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KCCNY Slalom and Auction

By Daniel Lenox

While everyone loves ample rainfall and flowing water, Mother nature dealt a harsh blow to the Phoenicia area. Due to flood damage, the Phoenicia Trailer Park will be closed to camping this year. In addition it will also be off the take-out list. Boaters are instructed to use the bridge above the trailer park, or go further downstream below Elmers. Camping alternatives are Woodland Valley Campground, Wilson State Park and Uncle Pete's.

Mat Giltner was quoted in saying "There is a race, there will be a race". Elsewhere in this issue are the race entry forms, and other stuff. To enter complete the enclosed entry form, the ACA liability waiver, and return with the entry fee to Ralph Johns ASAP. Applications should be postmarked on or before June 1, 1994. **Late registration will be permitted for \$10.00 per class, per person during check-in.** The race will start Saturday at 12:00 noon, and Sunday at 10:00 AM. Check-in will take place on Saturday between 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the scoring tent.

The race is scheduled for June 1 and 2, while the auction is Saturday June 1, and will start at 6:00.

There is a slight chance that there may not be a release at this date, if so the race will be postponed. Please call Mat Giltner for confirmation at 908-534-1465

Newsletter Submissions

This is **your** newsletter, the quality of each issue may be dependent 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.

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**Jun 5
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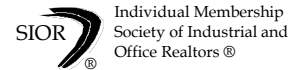
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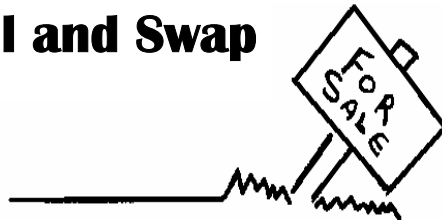
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HELP WANTED Ramsey Outdoor is seeking experienced paddlers for employment opportunities at all three locations. Knowledge of Sea Kayaks and canoes a must

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Call Gene Langlinais
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Esopus Cleanup

On May 11th, KCCNY will be holding a river clean-up at the Mongaup river. Starting with breakfast at HOMER's restaurant in Port Jervis, and meeting at the take-out at 9:00. We have asked for a six hour release to start at 10:00 am.

Last year we had a pitiful turnout, less than 10 people and most weren't KCCNY Members. Even with this turnout we collected about 15 bags of trash, 90% was at the takeout. With this in mind, we will be concentrating on the put in and take out. Plan to spend about an hour between the two.

Now lets do the math....

Meet at nine, pick up until 10:30/11:00, still leaves you 5 HOURS TO PADDLE, more than enough time to do the river TWICE!!!!!!!!!!

Please give me a call if you need any assistance, or have questions.

Mathew Giltner 908-534-1465.

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 1 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 and will go towards conservation donations.

The auction will take place at Diane Lenox's house, located at 2905 Route #28, just before Winchell's Pizza, 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.

Calendar of Events - 1996

5/4	Cheat River Festival
5/8	KCCNY meeting
5/11	Ramapo River Cleanup
5/11	Mongaup River Cleanup
5/31	KCCNY Annual Slalom Setup
6/1-2	KCCNY Annual Slalom
6/2	KCCNY Annual Auction
8/3-4	Deerfield River Festival
9/21-27	Gauley Festival
10/11-13	Ocoee Rodeo
10/19-20	Moose River Festival/Race
10/28	KCCNY meeting
11/23	KCCNY Annual Dinner

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Inequality in Drowning

Reprinted from RICA 'PADDLER'

Almost 4,700 Americans died in drowning accidents in 1990; more than 3,800 of them were men. In fact, for the age group from late teens to early 20's, male drowning victims outnumber females by 10 to 1. To find out why, researchers at the Boston University School of Public Health randomly surveyed more than 3,000 Americans nationwide.

The scientists found that men were more apt to take risks around water, but were less likely to have taken swimming lessons. In addition, among men and women who had not had lessons, the researchers reported, "men were significantly more likely than women to rate themselves as 'excellent' or 'very good' swimmers." Men also reported drinking alcohol more often around water than women did.

Results of the study appear in the January issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Campmor add

1996 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 Lowell Tindle a call at 1-212-228-6249

DATE	SKILL	CLASS	RIVER / LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER / COORDINATOR
<u>MAY</u>				
5/2	ALL	I	Lake Sebago-moonlight paddle	(718)231-9800 Andrew Laiosa
5/2-5	A	IV	Cheat/Big Sandy/Tygart	(203)740-8633 Dana & Paige Castro
5/4	ALL		Cheat River Festival	
5/5	I-A	III-IV	Pocono Area	(717)828-9787 Joe Saia
5/13	ALL		KCCNY Meeting	(908)356-5155 Desi Desvernine
5/11	ALL		Ramapo River Cleanup	(914)634-7136 Jorge Cartamil
5/11	ALL		Mongaup River Cleanup	(908)534-1465 Mathew & Pam Giltner
5/12	A	IV	Coordinators choice	(914)426-2961 Gidon Schwarcz
5/18	N-I	II-III	Mongaup/Delaware River	(718)231-9800 Andrew Laiosa
5/18-19	I-A	III-IV	Hudson Gorge	(914)896-0373 Paul Epstein
5/18-19	I	II-III	Upper Moose	(315)858-0504 Monte Smith
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND				
5/24-27	A	IV-V	Quebec	(212)781-7080 Bill Thomas
5/25-26	I-A	IV	West Virginia	(914)986-1414 Tom Gustanis
5/25	ALL		Scudders/Lambertville playday	(609)585-1264 Gerhard Mueller
<u>JUNE</u>				
5/31	ALL		KCCNY Annual Slalom Setup	(908)534-1465 Mathew Giltner
6/1-2	N-I	II-III	Annual Esopus Slalom	
6/1-2	N-I	II-III	Esopus River	(908)534-1465 Mathew Giltner
6/2	ALL		Annual KCCNY Auction	(908)663-1364 Dan Lenox
6/9	N	II	Coordinators choice	(914)248-7614 Richard Albert
6/14	N-I	III	Mongaup River Delaware River	(201)933-6273 Steve Boykewich
6/15-16	B	I-II	Lake Sebago/Delaware River Beginner instructional weekend	(914)424-3160 Pierre deRham
6/15-16	N-I	II-III	Farmington River Tariffville section	(914)634-7136 Jorge Cartamil
6/16	I-A	III-IV	Pocono Area	(717)828-9787 Joe Saia
6/22-23	N-I	II-III	Lower Sacandaga	(914)896-0373 Paul Epstein
6/22-23	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	??
6/15-15 or 22/23			Beginner Instructional	(914)424-3160 Pierre deRham
6/29-30	I	II-III	Lehigh River	(201)447-5661 Bill Holt

JULY

1996 Cruising Calendar

DATE	SKILL	CLASS	RIVER / LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER / COORDINATOR
7/4-7	I-A	IV	Maine	(717)629-5533 Ken Sanders
7/6-7	A	IV-V	Upper Yough	(908)707-9532 Bruce Farrenkopf
7/13	N-I	II-III	Mongaup	(201)492-8423
7/13-14	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	(201)471-3129 Joan Most
7/13-14	N-I	II-III	Delaware River	(201)653-7739 Nancy Green
7/18-21	I-A	III-IV	Ottawa/Black	(203)740-8633 Dana & Paige Castro
7/19	A	IV	Upper Yough	(717)629-5533 Ken Sanders
7/19-20	ALL	II_III	Mongaup Wave Play Day	(201)666-0550 Skip Wilson & Penny Giles
7/20-21	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	(201)402-6579 Mark Rosen
7/27-28	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	(718)231-9800 Andrew Laiosa
<u>AUGUST</u>				
August	I-A	III-IV	Ottawa (more info soon)	(212)678-0863 Vance & Jackie Condie
8/3-4	ALL		Deerfield River-River Fest	
8/3-4	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River-River Monroe Bridge	(212)781-7080 Bill Thomas
8/4	N-I	II-III	Deerfield-River Zoar Gap	(914)248-7614 Richard Albert
8/10	N-I	II-III	Mongaup/Delaware	(718)231-9800 Andrew Laiosa
8/17	N-I	II-III	Deerfield River Zoar Gap	(201)807-1823 Brian Germaine
8/18	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	(201)807-1823 Brian Germaine
8/24-25	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	(201)833-9537 Nancy Shriber
8/25	N-I	II-III	Mongaup River	(914)472-5882 Rell & Bill Hladsky
8/31-9/1	I-A	III-IV	Ottawa River	(717)629-5533 Ken Sanders
LABOR DAY WEEKEND				
8/31-9/1	I-A	III-IV	Kennebec/Penobscot	(201)697-9395 Brian Meserlian
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				
9/7-8	I-A	III-IV	Hudson River Gorge	(914)896-0373 Paul Epstein
9/21-27	ALL		Gauley Festival	
9/21-22	I-A	I-V	Gauley River	(201)444-7548 Joe Hanerfeld
9/28-29			West River	????
<u>OCTOBER</u>				
10/5-6	I-A	III-IV	Deerfield River Monroe Bridge	(212)678-0863 Vance & Jackie Condie
10/11-13	ALL		Ocoee Rodeo	
COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND				
10/12-14	I-A	III-IV	James/Rappahannock/Maury Camping space is available	(804)228-0918 Gene Langlinais
10/19	ALL		Moose River Festival	
10/19-20	A	V	Bottom Moose	(212)334-0824 Jon Gellman
10/28	ALL		KCCNY Meeting	(914)657-2107 Helen Chase
<u>November</u>				

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DATE	SKILL	CLASS	RIVER / LOCATION	PHONE NUMBER / COORDINATOR
11/2-3	I-A	III-IV	Tohickon Creek	(908)663-1364 Dan Lenox
11/23	ALL		KCCNY Annual Dinner	(201)226-4582 Ann Cali

Dana and Paige Castro run the Housatonic River/Bulls Bridge section and the the Ten Mile all year. If interested give a call at (203)740-8633.

River Release Schedule by Lowell Tindell

Deerfield River, Massachusetts

Monroe Bridge Section

May No Scheduled Releases.
 June 1-2,22-23,(Fri.)28-29
 July 13-14,20-21,27-28
 August (RiverFest)3-4,(Fri.)9-10,18,24-25
 September 1,8,28
 October 5-6

Fife Brook

April 6-7,10-14,17-21,24-26
 May 4-5,11-12,15-19,25-26,29-31
 June 1-2,12-16,22-23,26-30
 July 10-14,17-21,27-28,31
 August (RiverFest)1-4,8-11,15-18,22-25,29-31
 September 1,4-8,11-15,25-29
 October 2-6,9-13,23-27

Mongaup River, New York

(10:00 AM ~ 2:00 PM)

Sat April 20
 Sun May 5
 Sat May 18
 Sun June 2
 Sat June 15
 Sun June 30
 Sat July 13
 Sun July 28
 Sat Aug 10
 Sun Aug 25
 Sat Sept 7
 Sun Sept 22
 Sat Oct 5
 Sun Oct 20
 Sat Nov 2

West River, Vermont

April 27-28
 September 21-22

Dead River, Maine

Sat May 4 7000 cfs
 Sat May 11 7000 cfs
 Sun May 26 5500 cfs

Sat June 1 5500 cfs
 Sat June 15 1800 cfs
 Sun June 16 1300 cfs
 Sat June 22 2400 cfs
 Sun June 23 1300 cfs

Sat July 6 1300 cfs
 Sun July 7 1800 cfs
 Sat July 13 2400 cfs
 Sun July 14 1300 cfs
 Sat July 27 1000 cfs

Sat Aug 10 2400 cfs
 Sun Aug 11 1800 cfs
 Sat Aug 17 1800 cfs
 Sat Aug 31 1300 cfs

Sun Sept 1 5500 cfs
 Sat Sept 14 3500 cfs

Sun Oct 6 Full open up to 6000 cfs

Bulls Bridge

by Gidon Schwarcz

One of my fantasies is to find a FAX machine large enough to fax myself and my boat to West Virginia or Canada every weekend. A killjoy colleague of mine keeps reminding me that, even if it were possible, I probably wouldn't want to do such a thing, what if I got stuck in the paper track!? But this past weekend, something almost as good as faxing myself to the Ottawa occurred. The Ottawa came to us. My first inkling of something special came as I pulled into the dirt takeout in Gaylordsville and looked at the Housatonic. Where flat water used to be was just muddy brown standing waves. Where beach used to be was just trees sticking out of the water. Whenever I run Bulls Bridge, I tell people to meet at the take-out rather than the put-in. I've learned this strategy from hard experience. Several times when we met at the park, I arrived only to find my buddies staring zombie-like in horror at the Funnel and refusing to make the run with me. On the other hand, if their cars are left downstream before they get a chance to see what's coming, they can't very well opt out of the run.

It was darn lucky that most of the cars were already downstream when we saw what the gorge looked like at this level. It was a veritable horror of white froth, twisting cross-currents, and huge boils. The power was palpable. Joe Saia took one look at the Funnel and said "You gotta be crazy...no way am I runnin' this...I hate this river". Tom Bohan, who in his good natured way usually just follows me lemming-like anywhere, glanced again at the inferno below and opted to put in below the Funnel with Joe. That left just Jon Rafalowski and myself. As we put in just below the Staircase, a large group of sightseers gathered to watch us. I wondered if they might have been direct descendants of those early New Englanders who used to gather with gleeful curiosity at executions and pillories centuries ago.

The gorge itself was surprisingly easy, using the same lines as at lower levels. The real trick was negotiating the massive outflow from Dead Horse Gulch, which was accomplished with a ferry straight against the grain of the current. Then a peel out into the Funnel's lip and a smooth ride down the flume. I didn't even get my face wet. Jon followed but took the hero route, somehow catching the remnants of the eddy just above the Funnel, quite a feat at this level. He was so pleased with himself that he nonchalantly peeled out a bit too far right, flipped in the pourovers,

but quickly rolled. The strength of the waves was awe

some, but the lines seemed straight forward although very pushy. Below the Funnel, Joe and Tom joined us. We soon came to the S-turn which featured huge holes, breaking waves, and cross-currents. But worst of all, this maelstrom ran straight into the Pencil Sharpener, which featured a quarter mile of monster waves. Joe, an excellent steep creeker from the Poconos who never shirked away from anything, looked at this huge water, repeated again "I hate this river", and carried. The rest of us negotiated the S-turn on the left. We then ferried right immediately below the huge pourovers in order to catch the huge wave train on river right, an exhilarating roller coaster ride, delightfully reminiscent of Fayette Station Rapid on the New.

Anything this good has to be repeated, so I herded our group quickly downstream to get in a second run. At the take-out, Joe wasn't impressed by my pep talk. Bulls Bridge just didn't seem to be his kind of river. The first time Joe ran it, there was a pea soup fog allowing no visibility. Poor Joe had no idea where he was going and swam the whole river. Today there was a flood. Joe repeated "I hate this river" and opened up a keg of his home brewed beer. I sensed that he was lost for the day. Tom was seasick and green from the huge waves, and was trying hard not to puke. Two down. Jon and I decided to go for it ourselves.

At the put-in for a second run we met a few H.A.C.K.S. who were gawking at the huge water before driving north to run the Rattlesnake. They were reassured by the accounts of our smooth first run and asked to join us. In the gorge above the Funnel is a ferry to river-left across a wave train that was absolutely screaming at this level. One of the H.A.C.K.S. followed my ferry but got shoved downstream and missed the eddy. Seconds before he would have been flushed over a huge ledge into the vicious keeper next to the Funnel, he managed to grab a tree root. Having somehow extracted himself from his boat and white as a ghost, he announced that he would opt out of this run. Tom and Joe, probably drunk by this point, were having a wonderful time laughing at us from the observation deck above the gorge. I then tried to repeat my earlier peel out across the face of Dead Horse Gulch, but the boils and bizarre currents

back-endered my boat.

Totally devoid of style and grace, I braced up and at least positioned for the Funnel. But even that didn't go right. As I smugly rode the flume down, paddle in the air to show off for Tom and Joe, I realized that I was sinking deeper and deeper into the terminal foam pile until I completely disappeared. Tom said it was kinda like watching someone being flushed down a toilet. Rolling up in the wave train, I watched the rest of our crew. Not much style, and a lot of rolling, but no casualties.

My beginner's luck had definitely been depleted by the time the S-turn came around. I flipped in a curler and rolled immediately, but lost my bearings and couldn't ferry quickly enough to get to the fun wave train on river right. Instead, I fell into a big, juicy hole on river left. I side surfed out only to find that I was being flushed over a horizon line. No option but to charge, so charge I did, finding a tongue which just lead to another horizon line. Jon and the remaining two H.A.C.K.S., thinking that I knew what I was doing, followed me down this crazy route. There we were, all four of us being pushed towards a large horizon line. Fortunately the drop looked much tamer from the eddy, and we all ferried across to a tongue which eventually got us to the tale end of the fun wave train on the right.

Soon downstream is a large boulder in mid-channel that offers good squirting. Usually we look upwards five to six feet to the top of that rock. Today, just the tip was barely visible. The squirts were incredible. One of our new found friends, Ted, was a racer and hot boater. He found a way of making his Transition pirouette high in the air, which none of us could duplicate. Jon found that he could actually squirt his Crossfire in these huge currents. It was downright addicting.

We were freezing but couldn't leave, kinda like laboratory rats pressing on bars for cocaine until they die of exhaustion. Reason did eventually prevail, however, and we moved on, only to find that the small surfing wave above George's Hole had become a huge, juicy surfer's dream. Addicted again! Eventually we plain ran out of energy. Reluctantly we headed for the home stretch. We could only gape with desire at the licious holes and waves at George's Hole we were so totally spent that we could barely lift a

Beginner Kayak Instruction

By Pierre de Rham

We are hoping to have a beginner Kayak Instruction weekend on June 15-16. This will be an ACA Instruction program, with time spent at a lake, some dry land training, and also some time on the river.

If you are interested in attending, please get in touch with me. We will need some time to get every-thing set up and also to make arrangements to use the ACA facility at Lake Sebago.

This should be a good opportunity for our new members who are just getting started.

If this sounds like something that you might be interested in, please get in touch with me as soon as possible:

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Engagement Announcement

Lori Khan and Dave Artman have officially announced their engagement. Dave was heard saying that he meet Lori at the KCCNY pool rolling sessions, and they have been rolling around since.

Rumor has it that with the size of the ring that Lori has, at least now she has an excuse for not remaining upright.

Congratulations!!



Kayak and Canoe Club of New York

32nd Annual Esopus Whitewater Slalom June 1 and 2, 1996 – Phoenicia, New York

- Sponsored By: The Kayak and Canoe Club of New York
- To Enter: Complete the attached Official Entry Blank and Insurance Waiver and return, along with the entry fee, to Ralph Johns, 5 Trail Way, Kinnelon, NJ 07405.
- Then entry fee is \$10 per class, per person. Checks should be made payable to "KCCNY". Canadian competitors must use postal money orders payable in US currency. Mailed applications should be postmarked on or before May 25, 1996. Registration will also be permitted at the check-in on the day of the race.
- Eligibility: Competitors must be amateurs by American Canoe Association (ACA) definition and also must be competent swimmers. Insurance regulations demand that ACA membership is mandatory for all participants. Participation memberships may be purchased upon registration for \$5.00.
- Rules: This race will be conducted under the published Whitewater Slalom Racing Rules of the National Slalom and Wildwater Committee of the American Canoe Association.
- Location: Phoenicia, New York is located 26 miles west of Kingston, New York and NY route 28. The slalom course is located approximately one mile up High Street in Phoenicia at the Woodland Valley Bridge.
- River Description: The slalom course will be set on the Esopus Creek at Phoenicia, New York. Distance from start to finish is approximately 400 meters; vertical drop approximately nine meters. A water release is anticipated that will make the slalom site located at Railroad Rapids a Class III course with heavy water. The race course will be designed for intermediate paddlers.
- Competition Classes: Competition is planned in C1, C1 Women, K1, K1 Women, C2 and C2 Mixed and subdivided into A/B, C/D, Recreational, Junior (under 17 years as of 1/1/96) classes. A/B ranked paddlers may not enter the C/D of Recreational divisions in their A/B class. There must be a minimum of three boats starting to make a class. Each paddler may enter a maximum of three classes.
- Schedule: The race will start Saturday at 12:00 noon, and Sunday at 10:00 AM. There will be a competitors' meeting Saturday morning at 11:30 AM. Competitors will race in the posted order both days. Racers not at the start when called may forfeit their run. Additional information will be posted on the bulletin board located near the Scoring Tent.

Kayak and Canoe Club of New York

Official Entry Blank

32nd Annual Esopus Whitewater Slalom Sponsored by the Kayak and Canoe Club of New York

Name: _____

ACA No: _____

Address: _____

USCKT No: _____

City/State: _____

Club: _____

Telephone: _____

BirthDate: _____

Please circle classes entered:

K-1 A/B C/D Junior Master

K-1W A/B C/D Junior Master

C-1 A/B C/D Junior Master

C-1W A/B C/D Junior Master

C-2 A/B C/D Partner _____

C-2M A/B C/D Partner _____

K-1 Cruising Glass _____ *

K-1 Cruising Plastic _____ *

C-1 Cruising _____ *

* Boat Design

If your boat will be used by another person, please specify: _____

Entry Fees _____

ACA Participation Membership _____

TOTAL Enclosed _____

Entry fee is \$10 per person per class. Individuals who are not already ACA members must pay an additional \$5 for ACA Participation Membership. Make checks or money orders payable to "KCCNY" and mail to:

Ralph Johns
5 Trail West
Kinnelon, NJ 07405

Kayak and Canoe Club of New York

Information Sheet

32nd Annual Esopus Whitewater Slalom Sponsored by the Kayak and Canoe Club of New York

- Check In: Check in will take place on Saturday Morning between 9:00 and 11:00 AM at the Scoring Tent
- Practice: The course will be open for practice until 11:15 AM on Saturday and until 9:30 AM on Sunday.
- Work Assignments: In order to run the race, it will be necessary for all competitors to perform a work assignment and assist at course tear-down on Sunday following the race. Failure to serve as assigned will result in disqualification. Conduct of the race depends upon work assignments — please be prompt.
- Course Set-up: The slalom course will be set during the day on the Friday before the race. If you can be available to help, please contact Mat Giltner at (908) 534-1465. We would really appreciate any additional hands we can muster for this detail.
- Safety: All competitors must wear helmets and approved life jackets. Additionally, the last three boats that have finished their runs will be required to remain at the bottom of the course for safety/rescue.
- Camping:
- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| Woodland Valley Campground | (914) 688-7647 |
| Uncle Pete's | (914) 688-5000 |
| Wilson State Park | (914) 679-7020 |
- Food: There are numerous local restaurants as well as a food market in Phoenicia vicinity.
- Parking: Please be careful to observe any posted no parking signs.

We could really use your help with course construction on Friday. Please call Mat Giltner at (908) 534-1465 if you can give us a hand. Thanks!

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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 incorrect (I am not responsible for the accuracy). Use them wisely!

http://www.awa.org/awa/yellow_pages/newwave/Paddlequest	American Whitewater Association home page
http://www.lehigh.edu/~ludas/NY/amcnyhom.htm	Appalachian Mountain Club, NY-Noj Chapter
http://www.eclipse.net/~mgiltner/kccny.html	Kayak and Canoe Club of NY home page
http://www.pitt.edu/~suthers/tprc	Three Rivers Paddling Club home page
http://random.chem.psu.edu/pdoc	Penn State Outing Club home page
http://dsl.gl.umbc.edu/~pjacksl	Baltimore Canoe & Kayak Club home page
http://www.orp-wc.usace.army.mil:80/current	US Army Corps of Eng (Pittsburgh PA)
http://www.kayaker.com/perception	Perception home page
http://www.nowr.org	National Organization of WW Rodeos
http://mohawk.ll.mit.edu	NE River Forecast Center
gopher://wx.atmos.uiuc.edu:70/11/states	River gauges & weather
74744.2350@compuserve.com	FutaFund for Futaleufu river
NantOutCen@aol.com	Nantahala Outdoor Center
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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 land.
- 12) Travel in a vehicle driven by other persons.

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

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, it's 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

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	
- National Weather Service	800-431-4721	Mt. Holley, NJ - lots of river gauges
- 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
- Tohickon 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.

Ending Notes

by Dan Lenox

I have resurrected the phone listing from a past issue of this newsletter. Please note that it has NOT been updated in quite a while, if you find that some of the numbers have changed please drop me a note or email and I will correct it for the next issue.

The KCCNY Slalom race and Annual auction need your help. Due to extreme conditions this winter/spring Dennis and Phyllis will NOT be having camping at the Phoenicia Campground this year. There will be both a race on June 1/2, and also an auction on June 1. Matt and Phyllis desperately need help in not only running the race, but in setting up the gates, and the communications equipment. Call Matt if you can spare an afternoon to lend a hand at (908) 534-1465.

My wife Diane has graciously consented to allow KCCNY'ers to camp on her property in Shokan which is just 15 minutes from the Esopus this year. Invitation is to KCCNY'ers only and camping will be allowed at no charge, however no shower or toilet

facilities will be provided. Call Diane or myself for directions at (201) 633-1364.

I hope that some of you have had the opportunity to enjoy the ample water this spring. I was very surprised to see that there were so few people on the Tohickon in March. It was extremely enjoyable, especially without the hoards of people that the river has had an occasion to draw.

I have considered writing an article for each issue concerning computers, if there is an interest please let me know.

Diane and I are purchasing a Thrillseeker, and it should be in shortly, we purchased it through Gordon Trinkler at Adventure Equipment. Ken Sanders was kind enough last year to let Diane borrow it, and Diane very quickly felt right at home in it. This will be a dual purpose craft, Diane will use it on I-III rivers, and I may even get the opportunity to use on the Upper Yough. Reports will follow as we get the chance to experience it!!

Ramsey outdoor add goes here

KCCNY
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**KCCNY Slalom to be
held June 1-2**

**KCCNY Annual Auction
to be held June 1**