

TRASH TRACKERS

The RMSKC paddlers who were camping at Lake Powell in September came across a small powerboat named *Trash Tracker* back in a tight canyon. They wished the volunteers who were using it to clean up the area had been nearby because they would have liked to ask them about their work.



Then, as they were paddling out a couple of days later, they saw the Trash Tracker mothership, a well-used older houseboat, trailing the runabout.

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Trash Tracker's website says, "The Trash Tracker program is a joint effort between the National Park Service and Lake Powell Resorts and Marinas to clean up the 1,960 miles of the lake's shoreline.



Jud, paddling toward Bullfrog Marina with garbage RMSKC campers collected in 2014



One morning at Union

"Trash Trackers are members of the NPS Volunteer-In-Parks Program and spend five to seven days aboard a houseboat that has been donated by Aramark. Volunteers for the Trash Tracker program work together to pick up anything left behind along the shoreline."

It sounded like a good way to spend more time at Lake Powell and Sue Hughes applied, at exactly 7:00AM on the first of February as the website instructed, but it seemed that pre-formed groups of people were placed in the weekly slots instead of individuals.

Maybe next year a group of RMSKC members will try again. It wouldn't be a new experience to any of us; picking up trash is something most of us do every time we're out. Interested? Check them out: <http://www.nps.gov/glca/getinvolved/supportyourpark/trashtracker.htm>