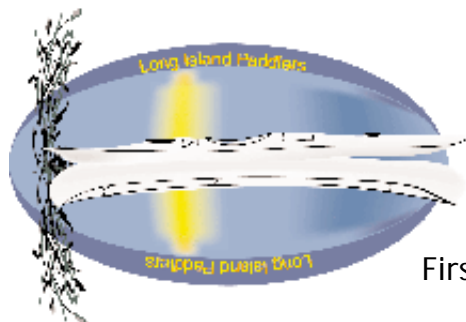


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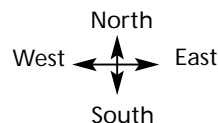
***Directions to  
Half Hollow Hills Community Library  
631-421-4530***

- 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



LIE (495)

Deer Park Ave.

Exit 51

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## Newsletter of Long Island Paddlers

September 2004



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## MONTHLY MEETINGS 2004

7-9:30 PM - Half Hollow Hills Library

DATE	REFRESHMENTS	DARK HORSE
September 23	Marcus & Alex	Gerry Hummel
October	NO ONE	NO ONE
November	Brad Thayer	Denise & Paul Caparatta

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August's Dark Horse was donated by Alan Mindlin.  
Refreshments were brought in by Alice Scanlon. Thanks!



### September 23 PROGRAM - "Swap Meet"

So, what's a swap meet, you may ask? Remember all those super-duper, high-fashion, ultramodern kayaking accessories that you just couldn't live without? Well, now that you've used them for a season or two or three or more, you've decided to replace some of them with something that's even more super-duper, more high-fashion, and more ultramodern.

The swap meet is where you bring the stuff that you now can live without - and trade it, swap it, sell it, or donate it. In other words, it's an aquatic garage sale. So bring anything that's even remotely related to a paddling sport, put a label on it, and hope for the best.

# Paddling for Parkinson's

Sunday, September 12th.

Elizabeth Huey-Levine is organizing a fundraiser called, Paddling for Parkinson's, in support of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research. A group of kayakers will be joining her in paddling from West Neck Beach in Lloyd Harbor to her home in Centerport Harbor on Sunday, September 12th. We will begin paddling at about 10am and will finish by 4pm for the post-paddling BBQ party with live music, food and beverages, and a raffle. Please email her or call her if you are interested in joining, to support the worthy and important cause. Phone: 631-757-7911 email: elizabeth\_huey@earthlink.net



## LI Paddlers' Fall Paddle and Picnic

Sunday, September 19, 2004

Centerport Beach

Beach opens 10am, Paddle @ 11am, Picnic 3pm - 5pm

Must register and pay by September 10th - No exceptions - No Refunds

We will have a BBQ catered by Joe Harlin who has done previous BBQ's for us. The cost of the picnic is \$15 per person, bring your own beverage, and please sign up below to lend a hand. If you have any questions, call Barbara Fontana at (631) 929-8747 or send an e-mail to FontanaWR@aol.com. Hope to see you there!

**Directions:** At intersection of 25A and Little Neck Road, in Centerport, turn north on Little Neck Road. Continue past Vanderbilt Museum for a short distance. The entrance to the park is on the left., after going down a hill.

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 per person

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Barbara Fontana.

Mail to:

Barbara Fontana, 3 Trappers Path, Wading River, NY 11792



## 10/9 - Open Water Skills Day

Club members are invited to come and work on their skills in an informal setting with instructors and other members. Practice anything from wet-exits to rolls. Session will be held in at Beekman Beach in Oyster Bay.

Contact the club training director, Tim Williams for more information.

# Holiday Party

The club is seeking a hall or facility to hold it's annual Holiday Party. If you have any suggestions or recommendations, contact Barbara Fontana at 631-929-8747 or send an e-mail to FontanaWR@aol.com

We usually have the party on the first Friday of December at 7PM with up to 100 attendees. We have a caterer and it would be preferred if the location is in central Long Island.



## Birds

by Marge Tuthill

Changing season. . . this is a very **quiet** time of year re: weather and birds as the earth turns. This year's birds are taking flight lessons as they will migrate to the Southern hemisphere. The Robin and Osprey go to Brazil! Why aren't we that smart ? Locally, we recently saw **Black-crowned Night-Herons**. They are black or dark grey on top and almost white underneath. They also have a single plume coming out of the back of their head, very unique! When you first see them, you think they are a seagull, [size wise too] but look carefully, they usually are in a hunched position, on the shore looking for food. . . from dusk, through the night.

In Mt. Sinai, recently, around 6:00 pm, we first spotted two **Night-herons**, midway up in a tree. One by one they took flight, and slowly more kept departing from a pair of trees. We watched 30 in all, heading out to feed. Another time we noticed, in an early morning venture, these same herons were up in the trees at 8:30 a.m., settling in for their day's sleep.

When I got home and looked over the map of the area where we were, the street behind, which we could not see from the water, was named **Night-Heron Drive** !!! This is in Stonybrook.

**The Fall is super for kayaking**, as the water is warm and clear, the colors of the foliage begin to change, the weather is usually clear, and the birds are grouping to begin migration. Enjoy these wonderful sights.



## FREE ADVERTISING SPACE

Long Island Paddler members can advertise products for sale at no charge.

Call Denise at 516-536-2283 or E-mail Denise at [pcaparat@optonline.net](mailto:pcaparat@optonline.net)

Please put **KAYAK SALE** in the subject so I know it's not spam.

**Recreational Kayak** - 9 feet 4 inches - Mainstream, Riptide - Slightly used, stable, plastic, large cockpit

\$275.00 - includes: adult size personal floatation devise and breakdown (feathered) paddle.

Contact Ray Smith at 631-368-1653

**Alamax Surf Kayak**, polyethylene construction, with surf fins, and helmet.

\$600.00 firm. E-mail me for pics. Valerie: [Val3rie@optonline.net](mailto:Val3rie@optonline.net) or call 631-874-0456

### Canoes for sale:

12' pack boats and 13' Ascoda' and a 17' foot Grumman

Contact Richard Dolinski by e-mail and he will make pictures available [bassmanr@optonline.net](mailto:bassmanr@optonline.net) All of the boats are in great shape!!! Free paddles included.!