

The Yakker

The Lowcountry Paddlers Club

What's Going On this Month

June 2012

Message from our President



On our regularly scheduled club paddle on June 2nd we are going to have at least 3 ACA certified instructors along with us. The paddle is from Sol Legare to Kiawah Island – meet at 8:30 for a 9:00 launch. This is to be a great opportunity for learning new things and having fun. After all fun is what it is all about.

Some of the things we plan on teaching is turning strokes, bracing, edging, rescues – self and assisted. If there are things you want to work on lets us know. This is an opportunity do not feel as if you have to participate in the learning. It is fine just to come out and enjoy a paddle. The paddle is listed as an L2. But since we will have 3 instructors with us the only requirement is that you have a kayak that is at least 13 feet long with floatation. Since one of the things we will be working on is rescues inflatables would not be appropriate if you plan on participating in the learning.

Our annual club picnic is going to be at Short Stay on June 23rd. We are planning to do some fun kayak competitions and giving out prizes to the winners. Some of these games include 3 legged kayak race, tug of war, a stand up kayak race, and dodge sponge. Be sure to come out even if just to watch the fun. Have a great June.

Helon

Upcoming Events

2 June - Stono River Sol Legare Landing to Kiawah Island L2

9 June - Lake Moultrie - Locks - Cooper River L1 & L2 Paddles

16 June - Folly Landing to Morris Landing L1 & Circumnavigation Island L4

18 June - LCP Meeting 7 pm

23 June - Club Picnic Lake Moultrie Short Stay Facility



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 June 18 at 7 pm

LCP Club Officers

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Helon Everett

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LOW COUNTRY SPLASH

Five LCP paddlers participated in the 2.4 mile Low Country Splash swim as safety kayakers. The swim was from Hobcaw Yacht Club to Patriots Point. The conditions were a bit tough with high winds and whitecaps.

It was a "feel good paddle". A good number of swimmers took advantage of resting for a few moments by hanging on our kayaks or were herded back on course as they were headed out to the middle of the Wando.

A total of 481 swimmers participated. The youngest being 9 years old. LCP has provided safety support since the first Low Country Swim.



Dan Hoke working close to the swimmers

The S & M Magical Mystery Tour

As I write this the “Sal Gal” has but three working days left retirement. Yes, come 1 June Sally leaves after 43 years of nursing. A Nurse Practitioner, she finishes her career retiring as Associate Dean for Academics at MUSC’s College of Nursing. And now we begin a great new adventure we’ve dubbed – The Magical Mystery Tour, Phase I. Since we will not have the opportunity to chat with you at a future meeting or paddle we’d like to first thank each and every one of you for the wonderful times we’ve shared both on and off the water. We’ll begin Phase I with our annual Paddle GA 7 day tent camp and kayak trip, this year down the Altamaha River to the coast of Georgia.



Then on 27 June we hook up the travel trailer and head up the coast; first to the shores of NC, the Outer Banks, Virginia, Annapolis (to visit with our good friend Dennis Biby), PA, NY to visit with daughter Nicole and family; RI and Martha’s Vineyard; stopping for scrumptious seafood in Buzzards Bay, MA; Boston; NH; up the coast of ME, kayaking Acadia and then to see friends near Nova Scotia; Quebec; Niagra Falls; Ohio to see son Mark and family; KY; and finishing up in Tenn for the National Storytelling Festival in October. We’d like to invite you to visit our blog at www.SallyandMichael.tumblr.com as we progress. If we survive 24/7 in a 28 foot box for 4 months, we’ll likely embark on Phase II, spending Dec and Jan in The Keys and west coast of Florida. Phase III is planned to commence in March, taking us out West to Big Sky Country – pending reasonable fuel prices.

<http://sally-michael.tumblr.com>

Paddle Hard – Stay Strong – Have Fun ! See you on the water !!!

SANTEE RIVER CAMPING TRIP

A group of six LCP members put in at Wilson's Landing which is just below the Santee River Dam. The weather conditions were superb and the Santee River was running quite swiftly after several days of rain. The wildlife was the best I have seen on any paddle. At least 18 Bald Eagles, Osprey, Great Egrets, Common Grackles and many smaller birds. The highlight of wildlife was a Bald Eagle which stole a fish from the talons of an Osprey in flight. Large fish and several small alligators were also seen due to the very clear water.



The Group



Camp Site

The first days paddle was 14 miles and the second 13 miles. We took out at Hwy 52 landing. Wilson's Landing is very good, however not a place you would want to leave a car or trailer overnight. The landing at Hwy 52 is quite basic and definitely NOT a place to park a car or trailer overnight. If you wish to do a longer trip check the Santee River web site for a four day trip which Dennis Biby and Julie Feeley did several years ago.

MORRIS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE SHOW-AND-GO

In very demanding wind conditions on 26 May (Memorial Day Weekend) a group of seven hearty LCP members paddled from Folly Beach Landing to Morris Lighthouse. The wind was 20-25 MPH in our face during most of the paddle out. The paddle back was a 'cake-walk' with the wind at our backs. Must have done this paddle 15 times over the years and this was the most demanding as far as stamina was concerned.

Once we got to the inlet it was a site to behold. At least 100 people camping on Morris island itself. Boats every wear. One small power boat overturned and day sailer swamped. However, all having fun.



Mass of Humanity, Tents, & Boats



Morris Island Lighthouse