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KNIK CANOERS AND KAYAKERS

## APRIL SAFETY MEETING (4/19) APRIL GENERAL MEETING (4/26)

### Adventures along the Chandalar River

Jack Mosby will speak on Three Forks (West, Middle, East) of the Chandalar River – Where is it? How to get there and back – What to expect? Follow along with Jack Mosby and friends on a 30-day Paddling experience on the south flank of the Brooks Range. Who said you shouldn't eat peanut butter, jam, and pilot bread every day?

### ???Hear Forest Service Volunteer Opportunities???

Tom Kain is a ranger out of Seward who will be discussing camp improvement opportunities for KCK volunteers for this summer.

We have not yet received confirmation of this but don't worry! We will have a different, interesting speaker if the Forest Service has Tom busy!!!

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

The club is having membership cards printed. They have important contact information and can be used by vendors that want to offer a discount to members. **RENEW NOW!!**

**Vendors: Send a note to the website describing discounts.**

### Class Info: More details inside but remember this:

- The Safety Mtg is FREE to anyone!
- You must be a KCK member to take classes after that.
- You can **PREREGISTER!** If the class is not full, you can also register at 5:30-6:20PM before Safety Meeting.
- **Refunds** will be made up to the end of the Safety Mtg or if your place is filled. (You can find your own replacement also). **Otherwise NO Refunds.**

### 2012 Calendar

#### Apr 2012

19..... Annual Safety Mtg, 6:30PM, Loussac Library

#### Apr 2012

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

#### May 2012

3..... Board Meeting, 6:30PM, BP Leaning Center

#### May 2012

17..... General Membership Meeting, 7:00PM, Loussac Library

#### June 2012

28..... Goose Lake Potluck BBQ 6:00PM

#### July 2012

26..... Goose Lake Potluck BBQ 6:00PM

### FREE Safety Meeting Coming Up

The annual Safety Meeting is coming up. It will be held on April 19 starting at 6:30PM at the Loussac Library.

Class Preregistration is allowed. Details shown inside. Class sign up also the day of the Safety Mtg starting at 5:30 PM.

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 unless the instructor waives you out.**

**Summary of KCK 4/5/2012 Board Meeting**

- Board members Marv, Jim, Keith, Peggy, Dan, Rich C and Steve along with non Board members Richard and Alden attended the meeting.
- Rich Crain indicated he would finalize dates for his classes. - All the classes are definitely on.
- The Safety Meeting logistics were discussed. Booth setup would take place at 5-5:30PM The Alaska Kayak Academy (Wasilla) and the Alaska Kayak School (Homer), along with the Anchorage Waterways Council, The Soundkeeper, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the State Office of Boating Safety, UAA Outdoor Education Programs and Deb Ajango (Wilderness Education) will be offered tables. Class signups will take place from 5:30PM-6:20PM. Class preregistration is also being offered this year. The Safety Meeting will start at 6:30PM. No response has been received yet from the State Office of Boating Safety.
- Marv is in the process of setting up a bulletin board on the website.
- The Safety Meeting was discussed. The subjects include River Hazards and Safety, Sea Kayaking, Safety Personal Equipment and Trip Planning. Presenters are confirmed for the safety meeting. The meeting is being promoted in the Anchorage Press, Anchorage Daily News and Coast Magazine along with public service announcements, the newsletter and the Eddylist. Peggy and Richard will purchase door prizes.
- Logistics of the summer BBQs were briefly discussed. Keith indicated he had the gear. Details for the upcoming season were tabled for the May meeting.
- The Board discussed club membership cards and rack cards inviting people to join. Marv’s wife Karen did a great job on the design of the membership card and rack cards. Many vendors offer club members discounts. Vendors will be asked to send word of their discount offers to the website so they can be publicized. The vendors will be asked to offer the discount only with a current membership card.

**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

**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

- VP** - Richard Crain
- Steve Shamburek
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- Dan Schubert
- Marv Copley
- Keith Hawkings
- Peggy Wilcox

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**Webmaster:**  
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**Membership:**  
 Charlene Carter

**Eddyline Editor:**  
 Richard Sepersky

**Checkwriter:** Alden Worachek

It’s that time of year again! **Membership Renewal Time!**  
**This 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!!)
- **Member card for vendor discounts!!**
- Potential for money to help you take classes
- 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
- Facebook
- List Server
- Discounts to 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
- A chance to volunteer to help with other things
- The chance to feel good about helping pay for all this!

### Sea Kayak Class Info

- Being taught by Alaska Kayak Academy's Jim Gonski
  - 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
  - 5/3 at 7-9PM Bartlett Pool Session
  - 5/12 Whittier Day Trip

The cost of the class is \$100. If you need gear (boat, paddle and safety gear) for both sessions, Jim can rent it to you (and he transports it also).

Class size limited to 10. You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.  
Call (877) 215-6600 to preregister.

### Pacraft Class Info

- Being taught by Alaska Kayak Academy's Jim Gonski
  - 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
  - 5/22 Eagle River

The cost of the class is \$100. If you need gear (boat, paddle and safety gear), Jim can rent it to you (and he transports it also).

You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

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### Canoe Class Info

- Being taught by Rich Crain
  - 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
  - 6/9 at Taku Lake 10AM-4PM
  - 6/10 at Taku Lake 10AM-4PM
  - 6/16 Campbell Creek 10AM-4PM
  - 6/17 Eagle River or Portage Creek

The cost of the class is \$125. Canoe & paddle are included. YOU must provide your own personal floatation device.

You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.  
Call 1-907 733-1947 to preregister.

### Raft Class Info

- Being taught by Eric Downey
- 4/19 @ 6:30PM Safety Class at Loussac Library
- 5/14 & 5/16 @ Probably 6-9PM Class at Nana
- 5/19-5/20 raft down the Matanuska River

The cost of the class is \$125. Raft, paddle and safety gear is included.  
You MUST be a KCK member and attend the Safety Class!

Refund Policy: Refund must be requested by end of Safety Mtg. If we can fill your spot from waiting list after that point you also get refund.

Call 301-5629 to preregister. This class often fills!

### Check KCK.org for late updates to class information.

Thanks to Karen Copley for designing our great new member cards and Club information cards!!!

### NEW MEMBER CARD

#### If you attend the Safety Meeting

- You can get your member card there.

#### If you do not attend the Safety Meeting

- You will have your new member card mailed to you.

Remember, the member card will be used by vendors to give you a discount for their merchandise or services.

**The Safety Meeting is FREE to all. You MUST be a KCK member to take any class after that. Member rolls and the class rosters will be cross checked. If you sign up for a class, please become a member!**

Thanks to Ken at Speedy Mail for always printing up the newsletter, even at the last minute!!

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

<b>4-2012 Membership application</b>	BOATING INTERESTS Indicate skill level w = Want to start, B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A= Advanced																																			
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