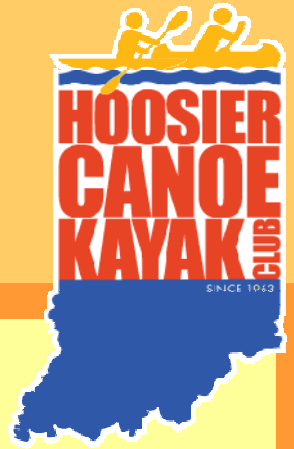


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From Your Skipper: and *MARIANN*

Soon we will be saying goodbye to Summer...Oh, bummer, you say...and thanks for sharing the down beat news...BUT, wait! There are upbeat messages following right behind...ones that are guaranteed to make you sit up and take notice...here they come:

There are still spaces available on the voyageur paddle for Oct 3...need 4 more spots to fill for a team of 11 paddlers. Free camping, and registration fee will be paid for by the HCKC to help a worthy charity.

The sea kayaking, white water and flat water fleets have some exciting trips yet to come — check out the HCKC calendar on line at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/hcctripscalendar/> .

The calendar is your prescription for discouraging those post summer doldrums.

Nov 8th...Save the date for a very special year end HCKC party at the sailing club at Geist Reservoir... More info will follow.

Eagle Creek paddles continue, every Tuesday with free admission to the park when you download the pass on line. Email Jim Sprandel for questions at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net. Wednesday pool classes at Thatcher polo have been very successful...refine your paddle strokes, learn to roll, and practice your rescue. Our club offers so much more during the year and I encourage all members to take advantage of our calendar posted on HCKC website.

Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club Elections

Soon it will be time to elect a new HCKC board of directors and, sadly, I will be turning in my gavel and relinquishing my "Skipper"dom to the next willing leader.

Within the next month, a nominating committee will be presenting a list of interested members to serve in 2016 and voting will take place at the year end meeting/party on November 8.

Please offer any suggestions or recommendations to me or any board member...This is your club and the Board is elected to serve the HCKC members. Below is the section of our by-laws dealing with the board nomination process...Thank you for taking the time to review this.

Article V. Nominations and Elections

Section 1

Nominations may be made only with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

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Section 2

A slate of nominations for each office and member-at-large of the Executive Board to be filled shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3

Any alternate nominations (an entire slate or portion thereof) may be submitted to the Yeoman ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting, and the Yeoman shall submit this alternate slate to the membership seven (7) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Section 4

The Officers and members-at-large of the Executive Board shall be elected by ballot, provided however that if there shall be but one candidate for any office, by motion from the floor, the election may be by voice.

Section 5.

The newly elected officers shall be installed as the last order of business at the Annual Meeting.

Section 6.

No more than two members of the same family membership may serve concurrently on the Executive Board.

Section 7

In the event that one of the Board Members is a member of a family membership, any adult of that Family Membership can exercise the voting privilege of the Board Member.

Article VI. Order of Business and Quorum Requirements**Section 1**

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Orders shall govern this Club in all cases to which they are applicable and are not in conflict with the By Laws of the Club.

Section 2

Notice shall be given of a General Meeting to each member at least two (2) weeks prior to that meeting. Those governing members present at the General Meeting will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The voting privilege of a governing member for a specific meeting can be assigned to another governing member, providing written notice bearing the signature of the absent member be presented to the Yeoman prior to the start of that meeting.

Section 3.

A majority of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at Board meetings with the exception of provisions found in Article VIII, Section 2.

Now wake yourself up from the sleep-induced fog of the legalese writing and join us on the water for some fabulous Fall paddling adventures.



Sunset over Lake Michigan near Frankfort, MI August 2015

Trip Announcement - Wabash River Granville Bridge to Attica - Saturday, September 5, 2015
Trip Sponsor: Judy Thompson

Trip Distance—15.9 miles

Access Site: Granville Public Access Site

Starting Time: 9:00 AM

Often by September the smaller streams are too low to be much fun, so come along on the Wabash trip, which should have plenty of flow for easy paddling. The dry times of the year also make the big rivers low enough and clear enough to enjoy the streambed, the real essence of their beauty.

Meet up at Granville PAS which is several miles downstream from Lafayette, at 9 AM. We will run the shuttle to Attica when everyone is unloaded, about 9:30.

If you wish to use internet mapping, enter Fort Ouiatenon Historical Park – this works for Google maps and Bing maps, don't use MapQuest. Granville PAS is about 4 miles West of Fort Ouiatenon. South River Road in West Lafayette changes into Division Road past Fort Ouiatenon. Granville Public Access Site is on the left (south) side of Division Road, 100 yards past the point where 700-W "T's" off to the left and crosses the river.



Directions to Granville Public Access Site:>

1. *Approaching Lafayette from the south on US-231:* After crossing the river, turn left at the light at River Road (watch for signs pointing to Ft. Ouiatenon). 6.5 miles past that light is where 700-W "T's" off to the left. Continue straight another 100 yards to Granville PAS on the left. #2)
2. *Exiting off I-65 onto SR-43* from the north puts you onto River Road, just follow it out to Granville PAS (see #1 for description past the US-231 intersection). #3)
3. *Exiting off I-65 onto SR-26*, follow SR-26 through town and across the river. Turn left onto River Road – it is the first major intersection and probably the 2nd light once you get off the bridge (see #1 for description past the US-231 intersection). #4)



4. *If you are coming up SR-25 from the southwest*, you can save several miles by turning at West Point. Just past the small town, there is a county road (700-W) that goes straight as SR-25 veers off to the right. Follow that road across the railroad tracks, curve to the right, and then make a turn to the left. This road crosses the river and "T's" into Division Road. Turn left, go 100 yards, and Granville PAS is on the left.

Contact Judy Thompson judythom@wigi.us if you are planning to attend, or if you want more information.



Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

Apostle Islands 2015 – Seven HCC paddlers made it up to the Apostle Islands again this year. It was a great trip with “interesting” conditions on several of our paddling days. We also had a shore day when the weather service issued a gale warning.

My write up follows in this newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Geist Sunday Paddle – Our next Sunday Geist Paddle will be on Sunday, September 6. I will get out an e-mail reminder to the Touring e-mail list before this event.

4th Annual Lake Michigan Surf Play Weekend, Friday-Sunday, August 28-30, 2015 – Sea kayakers should save the weekend of August 28-30 for our 4th Annual Lake Michigan Surf Play Weekend. NWIPA has reserved a group campsite for us again. Last year, about 50 paddlers from Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana gathered to play in Lake Michigan off of Indiana Dunes State Park.

I have sent out details to the Touring Mailing list. E-mail me if you didn't get it. Think surf!

Sleeping Bear Dunes Week-End – From September 11 to 13, Brad Hugely will lead the Sea Kayak fleet on a trip from Sleeping Bear Dunes out to South Manitou Island. South Manitou Island is an interesting place with 300-foot dunes on its west side and many hiking trails. Weather permitting – we paddle out on Friday morning and return early Sunday morning. In past years, we have paddled to North Manitou and circumnavigated South Manitou, and generally explored the island. If lake conditions are unfavorable, we can explore the bays and lakes in the areas. I will send out trip details to the Touring e-mail list.

Ohio River Overnight – Andy Thieneman is sponsoring an overnight trip on the Ohio River on September 26-27. Last year, we paddled past these islands and, this year, we have the chance to camp out there. Full details are contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Jim Sprandel

Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Ohio River Paddle and Campout on 12 Mile Island

September 26-27, 2015

Trip Sponsor: Andy Thieneman

2015 Ohio River Trip: We have many paddling options. Downstream on the Kentucky side is Harrod's creek which is very popular with Louisville kayakers. Also downstream is the construction site of one of the 2 new bridges between Kentucky and Indiana. We could also visit 6 Mile island which is a nature preserve. Upstream on the Indiana side is 14 mile creek which meanders through Charlestown State Park, Above the launch site the river is more isolated with occasional vacation homes.

Campsite: We will camp on 12 mile island which is maintained by the Louisville K of C. The island is in the middle of the river and about 1.5 miles from the launch site. Camping is free and no reservations are necessary. There is a large mowed field and a nice area for hammocks in the woods. There are no facilities.

Meeting Place : We will launch from Charlestown State Park. The park is located several miles east of Charlestown. Probably the quickest route from Indianapolis is exit 19, Hwy 160, off of Interstate 65. Hwy 160 ends at a T intersection with Hwy 62. Go left 1-2 miles to the park entrance on the right. Follow the signs in the park to the launch site on the Ohio.

What to Bring: kayak, paddling gear, overnight camping gear

Trip Requirements: Sea or touring kayak with spray skirt, PFD and fore/aft bulkheads are required

Schedule: Saturday: Meet at launch site at 10 AM EDT

Sunday: Will be negotiable

Contact Information: Andy Thieneman e-mail actjr33@gmail.com Phone: 812 217-0722



Trip Report
July 4th 2015
The Yough River, Pennsylvania
From Momma Gates:

Well, the Hoosiers and friends found their way back to the Yough in Penn. for a second year. Even though the RAINS kept pouring down, before, during, and after the trip. The record rains this year made higher rivers and WAVES. Even the Middle section of the Yough had 6-8 ft. waves. All agreed that the higher water and bigger waves helped the trips go faster. 50 Hoosiers, family, and friends were present to enjoy the water, fireworks, and fellowship. A few of us did crafts as well---bead work and T-shirt art. We had a Raccoon family visit every night right after supper. They were smart!!! They divided up and raided different campsites all at once. Earl King had left his dry bag with lunch tidbits in his kayak and the raccoon had eaten all the way thru ruining a good bag. I made a trip into Uniontown and purchased a sling shot and a pellet gun to try to deter them. No luck. The weapons were used by various ones trying to hit plastic frog targets. John had enlarged his improved kitchen away from home in the lowest part of the camp. Needless to say it ended up being a mud pit, so the kitchen had to be moved to higher ground. This same mud pit is where he had parked his trailer and had to be pulled out to go home. Some have videos of the event. John was the chef and mastered the art of Dutch oven cookery using some old recipes. We were thankful for many Helping Hands: Earl King, Odell Robertson, Rey Rivera, Cliff Cooper, Mary Anne Davis, Kathy Mackey, Toni and Kerleigh Harris, Ben Gans, I know I have missed someone--Thanks to everyone. Hope we can get together next year.

From John Gates:

Well after a nice road trip with my daughter to PA, we set up camp with the help of Cliff, Toni and Karleigh, Odell, Eresina, and Momma Gates. Great lesson learned this year is not to set up in the lowest area of the campsite even though it provides the best overhead cover because you will get stuck in the mud. Yes I got stuck in the mud and had to be pulled out so it was good that I always carry a tow strap in the truck. With all the rain this year it made for some interesting conditions to prepare and cook for everyone. As a group, we overcame and adapted and made some great dishes and everyone was well fed. I brought back the Dutch Ovens to make some great desserts and try some side dishes like Mom and I would do for the groups in the past so that will be kept on the menu for next year.

The river levels were the highest I have ever seen in the area which made paddling the Lower Yough a truly great adventure. I was paddling volumes of water that I'm use to up here in Maine, but most Hoosier Paddlers are not use to. The waves and the holes were big and the eddies were pulsing up and down. I was able to show several of our paddlers how to paddle in bigger water using the waves to your advantage in moving back and forth across the river. I really enjoyed the Yough at higher levels and would do it again in a heartbeat if it was available to me.

I want to thank everyone again for a great time and everyone that pitched in and helped the group. See you next year.

Trip Report

Apostle Islands Trip Pictures and Trip Report – July 25, 2015

Jim Sprandel Apostle Islands trip to Flickr at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/sets/72157656763327636>

I was with the Outer Island group and

I posted my pictures from this year's this was a particularly interesting trip because we paddled areas in the islands where I had never been before. We covered 90 miles in 6 days of paddling and sat on shore one full day where we watched Gale strength winds buffet us on Outer Island (the Lake is Boss!). We also had the opportunity to watch a thunderstorm form and then move on while we were on Outer. One goal going into this trip was to spend two days on Outer Island so that we could paddle around it.

Day 1- Meyers Beach to Little Sand Bay: On Saturday July 25, we all drove our cars from Little Sand Bay where we were camped to Meyers Beach. Our group had decided to paddle from Meyers Beach – see the Mainland sea caves – and then paddle east to the beach at Little Sand Bay where we would be launching into the islands the next morning. Since Brad's group got in at 4:30 am, they were just going paddle the sea cave which solved our "shuttle problem" since each of them drove a car back to Little Sand Bay. We had elected to paddle from Meyers beach to Little Sand Bay since the wind was from the West so we could coast downwind the entire way.

It was a great day but the lake conditions were brisk enough that only some of the arches and caves along the shore were safe to play in. There were a lot of reflective waves off of the cliffs so it kept us on our toes. We paddled the sea caves – cutting through some arches when conditions allowed and had lunch on the beach just to the east of the cliffs. At that point, our groups split – Brad heading back to Meyers Beach and we continued East to Little Sand Bay. This was the first time that I had paddled this stretch and it was beautiful but not as impressive as the cliffs along the sea caves. We cut the large bay just coming to Little Sand Bay for a 10.2 mile day.

Day 2 – Little Sand Bay to Manitou: We had about a 12.5 mile paddle out to Manitou Island. We had originally reserved Oak 6 (North Shore of Oak) but the entire north end of Oak was closed due to a bear problem. We had never camped on Manitou before because it had been closed for several years due to its own bear problems (yes, a bear even greeted Brad's group on the dock one year.)

We would normally paddle the Sand Island sea caves on the first day out but this would add 4-5 miles to our day so we headed east along the mainland before jumping NE out to Raspberry. We had all been to Raspberry Lighthouse before (worth doing) so we took a break on the beach on the East side of Raspberry before heading up to the camp area on the SE corner of Otter which was about a 5-mile crossing. From Otter, we paddled the 2-3 mile crossing over to Manitou. The campsite at Manitou (N end of W Shore) was nice and even had a picnic table. We were able to place our tents and hammocks along the beach.

While on Manitou, we hiked down to the Fish Camp on the SE corner of the island (1.7 miles each way). The highlights of the hike were some 200 year-old hemlock trees that we hiked through and the restored fish camp.

Day 3 – Manitou to Outer by way of Ironwood, North Twin, and Cat: The conditions on Monday were calm and Manitou is only about a 10-mile jaunt from Outer. Given this, we decided to paddle up to and around North Twin Island because we had never done that before. We crossed from Manitou to the Northwest corner of Ironwood and then jumped almost due North to the south on North Twin. North Twin is an interesting island – there are not any convenient beaches to land on and the Park Services do not allow camping on the island (it is only about 1 mile long and ½ mile wide). However, someone did stick his head out to say hi when we were paddling around the island. It had apparently been worked (logged) like most of the other island since there were iron loops to tie ships up to on the north end of the island where a rock ledge pro-

ceeds out from the shore.

We then dropped down and paddled the East shore of Cat Island. This turned out to be one the treats for the trip. The Northeast corner had a series of sea caves and arch that we were able to play in. Even better, there is a large beach area about half way down the island. This area strongly reminded me of Julian Bay on the east side of Stockton with cliffs on the north end of the bay, a pristine sandy beach, and smaller rock formations at the south end of the bay. It turns out that the primitive camping is allowed in this bay and is an area that I will try to get next trip.

The passage from Cat to Outer was easy and we got into the new camp site there fairly early after an 18-mile day. They moved the camp site about ½ mile north away from the sand spit on the south end of the island since the old site had deteriorated in storms. The new site is a nice site with a good beach. Several people with a primitive zone permit stayed in the old site.

Day 4 – Paddling around Outer: The wind was predicted to build during the day and Day 5 was supposed to be a real bear due to a low somewhere over Canada. We set out around the island clock-wise – paddling up Outer's west coast first. The west coast reminded me of the west coast of Oak with some large dirt cliffs. We got to the lighthouse on the North shore and stopped there to look around. The lighthouse is operational but no volunteers are there to let you tour it. Outer is 20+ miles out from Bayfield so they just don't see the number of boaters. We beached our boat behind the dock and then walked to the lighthouse. It was slightly windy at the lighthouse and we headed over to the Northeast corner of the island. When we turned the corner, the wind had built a lot (15-20 mph from the S or SSE) and we had 3-4 foot confused waves to paddle into on our way back to camp. The East side of Outer reminds me of the East side of Stockton with cliffs and sea caves. Unfortunately, conditions were rough near the cliffs so most of us stayed off shore without playing in the features there. The waves were confused at times but primarily on our bows or front quartering making the eight miles back to camp work but manageable. Surprise - no one wanted to put their paddle down long enough to get a lot of pictures.

Day 5 – A day in Camp: The high west winds that they had been predicting for Wednesday showed up so we stayed in camp all day. The weather service issued a Gale warning (i.e., 35+ mph winds). We were on the east side of the island and could have played in the bay there. However, the wind was howling as soon as we walked over to the west side of the island.

As a cautionary note, a solo paddler attempted to paddle from the northeast corner of Stockton (Stockton 21) out to Ironwood on this day. He was not able to make headway into the wind and he had also misloaded his boat so that he was lee cocking badly and could hold course. In any case, he got halfway across the channel between Stockton and Cat and then capsized. He did a successful paddle float reentry and then let the wind blow him to Outer Island. He had a dry suit and used his paddle float on the end of his paddle as an outrigger during the 2 hours that it took him to drift to Outer. He joined our camp at Outer and he was a bit unnerved by the experience but it could have been much worse for him.

Day 6 – Outer to South Twin: The wind was blowing relatively hard from the west (10-20) in the morning and we would periodically walk to the west side of the island to see if conditions were favorable for launching. The weather radio indicated possible thunderstorms but that the wind would be letting up in the afternoon (down to 10-15 mph and 1-3 foot waves) so we waited. About 1:00 pm, we decided to go. However, we stopped when we reached the sand spit and waited for about 3 hours since a large thunderstorm was forming up over Cat. It was interesting to stand on Outer's sand spit and watch the storm form up and then move southward. One of the people there was a meteorologist and described what we were seeing.

This was not a storm to be out in since there was a lot of lightning during the storm and strong wind when we were under its tail. A second storm tried to pop up but passed well to the west of us. After the 2nd storm passed, conditions allowed us to paddle. We paddled the 4 miles over to Cat in 2 foot waves and then hopped over to the east shore of Ironwood. When leaving Cat, another thunderstorm was forming up to our

north but that storm headed East and crossed over North Twin. From the North end of Ironwood, we made the short crossing over to South Twin. We did not get to our campsites (South Twin 1) until almost dark since we didn't leave Outer until after 4:00 pm for this 11.5 mile paddle.

Day 7 – South Twin to York: We only had planned a 12 mile day. The forecast was again calling for a west or southwest wind. The water in the bay between South Twin and Rocky was calm but it was protected from the west wind. We set off relatively early and paddled across the bay to Rocky. Dave and Tom took the trail across the island while Andy and I talked to the volunteer who was stationed there. Brad's group joined us and we headed south intending to paddle the cliffs on the Northwest corner of Otter. However, the wind had picked up from the W or WSW being in the 15-20 mph range with higher gusts so the crossing was interesting. We got to the North shore of Otter and then proceeded directly towards the west shore of Bear. It would have nice to regroup off of Otter but there was no shelter there and we knew that the nearest shelter that we could safely get to was the leeward shore on Bear. It was work but an uneventful crossing and conditions did let up when we got into Bear's wind shadow. We had lunch on the sand spit on the SE corner of Bear. Interestingly, there are a number of abandoned houses on this point.

We then started paddled South-ish towards the NE corner of Raspberry. Again, a bit of a slog but not difficult. When we got to Raspberry, there was a large thunderstorm brewing to our West and we elected to paddle down to the beach on the East side of Raspberry to sit it out. A good choice since there was significant rain and lightning. After it passed, we headed over to our campsites on York – York 2 and York 3 are great campsites with a tremendous north-facing beach. A 15 mile day after the extra jog to avoid the storm. After watching the storm on Outer, I've gained a lot more respect and appreciation for them.

Day 8 – York to Little Sand Bay and then Home: Everyone got up early and broke camp. We then paddled out and made the crossing over to Little Sand Bay. There was still a west wind and this was largely a broach-ish crossing. We paddled about 3.8 miles. After getting to Little Sand Bay, we loads our boats and gear into the cars and headed back to Indiana. A great trip – discovering many areas of the Apostles where I had not previously paddled. Another successful Apostles with no paddlers left behind. Jim Sprandel



Keep Calm and Paddle On
