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ALERT: We Are In Danger Of Losing The Esopus

by Ken Fischman

What do fish and chutzpah have to do with kayaking? A lot, as you will find out in reading this article.

FISH

First for the fish. They, or rather their ardent admirers may deprive us of our home river, the Esopus. Many of you are aware that the scheduled August Esopus whitewater release was cancelled this year. A mild inconvenience, you might say. After all, releases have been cancelled in the past due to drought conditions in the NYC reservoirs. But wait, this was a banner summer for rain and the reservoirs are over 70% filled, even at this late date. So what gives?

What gives is a determined group of fishermen, who claim that the unusually warm weather has effected the thermocline in the Schoharie Reservoir in such a way that if we are given our normal whitewater releases, the water will become too hot to maintain the trout fishery in the Esopus. Such a claim should be laughable, in view of all the water now in the reservoir and how infinitesimal our releases are compared to the very large and continuous releases for keeping the fishery healthy. It is especially puzzling in light of the 17 year history of whitewater releases without damage to the fish.

However, it is not laughable. These fishermen have somehow gotten the ears of the Fish and Wildlife (F&W) division of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). F&W have taken them seriously, and if not for some furious last minute lobbying by AWA's and KCCNY's Phyllis

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Newsletter Submissions

This is **your** newsletter, the quality of each issue may be dependant upon submissions by the members of KCCNY. Articles should be submitted prior to the deadline that is established for the next issue, and each submission should be separate, and typed or legibly hand written.

For those who have access to computers, articles may also be submitted on a DOS formatted floppy disk (either 5 1/4" or 3 1/2"). Many word processor file formats are supported, please contact me to see if yours is, or supply a plain ASCII text file if in doubt. I can also receive articles via modem, please contact me if you wish to do this.

We now have the capability to digitally scan pictures that you may want published. For photo submissions the picture should be no larger than 5 X 7, they may be color, but black and white pictures may reproduce better.

Send all articles and/or pictures to newsletter editor. If you want the picture and/or floppy disk to be returned, please include a self addressed, stamped envelope.

Revised Mongaup Releases

by Ken Fischman

Due to an error on the part of Orange & Rockland, their original 1994 Whitewater release schedule did not conform to their Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license. They have therefore had to revise the schedule. The correct schedule for September and October is as follows:

Sunday	September 18, 1994
Saturday	October 1, 1994
Sunday	October 16, 1994
Saturday	October 29, 1994

The hours for the releases remain the same, 10 AM - 2 PM. If ever in doubt, or just to confirm, call the hotline at 914-577-2911.

It was heard that the sudden change resulted in boaters appearing at the river and not finding any water. Of course, those boaters with high mental ability had already called the Mongaup Hotline, where the correct dates were announced, and thereby saving themselves an empty trip.

Deadline for next newsletter:

December 1, 1994

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NOC Week of Rivers

Ron Soussa and Laura Helfman are putting together a trip during the first week of April 1995, in East Tennessee and/or West Virginia. It will be a 5 day custom trip with Nantahala Outdoor Center that will be similar to NOC's Week of Rivers trip except that it will be on class 3-4 rivers. The trip will be a camping trip with NOC supplying a cook/shuttle driver, two instructors, and all food and camping fees. The expected cost is \$750 per person. Ron and Laura have requested Jimmy Holcomb and Tom DeCuir as the instructors.

Those who are interested should send a \$300 deposit by October 21 to:

Ron Soussa
239 New Road
Parsippany, NJ 07054
201-575-6080

Cabin for Tohickon Release

Joan Most again has reserved a cabin for the November release of the Tohickon River. The estimated cost is somewhere around \$26 for 2 nights, depending on the number of people.

The reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be paid for in advance

All of you that are interested in staying in the cabin should contact Joan as soon as possible at:

800-846-9520 (days)
201-471-3129 (evenings)

Make it payable to: Nantahala Outdoor Center

We Are In Danger of Losing The Esopus (cont.)

McLane, and Barry Burbach and others from the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), we would have lost the September-October Release too.

We have scheduled a meeting with DEC in October, up in New Paltz. Phyllis will be there for AWA, I will represent KCCNY, Dave Schneider from AMC to represent the boating community, and the owner of the Town Tinker, the tubing outfitter, will be there to represent the threatened local commercial interests. The fishermen will also be there, along with a whole passel of people from F&W as well as other DEC bigwigs. The Meeting will be chaired by Bob Bendick, the Deputy commissioner of DEC, and this is where you come in. Those of us attending the meeting will do our best to represent your interests, but that may not be sufficient.

We are up against very influential interests an the part of the fishermen. Lets face it. Their license fees pay the salaries of the F&W folk, and that gives them a lot of clout.

You have been urged at other times to write to so-and-so for various reasons, If I am lucky, two or three of you write. Now I feel like the little key who cried wolf. This time the wolf is REALLY at the door, and he has big canines? We need you to inundate Bendick with Letters. Tell him how upset you are about this situation, how important our releases are, and demand that they either Show scientific proof to back up these

fishermen's cockamammy theory or drop the idea.

If you do not get off your duff and write to Bendick, you are in real danger of losing your home river. Two or three letters will not do it. we need dozens!

Write to:

Robert Bendick
Deputy Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, New York 12233.

CHUTZPAH

Most of you know the classical definition of the Yiddish word chutzpah. A man murders his parents and pleas for mercy to the judge on the basis of his being an orphan. Well, Superintendent Hutzky of the Upper Delaware Wild and Scenic River wins this years chutzpah award. Hutzky, as you may know, opposes two-turbine whitewater releases an the Mongaup River on the basis of a supposed safety hazard to neophyte boaters on the Delaware.

I had been able to persuade the Federal Energy Regulatory commission(FERC) to order new safety tests this year in order to ascertain whether the safety hazard is real or fiction. The tests were designed by Matt Giltner in conjunction with orange & Rockland Utilities (O&R), and set

for this Fall. Hutzky, being an interested party was asked for comments. First, Hutzky insisted that doing the test on the Delaware required a Permit and a bond from the Parks Department. O&R duly filed for the permit.

Hutzky has now turned down the permit application on the ground that the Parks Department and not FERC has jurisdiction over the Delaware, and that he sees no reason for further tests because he is satisfied that there is a safety problem with the two-barrel releases. Thus, he places himself in the position of both being a party to the controversy and also its arbiter, with predictable results. It reminds of the Lewis Carroll line, "I am the judge and I am the jury said the cunning old fury . . . off with her head".

The situation now has been turned by Hutzky into a jurisdictional dispute between two federal entities, FERC and the Parks Department. As of last word, they are battling it out in Washington. So, you thought that Congress had a monopoly on gridlock?

Disaster Off The River

by Whoostopay Chek

Cold Brook Add

After a good day of paddling, the boaters finished dinner at a convenient restaurant and began the awkward, inevitable task of determining payment for the bill. A suggestion was made by a member of the group to divide the bill equally. The proposal was rejected by a second who had the least expensive entree on the menu, abstained from having the appetizer and dessert, and would pay \$5 more if the bill were divided equally. "Yes, we should pay equally," countered another loudly who, in a somewhat of an inebriated state, went on to belittle the frugal boater for itemizing and presenting the appropriate cash. The remaining eight in the group, witnesses to the loud verbal attack, withdrew to a nearby eddy stone-faced in disbelief. Turning several shades of crimson and being an excitable river rat, the frugal boater tightened his helmet strap, regained composure and in self-defense, sharply reprimanded his opponent. The others still frozen in position, began to drift further in their futile effort to inconspicuously slip away. Strangers at surrounding tables fell silent. Some leaned in their cockpits and at the risk of capsizing, strained to hear more. In an attempt to regain harmony the attacker's spouse, a river goddess who apparently rescued her husband on other occasions, offered to pay the \$5 difference and suggested that the bill then be divided equally. However, the offer was rejected by "hubby" who ironically just a moment before, inferred that the frugal river rat was cheap. Are you wondering at this point how this disaster was finally resolved? The frugal river rat paid separately and the remaining bill was equally divided nine ways instead of ten. In retrospect, what could have been an evening of special ambiance, was lost due to the incident and a lesson on dining hazards and plausible rescues was left to the imaginations of all.

NOC add

Special Award Trophies To Be Presented

This years Special Awards nomination and presentation will again be held at the annual dinner in November.

To those of you that have not seen these trophies yet, here is a quick description: each sits upon a finished wooden pedestal made of red oak, has a brass identification plate, and is topped off by its own distinctive feature:

Strainer	- full size colander
Window Shade	- miniature shade
Probe	- Bartman with cape
Hole Hog	- pig with aqualung
Inconstant Roll	- upside-down canoe
Epic Swimming	- snorkel

I ask that the recipients of the trophy for the previous year please get them to me **prior** to the annual dinner, if you will not be able to attend. I hope that you have display the trophies proudly in your homes during the past year. You never know, you may be able to win it again this year, or a different one, if your performance was up to snuff during the past year...

Ken Fischman currently holds the record by last year winning 2 trophies. While others have had numerous trophies over the past few years, you may be on of this years winners. Actually the only way to be sure of that is to go to the dinner and nominate someone else!!!

Rumor has it that Ken will **not** be competing for the Triple Crown this year, but you never know!!

Crossword Puzzle

by Kathy Mason

Across

- New Jersey river
- Just _____
- Something you should never do on the river
- _____ Jack
- Unscramble a message
- On and _____
- It's ___ or never
- New York river
- Another New York river
- Formerly Clay
- Connecticut river
- What a large wave does to you
- Vermont river
- Canadian river
- West Virginal river
- Team _____
- Sodium chloride
- Another West Virginia river
- California university
- Description of some waves?
- That is
- Short for 11 down
- Test to determine fitness
- Large vessel

Down

- Mimic
- Fouchlike part in plant or animal
- What it has to do for good spring runoff
- Help
- Early spring obstacle
- Ice cream concoction
- Alright
- Soon (archaic)
- Pennsylvania river
- Time to get off the river
- _____ been
- New York river
- _____ and truck
- Garlicky sauce
- Not the best sky color for boating
- Per _____
- The wave was _____ big
- Part of spring boating gear
- Et _____
- Competitor
- One day _____ time
- What you do to unfamiliar rapids
- Like so
- Heard when the water's down
- Liquid butter used in Indian cooking (alt. spelling)

KCCNY Annual Dinner and Special Award Presentation

Yes folks that's right, Marian has managed to get the same restaurant that we had last year for the annual dinner, in spite of her acrobatics of last year. This years dinner should be as good, or better than last.

This is your chance to nominate and elect KCCNY officers and delegates. But maybe even more important is the third annual presentation of the special award trophies. It has been the distinction of receiving one (or more) of these trophies that causes such fierce competition among our club members during the year, and this year has proved to be no less. It is you who nominates and elects these members that get the special award trophies. So come and chow down on some good food and have a drink with your buddies, enjoy some great entertainment or bring your own (great or not so great) including: slides, pictures and videos.

1994 Special Award Recipients:

Strainer	~	Ken Fischman
Window Shade	~	Ken Fischman
Probe	~	Vance Condie
Hole Hog	~	Jon Gellman
Inconstant Roll	~	Jane Bernstein
Epic Swimming	~	Matt Giltner

November 19, 1994
Meeting start at 3:00
Dinner starts at 6:00

O'Connors Beef 'N Ale House
708 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, NJ

This year the KCCNY Executive Committee has agreed that the club will subsidize a portion of the cost of the dinner, therefore the cost is \$15.00 per person (includes salad bar).

You must commit to a choice:

Boneless Breast of Chicken
New York Strip Steak (on the bone)
Shrimp Scampi



Yes, I want to attend the 1994 KCCNY Annual Dinner

Name(s) : _____ Phone Number : _____

Entree Selection(s) : Chicken _____ Steak _____ Shrimp _____ Veal _____
(specify numbers)

Please return this form with your check to :

Marian Greenfield
75 Avenue C, Unit 8
Edison, NJ 08837 908-321-1354

BY NOVEMBER 1 !!! (Evenings)

Welcome New Members

SHARON "Winter" LYNCH
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201-261-5000 (W)

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440 Willow St.
Westbury, NY 11590
516-333-7688 (H)

ZAHAVA WILSON
112 Blue Mountain Rd., Apt #2
Saugerties, NY 12477
914-247-0636 (H)
914-339-4722 (W)

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153 Indian Hollow Ct.
Mahwah, NJ 07430
201-818-0641 (H)
201-684-7880 (W)

STEPHEN PIETRUCHA
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Sparta, NJ 07871
201-729-3211 (H)
201-794-4000 (W)

JEANNE MURTAGH
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New Windsor, NY 12553
914-565-1977 (H)
914-938-5571 (W)

CHRIS BELLINGHAM
819 N. Clinton Ave.
Lindenhurst, NY 11757
516-225-5718 (H)
212-858-5553 (W)

JON RAFALOWSKI
Villiage Green, Apt. 34-R
Budd Lake, NJ 07828
201-347-4583 (H)
201-895-8930 (W)

Change of Address

MARK ROSEN
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Morris Townskup, NJ 07960
201-538-0032 (H)
201-515-4466 (W)

DEBORAH BRAUTIGAM
School of International Service
The American University
4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
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JULIAN EISNER
871 Oak Lane
North Woodmere, NY 11581

DON BELCHER
540 Alice Pl.
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
908-636-1030 (H)

Paddler's Alert: New Danger on Esopus River

Reprinted from: Paddle Splashes, by Elly Kover, drawing by Terry Moogan

Just when you thought you had the Esopus under control. You can get through Railroad without filling the boat with water. Gazebo holds no threat. You haven't done Elmer's backwards in years. Well, a new danger has been discovered on the Esopus and if you don't pay attention, you'll pay the price.

In July, after an Esopus weekend trip, two of our paddlers developed a red rash that looked like a sunburn on their legs. While at first they assumed it was poison ivy, none of the typical small blisters appeared, and it didn't itch. Instead, the redness developed into large, liquid-filled blisters that were painful. It took a few weeks before the condition improved. The problem appeared to be similar to second-degree burns.

With a point in the right direction from Joe Pylka and some research, the culprit was uncovered: *Plastinaca Sativa*, or better known as Wild Parsnip. This is a toxic plant whose poison is a phytophototoxin (phyto = plant, photo = light).

Drawing goes here

The toxin works like this: You touch the plant and the plant oil is rubbed onto your exposed skin. This oil makes your skin super-sensitive to the sun's ultraviolet rays. You spend some time in the sun and develop a severe sunburn. You become miserable.

The plant is 2-5 feet high, with an umbrella-like cluster of small yellow flowers. It looks similar to Queen Anne's Lace, except that it has yellow flowers (See drawing). It grows in overgrown, waste areas, and our paddlers encountered it at the Portal put-in. So ... WATCH OUT!

Editors Note: This plant is fairly common, as it is indigenous to our area, and has been reported seen on numerous other rivers.

1994 Cruising Calendar

Even if a trip is not listed as instructional, it can be! Keep your eyes open. Is there some one who looks good paddling, do their moves look easy and smooth? Watch them and see why, and by all means **ASK** for some tips. This can be a great opportunity to not only get some "inside information" but also a way to make some friends. You will find that most people are very willing to help or give assistance...

Thanks to all those that have already signed up to coordinate a trip! We still need many more trips to make it a great 1994 Cruising Calendar. If you can coordinate a trip (ie: Play Spots, Deerfield, West...), or if you have your own trip in mind, please give Jackie Condie a call at 212-678-0863, or Doug Feick at 914-332-9774.

DATE	SKILL	CLASS	RIVER / LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER / COORDINATOR
9/24 - 9/25	I - A	III-IV	West River Release	???
9/24 - 9/25	ALL		Gauley Festival	(914)688-5569 Phyllis Horowitz McLane
10/2	I - A	III-IV	Deerfield Release	???
10/2	ALL		Executive Meeting	(914)657-2107 Helen Chase
10/2 - 10/3	N - I	II-III	Esopus Release	???
10/8-10/10	I - A	III-IV	Yough River	(908)446-5389 Matt & Liz Moffitt
10/22-10/23	I - A		Pocono or Catskill Area	(212)334-0824 Jon Gellman
11/5 or 11/6	I - A	III-IV	Tohickon River	(201)663-1364 Dan Lenox
11/19	ALL		KCCNY Annual Dinner	(212)483-2184 Marian Greenfield

*** OTHER TRIPS, BUT NO SPECIFIC DATE YET***

- Alan Tindel (212)228-6249 - Ocean Surfing

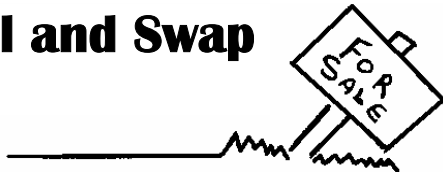
- Heath Bingham (914)271-5687 - Lehigh (Spring or Fall, waiting for release dates)

- Dan Krupka (908)273-6570 - Lehigh (Spring, waiting for release dates)

- Dan Lenox (201-663-1364) - Black River, NY (all summer)

- Pete Sholander (404)355-2289 - Pete lives down in Atlanta, Georgia. If you're in the area he may be able to boat with you or perhaps hook you up with some other boaters!

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FOR SALE

Perception Dancer XT with
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Phone numbers for river flow information

- AMC Hotline, CT	203-583-6978	
- Boating Info Line	212-260-7909	24 hr. voice mail boating information
- Black River, NY	315-788-2297	Adirondack River Outfitters
- Cheat River, WV	412-644-2890	USGS
- Cranberry River, WV	304-529-5127	WV Hyrdology
- Delaware River Basin	215-656-6931	U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, Phili PA
	717-729-7134	(winter)
- Deerfield River, CT	413-625-8414	
- Elk River, WV	304-529-5127	WV Hydrology
- Farmington River, CT	203-379-1448	Bark Hamstead (lower section)
	203-658-4442	New Boston
- French Broad, NC	800-238-2264	Newport Gauge (TVA)
- Gauley River, WV	304-872-5809	Corps. of Engineers
- Housatonic River, CT	203-824-7861	
- Hudson River, NY	518-869-6347	
- Kennebec River, ME	800-371-7774	
- Lackawaxen River, PA	717-226-3702	P.A. Power & Light, Honesdale PA
- Laurel Fork, WV	412-644-2890	USGS
- Lehigh River, PA	717-427-8161	State Park Rangers Office (between 8:00AM - 4:00PM)
	215-656-6931	U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, Phili PA
- Meadow, WV	304-529-5127	WV Hydrology
- Mongaup River, NY	914-577-2911	
- Moose/Sacandaga, NY	518-465-2016	
- Nantahala, NC	704-321-4504	
- New England Rivers	508-824-3579	
- New River, WV	304-466-0156	Corps. of Engineers
- Nolichucky, NC	800-238-2264	TVA
- Ocoee River, TN	800-238-2264	TVA
	615-338-5761	Power Plant #2
- Pittsburgh River Gauges	412-262-5290	Recorded message
- Shavers Fork, VA	412-644-2890	USGS
- Stony River, VA	703-260-0305	USGS
- Tellico River, TN	625-253-7951	USGS
- Tohicken River, PA	215-297-5090	
- Tygart River, VA	412-644-2890	USGS
- Yough River, PA	814-533-8911	Upper Yough
	814-395-3166	Yough Dam Recreation Information
- Watauga, NC	800-238-2264	Sugar Grove (TVA)
- West River, PA	802-874-5681	

Please note that some of these phone numbers are commercial businesses, while others are state agencies, please be courteous to them on the phone! KCCNY is not responsible for the accuracy of these phone numbers, this information comes from many sources, if there any corrections, please notify us as soon as possible.

Members Mutual Agreement For Protection From Liability

Welcome to the river. In the interest of permitting the Kayak and Canoe Club of New York (the "Club") to exist and to serve the paddling community without fear of liability, I ask you to join in this contract. The first part is for you to acknowledge that you understand the risks involved in this activity. The second part is a release from liability.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I _____ understand and accept the following acts of life on a body of water: that paddling in watercraft exposes me to many hazards. No one but myself is responsible for judging my qualifications for my safety when I choose to challenge my capabilities by boating on particular body of water, or a particular rapid. I may assist my fellow paddlers to the best of my own ability if they appear to need such assistance, but only so long as I can do so, in my judgment, without significant danger to myself. I further understand that this does not imply any legal duty for me to do so, nor for any one else to render such assistance to me. Some of the dangers and risks which may be present or occur include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1) The hazards of traveling in a watercraft in varying water conditions.
- 2) Hazards including boulders, trees and other obstacles, waterfalls, holes, reversals and other water formations.
- 3) Swimming/floating in unfamiliar and sometimes turbulent water.
- 4) Using paddles, ropes and other paddling equipment.
- 5) Hiking or walking in rugged terrain, including slippery rocks.
- 6) Injuries inflicted by animals, insects, reptiles or plants.
- 7) Accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities.
- 8) Man-made objects in the water including, but not limited to, ropes, bridge pilings, broken dams and metal debris.
- 9) Carrying watercraft and other paddling equipment.
- 10) The forces of nature, including lightning, weather changes, water level changes, and others not named.
- 11) The physical exertion associated with paddling and swimming and carrying watercraft on
- 12) land.

Now therefore, intending to be legally bound, I hereby waive, for myself and for anyone else claiming through me, my right to sue the Club, its members, trip coordinators or any of my fellow paddlers for any injuries to my person or my equipment which may occur during, in preparation for or in transit to or from a Club outing. The waiver applies to any negligent act or omission and to any intentional act intended to promote my safety or well-being.

I am solely responsible for deciding whether to participate in or to continue on any water trip. I assume these risks and understand my responsibility in decision making. My waiver has no expiration date.

Participant's Signature

Participant's Printed Name

Date

KCCNY Trip Policy Statement

General Policy

- A. Club outings are cooperative adventures among participants. The **group** is collectively responsible for the conduct of the outing and **each participant** is individually responsible for judging his or her qualifications and for his or her safety on the river. By participating in a Club outing, you release the Club, its members, trip coordinators and fellow paddlers, from any injuries due to any negligent act or omission or to any intentional act intended to promote your safety or well-being.

River Hazards

- B. You must understand and accept that whitewater boating exposes you to various hazards, for example, boulders and other obstacles, strainers, undercut or entrapping formations, falls, holes, reversals and other water formations, changing conditions, cold, high water and other hazards, mostly in remote locations. Injuries and deaths occasionally occur due to these hazards, among other things. You are responsible for learning to recognize river hazards and learning and practicing the techniques for avoiding these hazards. You are also responsible for acquiring boating safety and rescue skills commensurate with the level of difficulty of the river you are paddling. One excellent source book is River Rescue by Bechdel and Ray, available at most outfitters. Don't endanger your life and the lives of others by trying to boat on water beyond your ability. Remember - most good paddlers develop by very gradually increasing the difficulty of rivers they run over a period of several years.

River Decision Making

You are **solely** responsible for the following decisions at all times:

1. The decision to go on any trip.
2. The decision to put-in the selected river (which may not be the scheduled river) under conditions existing at the time of the put-in.
3. The decision as to what equipment to take with you.
4. The decision whether to scout any rapid.
5. The decision whether to run any rapid.
6. The decision on how to run any rapid.
7. The decision whether to participate in any rescue or recovery of any equipment.
8. The decision to pass up any walk-out or take-out opportunity.

River Rescue

Trip participants usually assist each other when someone appears to need assistance, but only so long as they can do so, in their own judgment, without significant risk to themselves. Some participants may choose to accept greater hazards to rescue a fellow paddler. However, trip participants and the coordinator are under no **LEGAL** duty to assist anyone. In other words, while you are not legally obligated to assist anyone, no one is legally obligated to assist you either.

Other Responsibilities of Participants

1. Telephoning the trip coordinator well in advance of the trip you are planning to go on.
2. Asking the trip coordinator about his or her training and experience, if these considerations are significant to you.
3. Informing the trip coordinator of your skills, experience, training and rivers run.
4. Not bringing unexpected guests to the trip.
5. Bringing appropriate equipment and making sure it is in good repair, specifically; life jacket, helmet, knife, whistle, throw bag, and extra clothing.
6. Observing good safety practices on the river.

KCCNY Trip Policy Statement (cont.)

F. About Your Trip Coordinator

Trip coordinators are volunteers and they receive no pay. Their functions are to get the group to the same river at the same time, to arrange the shuttle and to respond to inquiries to the best of their knowledge. However, your trip coordinator may never have run the scheduled river or may never have run the scheduled river under the conditions encountered on trip day. Indeed, the scheduled river may not be runnable on trip day, and the trip may be switched to an unfamiliar river on the spot.

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Trip Coordinator Responsibilities

1. Finding a substitute coordinator if you are unable to go on the trip and notifying the Cruise Chairman of the change.
2. Familiarizing yourself with the put-in, take-out and shuttle on the scheduled river.
3. Determining the rendezvous place and time.
4. Responding to participant inquiries to the best of your knowledge about the river, your training and experience, and the participant's training and experience. You have the authority to refuse a particular participant on any reasonable grounds, but it is NOT your responsibility to

H. determine whether a participant is qualified for the trip.

Optional Group Responsibilities

The group may wish to consider the following suggestions. Which of these suggestions is adopted on the trip is solely a group decision and is not the responsibility of any particular person:

1. Obtain river stage or flow data.
 2. Obtain a knowledge of the difficult parts of the run and emergency take-out routes.
 3. Equipment: throw rope in each boat, duct tape, first aid kit, extra paddle, flashlight, fire-starter and matches, pruning or wire coil saw, survival suit, extra clothing, carabiners, prusik loops, map, guide book.
 4. Keep group compact enough for communication, but not so compact as to interfere with each other.
 5. Consider dividing a large group into smaller groups or having a "buddy boats",
- I. 6. For further information, consult River Rescue by Bechdel and Ray.

Instructional Trips

In this format, a person assumes the responsibilities of a trip leader. He or she may pass judgment on a participant's qualifications, check equipment and assume responsibility for the conduct of the trip, including the appointment of lead or sweep (rear guard) boats and other duties listed above as taken by the individual or the group as a whole. These trips must be clearly designated as 'Instructional Trips', as they could expose the leader to legal liability. Trip or personal liability

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Mongaup Release Schedule

April 16
 May 1, 14, 29
 June 11, 26
 July 9, 24
 Aug. 13, 28
 Sept. 10, 25
 Oct. 8, 23

**Deerfield Release Schedule
(Monroe Bridge Section)**

June 4-5, 26
 July 9-10, 17, 23-24, 30-31
 Aug. 6-7, 20-21, 27-28
 Sept. 4, 17
 Oct. 2, 8

Dead River Release Schedule

May 7, 14 (7500 cfs)
 May 29 (5500 cfs)
 June 11 (2400 cfs)
 June 18 (1800 cfs)
 June 19 (5500 cfs)
 June 26 (1300 cfs)
 July 3 (1800 cfs)
 July 16-19 (1300 cfs)
 July 30 (2400 cfs)
 Aug. 13 (2400 cfs)
 Sept. 3 (1300 cfs)
 Sept. 4 (2400 cfs)
 Sept. 5 (1800 cfs)
 Sept. 17 (3500 cfs)
 Oct. 9 (4500 - 6000 cfs)