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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

MARCH 24 GENERAL MEETING

Two GREAT presentations! Loussac at 7PM

Floating the Colorado River!

Jim Strutz will share his experience and images of floating the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon in November/December of 2010. There were several other Alaskans on this winter trip sharing the experience with Jim.

Anchorage Waterways Council

Cherie Northon of Anchorage Waterways Council will discuss "Creek Clean Up Day" on May 14 and the activities of the Anchorage Waterways Council.

Join the KCK Team!!! to clean up Campbell Creek from the Seward Highway to Dowling Road.

The 27th Annual Anchorage Waterways Council-MOA Creek Cleanup will be Saturday, May 14, from 9-noon, followed by a celebration at Valley of the Moon Park from 12-2. A free bar-be-cue lunch will be provided along with music and educational displays. Trash awards will be given out in a variety of categories, and this year we are including one for the "best" dressed team. This is a great event to help focus Anchorage citizens on our fantastic urban waterways, what we can each do to help keep them clean and healthy, and just what horrible types of trash end up in them. Please contact Matt Kays at matt@anchoragecreeks.org if you have any questions, want to volunteer to be a Honcho, or if you know of a waterway that is in particular need of cleanup.

www.anchoragecreeks.org

2011 Calendar

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

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

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

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

28 General Membership Meeting,
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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!!!!!!

Rich Crain is also looking for canoe volunteers to help teach his class.

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.

Summary of KCK 3/3/2011 Board Meeting

- Board members Eric, Marv, Peggy, Jim and Steve along with non Board member Richard attended the meeting.
- The Board decided to lower the kayak class fee to \$100 since most participants will have to rent kayaks. In the other classes, the vessels are being provided through generous club members. The KCK fee for the rafting and canoe classes will be \$125. Participants must be a club member to participate.
- Marv discussed the status of the Safety Meeting. ☺ There will be presentations on Sea Kayaking, Trip Planning, Water Hazards and Gear & Clothing. Presenters have been confirmed.
- Safety meeting door prizes will be fewer but higher quality this year.
- The March presentations at the General Meeting were discussed. Jim Strutz will be presenting pictures from his great trip down the Colorado River!! Cherie Northon of Anchorage Waterways Council will discuss the upcoming Creek Cleanup Day activities on May 14. The KCK will be sponsoring a team for the event. Some T shirts will be donated for the Council to give away to helpers.
- The Sea Kayak Symposium requested a \$500 sponsorship for their June 11 Eklutna Lake 1-day Symposium. The Board agreed to provide \$250, plus consider donating more based on class and membership revenue.
- Peggy agreed to set up a KCK site on Facebook. She indicated the club was behind the times in not having a presence on the site.
- KCK wants to continue its PWS campsite hardening program.
- KCK is concerned about the impact of low flying military training program. A letter requesting the military be aware of the height of their aircraft during boating season is being prepared.
- KCK membership cards – credit card with KCK logo on one side and Trooper, land managers, emergency phone #'s on other side. Companies offering discounts. Eric will post a request on the Listserv for companies offering discounts that want to post on the card.

Coast Guard Aux: <http://www.cgauxwhittier.org/visitors.HTML>

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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

New Member? Sign up for the Eddylist list server at 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 Also check out http://groups.yahoo.com/group/KCK_Ala_ska/

This site has a list of historical emails and other useful information.

Board and Contacts:

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- Marv Copley

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“Paddlesports America” Course Offered by Coast Guard Auxiliary

- Two night classes
- 6:30-9PM on April 4-5 and again on April 11-12
- Safety seminar for novice canoers, kayakers and other paddlesports enthusiasts.
- Alliance Christian Fellowship Church, 16611 Artillery Road, Eagle River.**
- To register and pay the \$25 fee in advance, go to**
- April 4-5 class:** <http://www.active.com/outdoors-class/eagle-river-ak/paddlesports-america-2011?int=29-6>
- April 11-12 class:** <http://www.active.com/outdoors-class/eagle-river-ak/paddlesports-america-2011-bi291>
- OR www.active.com type in keyword paddlesport select date**
- Topics include basics such as
- understanding paddlecraft characteristics and vessel capacities, selecting the proper paddle and how to file a float plan. Paddlers will learn the proper way to transport the paddlecraft;
- conduct a pre-departure check; dress for a safe trip; load gear and their responsibilities when paddling with others.
- how to enter and exit a canoe or kayak, be briefed on local hazards, learn to secure the paddlecraft and share the waterways with others.
- Boating emergencies such as hypothermia, drowning, capsizing, swamping and falls overboard.
- Legal issues such as life jacket and vessel registration requirements, unlawful operation, Homeland Security restrictions, alcohol and drugs, navigation lights, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, environmental protection and what to do in a boating accident, will be explained.
- Questions? Mel at melkal@gci.net or to Doris at 694-3570. Walk Ins OK. NOT SPONSORED BY KCK.**

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**

Rafting Class

Taught by Eric Downey, Jim King, Keith Hawkings, Doreen Strangel

April 21: 6:30PM Safety Mtg Loussac Library

May 9: 6-9PM Class

May 11: 6-9PM Class

May 21-22: Float Matanuska River from King Mountain Lodge to King River (Rafts included)

Classes held at Nana 1001 E. Benson Blvd

Fee: \$125 + \$10 launch fee for King Mountain Lodge

Call or email to arrange for payment:

Eric Downey

If space remains, you can sign up at Safety Mtg.

More details at:

http://www.kck.org/2011-raft%20_schedule.pdf

Refunds: 7 days or more before Boat trip 50%. If spot is resold 100%. Otherwise 0%.

Safety Meeting Coming Up

The annual **FREE** Safety Meeting is coming up on April 21 starting at 6:30PM at the Loussac Library.

This years efforts will once again be led by Marv. 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 or trips unless the instructor waves you out.

Classes and Trips

- **You MUST be a KCK member to participate and**
- **Class/Trip participants MUST attend Safety Meeting unless waived.**

Moving Water Canoeing

April 21: 6:30PM Safety Mtg: Loussac Library

June 11 10am to 4pm Taku Lake (King St entrance): Intro to gear and basic strokes

June 12 10am to 4pm Taku Lake (King St entrance): Application of basic paddle strokes

June 18 10am to 4pm: Campbell Creek: Tandem paddling skills development

June 19 10am Portage Creek: (visitors center). Application to moving water.

To Register: Mail \$125 check (to KCK) to Richard Crain PO Box 714, Talkeetna, AK 99676 or at Safety Mtg if space available.

Questions: Rich Crain email or phone.

Refunds: See Raft Class info

Sea Kayaking Trips (2 different trips offered) led by Perry Solmonson - Owner/Operator of Prince William Sound Kayak Center in Whittier.

April 21: 6:30PM Safety Mtg: Loussac Library for either trip.

Trip 1: Friday, May 13th - May 15th *Meet in Whittier @ 2:00pm - Depart beach @ 4:00pm

-Passage Canal out of Whittier - Prince William Sound. \$100 KCK Fee

-Camping in Shotgun Cove 1st night, Entry Cove 2nd night and paddling north shore back to the Head of the Bay by 5:00pm.

Trip 2:

May 20th - May 22nd *Meet in Whittier @ 2:00pm - Depart beach @ 4:00pm

Surprise Cove/Blackstone Bay out of Whittier - Prince William Sound

Chartering with Epic Charters \$100 per person plus \$100 KCK Fee = \$200 per person

Camping in Surprise Cove 1st night, 17 mile beach 2nd night and exploring tidewater glaciers on Sunday, returning to 17 mile for charter back to Whittier for 6:00 pm tunnel departure.

If you need a kayak, rentals are available from PWS Kayak for \$100 single, \$160 double.

Optional: Class Instruction by AK Kayak School on 4/24 Bartlett Pool for additional fees.

NO refunds after Safety Mtg.

Register/pay KCK fee at Safety Meeting.

