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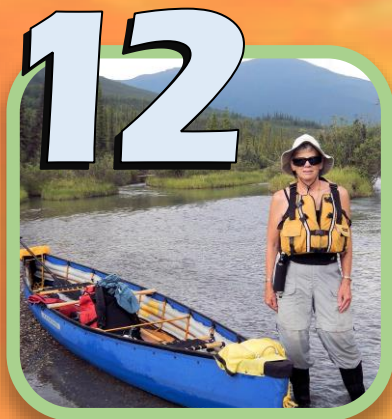
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This Page: Jean snubbing a shallow section of Maine's St. Croix River. Photo by Gwen Hunter.

Running Rivers; Reading Rivers (part 2)

BY NEIL GROSSMAN

Neil on Browns Canyon,
Arkansas River,
Colorado.

At times, we all want someone to show us the way.

New paddlers, I've found on the many trips we lead, often just want to be followers. Even in Class II water, they want someone to show them the way.

I recall that I, too, once wanted to follow right behind someone better than me on the class IV Numbers Section of the Arkansas River. If I had wanted an expert to show me the paddling lines on a difficult river, why shouldn't they want help as they learn?

So much of our comfort level comes from river reading skills.

There are usually many possible routes. I no longer look for what direction the "v" is pointing. I just follow the water—unless of course it's going somewhere I don't want to go.



As one develops better paddling skills, the goal is to anticipate what the water is going to do to your boat, not just react to what your boat does. Some of the paddling becomes instinctive—like a habit—so our body reacts without our first having to think about what we are going to do.

Other things being equal, in a solo canoe it is best to start in the center of a rapid. This gives you the most options of where to go. When the river turns, the inside of a turn is the usually the most conservative line. The bigger waves are usually on the outside of a turn and the current could push you against the outside bank.

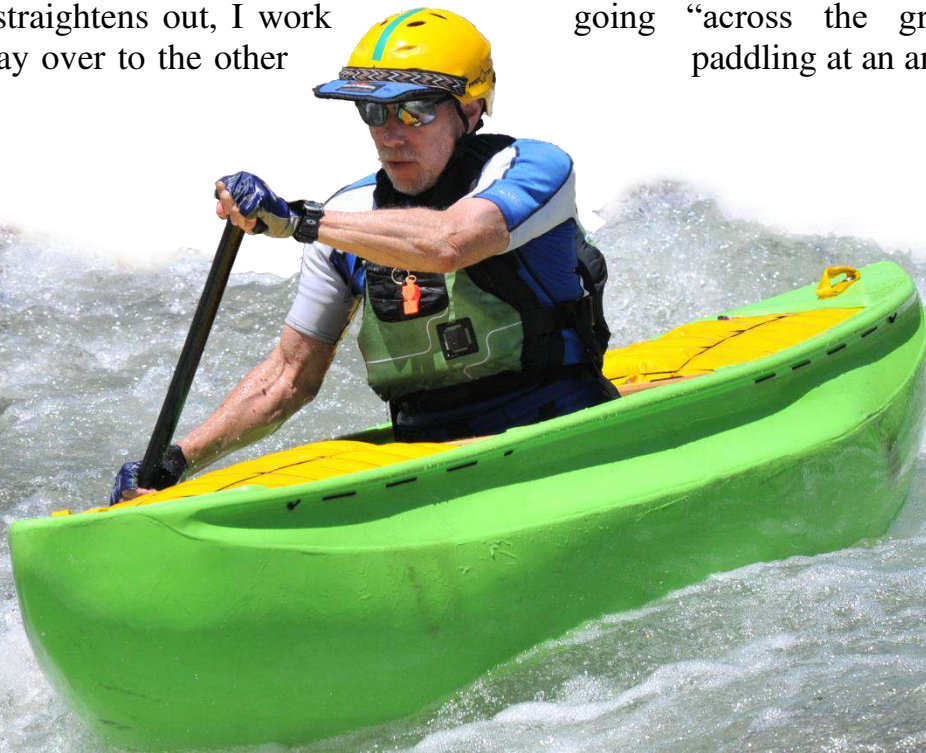
Additionally, downed trees are frequently on the outside of the turn. So, I usually try to paddle on the inside of a turn unless I want some big wave fun. Then the river straightens for a while and turns in the opposite direction. While the river straightens out, I work my way over to the other

side, so I am again on the inside of the next turn.

I remember paddling on the class III section of the Taylor River, in Gunnison County, Colorado, with one other solo canoe in higher water. The other paddler capsized and swam, so I paddled alone but cautiously, chasing his canoe by following the inside of the turns, waiting for a calm place to rescue it.

Another lesson from experience is not to waste energy rescuing a boat in the middle of a rapid if there will be a pool just downstream.

I've recently paddled the class II-III sections of the Lehigh. Looking at the rapid from the top, I see a route I want to take. The route looks like a road of calmer water going through the busy stuff. I'm not sure why, but on this river most of the time the best route involves going "across the grain." That is, paddling at an angle across the



direction of the current rather than paddling straight down the rapid. In doing this you are paddling mostly in the calmer water behind the rocks.

Sometimes a route that looks more difficult is easier.

I remember paddling on the Ten Mile River into the Housatonic. At Power-House Rapid, a ledge. The usual route is to take a path that cuts to the left just after the ledge and thereby avoiding the standing waves. Above the ledge, there were three rocks in the main current along the desired route angling towards the left shore.

Most of the paddlers went upstream of these rocks. I went on the downstream side of the three rocks. Although my route was closer to the standing waves, the slack water downstream of the rocks made this route safer and easier.

It doesn't always pay to be a follower.

**Read Part 1 of
Neil's article in
the Oct 2020
issue of
PaddleSplashes.**

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Tom McCloud

1944 - 2020

Miles to Go Before He Sleeps

Someone once asked Tom McCloud how many canoes he owned.

“You mean including the ones abandoned near the Arctic,” he asked, “when harsh conditions finally forced us to walk out? Because I aim to reclaim them some day when we go back and finish those trips.”

Now we'll have to finish those trips for him, in his memory. We mourn his sudden loss this past October. The man who was rarely sick departed too young and too soon.

**Tom McCloud
teaching a Teen
Boatbuilding class at
the Chesapeake Wood
Boat Builders School
in North East, MD.
Pictured is the 1912
Old Town he restored.**



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here are few great paddlers whose influence reached so far and wide.

“If I just list the northern wilderness rivers he traveled with me,” recalls Curt Gellerman, “it’d include a first descent of Whale River in Quebec, Soper River,

Measured in terms of sheer geography alone, Tom’s delicious, salty spirit spread far. Around our campfire in the New Jersey Pine Barrens, this West Virginian proved an unforgettable participant--not just for his cool camper van, either. A couple of us took him up on his offer to visit him in the Alleghenies. We joined his annual Easter Paddling Fest by Seneca Rocks, a sort of reunion for his many Coastal Canoe Club friends and affiliates. His sole aim? To share the exquisite beauty of the Smoke Hole Canyon with as many paddlers as possible.

A master of invention in designing boats as well as expeditions, he was an honored member of the Wooden Heritage Association and a regular face at Canada's Wilderness and Canoe Symposium.

**Read Tom's article in
the August 2019 issue
of PaddleSplashes
about the 40th
Wooden Canoe
Heritage Association
assembly.**

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Baffin Island, Clearwater River in Saskatchewan, the Bonnet Plume River in Yukon, the Notakwanon in Labrador, and many more.”

Tom and Curt were life-long friends who shared a passion, confidence, and expertise to plot boating adventures in the most remote wilderness.

“Our Notakwanon River trip was really off the beaten path—a Tom original,” Curt adds. Turned back twice before with two different groups, this time Tom triumphed. Third time lucky? More like Curt was the charm.

Tom played a key role as a researcher for the U.S. National Cancer Institute in an ambitious effort to collect, process, and extract samples from naturally occurring materials around the world. These experiments led to the discovery of many lifesaving drugs. In 2000 he was awarded the Special Science Achievement in recognition of the development of state-of-the-art systems for the rapid dereplication of extraordinary numbers of natural product extracts.

Madness on the Mecatina

Lucky for us, we can still “pull up a seat” and listen posthumously to Tom’s stories. We’ve been granted permission to reprint one of the most gripping tales from among his legendary reports for the Coastals Club.

From Curt’s view of this epic caper in Labrador in 2003, “I could fill a few pages on the beautiful but scary sight I saw downstream—Class 5 for as far as I could see! Overland was the only way for open boats. But we’d have to push hard if we had any chance to catch the once-a-week ferry just days away. I began to cut my rations once we regained the Mecatina River, unsure how we’d ever make it.”

Here’s a short excerpt of Tom’s trip report.

The Petit Mecatina

Then began the toughest portaging I’ve ever done, pulling and shoving the canoes up hills, and tilting them sideways through the dense little spruce trees. Portaging in the traditional sense—canoe overhead—was not possible. Cutting a path was not an option.

**Read the rest of Tom’s
account of his Mecatina trip.**

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meet the **COMMITTEE**



Cath Kraft

Secretary

What can I say about Cath Kraft, the paddler? I used to paddle...no that won't work. I still do sea kayaking, but I used to paddle an open solo canoe. I started in the early '90s until 2008. For years I paddled whitewater every weekend. I went on the southern and northern river trips with several different AMC chapters. I canoed the Grand Canyon and in Costa Rica. I want to start again because I miss it. Most of all, I miss the people. I might not do significant whitewater again, but I miss the rivers and the river tribe. I can't think of a better way to get back into paddling than to help out with the CKC committee as secretary and advisor.



Sam Perry *Quartermaster*

A distressed boater gasped in shock. The keys had somehow locked themselves inside the car. In the middle of the wild Adirondacks. After a long day of paddling in the sun. With just an hour left or they'd miss Happy Hour, or even campfire-side dinner. It wasn't the first time such a mishap befell a paddler. Once the car motor was still running. No worries. We watched as silent Sam Perry fashioned a makeshift tool, finessed his way through window weather-stripping, and popped the door button, liberating the keys. Charles immediately knew he'd found the perfect talent to tap as Quartermaster. Maybe Sam had staged the scene to wrangle the promotion? Well, then, lucky for us.



Says Sam, "It's great to be a part of the CKC! I'm looking forward to getting back on the water this spring, helping to maintain the canoes and kayaks in the Barn, and an open Canadian border so that I can help Charles retrieve the new trailer."

With the wisdom and patience of a teacher, which is his day job in New York City—lucky for those kids—Sam will direct and train us all in a Barn Day revival to whip our fleet in shape. He will also now supervise an augmented inventory of a new boat trailer, and several newly acquired canoes. Thanks again to Chairman Charles. We look forward to lending Sam a hand. Just mind your keys.

Camilla is excited to help provide access to kayaking and canoeing, as soon as the rivers are ice-free and drysuit season is over. In addition to encouraging the breadth and depth of trips, Camilla will team up with our Leader in Training volunteers—Henry, Lenny, and Loretta—to cycle through “batches” of co-leading leaders-in-training from the newly revised paddling committee from Potomac’s chapter as they upgrade to fully independent promotions. Look out for, as well, increased numbers of regional adventures! Destination demand kicks in!

Camilla Nivison *Scheduler*



AMC Boat Demo Day

Sat, Apr 24, 2021

Jamaica Bay



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Curt Gellerman cruising on Gwen Hunter's St Croix River canoe expedition.

***Paddling in
a Pandemic:***

Cruising on the St. Croix

STORY AND PHOTOS BY
GWEN HUNTER

So what are avid paddlers to do when a pandemic arrives and the Canadian border is closed?

Well, regroup, since that is all we could do. Looking for a wilderness canoe trip close to home, a group of experienced paddlers, mostly from AMC NH, began to plan and decided on the St. Croix River on the border of Maine and New Brunswick.

Designated as a Canadian Heritage River, the St. Croix flows along the eastern Maine border with New Brunswick, Canada offers great wilderness scenery, moderate white-water, maintained campsites, and smallmouth bass fishing.

We were a cohesive group, all having paddled together before with the exception of Curt Gellerman. Curt proved a great addition to our group with good humor and lots of experience.

We set off from Forest City Landing on a lovely sunny day and enjoyed good weather the entire trip. The first night's camp site was Squatter's Point where we enjoyed our first campfire. Unlike the wilder northern Canada, we found established camp sites, fire rings, picnic tables and toilet facilities.

Since we were on the Canadian border, numerous times we saw these international border markers. They were a reminder of how close we were to Canada and how much we longed to paddle there up in the North.

The six intrepid paddlers who set off for northern Maine were (l. to r.) Dick, Jose, Jean, Curt, Ron and Gwen.

The only portage on the St Croix was at the Vanceboro dam. With the help of a friendly local, we piled our gear in his pickup and all but the canoes were shuttled for us. Ya gotta love those folks in Maine.

Here Jose chatted up the border guard. Notice the classic tripping gear.

Below the Vanceboro Dam,

Wingdam campsite offered a chance for Jean and Gwen to practice some poling. Poling is defined as: the act of using a pole to propel the canoe. Generally poling is moving upstream. We also use the pole to descend down shallow sections of river – known as “snubbing.”

Due to an ongoing drought, we found the water low. That's good for poling, but meant some river-walking for paddlers. The USGS gauge at Vanceboro read 556 cfs and 4.73 feet on August 5th,. This meant low and technical rapids. Tunnel Rips was the next challenge. While some paddlers





The riverside grave of a baby girl thought to have been born on the train from Montreal and thrown into the St Croix River as the train crossed over the bridge into Canada. She was found by loggers and buried.

ran it neatly, others decided to be “naughty” and carry on the forbidden Canadian side.

Baby’s Grave was the next stop.

Legend has it that on June 29, 1899, loggers for the St Croix Pulp & Paper Company found a newborn baby girl in the river. It is believed the baby was thrown from the train close to the area and washed up to this site. Nobody knew who the baby belonged to, so they buried her. To this date, campers continue to bring the baby gifts.

Shutik was a lovely campsite with wildflowers growing in the marsh. As adventurers, we all enjoyed exploring a marsh in this area.

Egg Point was our last night out and we all agreed it had been a grand trip despite the pandemic. Until we can again paddle in the northern reaches of Canada, it was a delight to paddle this river with good friends and good weather.

Gwen poling on the St. Croix.



White Men *Can* Dance: DEI DIY

greatwhiteexplorer.blogspot.com is the cheeky entitlement a self-admittedly entitled Hendri Coatzee gave his pro paddling blog, until fate—and a Congolese crocodile—sadly snatched him from our midst. World renowned for his legendary inclusivity as much for explorer tourism, he blogged often about the many-a-truth said in his jest.

These many truths matter to CKC. Chair Charles Michener is starkly aware that the “great white male explorer” in many ways still dominates AMC’s world where about three out of five trip leaders and chairs are white males—and half of these are heirs of the greatest generation.

The “Adventure Gap” dies hard. CKC’s welcoming doors are wide open, but will diverse customers enter while the store sells mostly vanilla?

David Mong on one of his backpacking trips.

It depends on who’s doing the selling, Charles feels. This season, he’s directed David Mong and Russ Faller to launch a raft of innovative tripping designed to attract and keep a more representative NY-NoJ community outdoors.



Crystal Williams, co-chair of the AMC's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee, is also the founder of Kids Passport to Adventure and was a finalist in the highly competitive BOSS PITCH event. And she was recently featured on Black Entertainment Television (BET).



Integration seems the key. There's multi-sport and chapter-blending fun, and accessibility for the boatless or the carless urban dweller.

But what if a lack of diversity just reflects a lack of interest? Some people just don't like dancing? Crystal Williams, Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) has heard enough of those voices.

"I have two things to say to that," she points out, "transportation and encouraging friends." How do we become something we don't see?

Swiftly, after last May's horrific events in Minneapolis, the Executive Committee pulled up a new seat at the table, adding Chairperson Crystal Williams, founder of [Kids Passport to Adventure](#), to navigate its crucial mission, especially

to navigate its crucial mission, especially after HQ slashed the much-praised Youth Opportunities Program (YOP).

We can no longer afford colorblindness, or gender or any norming blindness, is a theme that resonates at weekly DEI meetings—open for all to attend, naturally.

Thus, Charles, Russ, and David have inspired a trendy selection of outings apt to lure many new kinds of folks. There's an Adirondack paddle & backpack, for one, as well as abundant newbie-centered trips. What's more, their chapter-blended trips are specially geared to promote a fresh batch of paddling Leaders in Training (LITs) from both NY-NoJ *and* the recently revived Potomac Canoe Committee. Keeping participant equity in mind, Activities Chair Richard Batiuk's

Potomac group reimburses campsite costs for leaders and leaders-in-training.

Who better to steer efforts for more representative leadership and membership than Russ and David? They share a proven track record of retaining and recruiting a wide variety of participants and trip leader mentees.

Yes, white men *can* dance. They can even climb white pines wearing snowshoes.

“We were bushwhacking our way back to camp from Dial Mountain in the Adirondacks,” remembers NY-NoJ backpacking leader and longtime Mountaineering School instructor and trip leader, Howie Dow, “when we cliffed out.” Deciding the best route home from this sudden, snowy drop off was a descent through ample pine trees, they shimmied their way down, fully shod. Knowing David’s nurturing ways, nary a branch was harmed.

This openness to safe adventuring also explains Russ’ magnetic, influencer powers. “I have the audacity to plan trips to places I’ve *never* even been before, including places out West or in Canada,” Russ says. “I become compulsive about planning each day of the outing. There are so many maps, guidebooks and blogs to study that I feel secure doing this. After all,” he adds, “I don’t run paddles around St. Lucia or trips to Nepal.”

Together Russ and David encompass nearly a century of leading experience between them, and an impressive amount of outdoor cred. David recently received the Volunteer Leadership Award at the annual AMC Summit for his generous expertise in everything from Mountaineer Leadership School to leading trendy new bike-packing trips.

Russ, also a man for all seasons even during pandemics, racks up so many trip leads for AMC, ADK and the Mohonk Preserve, that many wish he’d accept THREE awards for THREE lifetimes of achievement.



Russ Faller on the Wallkill River. Photo by Marty Plante.

You'd think with all that skill and experience, David and Russ would be arrogant, chauvinist jerks, their loyal fanbase has wondered. But, "NO!" say Jean MacFarlane, Peili Chao, and Jill Watkins. They frequent David's trips so often they teasingly call themselves his "harem." Instead, Russ and David deliberately run as many novice-focused trips as possible.

Foremost, these trips "encourage safety, skill building and adventure," says Jean.

"David makes everyone feel comfortable, modifying the day to fit the group," Peili said. "So many new people keep returning," she added.

Their responsive approach works other wonders, too.

David recruits more new women leaders outdoors than many others, even while COVID rages. He says he loves recognizing the spark of leadership in others—and fun," uppermost—even before they're aware of it themselves. He recently coaxed the scales from Bryna Selig's reluctant eyes. So far, she's up for co-leading a cross-sport

biking & hiking weekend this season, and who knows what after that?

Despite an intimidating standard of perfection, "David makes you feel like you can really do it, while he is still right there to support you," Bryna said.

Russ loudly seconds this advice to encourage more newbie trips.

What's good for diversity is good for all. Other leaders have told him he's too permissive in accepting less-skilled folk they would have sent away. "I believe you've got to give a beginner a chance if you have *some* feeling that person could accomplish the route," he explains. "How can paddlers progress to the next level if no one gives them a chance to move up?" says Russ.

Such sentiments Crystal no doubt applauds. Once, some beginner campers clung to her for support, afraid the woods were full of lions (as in mountain?!?) and bears. "It's scary and embarrassing being a novice. You need a network, a friend who'll show you what it's all about," she explained.

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Russ Faller



Getting soaked never worries paddlers, nor backpackers. This crew, led by David Mong, bushwacked up Seward Range near Tupper Lake, sliding in mud amid abundant, cleansing rain. (l to r) Chris Bickford, Whin Gabriel, Peili Chao, Manny Gallagio and Bruce Barnard.

Photo by David Mong.

That knack for networking, that warmth of community bonding, is the signature praise all AMC leaders hear most.

“My trips with Russ and David were formative,” observes young hiker-turned-canoeist Jeremy Polacek. But Russ and David always opened the door for carpooling.” He found the AMC paddling family treats everyone much the same way, sharing rides, gear, and even boats.

“As a car-less New Yorker who nevertheless wanted to go on appealing trips a bit further afield than Harriman, I might have been out of luck. But Russ and David always opened the door for carpooling.” I found the AMC paddling family treating everyone much the same way, sharing rides, gear, and even boats,” says Jeremy.

“Though I’m still working on staying as laid-back as Russ in challenging weather,” he said.

A Kids Passport to Adventure event at Fire Island.

Meanwhile, when another meme pops up about the great white hetero-normie bogeyman, at least NY-NoJ AMC knows another point of view. With David, Russ, and other leaders like them, white men *can* dance, *and* jump, climb, river run, ferry, sled pack, bike pack, and—above all—welcome others to share the thrills.



TRAVEL with the AMC

Bicycling the C&O Canal

Central Maryland
Sat, Apr 3, 2021

Quietwater Paddle-Packing

Central Adirondacks, NY
Fri-Mon, Aug 20-23, 2021

Backpacking Lost Pond Trail

Central Adirondacks, NY
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Paddling Smoke Hole Canyon

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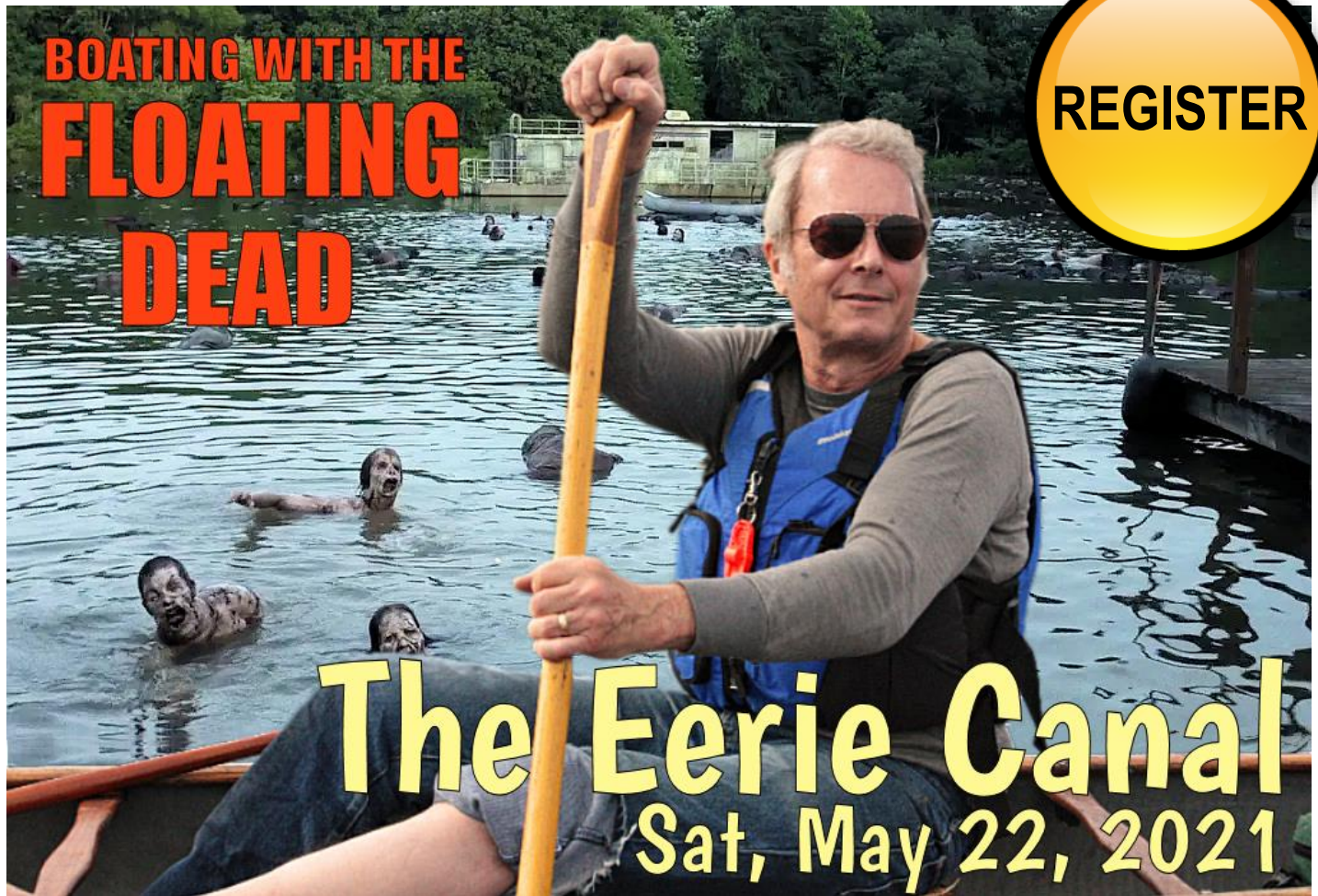
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Maryland
Fri-Sun, Apr 23-25, 2021



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Eileen Yin: APPIE OF THE YEAR

Eileen Yin has a confession.

For someone whose worthy life surely merits this year's distinguished lifetime achievement award, our recently honored Appie has a secret.

With her sleeves rolled up for ceaseless executive and advisory committee work, and both hands in countless programs—all made golden by her Midas touch—Eileen has never ever taken the helm of CKC.

“It’s funny because the CKC inspired and shaped my leadership potential,” she admits. “Guess my excuse is I



moved halfway around the world for a few years there just to dodge that bullet,” she adds with her signature, prankish laughter. Let’s shout out a grand “Congratulations!” to Eileen Yin for winning the prestigious Appie of the Year award! The Appie honors someone who has worked tirelessly throughout their membership years, whether behind the scenes or leading the charge in front. The Award exemplifies the volunteer ethic that makes the Appalachian Mountain Club so special.

Former Chapter Chair Cynthia Tollo-Falls’ nomination letter nobly sums up Eileen’s exhaustive contributions and gifts to NYNJ AMC.

Eileen Yin has served our Chapter at the highest level and done the job with unmatched enthusiasm. Eileen has been involved in leading canoe and kayak committee events, where she not only leads but teaches skills to beginners. Previously she has served the Chapter as the Hospitality Chair, getting compliments for organizing outstanding Chapter Dinners. Her leadership potential did not go unnoticed and she was nominated to the Executive Committee as Vice Chair, and as Chapter Chair.

As Chapter Chair she started new leadership awards, an annual picnic, a master leader program with a jacket reward and most importantly convinced the Executive Committee to support the donation of \$500,000 to capital expenses and programming at the Corman Harriman Outdoor Center.

She was also a member of the Harriman Launch Advisory Committee. After her Chapter Chair position was up, Eileen went on to start

a Chapter Harriman Program Committee, where she organized 18 Chapter events at the Corman Outdoor Center almost all with an educational aspect the first year. Not to be outdone, she helped organize 19 Chapter events this year. Almost all sold out.

Then the pandemic happened. Quickly adjusting us all in order to bring us virtually outdoors, Eileen organized Zoom Lunch Hours, Zoom Yoga, and many adventurous lectures to keep everyone connected. These events often had a conservation aspect and were very popular.

In addition, Eileen helped revive the Bicycling Committee by setting up organizing meetings and capitalizing on the popularity of this activity by organizing a series of rides when conditions allowed.

Eileen’s endless energy and devotion to ensuring the success of the Chapter makes her an outstanding volunteer leader and we look forward to what is next.

Rudi Markl

Had there been a breeze on Rogers Lake in Old Lyme, CT that day in November, 1972, Roberta Whittaker and I might never have discovered the joys of whitewater canoeing.



Rudi in Washington Machine Rapid, Farmington River at New Boston.

Unable to sail my 11-ft. Styrofoam Sea Snark, we found paddles and made the first (and probably only) descent of the lake's 5-ft-wide overflow, finishing with a boatload of sticks and spiders from the thickets we'd pushed through. We moved up to the 10-foot-wide Eightmile River, descended the idyllic dark ravine of Devil's Hopyard State Park to North Lyme, and explored the Jeremy-Blackledge-Salmon system.

Ironically, it was while under sail that the Snark finally broke up - on the Delaware River. For six miles we had a tailwind and had flown past a hundred rental canoes. We safely made it through Skinners Falls rapid, only to hit something in a pool. A big crack opened and water flooded in.

So it happened that in 1973, at age 36, I got my first canoe: a used 13-foot Grumman lightweight with a keel that we paddled tandem for years. We had mostly paddled alone, but in 1975 we happened upon some New York AMC canoeists who invited us to run with them. We enjoyed paddling with the other boaters and learned a lot from watching them, and we soon after joined the club.

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The first ABS boats we saw were Old Town Trippers and we watched, amazed and annoyed, as these behemoths slipped easily over rocks that would have stopped our aluminum boat in its tracks. More ABS models were appearing when a Blue Hole rep at an event threw the Blue Hole 16 down the rugged 10-ft-high bank, letting it bounce and scrape on the jagged rocks. A test run impressed us and we eventually got one for ourselves.

ABS is the best material available for whitewater canoes, but I maintain that people who learn in aluminum canoes will be better technical boaters than those who start out in ABS boats. Back then, most people paddled tandem—today an almost lost art. It's a very different experience than paddling solo and the need for coordination makes it much more exciting and rewarding in challenging water.

By 1984, when a new job took me to New Orleans, far from any whitewater, I had run 2,500 miles on 123 different whitewater rivers. Having logged all my runs was a big help decades later when trying to make sense of the 80 Super-8 movie reels that became DVDs.

Rudi

Millennial paddlers new to the club are often stunned speechless—or tweetless. "Whenever I see these veteran canoeists, it just seems like some kind of magic trick," says Jeremy Polacek, "the way they control their boat and paddle so effortlessly, the way they read the water and almost hitchhike it. I mean, how long does it take to learn how to do that?"



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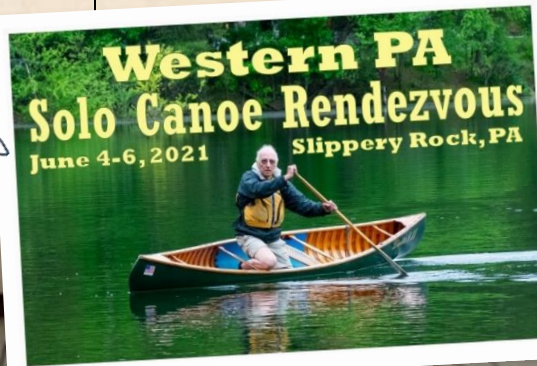
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| Mar 27-28 | | | Ramapo (Mar 27) Grossman | | | |
| April | 3-4 (Easter) |  | S. Branch of the Potomac River (WV) Brady/Stephens | | | |
| | 10-11 | | | Ten Mile River (Sat, Apr 10) Grossman/ Edwards | | |
| | 17-18 | | | |  | |
| | 24-25 | Boat Demo Day (Apr 24) Brady | | Collinsville (Sat, Apr 24) Grossman/ Edwards | | |
| Pine Barrens (Apr 24) Watters | | | | | | |
| May | 1-2 | | Tariffville Skills Drills (May 1) Schreiber | | | |
| | 8-9 | Oswego River (May 8) Watters | | | | |
| | 15-16 | Pine Barrens (May 12-16) Michener/Tiernan/ Stephens | |  | | |
| | 22-23 | Erie Canal (May 22) Plante | | | | |
| | 29-30 (Memorial Day) |  | Moving Water Canoe Instruction Brady/Michener | | | |
| Mullica Family Trip (Jun 4-6) Watters | | | | | | |



Week of
Southern Rivers
Jul 2-11, 2021

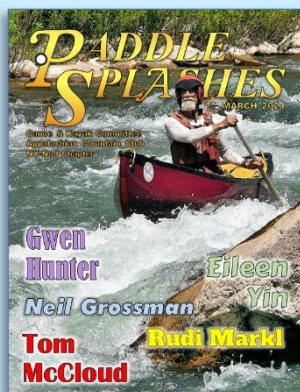
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