

Blazing Paddles

Newsletter of Long Island Paddlers

March 2007

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**Our new Treasurer- Fred Hosage Jr.
Photo by Alan Mindlin**

LI Paddlers Board Meeting

By Secretary, Frances Cassidy 2/15/07 Suffolk Community College, Brentwood

ATTENDEES: Frank Chillemi, Ken Fink, Barry Goldblatt, Alan Mindlin, Marge Tuthill, Paul Aledort, Dave Thaler, Fred Hosage, Fran Cassidy, Steve Berner, later arrivals: Denise Caparatta & Bruce Mulligan

Best wishes for health to our President, Ken Fink, who will be having surgery on March 12.

WEBSITE – Ed is the authorized person and you can have up to 3 authorized people, this responsibility will be changed from Ed to Ken Fink. Ken accepts the responsibility of authorized person to make sure address is correct, fee is paid, treasurer, Fred Hosage, is second authorized name. All in favor; no objections. User name: Ed Luke must be continued since he registered the domain. Domain is LIPaddlers.org due to be renewed 9/19/07. Suggestion when going with new server, we update it for 5 years. \$25 + \$4 for changing hosting.

EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT – Keith is dropping out of this function, since he is in Florida with his business. There is a need for someone to coordinate the picnics, holiday parties, etc.. Alan has some ideas and he'll let us know.

TRIP COORDINATOR REPORT – Alan had talked about a camping trip in May, then decided for 1st weekend in June on Indian Island County Park. Bruce wanted to do some camping sites, so Alan will talk to him.

Town of Oyster Bay, there are no restrictions for evening paddles, midnight paddles, Roosevelt Park, Tobay, Tappen Beach, 11pm gate closes. Ken says Port Washington, Bar Beach is never locked during the summer. Setauket is free. Pizza Paddle/Bar-b-q Saturday night and Sunday.

Fall Trip – South Pocono area – 16th/17th of October-Susquehanna river.

Bar-B-q – need portable bar-b-q – we could bring our own stuff.

Frank & Alan are going to lead a photo paddle - Merrick.

Skills day will be scheduled by Ken.

Game Night – Alan will put together.

INSURANCE REPORT – Steve bought liability insurance for \$860 – till Oct 15th – listed things to do – insurance carrier wanted to know trip leaders, training, need to have standard operating procedures.

In the Fall Newsletter of Connecticut Kayaking Club, there was an interesting article stating that they quit ACA after one year.

POOL SESSIONS/SKILLS TRAINING REPORT – Steve said Dawn contacted St. Joseph College in Patchogue– beautiful pool usually \$150/hour; they will charge us \$75/hour, don't need lifeguard. The pool is available on Saturdays from 3:00 - 5:00 PM and on Sundays after 2:30 P.M. We will list the dates on the website, when we will be having pool sessions.

CONSERVATION REPORT – March 25th – cleanup – Caleb Smith. April 22nd – Earth Day.

TREASURY REPORT – Fred Hosage - 2/15/07: \$3653 - \$850 for insurance = \$2803. Dave Thayler gave \$300 tonight from membership. We pay \$60/month for meetings at SCCC. Fred would like to make an inventory about what the club owns. Dave Chin has all the radios (4).

LIBRARIAN REPORT – Frank states there are 4 units out, \$40 on hand, DVDs surprising active, book side, nothing...takes too long to return. No need to get more DVDs. Ken thinks we should have one tape – something about the surf zone. Ernie gave Marge one regarding rescues. We will e-mail people to return rentals when they come to the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – instead of \$15/pp, we will charge \$35/pp - 2007. Money owed by ACA = \$180 but we will probably never receive it. Twelve members signed up so far. Must complete new application that agrees to be listed in the member list; have name town village and phone number provided to membership. Board members should have roster of club. 121 members down about 100 from previous year. Fred asked if we find out why members don't renew. Board members said the split with another club left bad taste; also ACA chased a lot of people out. We have taken steps to correct these problems. Getting the website up will be a positive. We have new member packet – Paul has the printout.

PROGRAM REPORT –

March: Frank Chillemi will give an informative presentation on the proper use and protocol when using a VHF radio.

April: Past President, Ed Luke, will lecture on the realities of cold water paddling in the early spring.

May: Swap meet. Bring any kayak related items you wish to sell. We all have extra or under utilized equipment taking up room in our garages and basements. Tag all items.

OTHER ISSUES: Bruce will sell long sleeve wicking shirts – or short sleeve, red, black, white, gray, \$19.98 in catalog; our cost \$13 plus \$1 for writing. Last time we sold \$258 on sale of shirts, Long Islands Paddlers got \$20. Proposed: we buy 36 white shirts, LI Paddlers on sleeves in blue - \$540, sizes small, medium, large, x-large. Members cost per shirt would be \$20.00. Tell members they will be putting \$5 toward the club, to raise funds.

NEWSLETTER REPORT – supposed to come out March 15th – deadline for material is NOW. Suburu is going to take 4 issues and sending Fred a check for \$150/ Dinghy Shop wants one ad for \$45. Denise will e-mail stores letting them know when the June issue is coming out.


Dave asked about Flyers from last year. Denise will update.

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Upcoming Dinghy Shop Paddlesport Event April 28 & 29

Long Island paddlers has been invited to "set up a table" and be in attendance to promote the club and assist with the day. On Saturday the 28th at the close of business we host a dinner here for the guests, volunteers and contributors. Usually a couple from the club comes and helps out They would be welcome to stay.

Please note Long island Paddlers are invited to attend and try out all the boats! Key products and manufacturers: Wilderness systems, Impex Kayaks, Perception, Hurricane Kayaks, Thule rack systems, Gill, Extrasport will be in attendance. This year we will be introducing Immersion

Research manufacturers of great gear designed with the kayaker in mind! Special Sale throughout the weekend!

- June 9 - FREE LESSON
 we will extend a complimentary free lesson for all new paddlers - get started safely and confidently on the water
- June 9 - GREAT SOUTH BAY KAYAK Fishing Tournament - register @ likayaking.com weigh in and prize giving hosted by the Dinghy Shop.

Jim Koehler and the crew at The Dinghy Shop
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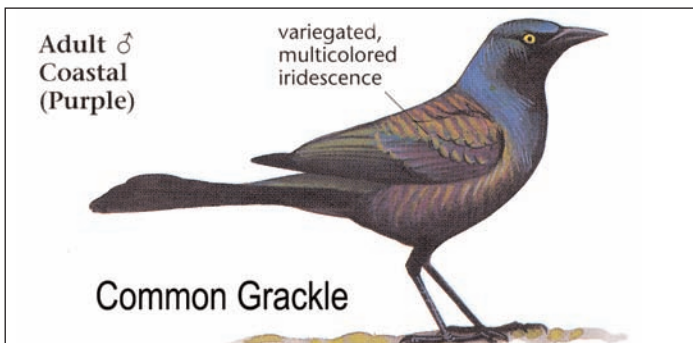
Spring is Around the Corner

By Marge Tuthill

. . . it does not seem possible, but of course we've noticed the sun setting later. I'm in kayak withdrawal too !

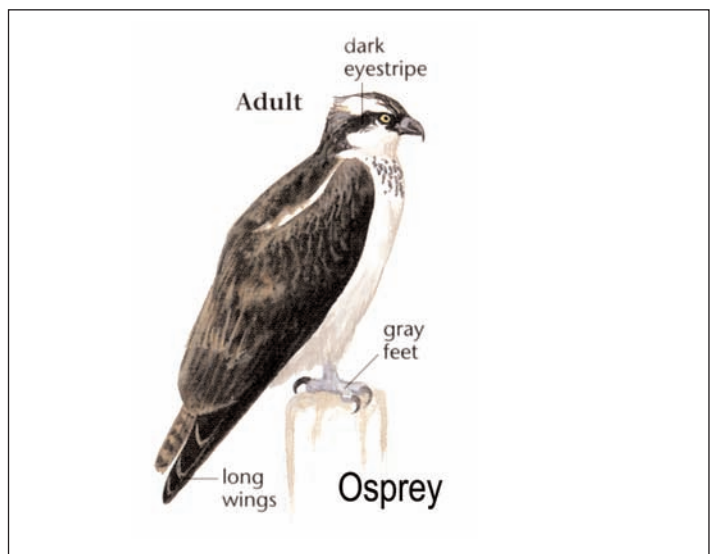
Watch now for more signs, one of which are the birds beginning to migrate back to us. The grackle is one of the first birds we see in March. . . the grackle is a black bird, appears very shiny and even dark blue at times, a little larger than a robin. I've already seen some robins here and there. The Osprey, is a fish hawk, also arrives beginning in March. Also the redwing blackbirds.

Years ago I noticed many birds appearing to arrive way out East of Long Island, and then work their way west. I'm always sky watching. The arctic ducks are all over Long Island in the winter and are very beautiful. One minute you see them in the waters, the next they disappear, as some are divers-(to get their food.)



Those of us at the last meeting heard the Riverhead Foundation do a presentation about sea mammals. . . and some of the seals we see around Long Island are from the arctic. They too migrate down to Long Island in November and back to the arctic in May.

There must be good eating for them to come around here. So you adventurous winter kayakers get to see special wild life. Let us know what you've been seeing.



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**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)
Captive Commons - C114 - Cafeteria Building**

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