



The DDRC Current News

Newsletter of the Dallas Downriver Club—Visit our website at www.down-river.org

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Special points of interest:

- The Deadline for next month's newsletter is October 31. Contact Susan Harkins at 972-470-0195 or via email at: shark@ethos.net. Please send articles, upcoming trips, boating tips and information.
- DDRC board meetings are held every second Thursday. All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business. Contact club President Betty Scott at 214-363-2480 or awscott@tenet.edu for time and location.



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Halloween Party at Caddo Lake October 27th—29th!

You are invited to the annual Caddo Lake Halloween Party, Friday, October 27th through Sunday, the 29th. Come help DDRC haunt Goat Island! Camp will be at the usual location on the Southwest corner of Goat Island near Pine Needle Lodge. Put-in and take-out will be at Pine Needle Lodge or Blair's Landing. Saturday will include the following events and contests:



12:00 Start Pumpkin Carving Contest
 2:00 Piñata for the kids
 3:00 Test Decoration Contest
 4:00 Dutch Over Cook-off (entry needs to be ready at 4)
 5:00 Pot Luck Dinner (Bring enough for your group +3 more)

After dinner on Saturday, there will be trick or treating from tent to tent, bring treats or you could be tricked! Also a Bonfire (bring 2

or 3 pieces of firewood per boat), a costume contest for kids and adults, apple bobbing, and ghost stories, bring your best to share. Prizes for contests will be from local paddle sports outfitter stores and the DDRC. Camping is primitive, so make sure that you have everything that you need, including water. Leave no trace of your visit on Goat Island! *Maybe the "Lady of the Lake" will make her appearance.*

Questions? - call
 Charles Edwards: 972-867-6579
 Jack Deatherage: 972-222-1407

Directions to Goat Island: To Caddo Lake, Texas:

From Dallas, take I-20 east to Marshall, exit Hwy 59, turn left (North). Watch for the State Park sign just past an overhead bridge. Turn right (East) at Hwy 43, go approximately 14 miles to Karnack. Follow Hwy 43 as it bears left towards the State Park.

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Guadalupe River Nov/Dec Whitewater Clinics

Debbie Meller

Mark Poindexter's Whitewater Events

For those who are new to paddling or Texas, I have provided a description of Mark

Poindexter's Guadalupe River clinics and events.

I cannot recommend them any higher, for all skill levels. It is THE best way to get involved, stay involved, and learn more of paddling. In

my years of paddling, these events have been responsible for helping more Texans become advanced whitewater boaters and even win different State and National

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Results of the Trinity River Challenge!

One more Gold Sponsor to report!



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Thanks to all of the racers, volunteers, cooks, sponsors and organizers that made this year's race such a great success!

Results— First and Second Place Finishers

For complete results, go to DDRC website: www.down-river.org

USCA C1 Men

Jerry Brown	1st	1:42:09
Richard Steppe	2nd	1:46:41

USCA K1 men

Philippe Blouin	1st	1:38:55
Bernardo Perez	2nd	1:41:09

USCA C2 Men

Ken Kieffer/ Doug McKay	1st	1:50:19
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John Harris/ Colin Grishom	1st	1:34:11
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USCA C1 Women

Ginger Turner	1st	2:09:00
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USCA K1 Women

Erin Magee	1st	1:37:11
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Recreation Tandem Men

Marvin Parker/ Luke Parker	1st	1:58:31
Troy Freeman/ Howard Freeman	2nd	2:03:15

Recreation Solo Men

Marc Finley	1st	2:02:04
Rudy Geissler	2nd	2:06:28

Recreation Solo Women

Barbara Cutter	1st	2:05:53
Chris Gross	2nd	2:19:29

Recreation Tandem Mixed

Rich Manning/ Faye Cothrim	1st	2:06:17
Laura Hamil/ Tom Hansen	2nd	2:13:45

Recreation K2 Mixed

Michelle Clements/ Ben Kvanli	1st	1:37:17
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Recreation Solo Junior

Alan Lamb	1st	1:37:17
Jordan Kvanli	2nd	1:47:23

Recreation Tandem Junior

Alex Beiswenger/ Joel Beiswenger	1st	2:32:06
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We're shredding our way to the 21st century!

Next Meeting:
Thursday, October 19th, 2000. Enchilada's Restaurant,
6526 E. Northwest Highway.

Hope to see you there!

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competitions.

The November/December Schedule...

- Nov. 11-12 Stroke Drill Clinic
- Nov. 18-19 Race, Polo & Slalom
- Dec. 2-3 Race, Polo & Slalom
- Dec. 9-10 Precision River Running Clinic
- Dec. 16-17 Race, Polo & Slalom

Event Descriptions

Stroke Drill Clinics

This teaches critical paddle stroke technique for efficiency, precision, and safety on your way to increasing difficulty.

Precision River Running

This emphasizes those precise strokes to create hardcore river running skills. Slalom gates are utilized to create Class IV moves on Class II water.

Races

'Fun for all' slalom races, every other weekend, to advance your river running skills. Everyone of all ages and skill levels participate in these. It's a real bonding experience! Come meet some of the best and most involved boaters in Texas, who will gladly help you

Kayak Polo

Another fun activity that everyone can play. These are held each day of every race weekend. Purely fun and another definite skill builder. Texas polo team



Check out
www.lagamar.com/Slalom/index.html

members that won trophies at nationals this year always show up to participate and get newcomers started. 🏆

Raffle News...

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October Schedule of Events

- **Every Wednesday**—Roll, Paddle and Rescue Clinic, 5-dark, Lake Grapevine, Rockledge Park, Contact Keith Smith @ 940-566-4869
- **Fri 6th, 7th & 8th**—Southwestern Canoe Rendezvous - Houston Canoe Club, Huntsville State Park. Call 713-467-8857 for more information. (See article on page 3)
- **Fri 27th—29th**—Annual Halloween Campout at Caddo Lake (see article on page 1) Contact Jack Deatherage, 972-222-1407 or email at: jfdeatherage@drs-irtech.
- **Fri 27th—29th**—Illinois River Trip—Contact Marilyn Scholl, 972-370-5844, email: mascholl@aol.com (Depending on the weather, there may be some really great fall color!)

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- **Sat 11th**—Stroke Drill Clinic, Contact Mark Poindexter at email: c1slalom@hotmail.com. Check out his website: www.lagamar.com/Slalom/index.html
- **Sat 18th-19th**—Race, Polo and Slalom, Contact Mark Poindexter at email: c1slalom@hotmail.com. Check out his website: www.lagamar.com/Slalom/index.html
- **Thursday 23rd**—Happy Thanksgiving



November 2000

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Roll Clinic	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Roll Clinic	9	10	11 Stroke Drill Clinic
12	13	14	15 Roll Clinic	16	17	18 Race, Polo & Slalom
19 Race, Polo & Slalom	20	21	22 Roll Clinic	23 Happy-Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29 Roll Clinic	30		

As a participant in any DDRC activity, an individual assumes the responsibility of evaluating all inherent risks before participating and assumes any risk of death or injury inherent in the sport. The participant waives claims that may arise against the club, its officers, members, servants, agents and/or trip coordinators, for death or injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence. Not waived are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries.



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TPWD Symposium News / Possible Neches River Dam

TPWD Symposium News

At our last meeting, our environmental chair, Ken Lock, discussed the happenings at the recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department symposium called "Up a Creek without a Paddle, The Future of Water/River-Based Recreation in Texas." This symposium was hosted by TPWD in San Marcos.

In this symposium, there was a proposal presented for boat registration, canoes and kayaks included, per year per boat. Summary of symposium highlights :

Changing Constituent Base/River Strategy—Aging anglers, and the fact that when they raise the fishing license fees the participation declined.

Water Management—Some Colorado River usage stats and that there is an opportunity for membership on the LCRA Advisory Board.

Access/Trespass Considerations—Senate Bill 1 changed water planning in Texas from a technical operation to a social planning process. This provides a new influence opportunity by recreation and environmental advocates.

Guadalupe River Flow Issues—Has no planned new reservoirs, test wells are below 1950s levels.

Blanco River Access/Trespass Issues—There was an advocacy of lease arrangements with private landowners by interested groups such as paddling clubs.

River Strategy Plan—Registering canoes and kayaks: a Sunset Commission Report contained a recommendation to expand the boat registration fee to canoes, kayaks and rowboats. They estimated 1.7 Mill in revenue, however, TPWD did not include this item in their recommendations to the legislature, but they are laying the groundwork for the future. The fee model they offered: Pri-

vate boaters would pay \$10 plus \$2 per boat up to 5 boats, then another \$10/\$2 for the next 5 boats. You would get a sticker or decal—not the powerboat numbers—and the sticker would be good for two years. Liveries would pay \$50 plus \$2 per boat. Dealers would have to pay a "dealers tag" to use on demo boats. Non-profits would pay only \$2 per boat. They would use the current powerboat registration infrastructure to sell the stickers. They claim that this would produce a nominal 3M per biennium. It would be used exclusively for paddling related purposes. 1M for access, .5M for Law Enforcement, .5M for landowner incentives (access), .5M for local grant to paddling groups, .5M for administration. They say the reason for the fees are a drop in revenue.

If you have comments about canoe and/or kayak registration, you can email: bob.spain@tpwd.state.tx.us and/or brenda.laud@tpwd.state.tx.us.

Proposed Rockland Dam—Neches River

The Neches River may be dammed! The priceless gem, the Neches River, is one of the last remaining, essentially free-flowing rivers in the state of Texas, but will disappear forever if the water hustlers and dam builders have their way. These groups are laying the political groundwork for the giant Rockland Dam Reservoir (160,000 acres), along with two additional impoundments on the Neches River. Should their efforts prove successful, this wild treasure would vanish along with some 197 square miles of forest above the dam and 218 square miles of forest below the dam. The dam would exterminate the food supply of thousands of birds and animals that depend

upon the river's hardwood trees for nesting and food. In essence, it would wipe out the entire Neches River Valley biological corridor, including the Sabine Pass estuaries.

In 1999, the TPWD deemed the Neches River as ecologically significant for its overall habitat value, exceptional aquatic life (home to several threatened fish species), and valuable hydrologic

East Texas Jewel—the Neches River—may get Rockland Dam!

function performance. For years there have been calls to designate the Neches as a "National Wild and Scenic River." The wild and scenic designation would preserve what remains of the river's verdant bottomlands, wildlife, and shadowed forest for present and future generations.

Main arguments against the Rockland Dam:

East Texas doesn't need the water!
Houston doesn't need the water either (The dam is for Region H [Houston], but Region H doesn't want to buy the water).

If you feel that there is no need for a dam on the Neches River, Please contact the following:

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To Blair’s Landing:

Turn off Hwy 43 (right), at the Caddo Lake State Park Road, FM 2198. Go past the park and stay on FM 2198 towards Uncertain. Turn left on Mound Pond Road and follow it to its end where you will find Blair’s Landing.

To Pine Needle Lodge:

Continue on Hwy 43 past the state park turnoff, cross the bayou bridge and turn right on the next real road Hwy 805. Continue until the pavement ends and bear right to Pine Needle Lodge. As you go through the gate, notice parking on both sides of road. Boat ramp is at the end. Unload your vehicle and move it quickly as space at the boat ramp is

at a premium. There is a \$2.00 per day vehicle charge payable to the Bennicks, owner of Pine Needle Lodge.

Boat Rentals:

Canoes can be rented from Mountain Sports in Arlington (Bill Anton 817-461-4503), High Trails in Garland (Bob Narramore 972-272-3353), North Texas Canoes in Carrollton (Rich Manning 972-245-7475), or Pine Needle Lodge on Caddo Lake (Bennicks 903-665-2911).

For More information and a map, please visit the DDRC website at: www.down-river.org

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

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