



## Put-Ins & Paddle Strokes

News from and for CONNECTICUT SEA KAYAKERS

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**Note: All paddlers on ConnYak trips must have and wear: 1. The appropriate CG approved Personal Flotation Device, and W. A spray skirt. Their boat and equipment must meet CG requirements, including an appropriate signaling device. Paddlers are responsible for their own safety, including dressing for immersion.**

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At our last meeting January 17th, we held elections for officers. With a quorum, nominations and motions passed, the following people were unanimously elected:

Pres. - Stan Kegeles  
1st VP - Dick Gamble  
2nd VP - Jeff Dixon  
Treasurer - Jim Gass  
Rec. Sec'y - Fern Usen  
Editor - Fern Usen

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Dick Gamble announced his plans to kayak at Southern Exposure in Tequesta, Florida 2/1 week-end with a lesson on Friday with Nigel Foster.

If anyone is interested in joining him, let him know.

The members discussed their desire for more pool sessions given by Mike Falconari. In response, Mike is offering 3 sessions in February. ~~Saturday, SUN~~ February 17 and February 24 both from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Wallingford. ~~SUN~~ <sup>MARCH 3</sup> Please contact the Wallingford Park & Recreation to reserve your space in the class.

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The next Conn-Yak Meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Manchester. Terry Harlow will be conducting a video presentation. In March, Stan will begin conducting bi-monthly meetings for the developers/volunteers of the Connecticut Trail Guide. The time will be decided at the 2/21 meeting.

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Just a reminder, if you haven't sent your membership dues in, please use the attached form and waiver form and return to Jim Gass.

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### COMING EVENTS:

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Clark Announced the following trips:

May 11, May 12:

Paddle from Haddam Meadows State Park to Long Island Sound, approximately 10 miles per day with side trips to scenic coves and back channels of the spectacular lower Connecticut River. Day trippers welcome, or camp with us Saturday night at Seldon Island State Park, and enjoy community meals. R. With leader, Clark Bowlen, 623-6587 by Tuesday night at 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 1:

Introduction to moving water. We'll practice eddy turns, ferries and other moving water techniques on the Connecticut River between King's Island and I-291 launch ramps. R. With leader, Clark Bowlen, 623-6587.

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Kingdom of the Tides June 15-June 22.

Part I: Saturday 6/15- Wednesday, 6/19. Camp

on Beal and Perkins Islands, explore the Kennebec River estuary including Popham and Hunniwell Beaches, Spinney's Seafood Restaurant, Sequin Island, and Fort Popham.

Part II: Wednesday, 6/19-Saturday, 6/22. Explore extreme downeast-Cobscook Bay and Whiting Bays, perhaps Deer and Campabello Islands, N.B. Vamp at Cobscook Bay State Park.

Sorry, no open cockpit boats. All boats must have compass, horn, and self-rescue gear, paddlers should be practiced at using them. Wet or dry suit necessary.

Community cooking, with shared shopping, cooking and clean-up duties. R.

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With leader, Clark Bowlen, 623-6587 for one or both parts  
Call for articles and pictures of your trips and excursions, or any kayaker safety information to share in our newsletter.

For those of you who like to *surf* but don't want to go in the water just yet, here's the answer:

Internet surfing dude.

Visit these sites for information and just for the fun it! -- more next issue.

<http://www.halcyon.com/wtr/TASK.html>



The Launch!

<http://www.halcyon.com/wtr/tn/n/napsa.thml>  
[http://microship.ucsd.edu/microship\\_project/http://www.yahoo.com/Recreation/Outdoors/Canoeing\\_kayaking\\_and\\_Rafting/](http://microship.ucsd.edu/microship_project/http://www.yahoo.com/Recreation/Outdoors/Canoeing_kayaking_and_Rafting/)  
<http://www.gorp.com/gorp/activity/paddle.htm>

Please remember the site addresses are case sensitive, and locations can change since this is printed.

In the meantime, don't get caught in the net without your paddle!

Some photos of the End-of-Season East River Kayak trip led by Jay Babina:



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