

# PADDLE SPLASHES

June 2013



When not touring Tierra del Fuego, Justine Curgenvan resides in the other Jersey - the one off the coast of England. Photo courtesy of [Cackle TV](#).

## *Travels of a Jersey Girl...*

**...and other Reel Paddling films**

**I**n a debut event, the NY-NoJ Canoe & Kayak Committee sponsored the 2013 Reel Paddling Film Festival. Simultaneously, film-goers toasted the new AMC chapter headquarters at the Marjorie S. Deane Little Theater on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Hosting New York City's first ever Reel Paddling Film Festival meant

the chapter selected choice features from a pool of award winners. The celebratory evening was the brainchild of Committee Chair Carin Tinney. It was well worth the effort, she felt. "Now that we have a better grasp of what running a NYC film festival entails," Carin said, "we will build on the foundation we laid (of course with the next chair's blessing!) and rival BANFF, I have no doubt!"

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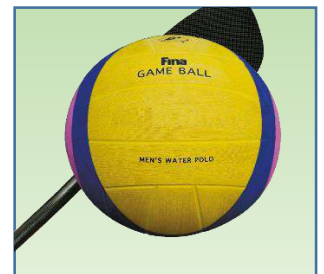
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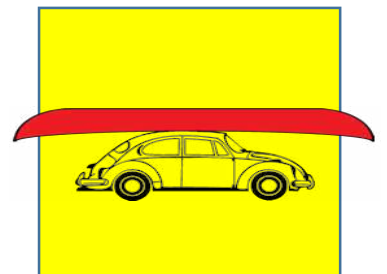


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**Every one** of 8 selected films seemed an adventure. Officially, however, their thematic genres ranged from source-to-mouth expeditions, to exotic wild and quiet water locales, to evolutionary histories of paddling, to solo journeys and more.

Upstairs from the Marjorie S. Deane Little Theater, theater, located at the 64<sup>th</sup> Street Westside YMCA at Central Park West, is AMC's new central outpost for Manhattan meetings and events. Eileen Yin's collaborative energy linked its inauguration to the club's proud launching of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Reel Paddling Film Festival.

Chapter Chair Richard Barcia toasted the chapter at the opening party, "Think of the office as your clubhouse," he said. "Everyone is welcome to the New Programs Office, right here in the heart of Manhattan," Eileen adds. "Consider using this space to hold your next meeting or social gathering or just to meet up with friends."

**Here's more of the excited buzz heard in the lobby that evening:**

"He made his own canoe, shot his own film, won best amateur paddling film, gets to roam all around Quetico Canada for a month away from his wife. *How can I get his life?*"

"A GoPro is great, but it can't catch those panoramas like that."

"That was some *serious* water."

"I hope we do this again next year."

"It's not often you see the early history of going down the Grand Canyon like that. That was some awesome archival sleuthing."

"Didn't I see that kayaker Blair Trotman on the youtube clip nailing BC 's Stikine River?"

"The LA River can even get rapids? Let's see the AWA list that one."

"Feels like I just tripped through Canada without the hassle of driving."

"Now this was worth coming down from Upstate for."

"Where do they get the funds to produce these? Maybe I can get a sponsor, too?"

"Maybe next year we can do it on a winter weekend and make a whole big reunion bash out of it?"

"Now I wanna see them again— you think any are on YouTube?"

"It's cool they are shorter. You can see so many."

"Does anyone know what time it is? I gotta catch a New Jersey bus at Port Authority for my ambulance shift tonight."

"I really, *really* hope they do this again next year."



**Surprisingly international** in scope— like the audience—the 2013 Reel Paddling Film Festival portrayed paddling from the Grand Canyon, to Canada, from South Africa to India. There’s no shortage of talented directors among sea kayakers, wild water canoeists, rafters, and playboat kayakers alike.

One conservation film showed a grass-roots struggle to reclaim the Los Angeles River as a recreational waterway. Who knew LA even *had* a river, much less a kayak club determined to resuscitate it. The Los Angeles River is a seasonal desert runoff, according to the filmmaker Thea Merkouffer in *Rock the Boat*. “It’s flush with rapids during the rainy season, but trickles down to a modest stream in the hot summer.”

**The audience half-chuckled** at and half-prayed for those trespassing paddling protesters. Yet miraculously, as of this June, Merkouffer can rewrite her film’s ending. For the first time since the 1930s, after 80 years of neglect, the river was officially opened for recreation, concrete banks and all.

While it’s certainly hard to say which film edged out the others, the People’s Choice swung to cinematographer and expert sea kayaker Justine Curgenvén. A one-woman film festival herself, Justine has already gained a wide following among AMC folk for her 12 short films in *This is Canoeing*, a stellar DVD available online at Cackle TV. In her entry this year, *Tierra del Fuego*, she and her partner tackle 1,000 miles around the remote and windswept island straddling Chile and Argentina. Justine couldn’t be reached for comment. She is busy circumnavigating Ireland, peeking inside stone huts of 12<sup>th</sup> century monks, tracking Dingle Dolphins and Minke whales as she goes. Follow along on her blog: <http://www.cackletv.com/justines-blog/> Turns out Olly Goetel and Dave Michaels have paddled with them back in the British Isles. “We’re both original Jersey girls—the *real* Jersey,” Olly said.

**Summing up** the chapter’s thrilling “first descent” as film festival host Carin drew parallels to a paddler’s learning curve. “It’s like the first time you pick up a paddle. You’re not quite sure what to do with it, but by year two, you could be circumnavigating NYC in a playboat.”

# Thank You

*There are so many to thank for such a successful evening. Some helped scope out 22 possible theater venues. Others ran hi-tech projection booth, ticket sales, security bouncing, even individual on-stage intros. Everyone handled their tasks with the relaxed wit of the pros.*

Richard Barcia  
Loretta Brady  
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Lauren Zondag





# August Camp 2013

## North Cascades, Washington

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Week 1: July 13 - July 20

Week 2: July 20 - July 27

Week 3: July 27 - Aug. 3

Week 4: Aug. 3 - Aug. 10

In 2013 August Camp returns to the breathtaking North Cascades of Washington State. We'll hike in the North Cascades National Park, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation areas. Choose from a variety of hikes every day, or add in backpacking, rafting or kayaking to expand your experience. Take an excursion to the San Juan Islands to hike or bike, and enjoy the Washington State Ferry System. No matter what you do, you'll be surrounded by amazing vistas.

Our full service tent village for 64 campers each week offers home-cooked meals, daily hikes at all levels, nightly campfires and wonderful camaraderie. The 2013 campsite is on the banks of the Skagit River, just down the road from Cascadian Farms, known for their organic food and the best ice cream we've ever had! Our site is reached by the North Cascades Highway, considered the most scenic drive in Washington State. Our designated airport is Seattle-Tacoma International and our fleet of vans provides transport between the camp and SeaTac on each Saturday.

Registration forms and detailed Camp information can found at <http://www.augustcamp.org> . Plan your one or two week adventure now and be part of one of the oldest camps in the AMC.







# Southern Rivers 2013: River Karma's Gonna Get You

by Rich Dabal

**I**f one stays with boating long enough, you'll hear the phrase "River Karma."

River Karma can be defined any number of ways. You made your roll when it was most needed. You found your paddling gloves in the basement after thinking they were lost. A quick ride from the take-out back to your car. Over the years, I've gotten my share of Karma. The brace that held when running Cloud Chamber on the Cheat Canyon. That roll in Pillow on the Upper Gauley. The numerous lifts back to the car. It can all be attributed to River Karma. Help when you least expect it. Help when you need it most.

On Southern Rivers Trip Week, 13-20 April, 2013, I got several doses of River Karma. It all started while running the West Fork of the Tuckasegee in western North Carolina, near the town of Cashier. Look it up on American Whitewater and YouTube. A great run. I am there to run the West Fork. It's a Class IV run about 5-6 miles long. I teamed up with four others on a beautiful sunny day and warm.

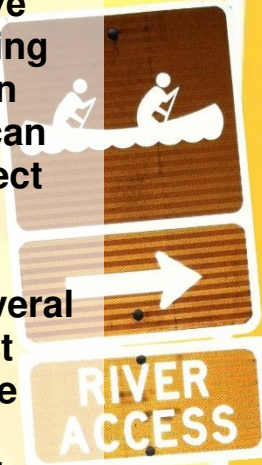
We set off to run the "Tuck." The run was tight, technical and steep. About half way down we entered the mini gorge, two steep drops in a narrow gorge. I ran the first drop and got back-ended. The second drop I blew and flipped. Being upside down in a steep drop and getting wash boarded is not a fun experience. I bailed. In the process, I ended up on river left, while the boat went down stream a ways where fellow paddlers caught it. The paddle was history. Okay. Get the break-down paddle out. That was done and away we went.

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**18**

paddlers from  
3 AMC Chapters

**6**

official trip  
paddling days

**95**

paddler-days

**10**

river sections

**0**

incidents (Yay!!)

**\$49.46**

maximum cost  
per person

**6**

fresh trout caught,  
cleaned and eaten

I never saw the other paddle again that day. This was Saturday. The release will also be on Sunday. There might be an outside chance. Maybe...

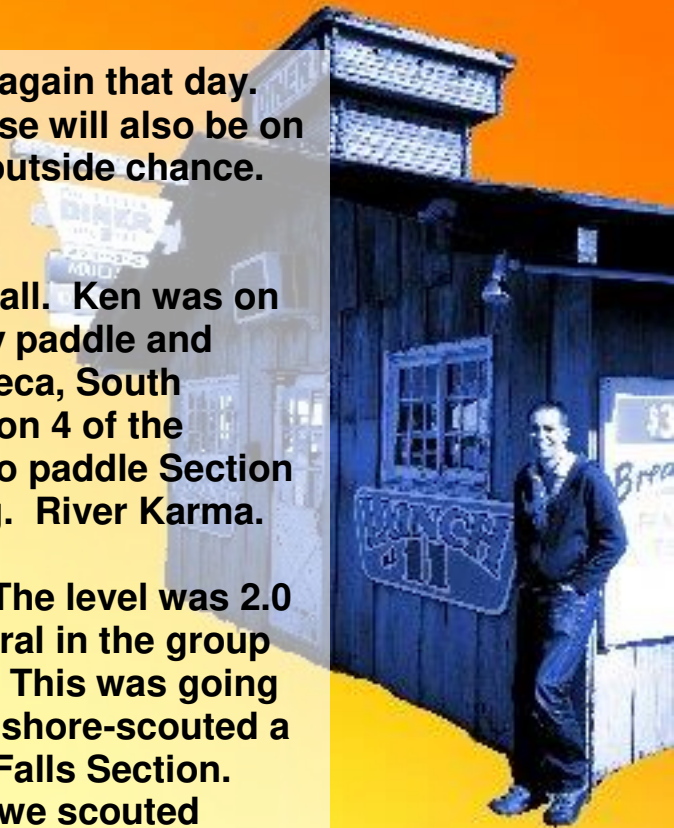
Monday night I get a phone call. Ken was on the Tuck Sunday and saw my paddle and carried it out. He was in Seneca, South Carolina, 40 miles from Section 4 of the Chattooga. Game plan was to paddle Section 4 on Tuesday. Perfect timing. River Karma.

Section 4 of the Chattooga. The level was 2.0 feet. Juicy. There were several in the group on a first run of that section. This was going to be an interesting day. We shore-scouted a lot before we got to the Five Falls Section. Within the Five Falls section we scouted Corkscrew. It can be a nasty drop with a big retentive hole on the right, very tight entry and undercut rocks below. We set up multiple ropes. I finally go. Too far left, I hit the rooster tail in a bad spot. I tried twice to roll. No luck. Bailed, again. Damn.

The boat went all the way to the eddy below Sock-em-Dog. The breakdown paddle went somewhere into the Five Falls abyss of lost paddles. Bummed out a second time in four days. Never have I been through stuff like this. I've been through such big water, but losing equipment like this was a first. Yet I did have a river angel find my main paddle, so I'm not completely out.

I met Ken in Seneca, got the paddle, talked of the West Fork Tuck, got a few laughs, shook hands and wished him safe paddling and a big thanks for the effort in getting my paddle out.

Another boater helping another boater. That's River Karma.







**Time to return River Karma.**

**Wednesday 17 April, 2013, Section 3 of the Chattooga. An easier day on the water. Part way down Section 3, I spot a yellow object in the shallows. I paddle up and see it is a float bag from a kayak. There is a name and phone number. I called that number, talked to Greg. I tell him I will mail it to him. Return the River Karma.**

**Sunday, April 21, 2013, I go on Boatertalk and look at the lost-n-found forum. In there was a post of a paddle found in the lake below Section 4. I responded to the post, describing the paddle. Tuesday, I check the web site (turns out two other folks lost paddles that weekend on Section 4). There is a post from the person who found the paddle. "HighBrace" is the winner - he found my breakdown paddle in the lake. Talk about River Karma. But to get it three times in four days....Yes...Vulcan the River God is watching closely over this paddler.**

**Moral to the story: put your name and phone number on everything. Try to hold onto your stuff after bailing. If there is an undercut behind you, dump the gear and reach for that throw rope. And believe in River Karma. It does happen. It truly exists. It actually works.**



**Wanna see what you missed? Click or tap on the TVs to view YouTube videos of the Southern Rivers trip.**





# So You're Thinking of Slalom?

There's a curious thing that happens when slalom geeks get together.

Though competitors, they are warm, wonderful, instructive, witty and supportive, cheering on their rivals as they themselves coach, watch, and learn.

But that's not the curious part. Slalom folk tend to catalogue the astonishing benefits of the sport in almost every conversation. It's like the on-going debate of canoeists in their rivalry with kayakers. Feeling outnumbered, they get defensive and broadcast their justly-earned merits.



Photos, from top to bottom, by Marie Jeansson, Dan Kirsch, Marty Plante, Dan Kirsch, George Steifel.





So we won't use this space to persuade you into slaloming. We'll

presume you're enlightened enough to head out, and just provide a few insightful answers to FAQs, Frequently Anxious Queries.

**What if I skip a gate—or even swim—right there, with everyone watching from the bridge?**

If you are in there stepping up your game, targeting must-make eddy gates and pre-turning in stiff flows, you're money, baby, you're money. You have nothing to be ashamed of while that guy guzzling chili dogs looks down at you from the roadway.

**Won't I look foolish if good competition shows up? Those dangling gates intimidate me, baiting me to fail.**

Half the learning—half the fun—is watching the elites. And the carnage. So chill.

By far the most skillful stand-out entry at the recent Memorial Day Weekend 10-Mile Slalom in Webatuck, NY was a mother duck. She steered her five babies to ferry all the way across in that weekend's extra stiff flow. Just before the eddy line across the river, she flew up to watch them carry on.

They nailed it.

**Winning isn't everything, but what are my chances of bringing home a title?**

Often, you're in a class by yourself.

If you're an open boater or mixed tandem C-2, that's usually true. Then there's categories for Masters, Seniors, Juniors. But choose your own level of competition, or go for a personal record. You went from a clean run with 2 gates, to a near-clean run with 5? That's formidable.







Remember, you often get faster *slowly* in slalom. Go more slowly, but more accurately. Position and Angle, before Speed.

**What if I whack right into the poles? Can I go back and do it over?**

Too late. Better to try, but hit the pole, than to never have tried at all.

Canoeists lose more points for whacking the poles than kayakers, but that's just to make sure they don't go bullying their way through

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gates. The whole point is to get keenly better at boat control. Sloppy gate-whacking defeats that benefit.

**Do I get enough time in the water?**

You are limited more by your own energy.

Maneuvering at top speed on even a 3 or 5 minute run takes a wallop out of you. One nationally-ranked freestyle kayaker came back from her first slalom weekend, picked up her playboat and noticed, "Hey, it's a heck of a lot easier to do these enders now that slalom got me in shape."

Go to special slalom events like the [Webatuck 10-Mile River Slalom](#) held around May and play all you want the day before in their learning clinic. Sponsored by KCCNY and The Atlantic Slalom Division, it's hosted by the dynamic duo of John Coraor and [Keech LeClair](#) .



Particle Accelerator on the Raquette. Photo by Lee Eudy.



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## The Year Winter Lasted Till May

## (Winter Boating Did, Too!)

**By Hanno Schop**

**It's Thursday morning, 3 am** and my alarm goes off. After 3 hours of sleep, I happily pick up my gear, tiptoe out of the house, and it's off to Hoboken for the annual feast of late winter whitewater boating in the Adirondacks. The trains run on time, and at 5 am, my partners in crime pick me up from the PATH station for a 5 hour drive north. Traffic is light, so is the coffee, and we join some of our compadres at the scout master lounge and dorm of Camp Russell, with nearby latrine and frozen running water. Here 25 boaters will be staying to enjoy a variety of rivers on one of the better trips of the year.

The weather is sunny with plenty of snow on the ground, which raises hope for good snow melt. Unfortunately, it's not warm enough to melt the snow. After years of little water and early melts, we now have a late melt with, again, little water.



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Fortunately, the Fish is running, a surfer's paradise I enjoyed it several times on earlier trips. Unfortunately, I did not bring my play boat. But the beauty of the river with its ice-covered walls alone are more than enough to bring a smile on my face. Getting a few surfs in with my creeker really makes the day.

After a local dinner, it's off to bed. Loggers, bunk beds and drying gear are not my favorite bedroom companions. I decide to claim the porch, drag a mattress outside, roll out my sleeping bag and, for the next three nights, enjoy the quiet of stars, crispy nights and frozen water bottles.

Friday did not bring any snowmelt either so, where to go? Gages are checked, and it turns out the lower south branch of the Grass is running. It's low, but with a push from some friendly

participating Bostonians, we arrive two hours later at the put in for a beautiful 6.5 mile run with several serious waterfalls and nice rapids.

They are rated 4 to 5.1. Having only recently been rated a class 4 boater and still trying to be one, I'm in well above my head, but all's walkable, and I'm with a great crew, so it's worth checking out where my boating and judgment stand.

**The first waterfall** we run into is Large Marge. A beauty, partly covered in ice and looking very impressive. Here I see what makes a 5.1 a 5.1; see and remember the line, be able to hold it and make one or more must-make moves at the right time, at the right spot, with the ability to see and remember and if needed be able to execute a Plan B at the stroke of a paddle, knowing that you're on your own without helping hands.

In a winter environment, this even gets harder, and I see that a "I'll have a go at it and see what happens," isn't going to do it here. We all decide to walk, and after a pretty serious portage, get back into our boats for some close to knuckle paddling.

We run into some more rapids and falls of which Adrenaline Falls and Twin Falls



Portaging around Large Marge. Photo by Lee Eudy.

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stand out. Some more portaging for me. The run ends with the easy looking Degrasse Grafitti at the take out still packing a sticky punch.

Off just before dark. With gear freezing up, we are all glad to get into dry clothes and warm cars.

Friday morning had some bear tracks near the cabin, but trusting to our stinking boaters' skunk--no running water-- the owner of those bear tracks will no doubt stay away. All's clear to opt for another night on the porch.

There was another danger lurking though: a virus had brought down our leader on Friday, and today our chair fell victim to its one-day knock-out punch.

Saturday does not bring any water either, but wait...the Raquette releases! So some of us saddle up for another two hour drive to another magical river in the same category and region as yesterday. As with

Large Marge, here Colton Falls and The Tub are must-walks for me, but seeing them run by others surges hope and gratitude to be there with a good crew. Tannery Ledges and Particle Accelerator were two other rapids I'd sure like to return to on a better day.

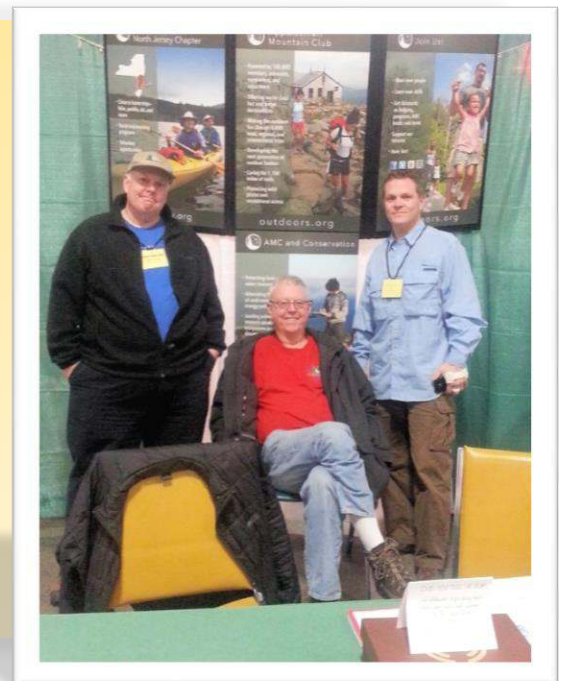
You know what comes next: another beautiful night on the porch, and no extra water on Sunday. Fortunately, there's the Moose to fall back on. Some opted for the Bottom Moose, some went back to the Fish and, for logistical reasons, I ended up on the Lower Moose. While very low, it was still a pleasurable 9-mile run, but not for all, as the virus felled another boater, this time a Canadian while on the river.

I made it home OK leaving the virus and some beautiful rivers behind with good memories to keep. Thank you all for making this happen. I can't wait to do it again.

## ***Thanks to Everyone Who Volunteered at the 2013 PaddleSport Expo***

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# Kayak Polo: Everybody Into the Pool!

by Adelene Tan

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ayak polo is a fun and fast-paced sport that combines elements of water polo, basketball, and kayaking. If kayak polo alone sounds too easy, mix in slalom, racing and polo for a Paddling Triathlon.

Kayak polo (or canoe polo, as it is called in the rest of the world) is a team sport with five players per team and is played on a flatwater pitch. The boats are similar to a slalom boat or a flattened creek boat and have bumpers to prevent injuring people or damaging other boats. There are both plastic boats and composite models. The goals are rectangular and suspended a paddle-length above the water.

Players have five seconds to throw the ball to a teammate, shoot at the goal, or dribble. The goal-keeper uses their paddle vertically to block shots. Players can use their paddle to control the ball but generally use their hands to throw and catch with greater accuracy.

**ESPECIALLY IN WINTER**, polo is a great way to learn and improve boat-handling and rolling skills - this is why I started playing a decade ago with New York Kayak Polo.

**Adelene, in center, at the 2012 World Championships in Poland.**

Photo by Brant Oldershaw.



NY Kayak Polo has hosted and traveled to a number of tournaments. In addition to sending teams to regional tournaments or the US national championships, a number of players have represented their national team at the Continental Cup and World Championships. I was fortunate enough to play at both the 2010 World Championships in Milan, Italy and at the 2012 World Championships in Poznan, Poland. The best teams are from Europe, Australia, and New Zealand; North America is relatively weak, partly due to the small number of people who play here.

Unlike some regional tournaments, which can feel like an extended family reunion, the atmosphere at the World Championships is relatively formal. Flags are paraded at opening ceremonies, teams wear matching uniforms, and captains exchange a gift before each game.

**THE PADDLING TRIATHLON** is hosted by the Pointe Claire club. It combines a long distance race (15km, about 9 miles) on Saturday morning, a slalom race on the Valleyfield course on Saturday afternoon, and a kayak polo tournament on Sunday.

**STRATEGIZING PAYS OFF.** In addition to players receiving points for their team by competing and doing well in each event, there are various bonus points: can you face upriver for each gate as you run a slalom course? Or set-up each player of your kayak polo team to score? The Paddling Triathlon is a fun and exciting event held at the end of June (read more at <http://u-canoe.com/Triathlon/index.html>). Organizers make it very easy to try different boat disciplines by offering \$5 rentals!

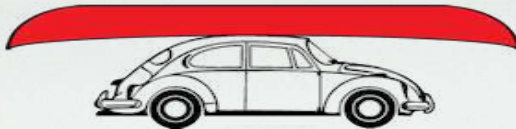
Has this piqued your interest? New York Kayak Polo welcomes people of all ages and abilities to come and play. Our summer home is at the Pier 66 Boathouse at 26<sup>th</sup> St. and the Hudson River, Manhattan, and our winter home is at the St. Peter's University pool in Jersey City, NJ. Both are easily accessible by public transportation and the club has gear for use, so just bring a bathing suit and towel.

For more information or to join us at a session, visit our website <http://nykayakpolo.org> or email [nykayakpolo@gmail.com](mailto:nykayakpolo@gmail.com).





# Eileen's Diary



Friday, April 12

Finally! Carpool arrangements were completed today, the day of departure. Waited an hour in the rain at the train station for a pick-up. Wish we knew there was a warm waiting room with a toilet on the other side of the platform! Oh no, my gear didn't make it to the meeting spot. Thank goodness everyone has plenty of spare helmets, PFDs, gloves, booties, paddles, etc., etc. to share.

Saturday, April 13

Great timing. Drove all night in shifts, then arrived in the morning and snagged the group campsite at Thunder Rock, right at the river. Hey, wasn't that Olly driving down the road with 5 boats?! Found other early arrivals for a bootleg down the Ocoee. Hmmm, the river was harder than I remember last year. Glad we had this warm-up before the trip really starts!

Sunday, April 14

Woke up in a refugee camp, with tents packed efficiently in neat rows at the small group site, mere inches from each other. Cheap, too, only 95¢ per night, thanks to Don's Golden Passport for US National Parks. The Vezzettis led some of us down the Cartecay while Rob Holbrook took the rest down the Ocoee.



Photo by  
Marty Plante



Monday, April 15

Wow! The Tellico is a super great level. How many times did we run Baby Falls? Even the canoes took the 15 foot drop. Curt made it look easy. Naturally, he stayed upright! Great creeking fun for the whole group on both sections of the river. At dinner, heard all about pre-trip bootlegs the youngsters took. I'm so envious that Ruben, Sam, Dustin and John ran the Cranberry!



Tuesday, April 16

Chattooga Section 4 at 2.7 feet was sobering, so it's a quiet dinner tonight. Happy to walk most of those drops. Lost a paddle in an undercut. Won't see that again until the river dries out. A local guy, Chuck, and Shelty, his Shetland sheepdog, accompanied some of us down the relaxing Chattahoochee. We relaxed some more with the champagne we had at Happy Hour to celebrate David and Dorothy's 50th wedding anniversary.

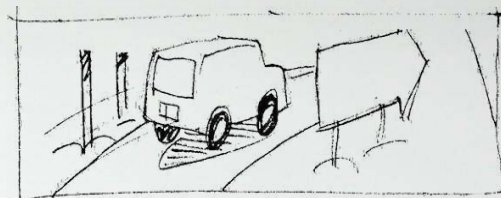


Wednesday, April 17

Rain is good, but crashing thunder and lightning? Chattooga Section 3 is a long run. Once you're on it, you're committed for the stretch. I think we raced down the river, setting a new record for speed. Did we stop to admire the wilderness at all? Chattooga Section 2 folks admired the wilderness for at least an hour, shivering under trees to escape the lightning.



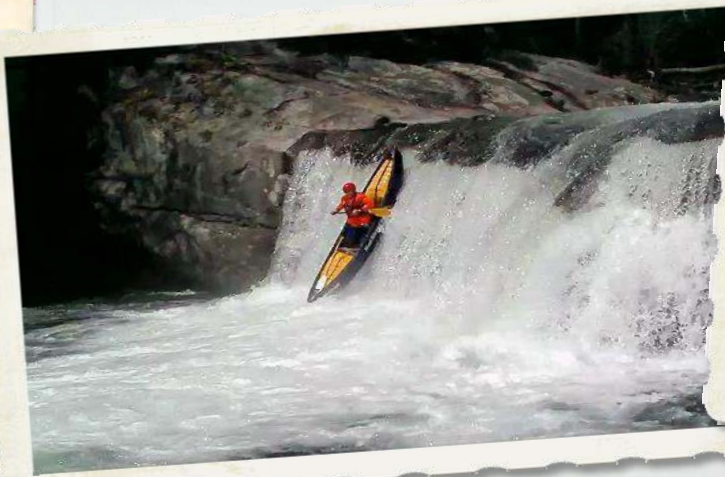
Their shuttle out was even more exciting - they forded a fast rising stream, drove under fallen trees, and re-located some downed cable lines! Well, at least they had a chance to spend time with a few local teenagers while they waited another hour for the shuttle. Amazingly, the lost paddle was found! Driving to Atlanta to retrieve it.





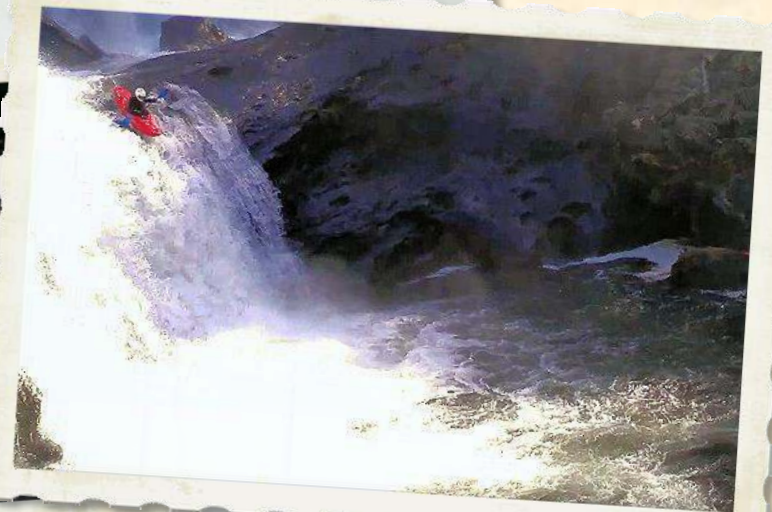
Thursday, April 18

Ahhhh, Spring Creek ... Last year's nemesis and most terrifying challenge has become this year's pussycat. What a difference a few hundred CFSs make. I don't care if it was a scrapy boat buster. A relaxing, sunny run on a calm ledge-drop river is just what the doctor ordered. Marty jumped out of his boat to free someone who was stuck on a strainer, then it was back to having fun.



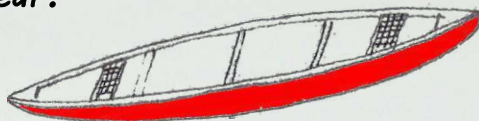
Friday, April 19

The last official day and everyone's tired. It's cold, Jake's helmet broke, and there were a few momentous swims. The best part was definitely the fresh rainbow trout at Crocket Cabin. John taught us all how to catch, kill and gut a fish. Dustin built a giant bonfire.



Saturday, April 20

Bootleg day. After three hours of hemming and hawing, we finally decided to paddle the Lower Doe, and then put onto the Upper Doe. Guess that's why we need a Trip Leader. Any volunteers for next year?



A big Thanks! to my Advisory Council, Co-leaders, River Leaders, and the rest of the Touring Company.

- Co-Leaders ... Dick Bailey, Don Getzin, Rob Holbrook & Curt Gellerman

- River Leaders ... Dave and Dorothy Vezzetti, Dick Bailey, Rob Holbrook, Curt Gellerman & Rich Dabal

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# Congratulations!



***The Ratings Committee is pleased to  
award the following new ratings.***

***Congratulations to all!***

Kafi Adams	2	David Michael	3
Asya Bakhtina	2	Althea Noronha	QW
Loretta Brady	2OC1	Heidi Perry	1+
Meredith Fabian	1+	Erin Schaefer	2+
Natalie Hookway	2+	Matt Schaefer	2+
Jake Lewis	3	Vadim Stepaniuk	2+
Andy LoPinto	2	Jordan VanAken	1+
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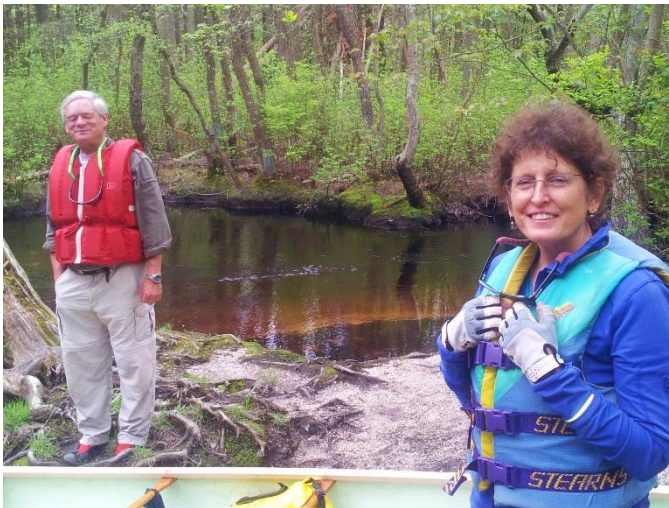


# Sandy Update:

## Southern New Jersey Paddlers Go With the Flow

Heartbreakingly, all Sedge Island outings are cancelled this year, thanks to a certain storm we all know too well. While the barrier island worked as it was meant to—staving off a catastrophic wipe-out—the maritime dunes have shifted, and the docking facility is no more. “The electronics and storage batteries for the solar power and the propane tanks floated away or were destroyed underwater,” said Brant Collins, AMC’s liaison with Karen Lacey and the biologists at the site. No refrigerator. No cooking. But it’s the damage to the Clivus toilets that’s the deal breaker. “We can’t stay as overnight guests if there’s no composting facilities,” Brant said.

That’s what sea kayaker Mark Tiernan most noted about Sandy’s aftermath near his home on Bradley Beach. “The seaside heights boardwalk was completely rebuilt. Businesses are up and running,” Mark said. “But the State of New Jersey can’t seem to fix two outhouses in 8 months.”



Even inland, among the tranquil Pine Barrens, danger encroached—and *not* from the New Jersey mafia. Witnessed on a recent quiet water trip winding along Cedar Creek, Mac MacCauley pointed out the changes. The group beached the canoes near an oxbow island to come take a walk among the cranberry bogs.

Cranberry plants, which can be purposefully flooded for one method of harvesting, do not fare well when hurricane forces do the flooding. Don Getzin narrated the signposts of damage to this historic spot.

*Mac, accompanied by Caroline Smith, talks down a pair of jumpers from the bridge. Actually, they were a couple of 10-year-olds highly ambivalent about Don’s tip to belly flop into the waves below. In the end, they made a triumphant splash.*

Readers, share your photos and reports on the aftermath of Sandy seen in your journeys. Send us descriptions of the storm’s lingering effect on our lives this paddling season.

For more about Sandy’s impact, visit the [conservewildlifenj](http://conservewildlifenj.org) website by clicking or tapping on the bird.



To donate for Sedge Island’s conservation projects, click or tap on the button.

# ACTIVITY SCHEDULE – 2013

Date	Touring Water	Quiet Water	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Instruction /Misc
June	22-23	Rio Reservoir (Sat) Gregg/ Barnes		Deerfield Brucas		Deerfield Brucas	
				Lehigh(Sat) Futrell/ LoPinto			
	29-30		Mullica Family Trip Watters				Beginner Kayak Instruction Futrell
July	6-7			PA / VA / WV Yin		Savage & Upper Yough Tinney/ Yarus	
	13-14		Delaware (Sun) Navratil	Deerfield Solmaz/ Michener		Deerfield Solmaz/ Michener	
	20-21		Adirondack Expedition (Thu-Mon) Faller	Esopus Jingirian			City of Water Day (Sat) Zondag
	27-28	Farrington Lake (Sat) Gregg		Lehigh (Sat) Arbuckle/ LoPinto			
	3-4			Interchapter Paddling & Cookout Tinney/Holbrook			
August	10-11						
	17-18						
	24-25		Pompton (Sat) Baker	Deerfield Futrell/ LoPinto	Deerfield Futrell/ LoPinto	Deerfield Futrell/ LoPinto	
Aug 31-Sep 1 Labor Day							
Sep	7-8						Basic Canoe Instruction Schreiber/ Grefig
	14-15		Delaware Navratil				

## Fire Island

6/28-30

Kayaking/Improv Theater

8/2-4

Canoe & Kayak Instruction

8/5-8

Canoe & Kayak Instruction

8/16-18

Canoe Instruction



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRIP LEADERS

Donna Morgan                      Loretta Brady  
Olly Gotel                              Brian Jay Horowitz              David Michael

It sure makes it easier to lead when you learned from the experiences of masters like Henry and Lenny. Notably out of camera range, they are again practicing their "lead from behind" technique.

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