



Our 40th Year
Coastal Ca:NEWS

Newsletter of Coastal Canoeists

Spring 2005

DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION AND ENJOYMENT OF WILDERNESS WATERWAYS

Gallery of Presidents



Jay Burke

President 1966



Les Fry

President 1967 and 1968



Bob Sterling

President 1969 and 1970



Al Douglas

President 1971

Published Quarterly by Coastal Canoeists, Inc.
 Scott Wiggins, Editor
 Coastal Canoeists, P. O. Box 566, Richmond, Va. 23218
 www.coastals.org

Officers, Directors and Committee Chairs

Position	Name	Telephone	Email
President	Scott Wiggins		
Secretary	Dane Goins		
Treasurer	Dave Stockdill		
Director	Alicia Jahsmann		
Director	Bernie Farmer		
Director	Doug Jessee		
Director	Cathleen Lowrey		
Director	Jenny Wiley		
Director	Ginny Newton		
CaNEWS	Scott Wiggins		
Conservation	David Bernard		
Cruise	Ken Dubel		
Membership	Chuck Berkey		
Multimedia	Ginny Newton		
Programs	Andy Lee		
Raffle	Bernie Farmer		
Safety/Ed.	Rob Ault		
T-Shirt Sales	Cathleen Lowrey		
Webmaster	Julie Wilson		

Coastal CaNEWS is a publication of Coastal Canoeists, Inc. The opinions expressed are those of the writers and, unless stated so, are not those of Coastal Canoeists, Inc. The Editor encourages you to submit material. Written material should be submitted unformatted and electronically transmitted using WordPerfect, Word or Excel. The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions. Please submit your material to: Scott Wiggins, Editor, CaNEWS, 10413 Attems Way, Glen Allen, VA 23060-3773. Unless otherwise credited, the photography in CaNEWS is that of the editor.

To Join Coastal Canoeists, contact Chuck Berkey, Membership Chair. 505 Winterberry Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22405-2060

<i>Inside This Issue</i>	
	Page
Committee and Officer Reports	
Board of Directors <i>Dane Goins</i>	6
Conservation <i>David Bernard</i>	7
Cruise <i>Ken Dubel</i>	11
Membership <i>Chuck Berkey</i>	8
Multimedia <i>Ginny Newton</i>	9
Programs <i>Andy Lee</i>	2
Recognition <i>Alicia Jahsmann</i>	10
Safety and Education <i>Rob Ault</i>	10
Web News <i>Julie Wilson</i>	10
Other	
Gallery of Presidents <i>Les Fry</i>	1,3-6
Paddle for the Border <i>Penny Leary-Smith</i>	10
WVRC Raffle Appeal <i>Ed Gertler</i>	10
Parting Shot	12

Programs
Spring Quarterly Meeting & Program
Andy Lee

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2005.

Place: Doswell Community Center, Doswell, VA.

Directions: Take I95 to the Doswell Exit #98, about 25 miles north of Richmond. Go west on Routh 30 to the intersection of Routh 1. Turn right and go north on Route 1. Pass Lumber Yard on the left. Go left to a big brick building, the Doswell Community Center.

Campgrounds: Camping is available at the King's Dominion Campground. Call 800.922.6710 or 804.876.5355 for reservations. Ask about current discounts. http://www.kingsdominion.com/visit_planner_accom.jsp

Schedule Saturday, April 16

Option 1: Appomattox River Company will host Dagger's Paddle with the Pros and Girls at Play on the weekend of April 16th & 17th. Check ARC's website (www.paddleva.com) for the time and location of the clinics. These clinics are with some of the world's best kayakers. It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or seasoned paddler. **Anna Levesque** will bring her Girls at Play program to Richmond. Girls at Play captures the essence of the female kayaking experience with fun, helpful instruction and advice from top international female paddlers. The Girls at Play clinic costs \$25 and includes a T-shirt and other sponsor swag. Check out watergirlsatplay.com. **Andrew Holcombe** will lead the charge on the men's side teaching everything from basic maneuvers such as roll technique to the latest freestyle moves and it's free. Both days will feature gear demos and the opportunity to paddle the latest Dagger boats. Dagger will also hold an off-water social event with pizza or barbecue for the individuals from the clinics to enjoy.

Anna was a bronze medalist at the 2001 Freestyle Kayaking World Championships and has been a member of the 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 Canadian National Freestyle team. As a professional whitewater kayaker and international guide she's worked and paddled in Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, New Zealand, Spain, Australia, Austria, Africa, and the U.S.

Andrew competes in rodeo/freestyle and extreme race events. He has had a successful 2004 achieving 1st place in the American River Festival, 2nd overall in the Oregon Cup, 1st in the Dagger Open Paddle Cross, 1st in the Paddler Magazine Extreme Race, 3rd in the Teva Pro Rodeo, and King of the Air in the US Open Championship Missoula Event. Andrew can also be seen in kayak videos such as Aerated, Burning Time, Valhalla, Bigger than Rodeo and different LVM videos. Andrew is a graduate of Virginia Tech and is a professional kayaker and kayak instructor.

Option 2: Paddle the Appomattox River, Doug Jessee (999.999.9999 or)

4:00 p.m. Board Meeting: Doswell Community Center

6:00 p.m. Dinner: Potluck. Everyone bring a main dish. Additionally, if your last name ends with A-G, bring dessert; H-O, bring salad & dressing; P-Z, bring bread or chips & dip.

7:00 p.m. Business Meeting

7:15 p.m. Program: Dagger Team with Karl Gordon and Andrew Newcomb Paddle With the Pros and Anne Levesque's Girls at Play. Anna's talk will feature her Girls at Play and women's kayaking experience and Andrew will share his kayak experiences from around the world Kayaking.

Schedule: Sunday, January 17: Paddling James through Richmond, Jenny Wiley (999.999.9999 or)



Bobby Meeks

President 1972



Mike Carey

President 1973



Teddy Willcox

President 1974 and 1975



Don Bowman

President 1976



Gil Lipton

President 1977



Hope Gross

President 1978



Hunter Marrow

President 1979



Steve Thomas

President 1980 and 1981



Gary Brumfield

President 1982 and 1983



Lou Hannen

President 1984



Al Thompson

President 1985 and 1986



Maurice Greaver

President 1987 and 1988



Nate Houser

President 1989 and 1990



Tom McCloud

President 1991 and 1992



Liz Garland

President 1993 and 1994



Scott Broaddus

President 1995 and 1996



Garland Reece

President 1997 and 1998



Don Laeger

President 1999 and 2000



Richard Walters

President 2003 and 2004



Scott Wiggins

President 2005

Board of Directors

Dane Goins

Date of Meeting: January 15, 2005

Location of Meeting: Meherrin Ruritan Club, Emporia, Virginia

Meeting Chaired By: Scott Wiggins

Meeting recorded by: Dane Goins

Board members present: **Officers:** Scott Wiggins, Dave Stockdill, Dane Goins
Directors: Doug Jessee, Alicia Jahsmann, Ginny Newton, Jenny Wiley, Cathleen Lowery
Committee Chairs: Chuck Berkey, Ken Dubel, David Bernard, Andy Lee and member Les Fry.

Officer's reports:

President: Scott Wiggins started the meeting on time at 4 p.m.

Treasurer: Dave Stockdill presented the Coastal's balance sheet and Profit & Loss statement. The Balance Sheet showed club holdings with a net income of \$1296.02 for the end of 2004. The Club's budget was proposed and accepted by unanimous vote.

Secretary: Dane Goins asked if the last quarterly meeting notes were acceptable and they were approved.

Topics of Discussion:

Membership & Renewals: Chuck Berkey:

Renewal Status: 272 members have renewed for 2005. Current membership is 446, 16 "special friends", 34 Newsletter Exchange, 5 honorary lifetime members, 161 members owe 2005 dues

PayPal Discussion: A general discussion commenced on using the PayPal system for online payments for membership dues, new members (plus application), and club paraphernalia sales. A decision was reached for Dave Stockdill to work with Webmaster

Julie Wilson on researching the system for Membership dues. If successful, move on to new members (which includes the membership application), then club sales. Cathleen Lowery would be involved for the Web sales research.

2005 Budget – Dave Stockdill: We are current with American Canoe Association (ACA) & American Whitewater Association (AWA) Membership. 2005 Budget proposed and accepted (adopted by unanimous vote). Trailer Location: Andy Lee in possession.

Website Sales: Most discussion had during PayPal conversation. The group agreed the Prototype Web sale page by Julia Wilson was impressive.

Audit Committee: Dane Goins and Jenny Wiley would coordinate and try to recruit an auditor (Sally Wetzler). To be completed by the April 2005 Quarterly meeting.

Officer & Chair Reports:

President: Scott appointed Alicia as the "Recognition Chair" so significant contributions from members would get official club notice. Scott asked a question with respect to USA Canoe/Kayak membership (USACK). Scott mentioned insurance via ACK. Dave stated we are not USACK members and to his knowledge, never been. There was no further discussion or action item on the matter. Scott raised the question as to our status with the State Corporation Commission. Stockdill replied we are in good standing and will send fees, and roster of officers and board of directors to the SCC in March 2005. Note: Thom Savage, the Club's Registered Agent, will receive the forms and file them with the SCC.

Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Dave Stockdill had the President & Secretary sign SunTrust and Vanguard account access forms.

Brochures – Doug Jessee: Packets of the brochures were handed out to individuals for distribution. Volunteers are taking a supply to Appomattox River Company and Blue Ridge Outfitters locations. Individual members were encouraged to take some for when meeting other paddlers who were interested in Coastals.

Scott Wiggins asked Chuck Berkey to keep count of how many new members we from the brochures. Dane Goins mentioned have some representation at the JROC annual outdoor gear swap meet. Scott Wiggins would check with Karen Abse to see if the brochures can be displayed at the swap.

Cruise: Ken Dubel reported trip coordination was excellent with good volunteerism.

CaNews: Editor Scott Wiggins said the newsletter would be reduced to 12-pages per issue to control cost. Scott was also allowing a business card size advertisement area for businesses that help Coastals by displaying the brochures.

Conservation: David Bernard made a case for club officers and members to send letters to our state representatives and delegates expressing then need for CSX and other railroads to provide safe access across rail lines in river access. It was suggested a link on our website be made to access the state's delegates. It was suggested a "conservation page" be designed, which would help educate and provide facts for discussion with others, including state politicians. David also mentioned the need to discuss better state access

See "Board of Directors" next page

Conservation

David Bernard

New Balcony Falls Takeout - What You Can Do to Help

For a year, Coastals have been supporting Float Fishermen of Virginia and Friends of the Rivers of Virginia in their efforts to get Dominion Virginia Power to build a new takeout at the end of the whitewater on the Balcony Falls run on James River.

Dominion owns the Cushaw hydroelectric dam, which is being relicensed. As part of the re-licensing, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is willing to require Dominion to mitigate the effects of its project, in this case the 1.6 mile long lake Cushaw Dam creates.

Though Dominion would be willing to pay a reasonable amount for a new takeout if that meant they could get a new license, CSX Transportation has not been willing to grant a new right-of-way to allow boaters to cross over or under the tracks. A number of Virginia's state senators and delegates have written the CEO of CSX asking him to please cooperate and get this new takeout built, which would actually improve safety. Other groups such as Bike Walk Virginia have also been frustrated by CSX's refusal to allow new recreational crossings of their tracks.

It would help our cause if even more legislators wrote CSX asking their cooperation. We especially need support from the eastern half of Virginia.

Below is a sample letter copied from one written by Sen. John Edwards of Roanoke. It would serve as a guide for your legislator. Not sure who your legislator is? Also below is a link to help you find your legislator.

If you have not yet met your legislator, this will be a good opportunity to get together. You may be surprised at how much they want to help, especially in a case like this where no one loses. Prepare your own letter to support our sample letter. Point out how much you enjoy paddling and how having good places to go will benefit everyone. Keep it brief and keep it polite. Coastals will want future help on access and water quality and you will have other issues important to you to bring up at other times. Build an ongoing relationship. Do make a separate contact on each issue, and be specific.

Please do this soon; there is a schedule for dam relicensing. If I can help in any way, get in touch. Should your legislator write a letter to the CSX CEO, be sure I get a copy. We can make Virginia a paddle-friendly state.

To Find Your Legislator

This link enables anyone in VA to find out who their senator or delegate is. <http://conview.state.va.us/whosmy.nsf/main?openform>. Float Fishermen of Virginia has a nice sidebar to contact members of the General Assembly. It reads: If you are uncertain how to contact your representatives in the Virginia House of Delegates, the Virginia Senate, and the US Congress, House of Representatives, the Virginia General Assembly website can help. Go to <http://legis.state.va.us> and click on "Who's My Legislator" link at the top of the page; or call Legislative Information toll free at 1.877.3913228.

Sample Letter

Mr. Michael J Ward, Chairman & CEO
CSX
Speed Code C900
500 Water street
Jacksonville, FL 32202

RE: Snowden, Virginia – Proposed new access to James River in vicinity of MPCAB-171.8, C&O Division FERC Project No. 906

Dear Mr. Ward:

I am writing to urge CSX Transportation to authorize a new point of access across its easement to the James River for the public to put in and take out boats. The proposed location is at an existing culvert under the CSX tracks approximately 1.6 miles above an existing Department of Game and Inland Fisheries takeout in the County of Amherst.

There are numerous benefits both to the public and to CSX Transportation for granting this authorization.

Many members of the public use the James River for boating and recreational purposes. Below the whitewater section of the James River called Balcony Falls, there is a 1.6 mile area of flat water created by Cushaw Dam before the take-out area at Rocky Row Run creek provided by Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Many people avoid having to paddle through this long section of flat non-flowing water by taking out their boats at the end of the free flowing water area and carrying the boats up a steep hill and across the railroad tracks and to Highway 501. This can be a dangerous practice and has prompted the search for an alternative safe and authorized takeout site. The site, which has been located, is at the 10-foot drainage culvert pipe that extends under the railroad tracks. Utilizing this location would avoid crossing over the tracks. There is also a gravel road

currently closed that could be opened through the Forest Service property that extends up the hillside and could be used by the public to reach Highway 501.

Since boaters frequently cross over the CSX tracks (which is both dangerous and illegal) it would make sense for CSX to grant the public the right to go under the tracks utilizing the existing 10 foot drainage pipe culvert. This would be in CSX's interest as well because it would provide a safe and legal way for boaters to takeout their boats from the river. Thus, an important safety measure could be achieved by CSX merely granting authorization as requested herein.

Eco-tourism, exemplified by boating on the James River, is growing, and thus improving access to the river in a save and convenient way is of great importance. Accordingly, I urge you to work closely and cooperatively with the interested parties, the local governments and the Commonwealth in granting the appropriate authorization for the public to have the right-of-way through this culvert in the mutual interest of all parties.

Thank your for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, [your name]

Board of Directors

from previous page

for non-motor craft paddlers, which would me a fee-based solution. This was tabled for future discussion.

Safety/Education: Rob Ault's Report: Trying to schedule a 1-day First Aid class in Richmond for Feb or early March; Rob will teach a 2-day "advanced" swift water rescue (SWR) class in May/June or a 1-day SWR and 1-day rescue PFD class. A potential August 2-day SWR in Chesterfield (\$10 subsidized members cost).

Programs: Andy Lee- The Programs were being discussed and location set for the next three meeting. Spring (April)- Pocahontas State Park, Chesterfield Co.; Summer (July)- Glen Maury Park in Buena Vista; and, for Fall (October) we will meet at Shenandoah Virginia

Raffle: No Report

Multimedia: Ginny Newton said the library was ready for lending.

Sales: Cathleen Lowrey reported sales of \$257.50 for 2004 (see Coastal's P&L 2004).

Website: No Report

Announcements: None

Motions adopted: None

Motions rejected: None

New Business: None

Membership

Chuck Berkey

Membership information is removed from the online version of CaNEWS

Appomattox River Company

Largest Paddlesports Store in the USA



Over 1,000 canoes & kayaks in stock

Main Store Farmville VA (800) 442-4837

Stores also in:

Midlothian VA (804) 897-1556

Yorktown/Kiln Creek (757) 890-0500

Check out our special deals, and used canoes & kayaks on our website

www.paddleva.com

We ship to the 48 states

Multimedia

Ginny Newton

To obtain books or videos from Coastals' Multimedia Library - FREE - contact Ginny Newton ().

The rules are few, but important:

- 1) Videos & Books are only available to current Coastal Canoeist members.
- 2) The person who borrows the item is responsible for its care and timely return.
- 3) Borrowers need to provide their name, current address, phone number & e-mail address.
- 4) The maximum number of items that can be borrowed by a member is: 3 items if picked up at a quarterly meeting, 2 items if sent through the mail.
- 5) The length of time that items can be borrowed is as follows: If picked up at a quarterly meeting, it's due back at the next quarterly meeting. If received or to be returned through the mail, it's due back within 60 days.
- 6) For materials to be sent through the mail, the borrower needs to send a self-addressed, padded envelope with sufficient postage for the required items to the Multimedia Chair

BOOKS

- Basic River Canoeing, Robert E. McNair, 1972.
Canoeing and Kayaking, American Red Cross, 1981.
Canoeing and Kayaking Guide to the Carolinas, Bob & Dave Brenner 2002
Catch Every Eddy, Surf Every Wave, Tom Foster and Kel Kelly, 1995.
Exploring the Chesapeake in Small Boats, John Page Williams, Jr., 1992.
Falls of the James National Rec. River Feasibility 1992.
Garden State Canoeing Ed Gertler, 2002.
James River as Commonwealth, The, ed. Ann Woodleaf & Lynn Nelson 1984.
Kayaking, Kent Ford, 1995; whitewater and sea kayaking.
Keystone Canoeing, Ed Gertler, 1993
Knots for Paddlers, ACA, Charlie Walbridge, 1995.
Maryland and Delaware Canoe Trails, Ed Gertler; 2002
Medicine for the Outdoors, Paul S. Auerbach, M.D., 1999
Paddle America, Nick Shears, 1992.
Paddle Your Own Canoe, Gary & Joanie McGuffin, 1999.
Paddling Eastern North Carolina, Paul Ferguson, 2002.
River Rescue, Bechdel & Ray, 1997; self-rescue & teamwork.
Rivers and Trails, David Gilbert, 1978.
Texas Whitewater, Steve Daniel, 1999.
Virginia Whitewater, H. Roger Corbett, 2000; paddlers guide.
Whitewater Rescue Manual, Charlie Walbridge and Wayne Sundmacher, 1995.
Wildwater Touring, Scott and Margaret Arighi, 1974.

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS

- American Red Cross Presents "Whitewater Primer", American Red Cross Presents "Whitewater Primer", "Uncalculated Risk", "A Margin for Error" 1979.
 "Breakthru!"; 2000; intermediate and advance kayaking.
 "C-1 Challenge, The"; Kent Ford, 1990; outfitting, rolling, and stroke instruction.

- "Cold, Wet & Alive", ACA., 1989; paddling story about how hypothermia develops.
 "Drill Time, Solo Playboating II", Performance Video; 1997; canoe drills.
 "Drowning Machine, The"; dangers of lowhead dams and basic rescue techniques.
 "Fast Track to Kayaking", Sam Drevo; 2002; beginner video.
 "Grace Under Pressure", 1992; learning the kayak roll.
 "Guide to Canoeing", L.L. Bean; types of canoes, equipment, strokes, maneuvers.
 "Heads Up!", ACA; 1993; river hazards and rescue.
 "How to Organize a Successful River Outdoor Cleanup", Surf Dog Productions, 1991.
 "In The Surf"; 1999; surf kayak instruction; 60 min.
 "Introduction to Canoeing".
 "Kayaker's Edge, The"; 1992; rolling, bracing, surfing.
 "Kayaking", Eric Jackson; skills video - strokes, concepts, roll
 "Liquid Skills", Ken Whiting; 2001; begin. to adv. kayakers.
 "Path of a Paddle"; Bill Mason, 1977; whitewater canoeing.
 "Path of a Paddle"; Bill Mason; canoeing-solo and tandem.
 "Play Daze"; 1999; freestyle kayaking techniques.
 "QuickStart Your Canoe, ACA 2003; entry level guide
 "QuickStart Your Kayak, ACA 2003, entry level guide
 "Retendo!"; 1996; art of precision playboating.
 "Sea Kayaking, Getting Started"; 1995; begin. sea kayaking.
 "Soar, Skills of All Rivers"; intermediate and adv.kayaking.
 "Swiftwater Rescue Training"; actual footage of a rescue at Williams Dam, Richmond.
 "Take the Wild Ride"; 1994; freestyle kayaking w/ the world's best playboaters.
 "Whitewater Kayaking - Natl Paddlesport Safety", ACA.;
 "Whitewater Self Defense"; 1998; kayaking safety techniques.

VIDEOS

- "Area Verde Expeditions", 1997; kayak expedition in Guatemala.
 "Class VI River Runners Raft Trip", 1989; Gauley & New.
 "Costa Rica Rios Aventuras"
 "Deliver Me From The Paddlesnake 2"; 2000; Chattooga.
 "Forks of the Cheat", 1989; history, present issues.
 "Grand Canyon Adventure", 1995; home video.
 "Grand Canyon Whitewater", 1995; home video.
 "James River in Richmond in 1970"; home video.
 "Over the Edge", 1999; freestyle kayaking, and world record waterfall descent.
 "Paddle Frenzy", 1994; kayaking Northwest whitewater.
 "Perpetual Motion", 1994; kayaking Glade and Manns Creek
 "Savage"; commercial video of rodeo boating - Savage gear.
 "Steep Creeking with Catfish", 1993; home video - carnage.
 "Rick Taylor's Solo Canoe".
 "Token of My Extreme"; 1992; hairboating w/Thrillseekers and squirt boats.
 "Treading Water: A Fight for the Survival of the Pamunkey and Mattaponi Rivers".
 "Upper Tye and Piney Rivers", 1972; Les Fry footage.
 "White Mile"; an HBO original movie starring Alan Alda.

Recognition

Alicia Jaksmann

What makes some Coastals stand out as exemplary club members? Who comes to mind when you think of the heart and soul of the club? What about some long-time (notice I did not say "old!") members who may never have been acknowledged for their contributions in the past?

We want to put the spotlight on Coastals who've given something special to our club. We'd be recognizing our everyday unsung heroes at the quarterly meetings.

Please send your answers to the questions posed above, and any other ideas/comments to . Many thanks, and stay tuned.

WVRC Raffle Appeal

Ed Gertler

WVRC is holding its annual raffle now and reaching out to paddlers in neighboring area to buy a few tickets, maybe win some great prizes including a Riot kayak, cross-country skies, stay in a bed and breakfast, Teva thongs, paddles, helmets, dry bags, raft trips, paddling lessons at Riversport, and definitely support a worthy organization.

What is WVRC? Formed by a coalition of trout fishermen and paddlers, this nonprofit organization's mission is to protect some of the states wild rivers and to protect water quality throughout the state. Their issues include protection of water quality standards, prevent destruction and pollution from mountaintop and other forms of coal mining, prevent industrial and agricultural pollution, and train citizens and local groups to participate in environmental decisions.

What significance is this to me? You may paddle in the Mountain State occasionally, and if you don't you owe it to yourself to experience the beauty of the Cacapon, Smokehole, Cheat, Gauley and so many other beautiful mountain streams. Also, West Virginia is a Headwater State, meaning that when they pollute, it ultimately flows into neighboring states, such as Pennsylvania, DC and Ohio.

So if you can spare a few dollars to support us (and this is a relatively fun way to do so), and if nobody has called you yet, please visit our website at www.rivers.org. Send your name, address, telephone number, and number of tickets pledged (they are 6 for \$25, 2 for \$10, or 1 for \$6), and we will send you your tickets and instructions for payment. Drawing will be in May at the Cheat River Festival, but attendance is not necessary.

Thanks, and see you on the river.

Safety & Education

Rob Ault

Wilderness First Aid Class Offered

Take a 1-day Wilderness First Aid Class on Sunday, April 24, 2005 in Richmond, Va. Look for more details on the Coastals' online bulletin board or contact Rob Ault,

Paddle for the Border

Penny Leary-Smith

In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Dismal Swamp Canal ... paddle the historic waterway from Chesapeake, VA, to South Mills, NC, in the 2nd annual PADDLE FOR THE BORDER on April 30, 2005.

This event between two states will be hosted by the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center and Dismal Swamp State Park, South Mills, NC; the Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Suffolk, VA; and the City of Chesapeake Parks & Recreation Department, Chesapeake, VA.

Approximately 150 boats (canoes/kayaks) will participate on a first-come basis from the launch point at the Great Dismal Swamp boat launch in Chesapeake, VA, paddling 7.5 miles to the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center in South Mills, NC. Lunch for all participants will be provided at the Welcome Center following conclusion of the event.

Legislators and media representatives from both states will be invited to ride this beautiful waterway aboard pilot boats.

All boats must be pre-registered. **Deadline for registration is April 16, 2005.** A Registration Fee of \$30.00 per person (add \$5 after deadline) will cover all costs, including an event T-shirt and hat, lunch, and shuttle service. The Registration Package download is available at the following websites: www.dismal.swamp.com and www.cityofchesapeake.net.

Contacts: Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center (252.771.8333). City of Chesapeake, Parks & Recreation Department (757.382.6411)



Web News

Julie Wilson

The new bulletin board (see the link on <http://www.coastals.org>) was launched September 29, 2004 and to date has over 220 registered users and almost 2,000 articles. Users are not required to be Coastals members and can post and manage items for sale online, a great improvement over the old system of emailing a sale item and waiting for it to post. After a series of changes made possible by the opinions of users, the board has settled into its current format of four separate forums (Want to Paddle Now, Trip Reports, Coastals Lounge and Community) in addition to the advertising forums (For Sale, Wanted, Lost, etc.).

The website <http://www.coastals.org> moved to the same server as the new bulletin board in December 2004, and the webmistress has been making changes to the current web to spruce it up for the new season. One of the changes Coastals enjoy is the addition of images on the main page that change when the screen is refreshed. Each time the page is accessed, a new picture is displayed. If you would like to include your pictures on the web, please visit <http://www.coastals.org> and click the link to contact the webmaster.

Only Coastals members may submit boating-related images, but the image subject(s) do not have to be members.

The site (including the board) is busiest Monday and riday, while Saturday and Sunday are the slowest days (naturally we're all out paddling!). The site has been visited by over 9,000 distinct computers since September 2004 and has had over 2.5 million hits. When people search for coastals online, they do it mainly using the Google and Yahoo search engines.

**Coastals announces:
An online STORE!**

Get your STORE now!
T-shirts, caps, hats, beer & wine,
coffee mugs, hoodies,
even a shirt for the boat!

Visit
<http://www.coastals.org>
look for the STORE link!
check online
for a current discount coupon!

Cruise Schedule

Ken Dubel

The rules are few, but very important: Coastal Trips are for Coastal members only. We encourage you to join our club and participate in our trips. Participants assume full responsibility for their personal safety. Coastal Canoeists, Inc. assumes no responsibility for your safety, skill level or any other factors affecting trips. Trip Coordinators only facilitate trips. Email or call the coordinator before 9:30 p.m., Thursday prior to the trip. You cannot bring unexpected guests. You must self-rate your real skills for any trip. To assist you in selecting a trip, trips are rated according to the AWA Safety Code for Class I-VI rivers. Trip updates can be found on www.coastals.org.

Date	River	Rate	Coordinator	Email and Comments
4/16 4/17	Quarterly meeting, Appomattox from Chesdin to VA State College (Richmond)	I		
4/16 4/17	Quarterly meeting, paddle with the pros from Dagger (Richmond)	N-E		
4/17	Day after quarterly meeting, James through Richmond, Sunday only	I		
4/23 4/24	Richmond, Va.	A		
4/23 4/24	Staunton River camper, Long Island to Brookneal (Lynchburg)	I		
4/24	Wilderness First Aid Class in Richmond, Details on the bulletin board			
4/30 5/1	North Branch Potomac at Bloomington (MD / WV line)	I		
4/30 5/1	Tye River Race (C'ville / Buena Vista)	N/I		
5/7	Moormans above Millington Saturday only (Charlottesville)	I		
5/14	Rappahannock watershed (Culpeper)	N/I		
5/14 5/15	Nottoway, Cutbank to Jarratt (95 SOUTH)	N/I		
5/21 5/22	South Anna (Richmond)	N/I		
5/28 5/29	Lower Yough 1st timers	I/A		
6/4 6/5	New River, Pembroke to Bluff City (Blacksburg)	N/I		
6/11 6/12	Roanoke River, Gaston NC to Weldon NC	I		
6/11 6/12	Dry Fork Cheat (WV)	I		
6/12	Bottom Maury, Sunday only (Lexington)	N		
6/18 6/19	New River Gorge 1st timers (WV)	A		
6/18 6/19	Upper New in WV	N/I		
6/25 6/26	Appomattox, Chesdin to route 36	I		
7/9 7/10	South Fork Shenandoah Ice Cream Run.	N		
7/9 7/10	Basic River ACA Canoe Instruction	N		
7/9 7/10	James in Richmond, Pony Pasture to route 95	N/I		

P
A
R
T
I
N
G

S
H
O
T



Tom Cole on a January Appomattox River Trip

Scott Wiggins
Editor
Coastal CaNEWS
10413 Attems Way
Glen Allen, VA 23060-3773

PRSORT STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FREDERICKSBURG, VA
PERMIT NO. 150

Dated Material: Please Expedite!