to assist with that event.

Door Prizes were distributed.

Vote

Michele Powell asked the presidential nominees for the 2012-2013 board to say a few words before the voting ballots were passed out. Dan Hoke and Helon Everett spoke briefly. The ballots were cast. The membership was invited to Pizza and sodas outside while the ballots were counted by Leslie and Don Maple.

Dan Hoke was elected LCP President for 2012 -2013.

Michele Powell - Vice President

Dave Bearnse – Treasurer

Tara Harney - Secretary

WELCOME

**Phil & Elizabeth Kramp
Joe Thompson**

Capers Island Paddle

Paddle conditions were perfect. Departed Garris Landing with outgoing tide and slight head wind. Once on the island the group split up. Five members continued on and did a circumnavigation of Capers Island. The remainder searched for seashells, explored the 'tree bone-yard' or took photographs.

Attached you will find two beautiful photos by one of our new members, Kate Silvia. Kate specializes in nature photography and nature portraits. You can view some of her work on facebook or her YouTube site. Sometime, on a future paddle or show-and-go, we might talk Kate into giving some of us amateurs a few photography tips.

The return trip for both groups was uneventful and fast due to incoming tide and wind to our backs.





Upcoming CCPRC Events!



Local Sea Kayak Trips

Folly River Sunset Paddle

August, 16, 5:30pm & 8:30pm Course 27807

Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount Age: 16 & up

Morris Island Lighthouse

August 18th, Course # 27828

Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount Age: 16 & up

Instructional Courses

Introduction To Kayak Rolling

Aug 6th, 8th, 10th Mon, Wed, Fri, Course # 27932 Fee:

\$58/\$48 CCR Discount

Kayak Surf Zone Short Boat for Beginners

August, 25, 11am & 3 pm \$42/35 CCR Course #27824

Intro to Whitewater Canoeing

Aug 11th Fee \$72/\$60 CCR Discount Course # 27853

Intro to Whitewater Kayaking

Aug 18th Fee \$72/\$60 CCR Discount Course # 27852



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