

The Yakker

Lowcountry Paddler's Club Newsletter

September 2010

Message from the Prez

- WORKING TOGETHER -



As of this writing, and having taken office again this past month as President of the Lowcountry Paddlers, the new LCP club officers and I have already met to discuss how we would like to see the club go forward this coming year.

You will be pleased to know that Dan Hoke (VP), Dave Bearse (Treasurer), Carol Smith (Secretary) and I are all excited to serve you and represent the club. We want to keep it as the best paddling club in South Carolina, and to make it as enjoyable as possible for all you wonderful club members!

We came up with a few ideas on what we would like to add, in addition to the monthly paddles and club events, but will need "YOUR" input as well to see what we can do together. Let us know how you would like to see the club progress. In

other words, we would like for you all to get more involved and participate in helping with club activities (i.e. Christmas party, Oyster Roast, picnics, etc.) and also to let us know what monthly club paddles/camping trips you would like to go on. When things come up, and we ask for your help, or we need volunteers, I would hope that some (if not most) of you will eagerly participate. After all, this is your club too!

Also, if you know someone who would be a good guest speaker, or if you would like to have special topics discussed at the monthly LCP meetings... please let us know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements to accommodate your requests.

We really do want to make this a "FUN" year for all of us happy paddlers! I look forward to seeing lots of you at the LCP meetings and club paddles!!!

Todd



Upcoming Club Paddles!



Sat, Sep 11 - *Intermediate trip:* Circumnavigation of Isle of Palms. Trip Leader: Helon Everett (helon-everett@yahoo.com) High tide is 2 PM. Meet at Breach Inlet at 8 AM and launch at 8:30. Approximately 15 miles. Rating:***

Sat, Sep 18 - *Regular trip:* Garris Landing to south end of Bull Island. Approximately 9 miles. Trip Leader: Michael Condon (rmcondon2@comcast.net) Meet at Garris Landing at 8:30 and

launch at 8:45. Low tide at Garris Landing at 11:15. Trip rating: * (but boat must be 12 feet long or longer)

Sat, Sep 25 - *Regular trip:* Edisto River, Messervy Landing to Sullivans Ferry Landing. Trip Leaders: Bill Guiffre (mc181racer@yahoo.com) and Michelle Powell. Meet at the gas station at the turn off to Givhans Ferry State park on HWY 61 at 9:30. Approximately 12 miles. Trip

rating: *

Sat, Oct 2 - *Intermediate trip:* Ashley River from County Farm Landing (Leeds Ave) to Jessen (Oakbrook) Landing. Trip Leader: Dan Hoke (dmhoke@gmail.com). Meet at County Farm Landing at 8:15 AM and run shuttle at 8:30. High tide at Oakbrook is 6 PM, low tide at County Farm Landing is 9:30AM. Approximately 20 miles. Trip rating: ***

"Making the most of our beautiful coast!"



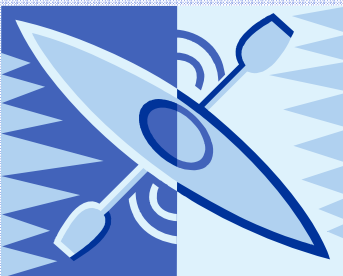
LOWCOUNTRY PADDLERS

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!

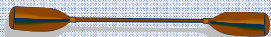
Lowcountry Paddlers meet at:
Providence Baptist Church
294 Seven Farms Drive
Daniel Island

**Join us at our next meeting
September 20 at 7 p.m.**

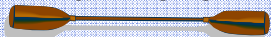


LCP Club Officers

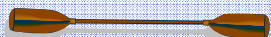
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Todd Beach**



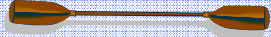
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David Bearse**



**Secretary
Carol Smith**



THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER EQUIPMENT

by Bronko Nagurski

Gatorade gives me gas. Especially when I am being jostled by a light chop while sitting in a small boat. This is strange because it lacks carbonation. On the other hand, beer makes me stronger, smarter and better looking without any adverse side effects. Just pure, frothy goodness. Life is riddled with inscrutable mysteries...

As a small child I would sometimes encounter my mother's girdle hanging in the laundry room. It seemed to be some kind of carefully engineered apparatus that was actually somewhat intimidating. The creepiness factor far exceeded whatever natural curiosity I might have had towards unfamiliar gear. I gave it a wide berth.

Many years later I had my first experience of the latex kind in Zaragoza, Spain. If I had to summarize that whole episode in a single word it would be "confounded". Never mind walking to school in the snow. You youngsters should be deeply grateful you will never know the awkward hell once known as "Playtex."

Now I am a grandfather. I want to be a sedentary curmudgeon screaming at the neighborhood kids to get off my lawn but I am hampered by a juvenile mentality that refuses to accept the reality of the passing years. Maybe it is just the onset of senility. In any case, I recently found myself on Folly Beach trying to surf my kayak only to get rolled up in a wave like a pig on a runaway barbeque spit. Scott told me not to try and "muscle" through the waves. He said we must instead be "ballerinas." This did not help. The only time I ever saw a ballet was when

I had to take Wyndy to Spoleto. It was something from Moscow, full of dark Russian moods and a bunch of gay guys. She got mad when I tried to initiate "The Wave". Apparently, they just don't do that. Worse yet, the beer and popcorn vendors were tragically absent. I wanted to explain all this to Scott but became preoccupied in grappling with my oxygen addiction. Being upside down in my boat tends to aggravate this unfortunate condition.

Anyway, all this movement in your kayak seat spells trouble if you have a seam in just the wrong place. The raw places around your tailbone can take a week to heal. Nobody bothered to share this critical bit of information with me when I first began flailing in the water like a panicky wood duck.

So listen up! They make something called "paddle shorts". These are made of neoprene and have no seam. If you invest in some of these you won't be seen boarding your yak with an armload of padding while people engage in malicious speculation about hemorrhoid surgery. Looking ridiculous in a "man girdle" is a small price to pay for this kind of relief. Additionally, if you develop explosive flatulence while wearing a pair of wet, skin-tight neoprene britches you will experience something that simply transcends articulation.

So if you see me in my boat wearing a smile of amusement and a pair of silly pants, I may simply be remembering my dear, departed mother; or possibly reflecting fondly on my days of youth with Conchita...

or it might just be gas.



Author chooses to remain anonymous

* This month's cover photo courtesy of Jim Miller's Lake Jocassee photo album. Links to all LCP photo albums are available on the Lowcountrypaddlers.net website.

July 19, 2010 Minutes

President Todd Beach opened our meeting by welcoming the 29 attendees, including 4 guests. He introduced the club officers, and invited the four visitors to introduce themselves.

Speaker #1

Our first speaker this evening is Josh Hall of CCPRC and ACA. Josh is a 4th term member of the ACA Board of Directors, and Treasurer. He is here tonight to tell us about the ACA (American Canoe Association). Founded in 1880, the ACA is the oldest non-profit paddling group. They are older than Coke, the Wall Street Journal & the first telephone co. The ACA reaches app. 800-900,000 people annually through brochures, handouts and instruction. There are app. 4,000 certified ACA instructors. The ACA has 20,000 members, but they raise only \$50,000 per year. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation, even \$5.00 will help. It is also possible to earmark your donation for such things as stewardship, instruction, conservation, etc. Members are entitled to a discount of between \$1,300-\$3,300 off the purchase of a Subaru, and access to Sugar Island in Ontario, Canada. You can also take advantage of 'member only' excursions, like the one recently taken to the Rio Grande. 15% of the profit from these trips goes back to the ACA, making it a win/win and an easy way to make an additional contribution.

Josh told us about a grant program through LL Bean, which helps with funding for certain programs/items for non-profits who meet various criteria. This grant is available to all Paddle America Clubs. Funds from this grant could be used for various safety & promotional items, such as whistles, a new club banner, etc. An application must be submitted within their guidelines, and approved. The application can be downloaded from their website.

The 3rd Annual ACA National Paddle sports Conference will be held in Asheville, NC on November 3rd thru 5th. All are welcome. LCP members belong to the Dixie Division. Josh urged us to attend, as there will be numerous workshops and informative sessions, handouts and door-prizes. The conference will travel from region to region each year. If anyone has any issues/concerns with the ACA, feel free to let him know about it, and he will see what can be done to help. Josh distributed several nice door prizes, and brochures. He urged us to review the brochures so we won't get complacent. The ACA is you!

Speaker #2

Our second speaker for the evening was our own VP, Dan Hoke. Dan showed slides, and told us about his volunteer work with the Cape Romaine

National Wildlife Refuge Turtle Project. Every morning at 7:30 from Spring until Fall, volunteers, technicians, and professors search Cape Isle and Lighthouse Island for Loggerhead sea turtle nests that may have been laid the night before. Together, they board an ATV and watch for turtle tracks in the sand, which will lead to the location of a possible nest. These nests are not always laid in a safe place due to tides and/or predators, such as minks and raccoons. The workers then try to identify the nest, which can be in an area as long as 10' and as wide as 5'. Once the nest is identified, they carefully dig for the eggs, which are typically in an area 10" in diameter, ranging from 8-18" deep. The eggs are very carefully relocated to specially built cages for their protection until they hatch. Each nest is labeled for its original location, date, and number of eggs. One nest can easily have up to 75 eggs in it, which take about 55 days to incubate. Females don't lay eggs until they reach the age of 25.

At the end of summer, an inventory of the number of hatched eggs will be taken and recorded. Dan said there is an extensive amount of paperwork required.

A genetic study is being done in Atlanta to determine such information as where the eggs are laid, the number of eggs laid, etc. One egg from each nest must be sacrificed for this research. As a result of this study, they eventually hope to be able to determine such information as exactly where and when a turtle was hatched, along with other identifying info.

OLD BUSINESS

The July LCP Club minutes were approved as published on the web and in the Yakker.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasurer's report given. Our new treasurer, Dave Bearse, had a prior commitment, and was not expected at the meeting. Our outgoing treasurer, Helon Everett, was to fill in for Dave, but was not able to attend the meeting, due to an injury she sustained today.

TRIP LEADER'S REPORT

(Ralph Earhart, announced Helon's trips for her in her absence.)

Saturday, August 21, Helon Everett will lead an Intermediate three- star trip, from Sunrise Beach to Morris Island. Bring wheels, as it is a fairly long walk from the parking lot to the beach. Meet at 9:30.

Saturday, August 28, Bill Guiffre & Michelle Powell will lead a Regular, one star trip, on the Combahee River from Hwy 17 Bridge to Cuckholds Creek

Landing. Meet at the BP Gas Station at 8:30.

Saturday, September 11, Helon Everett will lead an Intermediate three-star trip, to circumnavigate the Isle of Palms. Meet at Breach Inlet at 8:00.

Saturday, September 18, Michael Condon will lead a Regular one-star trip, from Garris Landing to the South end of Bull Island. Your boat must be at least 12 feet long. Meet at Garris Landing at 8:30.

September 10, 11 & 12 - Michael & Sally are hosting a show-n-go kayamping trip at Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area. The park is in the Abbeville/Greenville area. Come explore Lake Russell. On Saturday night, Michael & Sally will host a communal BBQ dinner at their site. The theme is Hee-Haw - so brush up on your trivia, come & have a great time! See the website show-n-go's for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At our September meeting, we will host a reception to give special recognition to our 2009-2010 club officers. Food & drinks will be served.

Ed Deal announced that the Berkeley Blue-ways is having a Paddle-fest on September 11, at the Santee Canal Park.

Ed also announced the September 18 'Beach & River Clean-Up'. 500 Boy Scouts have volunteered to help. Volunteers are needed to lead/shuttle the Boy Scouts out to the islands on Lakes Moultrie & Marion. At first, volunteers were requested with motor boats, but they have since decided that motor boats are not necessary. Ed's e-mail address has changed, and he will post the new one on the web-site.

If you have not yet submitted a photo of yourself, or had your photo taken for our upcoming club photo directory, see Michael Condon after the meeting to have your photo taken.

Todd camped next to a Greenland Paddle Instructor while at Lake Jocassee, and he will post a link with more information on the website message board.

Door Prizes were distributed, and the meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Smith, Secretary*



Who's Minding The Store?

by Andy Anderson

After reading some of Bill Guiffre's recent web posts and newsletter articles, I came to the inescapable conclusion that he'd lost his mind. For those of you who may not know Bill – he's an energetic trip leader (and follower) in the LCP Club who is helpful, a club 'cheerleader', and an all around good guy...(but definitely more than a little strange). Of course, he being a paddling brother, I immediately contacted him to see if I might render any assistance in finding it.

During our initial correspondence he seemed reluctant to accept that his mind was truly gone. Finally, he did confess that his mind did tend to 'play hide and seek' from time to time. This initial admission is often the most difficult one to make, for those who have lost their minds. More often than not they cannot comprehend their own loss of cognitive powers, so they continue to deny that it has happened to them. I did suggest that he might check with Money Man Pawn (a Charleston landmark) to see if they might have a used or refurbished one for sale. Unfortunately, that was not to be.

My concerns caused me to contact a number other paddling folks to discuss this sensitive issue. Each and every one of them had noticed something had gone awry with Bill, and all understood the gravity of the situation. But there was much disagreement over whether he had lost his mind recently, or at some point in the distant past. However one thing was imminently clear to all – Bill had, in fact, truly lost his and we needed to try to help him locate it.

Michele, knowing him best, was contacted to determine if she knew where it might have gone. Her response was less than encouraging. She advised that it (his mind) was not very large to begin with and it could have slipped out anywhere. Recalling his recent rolling practices with Helon and various unintended wet exits of late, we knew his mind could be anywhere by now. And, considering its

diminutive size and time in the water, it could have travelled many miles from wherever it was lost.

Regardless, Bill is a friend of ours and we needed to do whatever we could to help him try to regain what had been lost. With that in mind (a poor word choice?), a number of concerned paddlers came together on the Combahee River and set out on our initial effort to find our buddy Bill's mind. Our thinking was, on an incoming tide there was always the possibility it could wash upstream from the sea or another nearby estuary, so why not begin there. Expectations of finding it quickly were understandably tempered by the enormity of the task at hand, but we were willing to do whatever we could to assist a friend in need.

Search as we might we were unable to locate Bill's mind on our first outing. Many hours were spent scanning the shoreline and chasing down various objects bobbing in the water. There was the odd encouraging shout of joy when someone thought they may have found it, but alas, the object invariably turned out to be yet another piece of discarded flotsam.

But we shall not give up. I ask each of you to become involved in our efforts. Whenever and wherever you look upon any watercourse, from the Catawba River to the ACE Basin, from Myrtle Beach to Edisto Island, LOOK into those waters. Poor Bill Guiffre's mind may be bobbing there, right before you. And I'm sure he would appreciate its safe return, regardless of current (another pun?) condition. We all must remember that whatever remnants we might find and return to Bill will contribute significantly to the limited capacity, which he now has. I truly believe that, in due course, we will be successful. Bill's mind (or what's left of it) will be found and returned to its rightful owner. We can only hope that time comes sooner rather than later. Hang in there Bill, all of us care about your wellbeing and will continue to stand by your crazy self throughout this trying time.



Kayamping Kонтinues

from Michael Cadoret

"Be Adventurous" - Join your rowdy friends at the Show N Go scheduled for Sep 10, 11, 12 at Calhoun Falls State Recreation Area. Yup, it's a far piece away, 'bout 200 miles from Charleston, just west of Abbeville on the shores of Lake Russell. It sits aside several pine-covered points jutting into the lake, one of the least-developed large reservoirs in South Carolina. (Make your reservations NOW and email me with your camp site).

Besides providing access to the big Savannah River lake, it also offers views of the lake and surrounding forest. Area anglers know well, too, that Lake Russell holds large numbers of bass, bream, catfish and crappie – so you might want to bring some light fishing gear and your SC Fishing license.

Here's "The Plan" – we'll arrive as schedules allow Friday evening and y'all please check in with Sally & I at Site 12 to coordinate the next day's launch. Saturday morning we'll depart the campground at 9 am to paddle and explore the coast – lunch enroute, and return to base late afternoon.

You're then invited to join together at "The Holler" – Site 12, S & M's abode – for a communal evening offering a main course of Shred BBQ pork on buns with slaw and chili (provided by yours truly). You may bring a side to share and your own beverage. The theme for the evening's entertainment (YOU) is to be the old TV show – "Hee-Haw" – so come as your favorite character. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again!



Berkeley Blueways Paddlefest



Saturday, September 11, 10:00 am to 4 pm at the Old Santee Canal Park in Monks Corner. Event will include: Training and Trips; New and used kayaks and gear; Introduction to Kayaking Classes; Lake & Lock Kayak Adventure; Open Water Rescue classes and more! Sponsored by Berkeley County's Blueways, the Old Santee Canal Park, and the South Carolina Paddlesports Industry Association. Call (843) 899-5200 for more information.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Low Country Paddlers -Information Booth
- South Carolina Paddlesports Industry Association - Information Booth
- Black River Outdoor Center - Information Booth
- River Rats Canoe Rentals - Information Booth
- Palmetto Conservation Organization - Information Booth
- Kayak Charleston - Information Booth
- Charleston County PRC - Information Booth
- Franks Fly Arts - Information Booth
- Nature Adventures Kayak & Canoe Outfitters - Information Booth &
- "Kayak Demos" - Recreational, Sea, Day Touring, Extended Touring, Sit-On- Tops, Kids Kayaks, Tandems, (In conjunction with Time Out Sports)

- 11:00 am - Noon
- Sea Kayak Carolina- Information Booth & "Sea Kayak Rolling Demonstration & The Importance of ACA Courses" 12 noon - 1 p.m.
- Franks Fly Arts - "The Art of Fly Fishing from your Kayak" 1 p.m.-2 p.m.
- Charleston Watersport Outfitters - "Paddleboarding Demo & Try outs" 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- Time Out Sport & Ski - New and Used Equipment Sales- *The Best Kayak Fishing Boats & Equipment"
- 3:00 -3:45 pm
- Low Country Paddlers Invitational- Ralph Earhart's Kayak Charleston Book & Low Country Paddlers Club Invitation 3:45 - 4:00 pm
- Used and New Kayak & Canoe Sale - all day long at featured information, equipment and gear booths
- Kayak & Canoe Trips Scheduled - 2:00 - 4:30 pm
- Lake and Lock Trip - Sea Kayak Carolina
- Wadboo Creek & Swamp -Nature Adventures
- Dennis Pasture Cypress Grove and Islands of Lake Moultrie- Palmetto Conservation Organization
- Kayak & Canoe the Tail Race Canal - River Rats Canoe Rentals
- \$35/ adults ages 13 and up
- \$25/ kids ages 12 and under

- Ziploc Omelet -

A few folks had asked Carol for her camping omelet recipe. That's what we cooked at our Lake Jocassee campsite. It's a fun and easy meal. Enjoy!

Prepare ahead, or make at your campsite:

Place 1 or 2 eggs in a quart size Ziploc freezer baggie, shake to combine them. Next, place your desired ingredients in with the eggs (cheese, onion, mushrooms, ham, bacon, peppers, hash browns, etc.) Shake to combine. Make sure the air is out of the bag, and immerse in a pot of boiling water for 13 minutes. Open the bags and the omelets will roll out easily!

Bonus - there is no pot to scrub!

If you have a crowd at your campsite for breakfast:

Have each person write his/her name on a quart size Ziploc freezer bag with a permanent marker. You can usually cook 6-8 omelets in one large pot. For more, make another pot of boiling water.



PHOTO DIRECTORY WORK ONGOING!

We are continuing to work on the photo directory of LCP Club members. So far, we have 33 photos.

Your name and picture will help make it easier for each of us to get to know one another.

Please submit your photo via e-mail to: lowcountrypaddlers@yahoo.com, or you may also get your picture taken at our club meeting. Just make sure to print your name legibly on the photo sign-up sheet.



MEMBER PHOTOS FROM AUGUST PADDLES



**Lake Jocassee Kayamping Trip
Jim Miller (above and below)**



Wambaw Club Paddle - Michael Condon



Lake Jocassee Kayamping Trip - Randy Smith

From the Editors

Wow, it's so great to have some new contributors to our Yacker newsletter! Who the heck is this Bronko guy? It's probably not too difficult for you to guess. I actually looked up the name, and found out that the real Bronko was a pro football player.

I was surprised to receive a story from Don Maple. I took the picture of him under the waterfall. It was fun to walk behind them. The water coming down was pretty cold. I even risked taking a drink from it, and had no ill effects.

Carol and I did get a little wet camping that night, and were operating on very little sleep. I did have "pop-up" envy for folks like the Maple's with their dry (and air-conditioned) campers. We really weren't unhappy, just a little weary. We fondly bid farewell to our tent after it let the rain pour in through the top.

I had to chuckle when I read the minutes too. Unfortunately, I was out of town for the last meeting. Good thing our secretary takes such good minutes (okay, I'm a little biased). When I read about Dan's volunteer work, I just had

this picture in my head of guys on ATV's holding big magnifying glasses to find "turtle tracks." I'm sure that the big loggers leave a clearly visible swath, but I'm remembering the small turtles that we kept for pets when we were little kids. Well, it was funny at the time.

I hope that everyone had a chance to do some paddling in August, and I hope that you find time to do some more this month.

Lets go paddling!
Randy (& Carol)



We will miss her - NOT!

WANTED

- Newsletter Submissions -

If you have an article or announcement for us to include in next month's issue, please e-mail it to lowcountrypaddlers@yahoo.com before September 25th.

Also be aware that copyright laws prevent us from printing published items without permission.

NOTE: Articles submitted anonymously will not be accepted for publication.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS!

**Tim Allega
Glenn Cobb**

Memories of Lake Jocassee

by Don Maple

After Michael Cadoret scheduled the Lake Jocassee kayak camping trip, it turned out he couldn't go. So, Leslie volunteered to lead the trip's Saturday, Aug.24 paddle. I had good memories of Jocassee, as we had camped there twice before. I remembered that it was scenic and the water was cold. Turns out the water was warm, and I had forgotten just how beautiful it really was.

We arrived at Lake Jocassee and Devil's Fork State Park Thursday evening. Leslie wanted to have time to look over the place, especially the "remote boat landing" that park officials insisted we had to use for the Saturday paddle. Friday we reconned the boat ramp, along with Todd Beach, who had also arrived early. It was hot, and Leslie and I took time for a cool swim in the lake in the afternoon. Later, we watched other LC paddlers begin to arrive and set up camp. That night a nice group gathered to trade stories, until it rained and everyone rushed for tents and cover. Later that night it rained hard, really hard. In the morning it seemed most everyone had stayed pretty dry – except for Carol and Randy Smith, whose tent had suffered a serious structural failure during the storm. They were, as the well-worn saying goes, "not happy campers." Undaunted, the Smiths and the rest of us, showed up Saturday morning at the landing. Altogether, 28 paddlers participated.

It had been three years since our last Jocassee trip, and my memory of it had dimmed. But as I stood on the boat ramp and looked up at the dramatic panorama of dark, steamy mountains falling straight down into the lake, I remembered why it's so special there. The morning was overcast with charcoal skies lying right down on the highest peaks. White mist curled up from deep within the mountains' green folds, like smoke from a hundred campfires.

The objective of the paddle was to see waterfalls. Lake Jocassee is a big lake, and there are undoubtedly waterfalls that Leslie and I still have not seen. But we do know the falls on the western side of the lake, the finger that lies roughly northwest to southeast from lake center, and that is the route Leslie chose.

Within 20 minutes of launch, the clouds let loose with a heavy downpour. It was that kind of summer rain with the big drops that really thump you when they hit. Quickly the water turned a threatening greenish-gray, and the wind kicked up, whipping the lake into strong running waves. Fortunately, the rain was warm and the

wind at our backs, making the voyage wet but manageable. Once across the open water, the rain stopped and we headed up the lake in search of falls.

The first falls, unnamed on maps, were smallish but running furiously down through the rocks into the lake. A number of paddlers got out and climbed the rocks by the falls. Jim Miller and other shutterbugs recorded millions of bits of digitized light, which I hope turned into great pictures.

The second falls were bigger and even more fun -- and it had a name: "Wrights Falls." You could paddle into the little rock pool at the base of it. Although the water crashes down with too much force to paddle completely under the water fall, some brave souls stuck their bows under for a brief pounding, to whoops and grins from the rest of us. You could also get out of your boat and walk behind the falling water. Despite my 63 years, the kid came out, and I had to go behind the falls, just to see the world from that side. Silly, but fun.

The third falls were rushing and white, but smaller, and flowing directly into the lake. After Wrights Falls it wasn't very compelling, and we moved along quickly. A half hour further up the lake and into another cove, we reached the final objective of the day. The falls were also unnamed, but it's where the Thompson River ends its course by falling into Lake Jocassee. Carved out of the forested mountainside, charging water crashes down over broad, terraced levels of smooth rock, pouring finally into the lake. Some paddlers climbed around the lower level pools and braved the slippery rocks. Some climbed a steep, rough trail alongside the falls to explore its higher levels. The payoff was well worth it.

You can't see it from lake-level, but about 75 feet up the falls the roaring river turns an abrupt right, rising in higher cascades up the twisting mountainside. The giant rocks, crystal pools and foaming waters

of this falls were spectacular to see. I was thrilled to experience it. I think others were, as well.

The trip took the best part of all day. But it was cool and the scenery irresistible. I'm hoping there will be lots of pictures posted by those with cameras.

Saturday evening a big group gathered to enjoy potluck dinner, organized by Caren Putzu. We had great food and a nice ending to a fun day.

After more rain late Saturday night, most folks left early Sunday. A few paddlers stayed for a last paddle Sunday afternoon, which turned out to be sunny and blue-skied.

Someone wondered aloud if Jocassee would become an annual event. Aside from its four-and-a-half to five-hour distance from Charleston, it's not a bad idea!





Upcoming CCPRC Events!



Parent & Child Samplers - Canoe & Kayak Sampler Sept. 4 Sat 9:00 am -12:00 pm Meets at: James Island County Park Age: 6 & up. Learn how fun and easy canoeing and kayaking is for the whole family. This hands-on class introduces basic strokes and equipment before giving families a chance to paddle a variety of kayaks and canoes. These programs are for children ages 6-15 and their parents. A registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Advance registration required. Course # 23614 Fee: \$12/\$10 CCR Discount

Sea Kayak Instructional Classes - ACA Introduction to Kayaking - Level 1 Sept. 4 Sat 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Meets at: James Island County Park. Age: 16 & up. Let our ACA certified instructors help you learn a new skill comfortably and enjoyably. Using a variety of boats, this entry-level course teaches you basic strokes and skills to have fun on the water! Advance registration required. Course # 23362 Fee: \$42/\$35 CCR Discount

Caw Caw Self Guided Canoe Tours Meets at: Caw Caw Interpretive Center. Relax and enjoy a day paddling historic rice fields. Our knowledgeable staff will update you on wildlife activity and share the unique history of the site. A chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. On-site registration only. For more information call (843) 889-8898 Fee: \$10 per canoe. September dates:

- Sept. 4 Sat 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23773
- Sept. 5 Sun 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23774
- Sept. 12 Sun 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23776
- Sept. 18 Sat 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23777
- Sept. 19 Sun 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23778
- Sept. 25 Sat 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23779
- Sept. 26 Sun 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Course # 23780

Sea Kayak Instructional Classes - ACA Strokes and Maneuvers Refinement -Level 3 Sept. 5 Sun 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Meets at: James Island County Park Age: 16 & up. It's time to perfect your technique! Using on-water practice and video analysis, our ACA instructors will assist you with fine-tuning your paddling skills. This course is designed for those with basic skills that want to take it to the next level. Advance registration required. Course # 23366 Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount

Sea Kayak Instructional Classes - ACA Sea Kayak Rescues -Level 3 Sept. 5 Sun 1:00 pm-5:00 pm. Meets at: James Island County Park Age: 16 & up. Have you practiced your sea kayak rescues recently? If not, here's a chance to review and receive some coaching on a variety of self and assisted rescues. Our expert instructors will cater this class to your needs so that you can practice exactly those rescue techniques that you wish to improve upon. Advance registration required. Course # 23367 Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount

After School Adventures - After School Paddle Meets at: Palmetto Islands County Park Age: 6-12. Come paddle with us after school! We'll spend some time reviewing and learning basic kayak strokes; then we'll play some fun paddling games! Advance registration required. Fee: \$12/\$10 CCR Discount. September dates:

- Sept. 8 Wed 3:30 pm.-6:00 pm. Course # 23609
- Sept. 9 Thu 3:30 pm.-6:00 pm. Course # 23610

After Work Sea Kayak Tours - Sunset from Sunrise Park Harbor Tour Sept. 10 Fri 5:15p.m.-8:30 pm. Meets at: Off-Site Location Age: 16 & up. Close out your work week with a relaxing tour and a watery view of the Charleston skyline. We'll paddle from Sunrise Park past the Battery, to Wappoo Cut Boat Landing. Advance registration required. Course # 23337 Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount

Local Sea Kayak Trips - Charleston Harbor Kayak Tour Sept. 12 Sun 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Meets at: Off-Site Location Age: 16 & up. Departing Remley's Point, we'll paddle under the Ravenel Bridge, past the Yorktown to Shem Creek Boat Landing. Along the way, we'll see the historic harbor from a dolphin's point of view and drop you off in time for some post trip entertainment along Shem Creek! Advance registration required. Course # 23359 Fee: \$42/\$35 CCR Discount

Sea Kayak Instructional Classes - ACA Essentials of Kayak Touring -Level 2 Sept. 18 Sat 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Meets at: James Island County Park Age: 16 & up. This course is designed to teach beginners to paddle sea kayaks safely and enjoyably on lakes, calm protected ocean environments, and other flatwater settings. Boats, equipment, safety, and basic strokes and rescues will be covered. Advance registration required. Course # 23364 Fee: \$54/\$45 CCR Discount

Parent & Child Trips - Charleston Harbor Sea Kayak Sept. 18 Sat 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Meets at: CCPRC Headquarters Age: 8 & up. Enjoy a tandem kayak excursion starting from Sunrise Park to nearby beaches with views of historical Ft. Sumter. We'll enjoy the sights and sounds of the harbor and have a seaside lunch on its sandy beach. A registered and paid chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Advance registration required. Course # 23617 Fee: \$34/\$28 CCR Discount

Local Sea Kayak Trips - Sandy Point Kayak to Kiawah Island Sept. 19 Sun 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Meets at: CCPRC Headquarters Age: 16 & up. Departing Folly River boat landing, we'll kayak along the backside of Folly Island, out past Bird Key in the Stono Inlet, and on to Kiawah Island's Sandy Point for a leg stretch before riding the tide back to the boat ramp. Participants should be prepared for and comfortable with a full day and 10+ miles of paddling. Advance registration required. Course # 23355 Fee: \$66/\$55 CCR Discount

After Work Sea Kayak Tours - Full Moon over the Folly River Kayak Tour Sept. 20 Mon 5:15p.m.-8:30 pm. Meets at: Off-Site Location Age: 16 & up. No need for the Monday Blues. Come on down to Folly for a full moon float. We'll launch from the Folly River Boat Landing, explore the marshlands as the sun is setting, and enjoy a big ole moon rise. A perfect way to start the week. Advance registration required. Course # 23338 Fee: \$36/\$30 CCR Discount

Sea Kayak Instructional Classes - ACA Fundamentals of Coastal Kayaking -Level 3 Sept. 23, 25 & 26 7:00 pm.-9:00 pm. (Thu) 9:00 am-5:00 pm. (Sat & Sun) Meets at: CCPRC Headquarters Age: 16 & up. ACA certified instructors will cover basic strokes and maneuvers, rescues, navigation, wind, waves, tides, and currents. After an evening of classroom instruction and a day on the water practicing strokes and rescues, you'll head out to the coast or marshes for a day trip that will use all your newly practiced skills. Advance registration required. Course # 23375 Fee: \$108/\$90 CCR Discount

Canoeing At Caw Caw - Caw Caw Sunset/Moonrise Paddle Sept. 24 Fri 6:00 pm.-8:30 pm. Meets at: Caw Caw Interpretive Center Age: 9 & up. Enjoy an interpretive paddle at dusk. Witness the sun as it slips below the trees of Caw Caw Swamp and watch the moonrise over Tea Farm Creek. A registered chaperone is required for participants ages 15 and under. Advance registration required. Course # 23583 Fee: \$18/\$15 CCR Discount

Local Canoe Trips - Rice Fields to the Stono Sept. 25 Sat 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Meets at: CCPRC Headquarters Age: 16 & up. On this exciting canoe adventure, we will start at Caw Caw Interpretive Center amongst the old rice fields that are now managed for wildlife habitat. We'll work our way to the Wallace River and continue downstream to the mighty Stono. Advance registration required. Course # 23324 Fee: \$58/\$48 CCR Discount

The above listed events are just a sampling of the great activities provided by CCPRC. For a complete listing of CCPRC Canoe, Kayak & Paddle Board events, call 795-4386 or visit : <http://www.ccprc.org>. Remember, LCP members get a 20% discount!!



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