

# Eddyline

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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

## MARCH 26 GENERAL MEETING Back at Loussac Library!!!!

We are real excited to have the following presentations that were originally scheduled for last month:

Tim Johnson, kayaker and author of the recent book "Alaska Whitewater: A Guide to Rivers and Creeks in the Last Frontier" and the brand new DVD "New Horizons" will graphically describe how the next generation is taking adventure paddling to the next level. The DVD is described as "45 minutes of non-stop kayaking and adventure including sweet lines, ugly lines, rescues, shoulder dislocations, 1st descent missions, and big smiles all set to a sweet sound track."

He will also talk about Ship Creek access and the Ship Creek whitewater park.

Ruth Kroon from Eagle Enterprises will make a presentation regarding what should be in an emergency kit for the plane or raft, and communication devices. Make sure you learn this important information.

### 2009 Calendar

#### MAR 2009

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

26      General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

#### APR 2009

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16      Class signups @ 6PM, Safety Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

26      General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, **Loussac Library**

**Proposed Activity in Bear Glacier:** Long time KCK supporter, Ron Clauson of Backcountry Safaris has applied for permits from DNR to set up a kayak camp in the Bear Glacier area, on State land just outside Kenai Fjords National Park near Seward. The club would like you get informed and comment on the application to DNR and the KCK Board. Ron supplied the following information (which we summarized). Call Ron 907-529-1935 with questions:

- The permit permits the camp to remain in one place instead of having to move the camp to different locations every 14 days. Moving the camp every two weeks would have a much larger environmental footprint than remaining in one place for the summer. There are many great camping spots around the lake, so we are not taking the only spot. We are not locating our camp in a critical wildlife habitat area. We plan on guiding trips in the area with or without the camp permit. If we do not secure the permit, we would not be able to store rental kayaks for private boaters or have stable communications with water taxis and emergency services.
- Backcountry Safaris is not asking for exclusive rights to the area, and private paddlers would be welcome to visit the camp, rent kayaks if needed and dry out for a while in the large dinning tent.
- Benefits to all boaters include increased access for a great weekend paddling location, a communication system for emergencies, kayak rentals for those that want to visit without a need to transport kayaks up the river, a warm dry place to get information, hot drinks.
- Our plan is to have a small Johnboat to bring people up to the lake. No more lining kayaks up the river. We will not be using the boat in the lake, but only to transport people to and from the lake and camp on a limited basis to maintain the quite wilderness setting. We are working closely with the water taxi on this. **MORE ON PG 3**

**Summary of KCK 3/5/09 Board Meeting**

- Board members present were Eric Downey, Marvin Copley, Jim Davis, Luci Davis, Sharon Lowe. Non Board member attendees: Richard Sepersky and Alden Worachek.
- The Library was booked for 3/26, 4/16 (Safety Meeting), 4/23, 9/24 and 10/22/09. The Library was unavailable 5/21 (which is one week early due to the desire to avoid Memorial Day.) **The Trip Planning Meeting on May 21 and it will be held at the Change Point Church 7PM.**
- The Board and others were allowed to see the newly designed website designed and put together by Marv prior to the meeting. Everyone was amazed at the great job and effort that Marv went through to reinvent the website. Marv had asked for suggestions for improvements and anything that did not appear to work correctly. The group spent some time discussing potential improvements and most of the changes/known fix its have been made by the time members read this. Thanks to Marv for the great work and effort to improve the website.
- The Board decided the cost of classes would be \$100 for this year. There would be additional costs for gear and equipment for some classes that would be listed in future newsletters and/or the new website. All the classes are taught by volunteers!!
- Keith Hawkings has agreed to be the Safety Meeting Coordinator.
- Kathy L. is leading the effort to put together the Safety Booklet, given out at the Safety Meeting and is looking for advertisers.

<p><b>EDDYLINE</b></p>	<p><b>Board and Contacts:</b>  <b>President:</b> Eric Downey</p> <p><b>VP:</b> Kathy Luchsinger</p> <p><b>Treasurer:</b> Sharon Lowe</p> <p><b>Secretary:</b> Luci Davis</p> <p><b>Other Board members:</b>          - Jim Davis          - Marv Copley</p>	<p><b>Classes are being organized!!!!</b>  <b>Lots of Thanks to the 2009 Class Instructors!!</b></p> <hr/> <p>-Basic canoeing, <b>Rich Crain</b>          -Rafting, <b>Eric Downey</b>          -Packrafting, <b>Jon Evingson</b>          -Inflatable Kayak, <b>Jim Gonski</b>          -Sea Kayaking (Whittier or Seward), <b>Jim Gonski</b>          -Sea Kayaking (Homer), <b>Tom Pogson</b></p> <p>Additional information will be in next months newsletter. <u>ALSO look for the latest information on the <a href="http://www.kck.org">kck.org website</a></u></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 <a href="mailto:akrichard@gci.net">akrichard@gci.net</a>  <b>Display advertising:</b>          Contact Richard Sepersky</p>	<p><b>Program Coordinator:</b>          Eric Downey (Info above)</p> <p><b>Webmaster:</b>          Marv Copley (Info above)</p>	<p><b>Thanks SOOOOOOOOOO Much!!!</b>          -Keith Hawkings for taking on the Safety Meeting Coordinator role. Information shared prevents injuries and saves lives!          -Kathy L for putting together the Safety Booklet and finding advertisers as well.</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_Ala_ska/">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Ala_ska/</a>          This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.</p>	<p><b>Non Board Contacts Membership:</b>          Charlene Carter</p> <p><b>Eddyline Editor:</b>          Richard Sepersky</p> <p><b>Checkwriter:</b> Alden Worachek</p>	<p><b>To Class Participants:</b>          -Signup will be before the Safety Class that will be at Loussac Library on April 16 starting at 6PM. (Some classes fill up).          -You <b>MUST</b> be at the Safety Meeting to take the class unless the instructor waives you.          -You <b>MUST</b> be a KCK member to take a class.</p>

**Alaska Kayak School Pool Kayaking Skills courses** @ Homer, SoHi & Service pools Nov-Apr each winter. **Sea Kayaking Skills courses** & instructional trips in Whittier, Soldotna, Homer, & Seward: May-Sept. **Sea skills courses** @ Halibut Cove 3 weekends May, 2009. **Kayaking Skills Symposium May 21-26 in Homer**, with guest Sean Morely. **Skills training & certification** of personal sea skills & ocean guiding skills by certified instructors: American Canoe Association & British Canoe Union. **Kayak & gear sales:** Valley, Nigel Dennis, Prijon, Liquidlogic, Kokatat, Palm, Werner, Lendal, etc. Use only the best gear for your learning, safety & fun. **AlaskaKayakSchool.com, Homer (907) 235-2090** (Paid Advertisement)

**NOTE: The new Packraft Class is full.** Normally people are not allowed to sign up for classes prior to the Safety Meeting. Due to the work done by Sam to get the first class organized it was decided to make an exception to this general policy.

## HOT NEWS on KCK.ORG

The new **KCK website**, designed and put together by Marv is up and running. Check out the new website at [kck.org](http://kck.org) and let Marv know if you have any suggestions for improvement or see anything that needs fixing. **Be sure to give Marv a big THANKS** for taking the time to enthusiasm to take on the burden and time to update the site. As you will see when you look at the site, it was no easy task and it took many, many hours of effort, testing, and creative thought to provide the club with such a valuable resource. What's the new website have?

- Calendar
- Pictures
- Board and Other Important Contact Information
- Trip Information (some club sponsored others not)
- Newsletters (but NOT the member list)
- Links to vendors of service that may interest paddlers. (Inclusion on the vendor list does NOT mean KCK endorsement. Check with members for references if you don't know.)
- Class Information with the latest updates
- Safety Information (including great links)
- Membership information and Forms
- List Serve information-share info on private trips, etc etc
- Classified Ads

It's that time of year again! **Membership Renewal Time!** The April Newsletter is the last one you will receive if you are not a current member.

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 (NOT on website)
- Interesting presentations
- Safety Meeting
- Club sponsored trips
- Door prizes
- Holiday Potluck at Thanksgiving
- Website
- List Server
- Discounts many outfitters, instructors and cabins
- Safety Reminders
- Trip Planning
- Opportunity to meet others!
- A chance to volunteer or join the Board
- A chance to volunteer to help out classes
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

### BEAR GLACIER INFO (From Ron Clauson)

- Our plan is to setup Weatherport style tents and a large dinning tent. We plan on using a Grand Canyon style toilet system so all human wasted will be carried out. Camp would be limited to 12 guests.
- Bear Glacier is a beautiful area long overlooked since you can only get in at high tide in low winds and it's a hassle to line boats up the river. A permanent camp would greatly help private paddlers overcome some of these logistical problems.
- Camp Map: <http://backcountrysafaris.com/Bear-Glacier-NP-Border-Map.jpg>><http://backcountrysafaris.com/Bear-Glacier-NP-Border-Map.jpg>
- PROJECT # LAS 27172  
Written comments must be received by DNR by 5PM, April 2, 2009. Questions concerning this proposal or requests to view the full application packet should contact Candice Snow, Telephone: (907) 269-8569; Fax: (907) 269-8913 or e-mail: <<mailto:candice.snow@alaska.gov>>candice.snow@alaska.gov.
- [www.KCK.org](http://www.KCK.org) for links shown above and further info (pictures, Glacier trip link etc.)

