

# Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network Newsletter

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Happy Spring ☀

I know you're all just itching to get out on the water. Of course, some diehards have been paddling all winter. The rest of us have been content to do armchair paddling. **Thanks to Ted Myers, Mike Perry and Dee Kimball** for entertaining us this winter with slides of kayaking in far off places. Thanks also to **Mike Detscher** and **Mark Daniels** for hosting the Holiday Potluck. Thanks to **MaryLou Fathke** and **Bill Ridlon** for turning the T-shirt idea into a reality. The design and colors are quite spectacular!

We have a couple of meetings planned for the spring and some paddling events already on the calendar. Be thinking of trips and activities to publish in the June newsletter, and remember you can leave last minute events on the newsline. I'm looking forward to the upcoming season and to meeting more of you.

**Happy and safe paddling!**

*Barbara*

## UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Our Board Members will have served a year's term soon. We will have an election at our next General Membership Meeting on May 1. Nominations were taken at the March meeting. If you would like to serve on the board and missed the last meeting, please nominate yourself. We would love to have new people take an interest. Bill Ridlon, our Treasurer, is leaving the board. He has been wonderful and we thank him for a job well done. He will continue to handle the responsibilities of enrolling new members and updating our membership roster.

### **Nominees, so far, are:**

**President,** Barbara Carter

**Secretary,** Jeff Wescott

**Treasurer,** Jon Swan

**Members-at-Large,** Lee Bumsted,  
Wayland Linscott and Fred Fauver

## *June Newsletter*

Deadline for entries will be June 1.

Please send kayak related stories, articles, book reviews, jokes, cartoons, artwork, and classified to: B. Carter, 7 Gilbert Lane, Portland, ME 04101

THE JUNE NEWSLETTER WILL BE THE LAST PRODUCED BY BARBARA CARTER. WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY STARTING WITH AN AUGUST NEWSLETTER.

# What's Happening ?

Call the Newslines 24 hrs. for updates

\*\*\* 874 - 2640 \*\*\*

April 22, 23 & 24

**Knubble Bay Camp, Georgetown, ME with the AMC**

Sea kayaking both Sat. and Sun. Beginners welcome.

Contact Al Hansen (603- 927 - 4417) or Frank Stockwell (617 - 944 - 6069)

Sundays, May 8 and 22, 10 AM - Noon

**POOL SESSIONS AT THE YWCA, Practice paddling/rescue/rolling skills**

Sunday, May 1, 6:00 PM, Norumbega Outfitters

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/Election of Board Members**

David Kuhns will talk about hypothermia.

Thursday, June 9, 7:00 PM, L.L. Bean Discovery Room, Freeport

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Slides by Tin Smith, "Kayaking in the Ice Fields of Uummannak, West Greenland"**

Sat. & Sun., June 11 - 12

**2nd Annual Crow Island Clean-up, Muscongus Bay**

This is our adopted island on the Maine Island Trail.

Contact Bill, 799 - 5161 or Wayland, 655 - 7442

Saturday, June 18; Jon Con's pond near Kezar Falls

**Group rescue and boat handling** (Be prepared to spend time IN the water. )

Wetsuits, paddle floats and sturdy paddles recommended.

Contact Jon, 625 - 4695

Sunday, June 19, Location to be determined

**Follow-up to Saturday... Practice newly learned skills on the ocean**

Friday - Sunday, August 26 - 28

**3rd Annual Mooselookmeguntic Lake Trip**

Put this on your calendars NOW. More details to come in June Newsletter.

## Newslines instructions:

Network events will be listed on the outgoing message. If you are looking for spur-of-the-moment paddling partners leave a message on the Newslines, follow the instructions below, and members will be able to retrieve your message.

~Only leave messages that you want to be retrieved by other members.

~Be sure to leave your name, phone # and the date you'd like to paddle.

~Messages will be erased every Monday.

•To retrieve messages left on the newslines

dial 952 after the outgoing message.

•To review/rewind during message playback

press 7 and hold down until you have rewound the desired amount.

•To by-pass the outgoing message first press any #, then leave a message OR dial 952 to listen to the incoming messages.

•To replay messages Press 2.

# SOUTHERN MAINE



**SEA KAYAKING NETWORK**

On the facing page is a black & white copy of the new Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network T-shirt design. The actual screen-print is a full color original print done by Deb Merrill of Full Moon Graphics in Scarborough. The paddlers in the print are silhouetted against a yellow-gold sunrise. The muted purple-blue waters reflect the two islands and the early morning paddlers. Bordering this scene are kayaks of fuchsia, teal, gold, brown, and blue.

A portion of our profit will be donated to one or more local organizations involved in coastal issues. The remainder will be used to help finance the newsletter and the phone line.

To order, fill in the order form below and mail it with your check to SMSKN, P.O. Box 4794, Portland, Me. 04112. Please note that the price is \$12 per shirt until April 15th only. After that date the price is \$15. Also note that there is a wide range of color choices until April 15th. After that date colors will be limited. Orders placed by April 15th should be available at the meeting on May 1st (see elsewhere in the newsletter for place and time of the meeting).

## T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

### COLORS

Natural (Beige)

Stone-Washed Denim Blue

Fuchsia

### COLORS AVAILABLE UNTIL 4/15/94 ONLY

Yellow

Ash

Black

Lime

Royal Blue

White

Maroon

Plum

Forest Green

Silver

Fresh Mint

Red

Indigo

Jade

Dark Blue

Light Blue

Navy

Oatmeal

Paprika

Stone-Washed Green

Purple

Raspberry

### SIZES

### PRICES

Small  
Medium

Large  
Extra-Large

\$12.00 per shirt thru 4/15/94  
\$15.00 per shirt after 4/15/94

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

QUANT.	SIZE	COLOR	PRICE	TOTAL COST
			\$	\$
		<b>TOTAL COST:</b>		\$

Make check payable to: Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network  
P.O. Box 4794  
Portland, Maine 04112

## PADDLING TALES

### Cape Elizabeth to Land's End

Daryl Kelley

Denny Harnish and I are driving to Bailey Island, to leave the van at Land's End, where today's trip will end. Another one of those trips where we drive 120 miles in order to paddle 12 miles. From mid-span on the Cribstone Bridge, the predawn chill disappears, as we see the sun rising over a very flat expanse of waste between us and Cape Small. When we arrive at Land's End, we agree that seeing the sun rise from the bridge is a good omen and head back up the road for Cape Elizabeth, where Mike Kearney is waiting.

As we gear up at Ship Cove, looking out at the lake-like sea, we decide to change our plans. Originally, we were going from here to Junk of Pork, then Jewell, Eagle, and finally Bailey Island. The glassy water, the warming air, the lack of wind, and a high, thin cloud cover lure us into a change of plans - a straight run to Halfway Rock and then to Bailey Island.

As we are paddling leisurely for a while, we keep noticing Halfway Rock has not increased in size at all. About a mile off Junk of Pork, Denny yells "Whale!" "Where?" "To the right." We can't see anything, but the water has been disturbed. We start squeaking on our boats to let it know our position. Voila' - a 25' Minke whale surfaces 20 feet from us, checking us out. We hang out for 15 minutes hoping for another visit, but no luck. Someone mentions food, and we reluctantly paddle on to the Rock.

Landing there is a challenge, as the smoothest ledge has all sorts of snags sticking out of it - remnants of an old life boat ramp. We land, get food and clothing out, check out the resident seals, take pictures, and go have lunch in the lee of the lighthouse. In the lee? Oh yeah - forgot to mention - clouds have lowered, and it's blowing!

"Leisure" is not the word to describe lunch or anything else during the rest of the day. We eat, repack boats, and get on the water, thinking we're going to circumnavigate the Rock. After catching some air, we turn around and regroup in the lee of the Rock. It feels better here and looks like a good run to Bailey Island, although we will have to do a bit of a ferry angle to hit it just right.

We paddle out of the lee, and we're into it - 6 - 8 foot seas, heading right into Bailey Is. It's great surfing, wallowing, rising up - over and over. We're trying to keep close together, enough to be able to assist each other, but not run each other down. Lots of grins, a few anxious moments here and there, and 45 minutes after leaving Halfway Rock, we're at Land's End.

## BOOK REVIEW

by Chuck Jones

### The Kayak Shop: Three Elegant Wooden Kayaks Anyone Can Build by Chris Kulczycki, Ragged Mountain Press, an imprint of McGraw-Hill, Inc.

When Bill Ridlon sent me "The Kayak Shop" by Chris Kulczycki to read and review, I was pleasantly surprised. For one, as a subscriber to both Sea Kayaker and Fine Woodworking, I had seen some of Chris Kulczycki's designs and followed his thinking about the natural marriage between wood and kayaks.

The second surprise was on page 1 of Chapter 1. "My" Pygmy 19 designed by John Lockwood, (kit built in 1987) was front and center. Chris has beautifully explained the wood kayak philosophy; and has refined some building and design techniques. However, the Pygmy 19 will become a classic for John Lockwood; perhaps like the Model A Ford?

Chapter by chapter Chris unfolds the basics and nitty-gritty of design, materials, tools, and plans, without getting so technical as to scare off the prospective builder. It is a soft sell that should encourage a lot of people to make the go-for-it decision. Then, he follows up with step-by-step photos and descriptions that should keep even basic woodworkers comfortable with what they are doing.

If the reader gets the book, reads it and never builds a boat, he/she has still made a gain. A wood kayak can be purchased or built from a kit with professional help. It will be lighter, stronger, and aesthetically pleasing, relative to its various plastic cousins.

Since 1983 I've purchase and paddled six fiberglass sea kayaks of various designs. I still have three of them but my one wooden boat gets most of the use. I wish Chris had written his book ten years ago. It might have saved a lot of trouble and expense for me and others!

## Classifieds

### FOR SALE:


Chinook Sea Kayak with rudder, foam bulkheads, hatches and spray skirt. \$550.  
Call Hank Andolsek, 799-0791.

### LOOKING TO TRADE FOR A DAY:

I am looking for someone owning a Betsie Bay Kayak who would be willing to trade for a day; I have a VCP Pintail.  
Call Hank Andolsek, 799-0791.

### LOOKING FOR "SEA KAYAKER MAGAZINE"

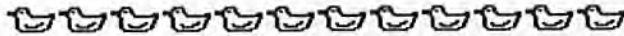
Volume 1, #1.  
Call Daryl, 345 - 9844.



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Portland, ME  
773 - 0910



## Pool Sessions

Our winter our pool sessions at the Y were not a big draw. Too cold, perhaps? However, thanks to new member Fred Fauver, a couple of sessions were filled. Interest is picking up with the promise of spring. We have reserved the pool for two Sundays in May from 10 AM to Noon. We ask that you sign up and pay in advance. A session will be considered full when 8 people have registered. The cost will be \$8. per person for two hours of pool time. There will be no instructors per se, so those of you who sign up are on your own to work together in sharing your knowledge and skills.

Tom Dougherty, Director of Recreation at the YWCA, is enthusiastic about kayakers using the pool. The pool is easily accessible; a car can pull right up to the door into the pool area. There is room for 3 or 4 sea kayaks and 2 or 3 river kayaks in the pool at one time. Feel free to call Tom directly and set up pool time yourself, **874-1130**.

### -----Tear-off Pool Session Registration-----

Please send check for **\$8. per session** to **Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network**.  
Mail to : *B.Carter, 7 Gilbert Lane, Portland, ME 04101*. The first 8 to register for each session will be notified and given the names of others in their session to enable them to plan as a group. Those over and above the first 8 for each session will be notified and offered alternate dates or money will be refunded.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which session(s) you are interested in. May 8\_\_\_ May 22\_\_\_

Indicate skill level: Can do \_\_\_wet exit, \_\_\_self rescue, \_\_\_assisted re-entry, \_\_\_group rescue, \_\_\_Eskimo roll

Comments: