

Blazing Paddles

Newsletter of Long Island Paddlers

January 2007

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IMPORTANT NOTICE effective January 1, 2007

The Board of the Long Island Paddlers has decided to discontinue its affiliation with The American Canoe Association as a Paddle America Club (PAC) effective January 1, 2007. It will no longer be necessary for Long Island Paddlers members to hold membership in the ACA (though it is recommended that you do so). Under our agreement the ACA was to collect our club dues along with their renewal membership dues and to reimburse L.I. Paddlers our share of the combined dues.

Effective immediately:

L.I. Paddler's members wishing to renew their ACA membership **SHOULD NOT** include our dues with their ACA membership payment. (You may, in error, be requested to do so by the ACA)

Please Note:

The expiration date of your current membership has been written on the address label of this Newsletter.

For your convenience a revised L.I. Paddlers Application and Waiver form has been included in this issue of Blazing Paddles.

To renew your membership complete the form and return it with the appropriate payment on or before your membership expiration date.

Please direct any questions regarding the application process to David Thaler, Membership Chair, Phone (631) 924-3759

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Membership Application and Liability Waiver

I, (Please print full name (s)) _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ E-mail _____

Desiring to join fellow paddlers in Long Island Paddlers [the club] hereby declare that I (we) fully understand and accept the following facts as a participant:

1. Canoeing, Kayaking, and Rafting expose participants to physical exertion and various safety hazards. Water is an environment that is hostile to human life—and contains many hazards that may be hidden from view or not obvious.

2. I alone am responsible for my safety when I engage in Canoeing, Kayaking, or Rafting—and when I paddle on any river, rapid, lake, pond, bay, or ocean. I alone am responsible for determining the suitability of any activity to my abilities, and for determining whether I am capable of safely participating in that activity.

3. I expect to assist any paddlers who, in my judgment, appear to need assistance. But I expect to do so only within the limits of my ability—and only if I can do so without endangering my own safety. I understand that neither the law nor this agreement may create any legal duty for me to assist others. I also understand that neither the law nor this agreement may create any legal duty for others to assist me, especially if offering such assistance would endanger another's safety. I hereby waive any right to hold the club, its officers, members, agents, trip coordinators, and participants liable for any injury to my person or my property that is caused by any act or omission that occurs in connection with a club activity. I acknowledge that this includes any act or omission that is intended to promote my safety or well-being. I make this waiver for myself and anyone else who may claim through me, including but not limited to my heirs and representatives.

I give this waiver in the interest of permitting Long Island Paddlers to exist, to enable paddlers to freely donate their services to improving paddling sports, and to train others without fear of liability. I acknowledge that this waiver applies to all Long Island Paddlers activities. I give this waiver in exchange for the privilege of club membership—and acknowledge that it has no expiration date.

I agree to participate in the Club List serve program. ___ Yes , ___ No

I agree to have my name, town/Village and phone # provided to the Club membership. ___ Yes, ___ No

Date _____

Signature _____ Signature _____

Parents/Guardians of minors:

I hereby give my permission for _____ to participate in Long Island Paddlers activities, subject to all of the conditions and waivers set forth above.

Date _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Membership fee: \$35.00 (Individual or Family) valid from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. (Pro-rated from date of application at \$3.00 per month)

Membership fee includes your subscription to Blazing Paddles, the Long Island Paddlers Newsletter.

Make checks payable to: Long Island Paddlers

Mail to: David Thaler, Membership Director, 14 Westchester Court, Middle Island, NY 11953

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Mission Statement

Long Island Paddlers was formed to bring together a group of like-minded Canoeists and Kayakers to share a common love for boating and the outdoors. We endeavor to share information on safety, education, our experiences on the water, and other paddling-related subjects. Long Island Paddlers is open to all who would like to share in this sport. We are active during all twelve months of the year, both on the water and at our meetings with various programs and guest speakers. We participate in river clean-ups and other conservation activities, and encourage state and local governing bodies to improve access to the waters in and around Long Island by non motor-propelled watercraft. Long Island Paddlers has been and will continue to be active in many aspects of the sport of paddling, and to bring people together to share in all the fun that paddling with others has to offer.

Statement of Purpose

Canoeing and kayaking can be dangerous. You can be injured and possibly die from canoe or kayak-related accidents. That is why we continue to disseminate information on safety, safety equipment, self rescues, group rescues, hypothermia, navigation, rules-of-the road, tidal currents, and weather-related hazards. Members are alerted to the many skill-elements that make up a good paddler, and are encouraged to obtain formal training from a qualified instructor. Club trips are listed by members who want to paddle in certain areas that they know. Our Trip Coordinators are just that, and do not function as experts or instructors on these trips. You are the captain of your own craft and you alone are responsible for your own safety and well-being. No one can force you to launch your canoe or kayak from shore. This is your decision and your responsibility. We urge our members to beware of so-called experts, who may put the inexperienced paddler in a dangerous situation. Know your limitations and remember that it is safer to paddle in a group than alone. Always be aware of your surroundings and conditions. We urge you to paddle and to have fun. Learn as much as you can about our sport, and share your knowledge. It will make all of us better paddlers.

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To learn and see more of what Long Island Paddlers is all about, visit our website www.lipaddler.org

**Tentative monthly meeting dates • Always check website
3rd Thursday of every month 7-9:30 PM**

**January 18 • February 15 • March 15 • April 19 • May 17 • June 14 • July 19
August 16 • September 20 • October 18 • November 15 • December 20**

**LOCATION: Suffolk County Community College Brentwood (Grant Campus)
Captree Commons - C114 - Cafeteria Building**

From the east or west take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 53. Follow signs to Wicks Road.
Go south on Wicks Road to campus entrance on right-hand side.

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Full Page	\$250	\$800
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Quarter Page	\$85	275
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2 Lines	\$25	85

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June 15 • September 15 • December 15 • March 15
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