

# Eddyline

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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

## MARCH 27 GENERAL MEETING

**WE ARE BACK AT THE LIBRARY FOR ALL FUTURE MEETINGS!**

**We will have two great presentations:**

Dan Oberlatz from Alaska Alpine Adventures will have a presentation on paddling Lake Clark National Park including Twin Lakes. The supreme wilderness of Twin Lakes is a wonderland of crystalline waters set beneath a rugged rim of mountains and vast tundra expanses. It's home to various birds of prey, moose and caribou, Dall sheep, black and brown bears. Twin Lakes basin exudes the truest essence of Lake Clark National Park; a wilderness nirvana, where the allure of living a more simple life, in tune with nature and the changing seasons.

Next we are hoping to get a presentation on Boating and Bears. Arrangements have not been finalized so this is still tentative. We have backup presenters available so come and be surprised!!!!

**IMPORTANT NOTE: GENERAL MEETINGS ARE BACK AT THE LIBRARY.**

## 2008 Calendar

MAR 2008

4..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM  
..... BP Energy Center

27      General Membership  
         Meeting, 7:00PM,  
         Loussac Library

APR 2008

1..... KCK Board Meeting 6:30PM  
..... AVEC 4831 Eagle

10..... SAFETY MEETING 7PM  
         Loussac Library. Class signup at  
         6PM

24      General Membership  
         Meeting, 7:00PM,  
         Loussac Library

Eddyline notes available at  
[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK\\_Alaska/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/) and [KCK.org](http://WWW.KCK.ORG)

If you are taking a class:

- **You MUST attend the April 10 Safety Mtg unless waived by instructor.**
- **Signups are on April 10, prior to the Safety Mtg Signups start at 6PM.**
- **You MUST be a KCK member.**
- **Classes are \$100 each.**
- **These classes are designed to give a good overview where you can learn with under the supervision of volunteer instructors.**
- **Make sure you ALWAYS use good judgement and whether you have the skills needed to handle conditions venture out after the classes. BE SMART!**

**Summary of KCK 3/408 Board Meeting**

Board members present were Carl Persson, Kathy Luchsinger, Luci Davis, Jim Davis and Alden Worachek. Non Board member attendees included Richard Sepersky and Charlie Rogge.

- The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Carl, current President. Carl has accepted a position that requires him to move to the L48. The Board unanimously elected Kathy, current VP to the President's role. Eric was elected to the role of VP.
- It was decided, in light of the loss of Carl to the club, that the Prince William Sound Regatta could not be held this year unless an interested "RaceMesiter" came forward. There is a great deal of planning required to successfully hold this race.
- Discussions regarding what improvements could be made to the KCK website. There was general agreement that improvements to the website were important to the effective functioning of the club. The Board decided it was critical, as a first step to insure the website got updated with current information, especially in light of the upcoming classes. The Board approved expenditures to purchase additional website software.
- Discussions were held concerning the April Safety Program. Kathy will prepare the Safety Booklets as well as approach advertisers. Marvin Copley, who previously coordinated the Safety Program for many years agreed to resume the role of Coordinator. Eric previously indicated a willingness to actively assist as did all those attending the Board meeting.
- Discussions followed concerning the annual classes. It is expected to club will offer classes in Rafting and Inflatible Kayaking. It is hoped a class in Sea Kayaking can be arranged.
- Charlie Rogge attended the Board meeting where it was explained the types of issues he could address as the new Environmental Coordinator of the club. The issues discussed centered around insuring continued access, maintaining clean water and communicating with other entities that would have similar desires.
- The Board approved expenditures for door prizes.

<p><b>EDDYLINE</b></p>	<p><b>Board and Contacts:</b>  <b>President:</b> Kathy Luchsinger   <b>VP/Secretary:</b> Eric Downey   <b>Alt. Secretary:</b> Luci Davis   <b>Treasurer:</b> Alden Worachek   <b>Other Board member:</b>          - Jim Davis</p>	<p><b>Board Meeting (Continued)</b>          -Logistics associated with class signups was discussed. Signups will take place 6PM-6:50PM on April 10, prior to the start of the Safety Meeting at Loussac. No prior sign ups will be allowed.          -The Board thanked Carl for all he has contributed to the success of the club and wished him well in his new adventures. He promised to keep in touch.</p>
<p><b>Knik Canoers and Kayakers</b> is an Anchorage-based non-profit volunteer organization with members throughout Alaska and beyond. The club offers information, classes, programs and trips for whitewater and sea kayakers, canoeists and rafters. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska.  <b>Eddyline article submissions:</b>          Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at</p> <p><b>Display advertising:</b>          Contact Richard Sepersky</p>	<p><b>Membership:</b>          Charlene Carter</p> <p><b>Eddyline Editor:</b>          Richard Sepersky</p> <p><b>Program Coordinator:</b>          Eric Downey (Info above)</p> <p><b>Webmaster:</b>          Terry Kelly</p>	<p><b>Want to advertise in the Safety Pamphlet?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you have a business/service that would interest club members or merely want to show your support consider advertising in the Safety Pamphlet which is handed out to attendees at the Safety Meeting.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 1/8 page: \$25      1/4 page: \$50</li> <li>o 1/2 page: \$100    1 page: \$200</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A free 1/8 page ad is included for any door prize donations. Contact President Kathy if interested.</p>
<p><b>New Member?</b> Sign up for the Eddyline list server. This is where members share ideas, people ask for partners to go on trips, and where people ask for advice and information. It is a great online communications device.  <a href="http://www.kck.org">www.kck.org</a> Also check out <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/</a>          This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.</p>	<p>Jim Gonski indicates a willingness to do a one night flat water canoe class (not sponsored by KCK) at Mirror Lake or Wasilla. Contact him @</p>	<p><b>Sea Kayak Class-KCK is looking for a skilled lead instructor for the Sea Kayak class. We have many helpers available to assist the instruction and handle all the paperwork. If interested please call Kathy . If you are interested in taking the class check the KCK and the Eddyline website for the latest updates. Come to the Safety Meeting in any event!!</b></p>

**April 10 Safety Class**-It is time to learn or reinforce some basic safety lessons. Make sure you attend the Safety Class. You do NOT have to be a member to attend. Some issues that will be reviewed should include:

- \* Hypothermia & Boating Safety (You won't last long in the water without protection).
- \* Gear and Clothing Equipment
- \* Trip Planning
- \* Water hazards

Be sure to attend. Invite friends. April 10 Loussac Library. **Presentations start at 7PM. If you are taking a class, signups start at 6PM.**

**Important Reminder- It is time for many of you to renew your annual KCK membership.** Advantages of membership include:

- This Pulitzer Prize winning newsletter
- Summer BBQs (Free Food!!)
- The chance to take classes and learn new stuff
- Annual Member list
- Interesting presentations
- Safety Meeting
- Club sponsored trips
- Door prizes
- Holiday Potluck at Thanksgiving
- List Server
- Discounts @ Alaska Raft & Kayaks + some outfitters
- Safety Reminders
- Trip Planning
- Opportunity to meet others!
- A chance to volunteer or join the Board
- A chance to volunteer to help out at classes

Right above your address your membership expiration is noted. **This is the last newsletter you will receive if your expiration is 2007.** Please remember to renew so you can get the KCK member list coming out in the spring.

Member lists are **NOT** published on the website.

Here is the **Rafting Class schedule** from Eric Jim K and others.

- 4/10 KCK Safety Mtg. Loussac Library 7PM
- 5/12 Class-Paddle strokes, fitting PFD, safety & cold water immersion refresher.
- 5/14 Class- Gear, outfitting, your raft, details of weekend trip.
- 5/17-18- Matanuska River. Overnight at King Mountain Lodge.

Here is the **Inflatable Kayak Class Information** from Jim Gonski (Alaska Kayak Academy)

- 4/10 KCK Safety Mtg. Loussac Library 7PM
- THURS 6/5 Mirror Lake, Chugiak 6:30-9:30 pm
- FRI 6/6 Portage Creek, Boggs Visitor Center
- SAT 6/7 Knik River Bridge, Mat River Sutton to Palmer 9AM-6PM
- SAT 6/14 Mat River, Glacier Park to Hicks 10AM-6PM for those interested in Class III

**Objective:** Learn how to handle an inflatable kayak in current. You will learn how to safely negotiate up to class III whitewater in your IK. Those interested in class III whiter water should attend the last class. Learn:

- \*Paddle technique, turning, forward, draw skull, brace
- \*paddle obstacle course on lake
- \*River reading, scouting
- \*How to catch and throw a throw line
- \*Eddy turns
- \*Boat repair
- \*Introduction to the paddle community (where the rafts and hard shells go so you can)
- \*River Hazards (sweepers, keepers, holes, undercuts)
- \*Boat Designs

**Required Gear (available from AKA):**

**Gear:** Dry suit or wetsuit, wetsuit gloves, foot gear (sandals and wetsuit socks, or wetsuit booties, helmet, Inflatable Kayak, 2 paddles, throw bag, PFD, pump, repair kit, first aid kit, Normal Rental Rate \$240. \$180 for this class fro AKA. Credit Cards accepted for book/gear.

**Knik Canoers & Kayakers**  
**P.O. Box 242861**  
**Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861**

<b>4-08 Membership application</b>	BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A = Advanced																																			
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