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Memories of Ed Alexander

By Desi Desvernine

Edgar Alexander, a founder, former president and officer of KCCNY died while on a trip in Israel on March 17. An "institution" of KCCNY, and to national whitewater boating, Ed also had an impressive record of business and organizational accomplishments that could fill a book. In the "Just Rambling" style that Ed had used in his articles, here are some personal recollections.....

We first met over 30 years ago. In the early days we paddled the Delaware, the Mongaup, Lower Yough and parts of the Neversink. We shared the beauty and the adventure of early whitewater exploration of these streams. Active in organizing the KCCNY - and also in organizing us, (then young whipper-snappers), Ed was particularly known for "rousing the troops" with his bullhorn at the Esopus race at 5:30 a.m.! He was an organizer, and a doer. He liked to see things done right - which was usually his way!

Ed was a loving, caring father - always keeping an eye out for his twins, Audrey and Bobby, as they experimented with kayaking. When he was a young teenager, Bobby was to first paddle the upper Hudson with some of us "cowboys". Ed took me aside, and asked me to look out for Bob. The Hudson was at eight feet, Blue Ledge and Harris Riff were huge, and we had our hands full! Bob did just beautifully - and the rest of us did fine too. Although now old hat, that was the first time our club ran the Hudson at that level. Later, as Bob became an expert boater, he would lead us through

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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 email, my address is DLenox@aol.com

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.

Annual KCCNY Auction

Many of you may remember last years auction, a good time was had by all, and we raised a fair amount of money that has gone into conservation projects.

June 3 will be the date for this years annual KCCNY Auction. If you have some items that you would like to sell or donate then please contact me (Dan Lenox) at 201-663-1364. You will be responsible for bringing those items that you wish to be sold on consignment. KCCNY will take 10% from any of the consignment sales.

The auction will take place at the Phoenicia Trailer Park (Phyllis and Dennis McLane) at 5:00 PM on Saturday, June 3, come rain or shine. I will be setting up the auction area early on Saturday afternoon, so be sure to get there early to scout out all of the great deals!

This year, as last, we will have 2 kegs of beer supplied to us by Woodstock Brewing for all to enjoy! So bring your mug, items to sell, and your checkbook and be there.

The proceeds from this auction will go towards conservation.

Dan

Deadline for next newsletter:

JUNE 12, 1995

Memories of Ed Alexander (cont.)

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the upper Yough.

When a group of us acquired property on the Neversink, our families became closer as we camped together so frequently. That's when I really got to know and appreciate what a great guy Ed was. We would work together, talk, sing, and hoist a few until the late hours.

Ed was a survivor. As a young Jew he escaped the Holocaust by fleeing Germany with some of his family. As a soldier in the US Army during World War II, he fought in the battle of the Bulge. During that struggle, a German 88 killed his friend next to him, and blew Ed up into the air. Injured but alive, the resulting concussion left him hard of hearing.

Eight years ago, Ed had a massive heart attack... but again he survived. He and Miriam became world travelers - journeying around the nation or hopping on a plane to a foreign destination. However Ed still found time and energy to continue to serve KCCNY, his old army unit, the community and his Temple.

At the funeral service his Rabbi expressed great respect and personal affection for Ed. He spoke of his faith, reliability, and willingness to give of himself to Temple activities. Audrey spoke of her father's dedication to his community, to organization, to order, to life - and to love. Bobby recalled how Ed liked to do things in his own way, venturing that he even chose his place to die. Ed

died peacefully, Miriam by his side, on a forest path by the River Jordan in Israel.

Ed Alexander was a most successful man. Perhaps the following quotation says it all....

SUCCESS

by Bessie Anderson Stanley

“He has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has enjoyed the trust of pure women, the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of Earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given them the best he had; whose life

For those of you who would like to, please make a contribution in Ed's name to:

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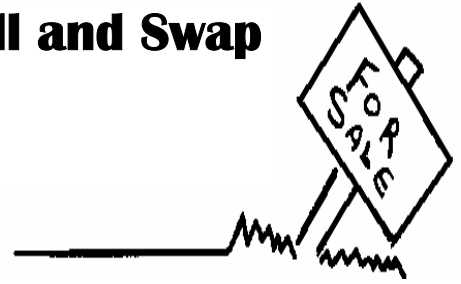
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Call John Schwartz at
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Calendar of Events

May 6	Cheat River Festival
May 13	Mongaup River Cleanup
May 17	KCCNY Executive Committee meeting
May 20/21	Beginner instructional weekend
June	AWA/Dagger Paddle-A-Thon (entire month)
June 3/4	Annual Esopus Race
June 3/4	Annual KCCNY Auction
June 17/18	Beginner instruction
July 1	AWA Kennebec Festival
July 8/9	Esopus Safety Clinic
August 5-6	AWA Deerfield Riverfest
Sept. 23/29	AWA Gauley Festival
Nov. 18	Annual Dinner

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Cold Brook Add

What Not to Name Your Dog Source Unknown

Everybody who has a dog call him "Rover" or "Boy". I call mine "Sex". He's a great pal but he has caused me a great deal of embarrassment.

When I went to the city hall to renew his dog license, I told the clerk that I would like a license for sex. He said, "I'd like one too!" then I said "But this is a dog." He said he didn't understand, I've had Sex since I was 9 years old." He winked and said, "You must have been quite a kid."

When I got married and went on my honeymoon, I took the dog with me. I told the motel clerk that I wanted a room for my wife and me and a special room for

Sex.

He said, "You don't need a special room. As long as you pay you bill we don't care what you do." I said, "Look, you don't seem to understand. Sex keeps me awake at night." The clerk said, "Funny — I have the same problem."

One day I entered Sex in a contest, but before the competition began, the dog ran away. Another contestant asked my why I was just standing there, looking disappointed. I told him I had planned to have Sex in the contest. He told me I should have sold my own tickets. "But you don't understand," I said, "I had hoped to have Sex on television." He said, "Now that cable is all over the place, it's no big deal

anymore."

When my wife and I separated, we went to court to fight for custody of the dog. I said, "Your Honor, I had Sex before I was married." The Judge said, "The courtroom isn't a confessional. Stick to the case please." Then I told him that after I was married, Sex left me, and he said, "Me, too."

Last night Sex ran off again. I spent hours looking around town for him. A cop came over to me and asked, "What are you doing in this alley at 4 o'clock in the morning?" I told him that I was looking for Sex. My case comes up Friday!

Cheat River Festival

1995 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 1995 Cruising Calendar. If you can coordinate a trip or other activity (ie: Party, Play Spots, Deerfield, West...), please give Alan Tindle a call at 1-212-228-6249

DATE	SKILL	CLASS	RIVER / LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER / COORDINATOR
5/4 - 5/6	I-A	III-IV	Cheat Tygart (Cheat River Festival)	(203) 740-8633 Dana & Paige Castro
5/6 - 5/7	N-I	II-III	Deerfield River Zoar Gap section	(914) 565-1977 Jeanne Murtagh
5/6 - 5/7	I-A	III-IV	Cheat River first timers trip	(717) 629-5533 Ken Sanders
5/7	N	II	Delaware River	(914) 248-7614 Richard Albert
5/13	ALL		Mongaup River Cleanup	(908) 534-1465 Mathew & Pam Giltner
5/13 - 5/14	I-A	III-IV	Hudson River Gorge	(908) 707-9532 Bruce Farrenkopf
5/17	ALL		Executive Committee meeting	(201) 226-4582 Ed Hanrahan & Ann Cali
5/20 or 5/21	N	II	Delaware River	(908) 561-3536 Bill Espinosa
5/20 - 5/21	B-N		Beginner instructional weekend	(908)-321-1354 Marian Greenfield
5/20 - 5/21	N-A		Coordinators choice	(212)-678-0863 Vance & Jackie Condie
Memorial day weekend				
5/27 - 5/28	ALL		Scudders play day	(609) 585-1264 Gerhard Mueller
5/27 - 5/29	I-A	IV	West Virginia	(914) 986-1414 Tom Gustainis
5/26 - 5/29	A	IV	Quebec	(212) 781-7080 Bill Thomas
5/28	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
6/3 - 6/4	N-I	II-III	Annual Esopus Race	(201) 402-6579 Mark Rosen
6/3 - 6/4	ALL		Annual KCCNY Auction	(201) 663-1364 Daniel Lenox
6/10	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
6/10	N-I	II	Farmington River Tariffville section	(914) 634-7136 Jorge Cartamil
6/10 - 6/11	A	IV	Upper Yough	(717) 629-5533 Ken Sanders

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6/10 - 6/11	N-I	II	Lehigh River	(914) 271-5687 Heath Bingham
6/17	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	????
6/18	ALL		Mongaup Wave playday & Beginner Day-bring your extra boats please	(201) 697-9395 Brian Meserlian
6/17-618	B-N		Beginner instruction Sebago Lake & Delaware River	(914) 424-3160 Pierre DeRham Marian Greenfield
6/19 - 7/14	A	IV-V	Idaho and Colorado More definite locations as Spring approaches	(212) 678-0863 ance & Jackie Condie
6/24 - 6/25	N-I	II-III	Lower Sacandaga	(914) 896-0373 Paul Epstein
6/24 - 6/25	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	????
6/24 or 25	I	II-III	Lehigh River	(201) 447-5661 Bill Holt
6/25	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
7/1	ALL		AWA Kennebec Festival	????
7/1 - 7/4	I-A	III-IV	Black and Ottawa Rivers	(717) 629-5533 Ken Sanders
7/8	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	(914) 472-5882 Rell & Bill Hladsky
7/8 - 7/9	N-I	II-III	Esopus	????
7/8 - 7/9	ALL		Esopus Safety Clinic	????
7/8 - 7/9	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 228-6249 Alan Tindell
7/15 - 7/16	N-I	II	Delaware River	(201) 653-7739 Nancy Green
7/15 - 7/16	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(201) 471-3129 Joan Most
7/21	A	IV	Upper Yough raft & kayak	(717) 629-5533 Ken Sanders
7/22	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	????
7/23	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????

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7/29 - 7/30	N-I	II-III	Scudders Falls or Mongaup wave Advanced strokes for the intermediate paddler	(201) 226-4582 Ed Hanrahan & Ann Cali
7/30	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 781-7080 Bill Thomas
8/5	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
8/5	ALL		AWA Deerfield Festival Charlamont, MA	
8/5 - 8/6	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 334-0824 Jon Gelman
8/11 - 8/12	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 678-0863 Vance & Jackie Condie
8/17 - 8/21	I-A	III-IV	Ottawa River	(215) 847-8530 Pat Samodio & Michele Anastasi
8/19 - 8/20	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 228-6249 Alan Tindell
8/19 - 8/20	N-I	II-III	Deerfield River Zoar Gap Section	(914) 565-1977 Jeanne Murtagh
8/20	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
8/26 - 8/27	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 781-7080 Bill Thomas
9/1 - 9/4	I-A	III-IV	Kennebec/Penobscot	????
9/2	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
9/3	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	????
9/8 - 9/11			Gauley River	????
9/9 - 9/10	I-A	III-IV	Hudson River Gorge	(914) 896-0373 Paul Epstein
9/9 - 9/11	A	III-IV	Gauley River raft/kayak overnight trip-includes camping, food shuttle service	(717) 629-5533 Ken Sanders
9/15 - 9/18	A	IV	Gauley River	(201) 444-7548 Joe Hanerfeld

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9/16 - 9/17	N-I	II-III	Esopus	(718) 798-5442 Andrew Laiosa
9/16	N-I	II-III	Lehigh River	(516) 483-1355 Dennis McComb
9/16 - 9/17	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(201) 663-5227 Nancy Sklavos
9/17	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
9/23-24	I	III-IV	West River	????
9/23	ALL		Gauley Festival	
9/29 - 10/2			Gauley River	????
9/29	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	????
9/30 - 10/1	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	(212) 861-1556 Marc Silverman
9/30	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
9/30 - 10/1	N-I	II-III	Esopus	(718) 798-5442 Andrew Laiosa
10/7	N-I	II-III	Lehigh	(201) 807-1823 Brian Germain
10/7	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge section	????
10/7 - 10/8	A	IV-V	Bottom Moose	(518) 674-5519 Pete Skinner
10/14 - 10/15	A	IV-V	Bottom Moose	(518) 674-5519 Pete Skinner
10/15	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
10/21	N-I	II-III	Lehigh River	(908) 273-6570 Dan Krupka
10/21 - 10/22	A	III-IV	Pocono or Catskill area	(212) 334-0824 Jon Gellman
10/28	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	????
11/11 - 11/19	A	IV-V	Costa Rica two simultaneous trips one week each, exact dates to be determined	(717) 629-5533 Ken Sanders
11/18	ALL		Annual Dinner	????

1995 Cruising Calendar

- Alan Tindell (212) 228-6249 - Ocean Surfing (If you live near the ocean and see that there is a swell please call.)

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

OTHER NOTES

- 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!

- Laura Helfman (704) 452-7798 has moved to North Carolina and is working Summers at NOC. If you're in the area she may be able to boat with you or perhaps hook you up with some other boaters!

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Ramsey outdoor add goes here

Free Private Boater Shuttle on the Nantahala River

Nantahala River Outfitters (NOC) will be offering FREE private boater shuttles on the Nantahala River this Summer and Fall. The shuttle leaves from the rentals building (on river left near Slow Joe's Cafe). The schedule varies by day of the week and time of the year, so your best bet is to call the NOC at 704-488-2175 before your trip for the current schedule. The shuttle will be in operation through October.

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Ending Notes by Dan Lenox

March marked the passing of Ed Alexander. Those of you that have been active in the activities of KCCNY during any point of its history, would have come to know Ed, and acknowledge that his presence and his opinion will be greatly missed.

Ed has made many contributions not only to KCCNY, but to the paddling community as well. The longer that I knew Ed, the more I realized exactly how much he gave, and also how much he cared. In the few short years that I have been editor of this newsletter, I enjoyed receiving Ed's column. He liked to speak his mind, and sometimes generated some controversy, but Ed never forced his opinion on anybody.

He was, I guess that you could call him a 'naturalist' in a sense, because of his concern for our natural resources. He didn't stop there, his concern was more of how man could maintain a symbiotic relationship with nature, not only co-existing or one controlling the other, but living in harmony with each other for mutual benefit.

For everything that you have done for myself and all of us, thank you. Farewell Ed, may your load be light and the wind always at your back.

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World Wide Web & Email Addresses

The following are some www site and email addresses that I have come across. Please contact me if you find any others of interest, or the address is incorrest (I am not responsible for the accuracy). Use them wisely!

http://www.rahul.net/fallside/awa.html	American Whitewater Association home page
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Proposed Release Dates for Various Rivers

Deerfield River release schedule: Monroe Bridge section

900-1100 cfs starts at 10:00

June 3-4,17,24-25

July 8-9,15-16,22,30

August 5-6,11-12,19-20,26-27

September 3,16-17,29-30

October 1,7

Deerfield River release schedule: Zoar Gap section

700 cfs minimum starts between 9:30 and 12:00

June 3-4,7-11,17-18,21-25

July 5-9,15-16,19-22,26-30

August 3-6,10-13,17-20,24-27,31

September 1-3,7-10,16-17,21-22,27-30

Releases for Monroe Bridge section on the dates of: 6/25, 7/22, 8/11, 8/20, 9/16, & 10/7 are tentative. Final schedule to be set by March.

Lehigh River release schedule (dates are tentative)

June 10-11,24-25

September 16

October 7,21

Mongaup River release schedule

All releases are from 10:00-2:00 except May 13 is 10:00-4:00

June 10,25

July 8,23

August 5,20

September 2,17,30

October 15,28

Dead River (proposed) release schedule

SAT May 6,13 7500 cfs

SUN May 28 5500 cfs

SAT June 10 1300 cfs

SAT June 17 1800 cfs

SUN June 18 5500 cfs

SUN June 25 2400 cfs

SAT July 1 1300 cfs

SUN July 2 1800 cfs

SAT July 15 1300 cfs

SUN July 16 2400 cfs

SAT July 29 1000 cfs

SAT August 12 1800 cfs

SUN August 13 2400 cfs

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SUN September 3 5500 cfs

SAT September 16 1800 cfs

SUN October 8 4500-

6000 cfs

Please be aware that Central Maine Power Co. has provided a public parking area and takeout for Dead River boaters. It is adjacent to the Magic Falls Rafting Co. base camp in the West Forks.

The facility is located on old Route 201 at the base of Durgin Hill and will be operated with a parking fee. Use of this facility is encouraged, to alleviate conflicts with regular traffic or private property owners in the area.

We hope you enjoy these recreational opportunities in a safe manor. Proposed releases are subject to change without notice, due to current availability of water and anticipated weather/water conditions.

Wesley E. Hallowell
River Engineer

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",
6. For further information, consult River Rescue by Bechdel and Ray.

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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

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

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An Open Invitation to all Computer Online Service Users

I am compiling a list of all people that utilize any of the following online computer services:

**America Online
CompuServe
Prodigy
Internet**

The use of these online services is a great medium for the rapid transfer of information and mail, and can be just the ticket for inter-club communication!

Please drop me a line as to what your mailing address is, and which online service you are using. I will make this list available to all who register free of charge. You may reach me by addressing your e-mail to: DLenox@aol.com