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THE RMSKC NEWS

CLUB INFO AND THE LATEST SCHEDULE

FROM THE EDITOR

By Sue Hughes

Here's the latest issue of *The RMSKC's NEWS*, with information about what the Club and its members are doing.

Coming in the next *Mountain Paddler* will be accounts of this year's trip to Alaska, Larry Kline's trip to Merritt Reservoir, a recent trip to Vallecito/Blue Mesa, and articles on first aid and useful knots.

For most of us, the boating season in Colorado is nearing its end, but if you paddle in the cold or go some place warmer between now and next spring, please do send in pictures and details about your adventures.



Not exactly kayak news, but President Jud Hurd's odometer turned over to 300,000 miles on his way to the Trip Leader Training Class in March. Jud's motto: "Old car, new boats"

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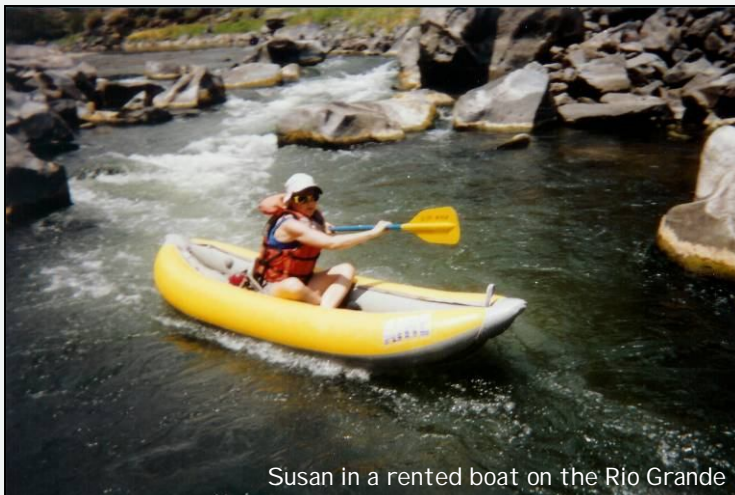
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Here, and on the following page, is introductory information from our new members, with highlights about their paddling backgrounds; we are looking forward to getting to know them.

SUSAN HALL FROM LARKSPUR

Susan writes, "I have been kayaking for about 16 years, but I am originally from Wisconsin and my family has always boated, so water is where I feel the most at home. I've paddled all over the upper Midwest and Lake Superior, the Rio Grande, and Florida.

I am an ecologist; my specialty is the restoration of freshwater systems, so I really enjoy paddling around in the nearshore environment and exploring marshes, sea caves, and such.



Susan in a rented boat on the Rio Grande

Sadly, I lost my husband suddenly in 2006 and my job is very demanding, so it has taken six years to think about paddling seriously again. Along with that, there are just not that many places for big kayaks nearby. I have a Current Designs fiberglass sea kayak and my late husband's Prijon *Expedition*, which is a big boat, but a superb river runner. Paddling my boat is a dream come true, but its fiberglass construction limits the places I can go here, so I am hoping to find some paddlers who want to glide some soft-bottomed rivers and lakes somewhere and relax among the weeds."

JOE PHILLIPS FROM DENVER

Joe sent us the following: "I began paddling (other than as a kid in Scouts) about 12 years ago; I received an 11' recreational kayak for my birthday. At that time I didn't even know how to enter one, so I did what everyone else does these days: I looked it up on the Internet.

I lived in northwest Ohio at the time, so there weren't too many opportunities for good paddling. What I did have close at hand were the Great Lakes. I wanted to do some extended trips, but didn't want to invest in a real sea kayak until I got a taste of it first, so I signed up for a guided trip on Georgian Bay in the Canadian section of Lake Huron, and I was hooked.



Joe Phillips on Pelee Island before the second leg of his Lake Erie crossing

Since then I've done several trips on Lakes Superior, Huron, and Erie, as well as quite a few symposiums and rendezvous. I got my two kayaks out here in one piece and hope to begin exploring the lakes, reservoirs, and rivers of my new state.

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NEW MEMBERS

JOE PHILLIPS, CONTINUED:

These days I paddle a 17' Shearwater *Merganser* stitch and glue and an 18' West Greenland skin-on-frame, both of which I built a few years ago.

I am a divorced 54 year-old from Ohio with two grown children: a son living in Columbus, Ohio and a daughter and three-year-old granddaughter living in Savannah, Georgia. I made the move here last December to be with the woman I love.

I am part owner in a tool and die business back in Ohio and working here in my remote office. Over time I will be phasing out and look for employment here. When I'm not working, I'm hiking or biking with my girlfriend, Vicki, or volunteering for the Lakewood Parks and Recreation Department."

Other new members we're looking forward to learning more about:

- **CHRIS DOHMEN** from ENGLEWOOD
- **AL LOVAS** from AURORA
- **ROBERT KILKER** from LAKEWOOD
- **MATTHEW** and **DONNA MALONEY** from COLORADO SPRINGS
- **ERIC FRY** and **LISA THOMPSON** from BOULDER
- Former members **SHEILA** AND **JOSEPH MAIO** from COLORADO SPRINGS

STEERING COMMITTEE AND CLUB NEWS

The **STEERING COMMITTEE** met on April 18 at Sue Hughes' house in Longmont. The majority of the meeting was a discussion of various aspects of improving our web presence.

- Jud briefed the SC on his efforts to rework **THE WEBSITE**. The Steering Committee was supportive of the upcoming changes. Much of his information was about moving from JumpLine to GoDaddy for our web hosting, with details about the costs and the pros and cons. It was decided that this move would be made by the end of 2012.
- It was decided that an **INDEX OF ARTICLES** appearing in the Club publications that are available online should be created and posted to the website so that members can search for information by author, trip destination, or other topics.
- SC members agreed that details about events that have already taken place would be omitted from our posted **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**.
- The only other topic of discussion was whether **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION** should be added to the Membership Roster so that Trip Leaders would have those numbers. The consensus was that the information was sensitive enough, and could change frequently enough for a variety of reasons, that it would be better to have Trip Leaders collect up-to-the-minute data before each trip.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS: This November we'll elect a President, a Membership Coordinator, an Editor, a Webmaster and hopefully a Secretary, a new position which we have not yet been able to fill. The call for nominations for these positions will be in October.

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Have you ever considered leading a trip but just weren't sure what was involved and didn't have enough information to help you get started?

Have you led a trip in the past but wonder if anything has changed? Or have you led a trip and had questions arise that you would like to discuss with someone?

TRIP LEADER TRAINING CLASS

Taught by Jud Hurd

HELPING NEW PEOPLE STEP BOLDLY

WHERE MANY HAVE GONE BEFORE

RMSKC is always looking for more trip leaders. When several potential leaders suggested that the Club should provide training to help them become comfortable with the process, an evening session was organized and taught by our President, Jud Hurd. The goal was to cover everything a member would need to know to plan, promote and lead a day paddle or a longer trip.

The course was held March 15th at the Denver home of new members Clark and Marty Strickland, with Clark, Julie Reckart, Marlene Pakish, Mark Wiley, George Ottenhoff, Brian Hunter and Sue Hughes attending. The evening consisted of reviewing two recently updated web documents, the *Trip Leader Checklist* and the *Participant Guidelines*. The *Trip Leader Checklist* provides the information a leader needs to plan, promote and execute a paddle trip. The *Participant Guidelines* review the responsibilities of everyone on a paddle and specify what they are agreeing to when joining a Club outing. They help all paddlers have a safe and enjoyable trip; we encourage members to review them. These can be read on the RMSKC website, but everyone at the class found it helpful to discuss them and ask questions about specific topics. Of particular, and reoccurring, interest was the old question, "How do you keep a group of paddlers together?"

As Jud said when he announced the class, "The heart of the RMSKC is our paddle trips. We are grateful to members who currently lead trips and we want to do everything we can to support them. But we can't rely forever on the same people being available as trip leaders. If we don't have other members willing to step forward and fill their shoes, we will see a deterioration of our trip calendar and the eventual deterioration of the RMSKC."

He was excited to see so many new people show an interest in leading trips, and asks that the members thank them for stepping up, and encourage them to lead a trip.

On the next page are easy instructions for filling in the Trip Report so the requirements for our ACA insurance are met, and here's a link to the documents about leading and participating in RMSKC trips: <http://docs.rmskc.org/docs/RMSKCclubInfo/>



Marlene Pakish,
George Ottenhoff and Mark Wiley

FOR TRIP LEADERS

How To Do A SPEEDY TRIP REPORT



Even if you have never worked with an Excel spreadsheet, these directions will enable you to fill out your ACA Final Trip Report in just a few minutes:

1. Open the ACA_Final_Report spreadsheet document you received from the Paddle Coordinator.
2. Save this document as ACA_Final_Report, but add your trip's name in the new document's title.
3. Open the Member Roster that you also received from the Paddle Coordinator.
 - a. Put an X for yourself and every person who paddled with you in an empty column to the right of the Member Roster.
 - b. Highlight the whole Member Roster by holding down the Control Key and the "A" key at the same time.
 - c. Click on DATA, which you will find in the top row.
 - d. Click on SORT, which is in the middle of the choices that opened when you clicked on DATA.
 - e. In the box that opens, use the SORT BY arrow to tell the program which Column you put the X marks in. (I used Column O on the most recent Member Roster.)
 - f. Press the OK button.
4. The people who went on the trip will now be grouped together at the top or the bottom of the Member Roster.
 - a. Highlight the three columns with all their ACA numbers, Last Names and First Names.
 - b. Cut that information by holding Control and the "C" key.
 - c. Close the Member Roster. When it asks you if you want to SAVE the changes, click NO.
5. Go back to the ACA Final Report.
 - a. Put your cursor in the first cell (box) under "ACA Number" on the Final Report.
 - b. Paste the information there. Paste = Control + "V".
 - c. Under notes, indicate that you were the coordinator and any other information that is pertinent.
 - d. In the center column at the top of the Final Report fill in:
 - i. Activity/Event name
 - ii. The date
 - iii. The location
 - iv. The number of participants in the different categories
 - e. Save and Close this document.
6. Email the ACA Final Report with your destination name and new information to the Paddle Coordinator.

SUMMER LESSONS AND PRACTICE SESSIONS

MAY 30: CAMPING CLASS "PACK AND PADDLE" SESSION UNION RESERVOIR

Brian Hunter was the trip leader of this Kayak Camping class, first taught by former president, Larry Kline. Brian, with Russ Hardy, Jud Hurd, and Clark Strickland, met to discuss the finer points of camping from a boat vs. a backpack. They did a shake-down practice at Union Reservoir for the experience of seeing if it would all fit into their hatches, but scheduling the actual camping trip has proven difficult. Their lives are busy and Brian has been out of town helping his elderly mother most of the summer.

JUNE 2: BRACING CLINIC BIG SODA LAKE

Ray Van Dusen and Gary McIntosh held a training class on high and low braces with an introduction to rolling.

New member Matthew Maloney joined some of the usual suspects: Bernie Dahlen, George Ottenhoff, Andy McKenna, Kristy and Rich Webber, and Richard Ferguson.

As has happened before at this location, a lightening storm shortened the day's instruction...rolling instruction had to wait for another time.



JUNE 16: ACA LEVEL 1 INTRODUCTION TO SEA KAYAKING CHATFIELD RESERVOIR

Kathleen Ellis was the only participant. She enjoyed a morning of individual tutoring with ACA Instructor, Gary McIntosh. She filed her report that said it all: "Great class. Not crowded. :)"



MORE SUMMER LESSONS AND PRACTICE SESSIONS

JUNE 24:

ACA LEVEL 2: ESSENTIALS OF KAYAK TOURING CATFISH FLATS ON CHATFIELD RESERVOIR

Ray Van Dusen, Gary McIntosh and new ACA Instructor, Rich Webber, worked on Level 2 ACA skills with John Figoski, Anna Troth, Bernie Dahlen, Brian Hunter and John Ruger.



JUNE AND JULY

CASUAL PRACTICES AT BIG SODA LAKE

One of RMSKC's stated missions, perhaps the one that many of us value the most highly, is to help people find paddling partners. Andy McKenna put in a lot of practice at Big Soda Lake near Morrison this summer and his emailed invitations got other Club members involved. He wrote, "I plan to hit the water by 8:00 am and practice braces, strokes, and rescues until I'm tuckered out or I get chased off the water by the afternoon storms. Just so you can spot me to join me or avoid me, look for a blue Subaru with cradles in the parking lot, and some dorky guy splashing around in a yellow sea kayak with a red rashguard and blue PFD." He convinced John Ruger, Bernie Dahlen and Joe Phillips to join him. Everyone was happy for the opportunity get more practice with bracing and rescues. Dorky guy splashing around? Not at all.

SUMMER SOCIAL PADDLING

MAY 12:

ANNUAL UNION SPRING PICNIC...rescheduled and then cancelled due to the weather. Some of our Pacific Northwest friends were a bit snide about that, but we like staying dry at picnics.

JULY 15: GROSS RESERVOIR PADDLE

Kathleen Ellis, Andy McKenna, and Sue Hughes joined Kristy and Rich Webber at Gross Reservoir. They set out at a reasonable 9:30, which allowed time for the drive up, the long carry to the water, and moving the cars back to the parking area. Kristy said, "We appreciate that everyone had to make extra effort to drive the distance but Colorado rewarded us for our time with one of its stellar summer days."

Sue and Kathleen packed up and drove home after paddling eight or nine miles with the group. After they left the others circled back to a cove they'd missed and played in the wind waves for another three or four miles.

Here's a link to the track and information from Andy McKenna's GPS.:

[https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?](https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=216437657638878573627.0004c4d112fe97428cad8&msa=0&ll=39.942647,-105.365539&spn=0.017899,0.038924)

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JULY 15: TWIN LAKES PADDLE

A few days before the weekend, Jay Gingrich and Jane Lewis put out an invitation to paddle the Twin Lakes near Leadville. Julie Reckart, Marlene Pakish, Janet Scervino, and Matthew and Donna Maloney joined them for a jaunt around both lakes, with a lunch stop at the USFS's restored Interlocken hotel complex on the south shore. Jay and Jane were hiking in Peru and didn't send many details to publish, saying only that the weather was sunny, and warm for the mountains, and no one swam. However, as this issue was almost finished, Julie sent in the full report, with the good pictures by Marlene, that you'll find on the next page.

This trip was an informal pick-up outing organized through RMSKC's *Yahoo! Groups*. If you aren't a member of that forum, check the Fall, 2011 *RMSCK's NEWS* (issue 19-2a) on the club's website for background information about it and directions for subscribing. It isn't used as much as we'd like, but if you're not on its mailing list you can miss out on some fun non-Club paddling opportunities like this one. Sporadically people also post pictures of trips there; check it out for some good albums: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RMSKC/photos/album/0/list>.



TWIN LAKES PADDLE... THE FULL REPORT

After driving through the maze of small roads on the way to the lake, and after a few wrong turns in the maze, we met and had a short walk from our cars to the water's edge. Thanks to Jay for

providing directions which took us right down to the water to an easy and protected put-in, even with the water as low as it was.

As we started our paddle, we had to be sure not to get grounded as we maneuvered our way around sandbars to enter the main part of the lake. Once in the main lake, the surrounding mountains were beautiful.



We paddled the length of the lake before going through the channel to the "bonus" lake. In recent years, with the water so low, this channel may have been nonexistent. Someone (elves?) has done a lot of work to dredge out the channel so that it would always be available; it is much wider and deeper than I recall. In the bonus lake, we were lucky enough to have an opportunity to practice our paddling into heavy winds. No major waves and no adrenaline-filled moments, thank goodness, but it was a good workout.

On the way back, we stopped and ate lunch on the porch at one of the historic buildings near the Interlaken resort. After kibitzing over lunch about our paddle experiences, life in Buena Vista, possible future paddle trips,

and after wandering through the historic buildings there, we left Interlaken and returned to our cars. I thought the weather would have us off the lake by noon but other than the winds, there were no concerns on this day.

Now if we could move the lake and surroundings closer to Denver and ensure no one else would be on I-70 for the drive back, I would do this day paddle every weekend.



Jane Lewis, Jay Gingrich, Janet Scervino,
Julie Reckart, Donna and Matthew Maloney

Written by Julie Reckart
with pictures by Marlene Pakish



JULY 28: PADDLEFEST

Aspects of PaddleFest were different this year—the geese were braver, the group was smaller, and we missed Brian Hunter's grilling and Mike Anson and Jan Faulkner's screened tents and photography—but about a dozen long-term members and new members Joe Phillips and Joseph and Sheila Maio, and guest Gwendolyn Hustvedt, enjoyed paddling, visiting and the usual excellent array of potluck dishes.

Arriving leisurely around nine at our traditional site in Roxborough Cove, people unloaded their coolers and boats, and helped set up the Club sign and a couple of tarps for shade.



Around in a circle from left to right: John Ruger, Dave Hustvedt, Jud Hurd, Dick Dieckman and Joe Phillips

After listening to concerns raised during the Trip Leaders class in March, and accounts of last year's issues with straggling back across the motor boats' path, a group of nine set off resolved to stay together. With Jay Gingrich as lead and Rich and Kristy Webber taking turns as sweep they enjoyed their paddle counter-clockwise to the east and back around along the western no-wake zone in fine formation.

Dave Hustvedt helped his daughter, Gwen, get adjusted to a closed cockpit, and then they paddled a shorter loop with Jud Hurd and Anna Troth. Lou Ann relaxed under the trees and new members Sheila and Joe arrived later with RMSKC tales from when they'd been members in the past.

PADDLEFEST BEANS

- 8 slices bacon, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup ketchup
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup tomato puree
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cider vinegar
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 large (28 oz.) or 4 small cans of red beans, drained and rinsed

Preheat oven to 325°. Put a heavy-bottomed pot (with a lid) over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and cook, stirring often, until the fat renders and the bacon begins to crisp, about 6-8 minutes. Add the onion and cook until softened, about 5 minutes more. Stir in the rest of the ingredients except the beans and bring to a simmer. Cook for 5 minutes. Stir in the beans until well coated, taste and add salt and pepper as needed. Cover and bake in the oven for 1 hour. Remove the lid and continue baking until sauce thickens and the beans begin to brown, probably about 15 minutes more. Remove from the oven and allow to cool for at least 15 minutes before serving.

Serve warm or at room temperature.



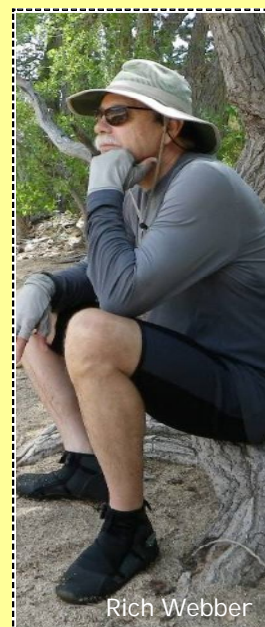
Lou Ann Hustvedt enjoying the shade, with the pot of Jud's delicious baked beans on the table in the background



Kristy Webber and Jane Lewis

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

RMSKC'S NEWEST INSTRUCTOR: In May, Rich Webber announced that he had taken an ACA Level 1 and 2 *Instructor Development Workshop* and passed the *Instructor Certification Exam* [IDW/ICE], which makes him RMSKC's newest Level 2 instructor. Rich is pretty laid back about things, but the rest of the Club is very pleased and proud of him.



Rich Webber

LOU ANN HUSTVEDT: Lou Ann sends her hellos, and says to tell people who have been following her health issues this summer that she is halfway through chemotherapy, and the PET scan showed that the tumors were not spread, but localized to the abdomen which is good. Dave wrote that he and their son-in-law are back from Boston with a truckload of stuff and a car on a trailer. Their daughter and son-in-law, Ingrid and Aaron Anderson, are setting up housekeeping in the ground floor of the Hustvedts' house; she is due in November and he will be finishing his degree at CU. It's full, with a dog, three cats and four and a half people, but the ongoing help and family presence is wonderful. Cards and prayers are very welcome. The Hustvedts' address is: 967 Poorman Road, Boulder 80302-9778

MIKE ANSON AND JAN FAULKNER: Mike and Jan sold their kayak gear and pedal boats because Jan's knee was getting worse and worse. Not ones to stay at home, they're now blasting all over the Colorado mountains on matching ATVs. We miss boating with them, but Jan's pictures prove there's more than one way to enjoy the out-of-doors.



MORE NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS



WILDLIFE ENCOUNTER: Mark Willey was paddling his Current Design's *Sirocco* on Shadow Mountain Reservoir, which is between Grand Lake and Lake Granby, when he decided to take a shore break. This is the scene he found when he returned to his boat; he waited more than half an hour for the moose to mosey off. A newspaper article might have read, "Kayak stomped by moose, paddler stranded," but luckily that didn't happen.

BRIAN HUNTER: Brian's been in Florida almost all summer helping his aging mother with her move to assisted living. He has had time to do a little paddling—he took his boat with him—but he's looking forward to being back in Colorado by the end of September.

MARSHA'S BOB: Bob has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor next to his tailbone that is pushing on the nerves in his legs, making it hard to walk. It seems to be responding to radiation and steroids and he is getting around better than he was. So far they have only found that one tumor but they seem to think it came from somewhere else. Bob says he would appreciate all the prayers he can get.

EVEN MORE NEWS

MATT LUTKUS'S LIFE IN MAINE: For new members: Matt is a former RMSKC president and ACA instructor who recently moved back to his home area in the northeast. He writes that, aside from the mosquitoes and the horseflies, life in Maine is good; the job has lots of challenges but he feels like he's in his element. There is a pond about the size of Lake McIntosh by his house, and lots of paddling on the river and the ocean, and he's bought a catboat so he and his wife Julie are enjoying sailing, too.

He has taught a rescues class on a lake about a mile from his home and done some informal instruction and ACA certified classes with a non-profit that holds paddling events. While volunteering to help recapture rubber duckies at the annual duck race on the Damariscotta River, he met Ken Fink, a fellow he's read about in kayak circles for a number of years—he was featured in one of the old PBS *Trailside* episodes and was mentioned in Kent Ford's *Performance Kayaking* video.

He and Ken had a great day of paddling a few weeks ago. They went out of Christmas Cove in South Bristol. Ken is a former professor and scientist who specialized in climate change so it was a lesson in natural history as well as a good paddle. They hiked around an island named Thrumcap; there is a protected cove on one side with a beach made of very fine fragments of mussel shells. According to Ken, eiders (large sea-ducks) feed on the mussels, the shells go through their digestive systems and, with the help of centuries of winter storms, are washed up to form the beach. The opposite side of the island is known as the "rough side" because it is open to the full force of the ocean—the next stop is Portugal. The best time for surfing there is low tide, but it was between high and low tides so they didn't get a chance to check that out. Matt says next time he will surf, but only with his helmet strapped snugly to his head.



Matt's new sailboat,
a Marshall's *Sanderling* catboat

He has had a number of folks asking him to take them out paddling and there are so many wonderful places to launch. Unfortunately for the sport, town management gets in the way as does, he says, his time with his new mistress—the catboat.



A recent visitor outside his town hall office



MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS OF INTEREST TO KAYAKERS

LARYNGOSPASMS: Deb Jenkins sent an interesting link to articles on the NRS website about laryngospasms, which are sometimes caused by an unexpected capsized in cold water, something that might happen to any of us.

http://community.nrsweb.com/duct-tape/2012/06/25/dry-drowning-update/?roi=echo4-19530060675-1663733939145ddc76a4bd5629d779e29b8726b9&fc_c=4225400x16637339x1852120380&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_source=rtn0612d&utm_term=nl_community_safety_source_dry_drown_update

MISPERCEPTIONS OF HOW DROWNING VICTIMS BEHAVE: Stan White forwarded this informative link:
<http://mariovittone.com/2010/05/154/>

THE 50-50 RULE: Here's something to think about when paddling in cold water: According to the Coast Guard, an average adult has only a 50/50 chance of surviving a 50-yard swim in 50° F water. Paddling close to shore won't save you; having warm clothes under a drysuit may.

FAVORITE VIDEOS of Instructor Gary McIntosh:

- *Performance Sea Kayaking* with Wayne Horodowich
- *Sea Kayaking* series by Nigel Foster, now of Point65 Kayaks
- *Beyond the Cockpit* from Wayne Horodowich at USK [University of Sea Kayaking]
- *Capsized Recoveries and Rescue Procedures*, also from USK
- *The Kayak Roll*, by director Kent Ford
- *Sea Kayaking, the Ultimate Guide*, by Ken Whiting

HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR: There was a rumor that only credit cards could be used to pay entrance fees at Horsetooth Reservoir, but for the time being that is not true. Jud Hurd called, and park personnel verified that they are still accepting cash or checks in the envelopes at the pipe drops. It is true that there are plans to install "Iron Rangers," which are credit card stations, so the option to pay cash may go away at some point in the future, but not now.

THE REMAINDER OF 2012 CLUB SCHEDULE

- **October 13-19: Lake Powell Paddling and Kayak Camping (no houseboat)**
 - Total group size limited to six
 - This trip was listed as “full” in the last publication, but things have changed and it has an opening or maybe two at this time; contact Anne Fiore for details or to put your name on the waiting list if the trip has filled again: anne_fiore@yahoo.com

- **Possible Trip to Baja**
 - This was on the calendar for Fall, 2012 but isn't going to happen this year unless someone organizes it.

- **October: Call for nominations for openings on the Steering Committee**

- **November: Voting by email for the Steering Committee positions**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Are you wondering why the Rocky Mountain Sea Kayak Club has two publications, and what's the difference between them? Here's the answer:

The *RMSKC's NEWS* is like a NEWSPAPER that publishes mostly just Club news—the details of the workings of the RMSKC. Reports about ACA classes and day trips to places that we frequently paddle are also sometimes reported in the *NEWS*, as is information of interest about individual Club members.

The *Mountain Paddler* is like a MAGAZINE that publishes articles about trips and other aspects of kayaking that will remain relevant over a longer time span.

The two separate publications were created in July of 2009 because the *RMSKC Newsletter* had gotten too long. Coming soon will be an index of everything in both publications, which will allow people to locate information in any of the issues we've posted to our website.

MERCHANTS WHO OFFER DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS:

- AAA INFLATABLES (dry gear, clothing, PFDs)
3264 Larimer Street, Denver
303-296-2444
- COLUMBIA RIVER KAYAKING/SEA KAYAK BAJA
Puget Island, WA, an hour from Astoria, OR
www.columbiariverkayaking.com/baja
- CONFLUENCE KAYAKS
2373 15th Street Unit B, Denver
303-433-3676
- GOLDEN RIVER SPORTS
806 Washington Avenue, Golden
303-215-9386
- OUTDOOR DIVAS (15%)
1133 Pearl Street, Boulder
303-449-3482
- RIVER MOUSE KAYAKS (Club member Ray Van Dusen)
303-421-3729
ray@rivermousekayaks.com
10% on gear; 5% on your 2nd (or more) kayak

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