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Message from the President

Hi MDCC members,

I had just been voted in as your MDCC president as of January 1st 2009 . I wanted to introduce myself and thank you for being a part of this community of paddlers. A couple of years ago my son and I became interested in kayaking and we have had some wonderful people help us to understand so many things that are involved in the sport. From Randy Snapp's initial meeting with us and discussing the different types of kayaks and water conditions, Jim and Andrew's safety classes, Vitas's repeated rescues (and the rescue of myself by many others), Ericka's enthusiasm, Sylvia's calm guidance and Dan's leadership has made it a very enjoyable community (the banquet entertainment may have traumatized my son JJ though). I can not thank everyone for all that they have done in this short comment but I can promise to work to meet the clubs expectations. I do not want to advertise for any particular business but I believe most local outfitters will give MDCC members a 15% discount on store items, I know RTO will because I received the assurances of the management. If you have any questions please feel free to Email me at karate1953@yahoo.com. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

John Navarro

John having fun with family and friends



2008 MDCC BOD Meeting Minutes

Many thanks to the Chapelle's for hosting this important and fun evening.

Your 2009 Officers:

President: John Navarro
Vice President: Ericka Hoffmann
Secretary: Sheila Chapelle
Treasurer/Membership: Sylvia DuRant

Kudos to ex-Prez Dan as he steps down after 3 years.

Your 2009 Volunteers (excluding trip coordinators, instructors, etc):

Newsletter Editor: Dan Eigenbrode
Conservation Chair: Chuck Davis
Safety Chair: Jim Norton
Pool Session Coordinator: Dave Russo
Trophy Manufacturer: Vitas Eidukevicius
Web Master: John Pramik
Assistant WEB Master: Bob Devine

Your 2009 Board of Directors:

Merrill Pearson
Vitas Eidukevicius
Jamie Geraghty
Jim Norton
Dan Eigenbrode
Dave Russo
Ron Shanholz

The Chapelle home during the holidays



Close up of Santa



MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!

2009 MDCC Banquet

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009

Time: 6:00 PM

Where: Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boonsboro

Bring a dish to share and let John Navarro know what you are bringing so he can coordinate any like dishes. Soda, plastic, and paper ware provided. Need MDCC canoe award submissions to be sent to John Navarro. You must write and present the award. We have a limited number, so get your request in now. karate1953@yahoo.com

More details to be posted on the message board closer to the date.

2009 Pool Sessions

Where: Hagerstown YMCA on Eastern Blvd.

When: Sunday mornings March 1, 8, 15, 22

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Contact: Dave Russo drusso48@aol.com

Must be MDCC member. Cost \$15 per person per session. Free instruction and advice. MDCC does not provide gear, so you must make your own arrangements for boat, skirt, and paddle.

Members are reminded that gear must be clean of dirt, sands, rocks and leaves inside and out. Nose plugs and helmets recommended. No seal launching off the side of the pool. Ask for assistance in entering your boat if needed. Also we would like to ask members to not use the side of the pool for practicing hip snaps, but use the bow of a boat.

Harpers Ferry Whitewater Film Extravaganza Video & Photo Contest

When: March 28th, 2009

Host: Harpers Ferry Outdoor Festival

Where: KOA Campground - Harpers Ferry, WV

Time: 5:00PM

Admission: \$3.00 includes Food, Fun, and Prizes

The Contests

River Video Submissions: Length: 20min Max. Email to reserve your time spot as space is limited.

River or scenic Photo: 8 X 10 printed formats – Bring ready to be displayed – Top 13 winners will be featured in our 2010 Calendar

Chili Cook Off: Bring your favorite pot, bowls, utensils, and enough Chili to share with everyone

Top 3 winners of each category will receive really cool prizes! The calendar will be for 2010 and will make its debut at the Harpers Ferry Outdoor Festival on June 20th, 2009.

For more information check out harpersferryoutdoorfestival.org or
Call or email Mike Moore at (304) 676-6853 mike@harpersferryoutdoorfestival.org

21st Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup

When: SAT, April 4, 2009

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Harpers Ferry Area

Contact: Chuck Davis cdavis@chuckdavis.ws

Refer to the schedule and the message board closer to the date. MDCC and HFOF will be leading the cleanup effort on the Bakerton, WV putin, Wide Spot (340), B2B putin and the C&O canal Sandy Hook to Mad Dog rapids.

Website: http://www.potomaccleanup.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.html

Harpers Ferry Outdoor Festival and Tim Gavin Race

When: Sat, June 20th, 2009

Where: KOA Campground - Harpers Ferry, WV

More information: <http://www.harpersferryoutdoorfestival.org/>

MORE MDCC INFORMATION

2009 MDCC Schedule

The club has decided to go to a “working” online schedule at the link below. This schedule will constantly be updated and anyone that desires can add a trip or change the details at their leisure.

If you would like to add a trip contact Ericka: speleofire@yahoo.com

If you would like to have privileges to change or add your own trips, contact Vitas:
vitas@frontiernet.net

<http://www.masondixoncanoecclub.org/trips.html>

Photos online

Check out the photo gallery on the MDCC WEB site! Want to contribute, add your own, or get a photo? Contact Vitas: vitas@frontiernet.net

<http://wobey.net/gallery/main.php>

Newsletter

MDCC is going “green” and issuing/ mailing out hard copies of this newsletter by request only. For requests, submissions, or suggestions, email mdccnews@yahoo.com

Membership dues

The last page of this newsletter is the membership form and wavier required. Please submit your form along with 2009 dues (only \$10) and mail to the address given on the WEB site under Join <http://www.masondixoncanoecub.org/join.html>

Mason Dixon Canoe Club
PO Box 223
Boonsboro, MD 21713

Need gear in the local area?

Mention you are a MDCC member and receive a discount on gear. Contact the outfitters below for more information.

River and Trail Outfitters
<http://www.rivertrail.com/>

River Riders
<http://www.riverriders.com/>

Jim Norton Ohiopyle Falls



John Roche Ohiopyle Falls



Vitas Eidukevicius Ohiopyle Falls



Brenda Benner Upper Yough



MASON-DIXON CANOE CRUISERS. INC.

Application and Liability Waiver

CAUTION: THIS IS A WAIVER. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Name(s): _____

Family Members: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email address: _____

Check this box if you do not want your contact information included in the membership roster.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for participation in events sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Canoe Cruisers, Inc.(hereinafter referred to as the 'Club'), intending to be legally bound, I hereby waive, release, and discharge, for myself and any member of my family and anyone else claiming through me, any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me against the club, its members, trip coordinators, or any other of my fellow paddlers as a result of my participation in a club-sponsored event. This waiver applies to any negligent act or omission and any intentional act intended to promote my safety or well-being.

This waiver is given in the interest of permitting the Club to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to entitle myself and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate our services and help each other without fear of liability. My waiver is given in exchange for similar waivers to be granted by other members of the Club. My waiver has no expiration date.

I hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river: 1) boating on whitewater rivers exposes participants to various hazards; 2) no one but myself is responsible for judging my qualifications for my safety when I choose to challenge my capabilities by boating on a particular river or a particular rapid; 3) I may assist my fellow paddlers to the best of my ability when they appear to need such assistance - but only so long as I can do so, in my judgment, without significant danger to myself. I further understand that this does not imply any legal duty for me to do so, nor for anyone else who renders such assistance to me. I also declare that I shall abide by all applicable boating laws and regulations and will practice courtesy and safety while boating. I am also aware that the wearing of a proper personal floatation device is recommended on all trips where conditions so dictate, and is even required by some states.

I consent to any emergency treatment that may be considered necessary in the event of an injury or illness during any club-sponsored event which may be deemed necessary by club members or medical personnel.

I represent to the Club that I am eighteen (18) years or older and that I am authorized to execute this waiver on behalf of my family.

Signature(s) of applicant(s): _____ Date: _____

Signature(s) of applicant(s): _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(if applicant is under 18)