



The Paddle

Fall 2011

<http://www.masondixoncanoecub.com/>

Where did the summer go?

MDCC Beginner WW kayak class: Kudos to President John Navaro, Ron Shanholtz and JD Pearl for spearheading the effort with help from many other members and getting some folks on the water. The class took place July 9th on the Potomac from Sandy Hook to Brunswick. Some of those that attended the class are now quite the regulars on the river. All had a good day and a wonderful experience.

Thursday Night Paddle (TNP): About to come to an end with the dwindling daylight, we had many newbies up the ante and advance to other waters such as the North Branch of the Potomac. We thank again Dave Russo for his Tsar rule in keeping this together and helping get folks on the water. Names such as Earl, Bonnie, Brent, Justin, Noah, Lorraine and others became common place. Great to see this happen. Additional thanks go to John E, JD, Vitas, Jay & Wendy, and Susan for their help and encouragement. Giving back is a good feeling

Marriages and engagements: You know who are you! Congratulations to the several members that tied the knot or said "yes" over the past year.

Picnic: Irene didn't spoil this and 30 or so members and their family got together for a good time at Scotts place on the Antietam in August. Thanks to Scott for letting us use his place, Sheila for scheduling it, John and Jamie for manning the grill.

Paddle: Some had a awesome summer. Well, I didn't receive any trip reports, but it is never too late. There will a newsletter before the 2012 season. But there was some paddling and some stories. We'd love to hear them!

Board of Directors (BOD) meeting: To be scheduled soon. This is a important, but causal meeting where the current officers and BOD meet to elect members for the 2012 season and to outline some plans and business. We need more members to get involved and help out with the running of the club so it doesn't fall on just a few. Look to the message board for this meeting as the more, the merrier. All are invited. Up for grabs this year is the following:

President.....no experience needed. John has done a great job over the past 3 years and we thank him for his effort and hope he will continue to help MDCC out with the beginner class.

Other positions available and areas where you can help (banquet, roll sessions, picnic, classes, newsletter, membership, trips) will be discussed.

Mason Dixon Canoe Cruisers



Melius vivit qui remigat

Who paddles lives better

2011 MDCC BOD and Officers

Your 2011 Officers:

President: John Navaro

Secretary: Sheila Chapelle

Vice President: Ericka Hoffmann

Treasurer/Membership: Fred Dalauro

Your 2011 Volunteers (excluding trip coordinators, instructors, etc):

Newsletter Editor and Membership: Dan Eigenbrode

Conservation Chair: Chuck Davis

Safety Chair: Jim Norton

Pool Session Coordinator: Dave Russo

Web Master: Vitas Eidukevicius and Chuck Davis

Your 2011 Board of Directors:

Merrill Pearson

Bobby Miller

Jim Norton

Jamie Geraghty

Vitas Eidukevicius

Dave Russo

Ron Shanholz



*An evening view on TNP.
Harpers Ferry, WV*



*Chuck has a floatation issue.
(Actually it is a rescued blow up pool raft.)*

Name that Rapid !



Where is this wave located and what is it called?

First to post the correct answers on the designated thread for this (thread titled "Name that rapid" started by DanE) wins something at the banquet. You can play if you won the prize before, but you may not get another prize, just the recognition you have computer time no one else does. For extra credit, name the boater, the boat and the paddle as well. (2010 photo)



*MDCC Beginner Class
Some happy faces. SYOTR*



*John gives some safety instruction
during the class lunch break*

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I hereby dub this Bonnie's rock.

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The "love" boat navigates Whitehorse. He has since taken up hard boating.



Welcome back Cindy !



Lorraine focuses ahead with determination and anticipation for the rapid in sight.



Ben doing a "mystery move".



OK...it is not all about kayaks.

Mark your Calendar !

2011 Board of Directors Meeting

All welcome.

Date, place and time TBD. Check the message board for updates.

Banquet and Roll Sessions 2012

The MDCC banquet is usually held in Boonsboro the last Saturday night in February. Contact Dan Eigenbrode with any suggestions for the banquet. dankayakbike@yahoo.com Roll sessions are usually held at the Hagerstown YMCA the four Sunday mornings in March. Contact Dave Russo if you would like to help or have questions. Details on both will be in the January newsletter.

Editor's Notes

River Access in the Harpers Ferry area !

River access in the Harpers Ferry area has become difficult at times especially during the summer season. John E has put the ball in motion on building a relationship with park leadership so that paddlers can have a voice when decisions are made. Read John's update on the WEB site and feel free to jump in. We appreciate John's efforts and the park service for recognizing the issues at hand.

<http://www.masondixoncanooclub.com/viewtopic.php?f=3&t=421>

Cover the cockpits.

Well, if you are about to get out the skis and stow away the boat, make sure the cockpit is covered so you don't find a nest of stink bugs, spiders or earwigs when it is time to attend the pool sessions. Before covering (use bungees and cloth/plastic), make sure the boat is good and dry inside. Also a good idea in either case to put some sun screen (303 Aerospace Protectant) on your boats and your dry suit/jacket gaskets.

Welcome !

New members Justin Spielman, Douglas Arnall, Bonnie Wisdom, Gregory Bullock, Lisa Zembower, George Wyeth, Steve James, Bruce Campbell and David Hostetter.

Final Note

There is rain in the forecast and plenty of paddling before the freezing temperatures set in. Make sure you have the proper gear before air and water temperatures decrease. Hypothermia is not a "cool" thing. Know the symptoms and how to avoid it. A good rule of thumb to follow is the "100 degree rule." This means the air temperature plus the water temperature should be greater than or equal to 100 degrees F to be paddled comfortably without dry gear or wet suit. However, if the sun isn't shining or the wind is blowing...well....get the gear. Be safe.