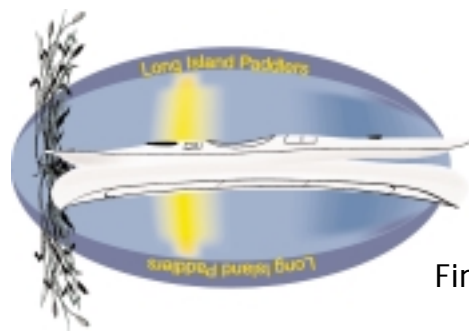


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Directions to Half Hollow Hills Community Library

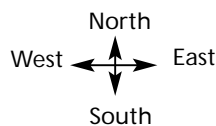
- LIE (495) to exit 51 North or Northern State Parkway to exit 42 south
- Deer Park Ave. to Vanderbilt Parkway
- West onto Vanderbilt Parkway
- The library is about a mile on the right, on Vanderbilt, opposite the High School.

Northern State Parkway

Exit 42

LIBRARY Vanderbilt Parkway

Deer Park Ave.



LIE (495)

Exit 51

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 2004

7-9:30 PM - Half Hollow Hills Library

DATE	REFRESHMENTS	DARK HORSE
May 20, 2004	Elizabeth Strong, Steve & Sandy Berner	Jim Koehler
June 24, 2004		Ken Fink
July ?, 2004	Ken Fink	Bruce Mulligan

April's Dark Horse was donated by Judy Realmuto. Refreshments were brought in by Pam and Stu Selkin.

Thanks!



May Program, Part I

Co-Vice President, John Giuffre, will lead a face-to-face "Just Ask John." Members will recall that in his monthly Blazing Paddles column of the same name, John, our resident craftsman and jack-of-all-trades, answered questions about the technical aspects of our beloved sport. So bring your questions about anything that floats and "Just Ask John."

May Program, Part 2,

Awards Chair, David Chin, will present the long-awaited LIPaddler Annual Awards. A tradition for over 10 years now, these will include both Fun Awards and Service Awards. The Service Awards are often accompanied by a gift. Who knows? You may have earned something in either category.

APRIL MEETING

PROGRAM:

Larry Foglia of *The Lost Boys of The Peter Pan Group* presented "Going Remote and Getting Back." His powerpoint presentation showed us some highlights of Camp Darrow and later some wonderful slides of trips he has been on as an adult.

The camp is on an island, ten miles from the shores of Maine, where young coeds can experience an adventure unlike any other. Along with group leaders, groups of ten to twelve learn to depend on each other while learning simplified community responsibility. They shoot rapids in hand-made canoes, portaging where necessary, cook their own food and participate in hiking.

Our speaker, who was a camper thirty years ago, met several other campers who became certified trip leaders. These "lost boys" try to organize paddling trips into remote areas, often in Quebec, Canada, every three years. They have been doing so since 1989. Larry addressed logistics, geography, serenity, fun, and the difficulties some experience in readjusting to civilization. Each man must ensure that the trip goes as planned, Larry's job is planning and cooking the food. They go on the trip in July when black flies are abundant. Red clothing repels black flies while blue attracts them. At that time of year the water temperature is about 50 degrees, so hypothermia is a risk. After the trip they try to stay in touch with each other to readjust to the relative confinement of their office spaces.

INFORMATION:

- Liz O'Conner announced that you can see the racing group practice their skills every Monday evening at Lake Ronkonkoma. They start at about 5PM and stay till dark.
- Liz Marcellus announced that May 15-23 is National River Cleanup Week. National River Cleanup Week traditionally occurs during the second or third week of May each year. It was originally conceived in 1991 by America Outdoors® in response to a recognition that America's streams and rivers were in need of cleaning due to the careless disposal of trash and other debris. Contact her if you are interested in any cleanup activity. She will be posting a short notice paddle on a weekday.

Bob's canoe rentals is doing a cleanup that week. Check with him for further information.

- From American Rivers - May 25 is River Lobby Day. Everyone is asked to call their congressmen or senators (on May25) to express their support for healthy rivers. You are urged to support the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act. For more info one can visit www.HealthyRivers.org and look for the Citizens' Agenda for Rivers.

INTERESTING WEB SITES:

www.americaoutdoors.org *America Outdoors* is an international association representing adventure travel outfitters, tour companies and outdoor educators.

mgoodrich@recyclingtoday.com *Recycling Today* has info about disposal of old computers

water.usgs.gov/dwc/national_map.html
Water-level web site for the entire United States
Drought and flood emergency - instant access to flood data.

Kevlar Information

It was invented in 1966 by Stephanie Kwolek.

Dinghy Shop Debuts New Product Lines to LI Paddlers and Public

April 18, 2004

David R. Chin, Recognition and Public Affairs Chair

April 17-18th weekend, Long Island Paddlers were personally invited to meet and greet the public alongside kayaking professionals during the Dinghy Shop's Kayak and Canoe Festival conducted at the shop's waterfront facility on S. Bayview Ave. Jim Kohler, a long-time member of Long Island Paddlers, announced this season opening event at the April monthly club meeting, along with our regular membership announcements.

The forecasted warm spring days gave us the first real break from the long winter weather - Saturday had the best showing of sun and fun. Yet despite the relatively cold waters and the cool sea breezes picking up by Sunday, we had a solid showing both days of the event with members taking advantage of the demonstration models of both boats and paddles to not only try them out themselves, but also to teach the public in this very friendly soft educational environment.

Many members gained quite a few pointers from the paddling professionals, the likes of Dave Snyder, Wilderness rep, and Andy Singer, Kayak designer, along with other manufacturer's representatives who took time to add to the event. Familiar member instructor/guides Ira Staller and Rich Black introduced themselves to many new paddlers, and Dave Caliero was nominated "Chief Beach Boy" by the festival's crew for sharing his smile and broad handshake as he helped dozens of boat launching and landings over the weekend.

Those members who ventured up to the shop found themselves in Paddler's Heaven, as The Dinghy Shop, set up in the lofts of an old seaplane manufacturing hanger, is chock-full of wear gear, soft and hard wear designed for close-contact watersports enthusiasts. Discounted prices made some of the highest quality equipment affordable and many of us went home with new gear anxiously awaiting to be baptized in a nearby bay soon. Pat upgraded to a beautiful new 17 footer. Others spoke with Rich Siberry - fishing expert from The Campsite Store, and Bob Annunziato - Kayak outdoor hunting and fishing enthusiast for all kinds of hot tips.

Hospitality, friendly expert advice and top-notch product line and service makes the Dinghy Shop one of the most talked about and referred purveyors by paddling enthusiasts all along the Island. Give Jim and Sue a visit, and tell them you heard about their LI Paddler's support through Blazing Paddles. In reply, he'll just continue to thank us for all the help and support they've received from LI Paddlers!



BROOKHAVEN SPORTS EXPO

Saturday, MAY 15 (9-5PM)

Raindate Sunday, May 16

Experts from over 60 companies, clubs and organizations demonstrate the best in outdoor recreational gear, sports and fitness. Open to the Public - **Free Admission.**

Directions:

LIE to Exit 68 North (William Floyd Parkway) to Longwood Road. Watch for signs to Longwood Estate.

More information at www.TOBOEXPO.org

Bruce Mulligan will be setting up a table to represent our club at this event.



KAYAK DEMO DAY

Sunday, May 16th

On behalf of our Kayak Shop - Glacier Bay Sports, I would like to invite you and all of your members to our free Kayak Demo Day we are holding on Sunday May 16th. This event will be held at South Haven County Park in Brookhaven, Suffolk County (Exit 57N off Sunrise RT27 or Exit 67 S off the LIE 495). The Demo Day will run from 10am-4pm and will allow all participants the opportunity to test paddle any of the kayaks from Perception, Dagger, Wilderness Systems, Old Town, IMPEX, Ocean Kayak, and P&H Sea Kayaks.

Our shop is located at 2979 Montauk Highway - Brookhaven, NY 11719.

Please call if you have any other questions (631) 286-0567. Chris @ Glacier Bay Sports



BAY DAY June 6th

Waterfront Center - Beekman Beach, Oyster Bay Sailing School: (516) 922-SAIL

Directions:

1. Take LIE to Exit 41N onto Rt 106/107N.
2. Get in right lane, pass Milleridge Village, go under Jericho Tnpk (Rt.25), stay right onto 106N to Oyster Bay.
3. Take Rt 106 north, cross 25A, through East Norwich, count 1.7 miles into Village of Oyster Bay.
4. At the intersection of Berry Hill Road (with Boys and Girls Club on right), and Lexington Ave (with Gas Station on left), make a left turn onto Lexington Ave all the way to the end where it terminates onto West Main Street, (school in front of you now).
5. Make a left turn onto West Main St., drive past the school and tennis courts, and two short traffic lights to Bayside Ave.
6. Make a Right Turn onto Bayside Ave, cross the RR tracks and make next left turn parallel to the tracks and beach.
7. Follow to the end, and see Waterfront Center - Oyster Bay Sailing School on left.

MASK Trip Around Manhattan

June 12th

On June 12 MASK is planning a 33 mile kayak trip around Manhattan. Peter Crowley, who is blind, and members of MASK, will be leaving at 7 AM from Liberty State Park. Two stops are planned and they will be traveling with the current. Since this is the first time a blind person will be circumnavigating Manhattan, they will be raising funds for The Helen Keller Institute for the Blind. Pledge sheets can be found below. You can support this activity by donating money or participating in this event and getting pledges. Please e-mail Richard Arenella at Parkexec@hotmail.com or call (516) 775-7862 for more information.

PLEDGE SHEET

for the 2004 MASK Circumnavigation of Manhattan

Raise money for Helen Keller Services for the Blind by obtaining sponsors for this always exciting event.

Pledge should be in amounts of \$1.00, \$5.00,\$10.00 . . . per mile.

33 Mile Circumnavigation, 2004. **Amount of Pledge, \$ _____ per mile.**

Name of Paddler: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sponsors

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Amount Collected: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: **Helen Keller Services for the Blind**

Please Mail Your Pledge to:

Peter Crowley/Richard Arenella,10 Nortema Ct., New Hyde Park, N.Y. 11040

Spring Picnic

Sunday, June 27th

Barbara Fontana is still busy planning our annual Spring picnic. It is going to be at Tobay Beach, on June 27th. There will be catered food and plenty of time for paddling in an area many of us are not able to access on our own. So far the cost will be \$15.00 per person for food. The Town charges \$10.00 per car for parking. Look for more information in the next newsletter.



FREE ADVERTISING SPACE

Long Island Paddler members can advertise products for sale at no charge.
E-mail Denise at pcaparat@optonline.net



REMINDER!!!

Membership renewals are due. The membership period is from January 1 through December 31 of the current year, 2004. Membership dues are \$25.00 per household. If you have not already done so, please make your check payable to Long Island Paddlers and mail it to:

David Thaler, Membership
14 Westchester Court
Middle Island, NY 11953

**Membership must be current in order to participate in club activities.
The deadline for renewal was April 15, 2004. Please renew today.**

**Members who have not renewed by April 30th
will be removed from the club data base effective May 30, 2004.**