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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

## FEBRUARY 24 GENERAL MEETING

**Two GREAT presentations!**

**Pacrafting Rivers and Oceans of Ecuador.**

**Jim Gonski of Alaska Kayak Academy** will share photos and stories of his month long trip with four other Alaskans paddling their pacrafts in Ecuador.

**Inflatable Boat Repair and Alaska Wildlife**

**Tracy Harmon of Alaska Raft and Kayak** will give a lecture, demonstration and share tips on how to successfully repair inflatable boats in the field.

Tracy will also present photos of Alaskan Wildlife!!

### Volunteers?

The club is looking for volunteers willing to help set up tables and assist instructors that will be at the Safety Meeting on April 21. The signups start at 5:30PM so we need the volunteers ~ 5PM. Let Eric or any Board member know of your interest. Thanks for helping!!!!!!

### SALE

**The KCK will be selling most of its remaining supply of KCK Club T Shirts at the January General Meeting at prices that would make Mr. Walmart turn over in his grave!!!**

**These are high quality T shirts with a beautiful logo (see it at [www.kck.org](http://www.kck.org)) on it.  
Short Sleeve \$5 Long Sleeve \$10**

## 2011 Calendar

### FEB 2011

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

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

### MAR 2011

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

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

### APR 2011

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

**21 Safety Meeting, 6:30PM,  
Loussac Library**

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

**Interested in having the club help you pay for professional development?**

**The Board is interested in encouraging people to take leadership roles in club activities as well as promoting safety education. To further those goals the club will pay up to \$100 to those members that take recognized outdoor professional development training. The applicant must approach the Board and the award of the scholarship will be on a case by case basis. Think of this as your chance to help the club and learn something that could save a life!**

**Summary of KCK 2/3/2011 Board Meeting**

- Board members Eric, Marv, Keith and Steve along with non Board members Richard attended the meeting.
- Most of the meeting discussions concerned planning for the upcoming Safety Meeting the club offers to anyone interested in learning more about safe boating practices. It is aimed at newcomers to the sport but all are welcome. Attendees do not have to be a club member to attend.
- Once again Marv stepped up and accepted the role as Master of Ceremonies and coordinator of the event. ☺
- There will be presentations on Sea Kayaking, Trip Planning, Water Hazards and Gear & Clothing. Volunteers have been or are in the process of being confirmed.
- Safety meeting door prizes will be fewer but higher quality this year.
- The March presentations at the General Meeting were discussed by Keith. Jim Gonski from Alaska Kayak Academy will share his slides from his trip on PacRafting in Ecuador. Tracy Harmon from Alaska Raft & Kayaking will show how to repair a raft as well as pictures of Alaska wildlife.
- Eric suggested the club develop a laminated card displaying safety tips and club information that would be distributed at meetings. Marv indicated he would investigate the cost to the club.
- The Anchorage Waterways Council will be sponsoring creek cleanup in early May. The KCK endorsed the cleanup and there was a suggestion that the club sponsor a section that would have club volunteers maintain. Marv said a message would be placed on the website asking for a volunteer to lead and coordinate this effort. Several remaining T shirts are being set aside for the Waterways Council to distribute..
- Richard discussed T shirt sales with ~\$135 in sales from the last meeting. Short sleeve shirts @\$5, Long Sleeve @ \$10.

**EDDYLINE**

**Knik Canoers and Kayakers** 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, rafters, pacrafters, and canoeists. The club also promotes and represents the interests of paddle sports in Alaska. NOTE: Some classes are offered by commercial vendors and NOT offered by the KCK.

**Eddyline article submissions:**  
Stories may be submitted to the Eddyline editor: Richard Sepersky at akrichard@gci.net

**Display advertising:**  
Contact Richard Sepersky at

**New Member?** Sign up for the Eddylist list server at [www.kck.org](http://www.kck.org). 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. [www.kck.org](http://www.kck.org) Also check out [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK\\_Alaska/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Alaska/) This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

**Board and Contacts:**

**President:** Eric Downey

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- Marv Copley
- Keith Hawkings
- Peggy Wilcox

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**Webmaster:**  
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**Board Meeting Summary Continued**

- Last year volunteer laborers helped harden sites to allow for better camping in PWS under the Forest Service. Chris Stenson of the Forest Service has been invited to present at the March meeting regarding a similar opportunity (with more sites??) this year.
- Classes and an appropriate refund policy were discussed. Typically the policy was to allow refunds up to a certain time before the classes began unless the opening was filled by someone from the waiting list.

**Don't forget to patronize local businesses** that help out the KCK. They often are the best experts around and provide solid information and advice.

**Thanks to NANA** for letting the club use their meeting room for the Raft Class!

**Alaska Kayak School.com/calendar • Multi-day Sea Kayaking skills Courses:** Sea Skills@ Halibut Cove: 29 April-1 May • 6-9 May • 12-16 May • 21-23 May, ACA Day Trip Leader Assessment Course: May 12-16: 9th Kachemak Bay Immersion Sea Kayaking Skills Symposium: May 27-31; 2nd Whittier Whiplash Sea Skills Festival: June 4-5, Cooper Landing Splash Sea Skills Festival June 11-12; ACA Coastal Instructor Certification September 6-12, Homer. **Pool Training:** Kayak Basics, Beyond Basics, Rolling and Bracing, Sea Kayak Rescues and much more @ Bartlett Pool, Feb 27, March 13, April 10, 24. **New This year:** Intro to sea kayak camping, Intro to river kayaking, Kayaking Skills for Parents, Shuyak Island Shuttle, and much more. (907) 235-2090 **10% discount on outdoors programs for KCK members. PAID ADVERTISEMENT**

### Safety Meeting Coming Up

The annual Safety Meeting is coming up. It will be held on April 21 starting at 6:30PM at the Loussac Library.

This years efforts will once again be led by Marv. Right now it looks like there will be presentations on:

- Sea Kayaking
- Trip Planning
- Water Hazards
- Gear and Clothing

**You must attend the safety meeting in order to take any classes unless the instructor waves you out.**

More details soon at kck.org

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!

### Club Classes

**Here is the latest on classes:**

**Raft Class:**

- **May 9,11 Class Nana Bldg across from BP on Northern Lts 6:30-8:30PM**
- **May 21,22 weekend Matanuska Float**
- **\$125 + \$10 Boat launch fee**
  - **Includes rafts**
- **Refunds:7 days or more before Boat trip 50%.If spot is resold 100%. Otherwise 0%.**
- **Signup/More info Eric Downey: Eric@AlaskaMEP.org**

**Solo Canoe Class: Details to follow**

**Tandem Canoe Class: Details to follow**

**Sea Kayaking: Details are still being worked but looks like Perry from Prince William Sound Kayaking will conduct class at his Whittier location**

- **Class session**
- **Guided trip out in PWS**
- **Possible weekend trip**

Class signup is based on the receipt of the fees to the instructor. Class sizes are limited so early signup is encouraged. Still being worked but it appears instructors will accept paid reservations in advance. **You MUST also attend the Safety Mtg.**

### Does the club owe you \$\$\$?

Eric mentioned that someone from Girdwood had to cancel his place in the raft class from last year. Eric indicated a refund would be made only if the open spot were filled. It was filled but Eric lost your contact information!!!! He is sure he would remember you if he were contacted by you. (If you don't want your money back you at least deserve another space in this years class if you want.)

Contact Eric.

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

<b>2-2011 Membership application</b>		BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced					
		Canoeing	WW Canoeing	Rafting	WW Rafting	Sea Kayaking	WW Kayaking
Name #1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name #2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name #3	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name #4	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
MEMBERSHIP TYPE: ____ Individual (\$10) ____ Household (\$15) Renewal New Member		<b>WAIVER OF LIABILITY:</b> In consideration of your acceptance of my membership application, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever waive, release and discharge any and all rights, demands, and claims for damages I may have against Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc., its representatives, officers, members, board members, sponsors or outing leaders for any and all injuries resulting from my participation in any of the activities of the Knik Canoers & Kayakers, Inc. That I freely and voluntarily assume all risks as incident to participation in any of the club activities and that I will assume and pay for my own medical and emergency expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity regardless of whether I have authorized such expenses. I alone shall be responsible for the use of my own judgment in determining whether I should participate in club activities.  Signed Person 1.....Date:..... Signed Person 2.....Date:..... Signed Person 3.....Date:..... Signed Person 4 .....Date:.....					
_____ Check if interested in participating in group trips							
Mailing Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____							
_____ Check if you <b>do not want</b> your name/phone in annual KCK directory:							
<b>VOLUNTEER INTERESTS</b> Please check areas where you would like to assist KCK: ____ Help with anything                      ____ Membership database ____ Lead trips ____ Meeting presentation <b>Eddyline newsletter</b> ____ Instruction                                      ____ Help with mailings ____ Safety clinics                                      ____ Write stories/articles							
<b>Mail Form and dues to: Knik Canoers &amp; Kayakers</b> <b>P.O. Box 242861</b> <b>Anchorage, Alaska 99524-2861</b>		<b>IMPORTANT:</b> Each adult applicant must sign application. A parent/guardian <u>must also sign for each</u> minor. Applications missing any signatures will not be accepted.					