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OPEN HOUSE

Saturday - May 29, 2010 10-4 PM

Come and enjoy a day on the water at Sebago
kayaking * sailing * rowing
(rain or shine)

Commodore's Message

By John Wright



Welcome back, everyone, to Open House at Sebago, Saturday, May 29, 2010. This printed edition of the Sebago Blade is one way for us to keep in touch with the growing body of members and supporters within the human-powered boating community. We share our calendar and recent achievements with enthusiasts in all forms of water sport activity, as we together build a movement promoting recreation and enjoyment of the waters that surround us.

Our feature program this year, the All Club Invitational on July 17, brings together all forms of human-powered boaters for a day on the waters of Jamaica Bay. Join us as a participant, or as part of the welcome committee, as we make this a true celebration for individuals and organizations from around the metropolitan area.

Sebago benefits greatly from the efforts of the dedicated members that lead our training and trip activities year round. Several new members have joined before the summer season, as the activities of the pool sessions sustain interest and encourage growth in skill and confidence. Our longevity as an organization enables us to sustain a broad variety of activities, leadership development, camp and clubhouse resources, club-owned boats and equipment, and pleasant venues with water access.

Review the enclosed calendar of events for an overview of the club activities this year, and watch our Google calendar at www.sebagocanoclub.org for updates and further details. Sea Kayak and SailCom planning began early this year, resulting in a full schedule of activities for every skill level. The Canoe Committee is planning a revived schedule of family and group paddling opportunities, and will join ACA training sessions for skill and touring leadership training. New members have joined the Rowing Committee for enjoyment of a good workout in the basin. Flatwater racers maintain regular training throughout the week as the days lengthen, and plan inter-club competitions at Lake Sebago and beyond.

Immediate goals for maintenance and development this year will concentrate on improvements in storage facilities, boat maintenance accommodation, and environmental enhancements. Work activity began well before our April Season Opener, and the club grounds reflect the efforts of our volunteer members. Construction projects will be limited to completion of the arch roof over the maintenance area, and building storage racks in containers and on the grounds. Grant writing and research continue as we work toward the long-range goals of Phase III, the connection to water and sewer services and the construction of shower and sanitary facilities.

Our Season Opener on April 18 was a model for the gatherings that glue our members together. Twenty-one people suited up and got out on the water to paddle or sail, while the rest of the fifty-five got to work preparing equipment and cleaning up grounds and garden plots. The potluck meal sharing was fabulous, and made enjoyable the planning meetings for Sea Kayak and Cruising committees, followed by our general meeting welcoming four new senior members. We look forward to seeing you all at a future event or activity.

Sea Kayak Committee Report

By Walter Lewandowski

Along with the promise of a new spring morning comes the promise of a new paddling season. Warm days cause a rise in the desire to be out on the water, but remember that the risk of hypothermia is real, as the water is still cold. Do not paddle without proper cold-water gear, at least a wetsuit, until the water temperature warms. Dress so you can tolerate an unexpected swim at any point of your paddle. Experienced paddlers dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.

Spring is also a good time to establish paddling goals to reach for this season. Improving your forward stroke or rough-water paddling are two possibilities. Not to say that we will reach those goals; I have certainly fallen short in the past, but in reaching for them my paddling has always improved. Perhaps making a resolution to try some instruction will make our journey a little easier.

A great opportunity for some kayak instruction is the ACA week at Lake Sebago. Some of the top instructors on the East Coast will be there June 8 to 13, offering classes for beginner and experienced paddlers. Perhaps some homegrown classes with Sebago's own ACA-certified instructors are more to your taste? Jerry Dunne and Stevie McAllister, with Pete Peterson's assistance, will be offering their open classes Sundays at the lake. These are classes where you work on what skills you want to improve. Maybe a more structured class is more to your liking? A two-day ACA Level 1 class will be offered July 10 and 11 at the lake. An ACA Level 2 class will be the weekend of August 14 and 15, followed by ACA Level 3 classes on August 28 and 29. Additionally, I will offer the ACA "Quick Start", a three-hour beginners' class at Jamaica Bay, as demand requires. We will also offer Level 1 and 2 classes in Canarsie. We have scheduled a Level 1 class on July 18, with other dates to be determined.

Let us not forget why we take all this training and go on some trips. Phil Giller will continue the popular full moon paddles and we plan to have club paddles on most weekends. Do not forget to check with the Cruising Committee for their offsite trips. Many trip leaders also offer club paddles Saturday afternoon after the open paddles.

Our Wednesday and Saturday Open Paddles will begin June 2, so the time for our trip leaders to step up and volunteer is now. We plan to place a calendar in the clubhouse so trip leaders can see which paddles need volunteers. Anyone who desires to become a trip leader or assistant please come and make yourself known to me. We will have a trip leader workshop Sunday, June 13. This would be good for anyone looking to move from assistant to trip leader and anyone wishing to become an assistant trip leader.

Let us have a great, safe season filled with paddling adventures so we can all tell tall tales in the fall. Remember, this is your Kayak Committee and our success depends on your involvement. Feel free to contact me at kayaking@sebagocanoclub.org. Have a great season and may the wind be always at your back.

Cruising Committee Report

By Tony Pignatello

It's time to put away the skis and snowshoes and think about paddling. This year, we hope to put together an even more ambitious program than last year. Impossible, you say. Not! Some of our destinations are already planned: whitewater rafting on the Hudson on April 25. If you're just hearing about it, you missed it. Then, there's Oyster Bay, LI on May 23; Cold Spring on June 12, with what may be the last view of Bannerman Castle before it's demolished (note to self: bring camera); a Jamaica Bay paddle on July 3, part of the Sebago July Fourth celebrations; a camping trip to Orient Point, LI on August 6-8; and on September 25 we'll visit the only primeval forest in New York, on Fire Island.



In addition to the above trips, we are going to the Jersey Shore, the Palisades, Oak Beach, LI, a camping trip to the New York State Reservoir and the Carmens River. Since we have more trips than weekends, some of these will be midweek.

Most of our trips are slightly above beginner level (very slightly). You need to be able to control your boat and paddle eight to twelve miles at a moderate pace. It's not very difficult. All you need is an efficient forward stroke, good sweep and an ability to edge your kayak. You can learn all these skills at Sebago, whether during Sundays at the lake, weekends at Jamaica Bay, at our quick-start program, at our formal Level 1 and Level 2 instruction weekends, or just ask one of our instructors when you're out on a paddle. (They love to show off).

If you're new to kayaking, try to go on as many open paddles as you can, ask the leaders about the proper stroke technique and build up some stamina. Don't worry about being the slowest paddler. Everyone in the club was the slowest paddler at one time or another. We're all about having fun, making new friends and being safe.

Hope to see you on the water.

Member names for senior membership consideration:

Chris Bickford
Tony Berkel
Russ Morisi



"The Standard Greenland Roll"

When we roll, we will always check
Our paddle is exactly by our neck.
We are fine when upside down.
Our breath will never cause a frown.
We will always look right at our paddle,
And our paddle is by our Adam's apple.
When under, we always look above.
We plan to fly up like a dove.
We want the paddle near the hull,
And if we goof we sure will scull.
Most important is the hand,
The one that really will help us land
Upright -- and we'll be on the deck.
Keep your damn paddle by your neck!
The magic roll has so many parts,
You'd think it happened with quick fast darts.
But no, it's really smooth, that move --
Keep your hand by your neck, you'll really groove.

By Sebago Flushing Pool Session mentors, Susan McCarthy and Martha Keavney, with some help from Chris Russo.



photo courtesy Andy Novick

Is Canoeing a Sociological Artifact?

By Dan Olson

I'm wondering.... People used to join leagues to bowl, but now bowl alone. Has paddling come to that, with the plethora of solo kayakers putting canoes in their wake? The Canoe Committee doesn't think so!

Canoeing is one of the most family-friendly water activities (notwithstanding arguments about who's not paddling hard enough) and offers a variety of paddling experiences for all ages, including overnight trips.

The Canoe Committee hopes to add several canoe activities in 2010, including local trips and an overnigher. To do this, we must develop a core of trained and experienced (canoe) paddlers who can provide general training and trip leadership to club members and outside groups.

For starters, we need to collectively refresh and certify the canoeing skills many of us have, and identify several leaders who are trained in trip leadership.

Already, John Wright and I have committed to refreshing our skills by attending the ACA training week at Camp Sebago. This program will held June 8 through June 13, and offers all levels of instruction including instructor certifications. Classes range from half a day to two days.

If you are interested in improving your skills or becoming a canoe trip leader, talk to Dan (718.551.8244) or John and learn more about the training offered during ACA training week. Visit this website for more information on the instruction offered: ksa-ltd.com/events.htm#ACA.

Watch the newsletters and announcements for more information on upcoming canoe events.

Regional Adventure Paddles,

Summer 2010 By Steve Heinzerling



Hello, Paddlers. On this summer's calendar, you'll notice something new: "Regional Adventure Paddles by the Around Long Island Paddlers."

Our group of paddlers, half-way around in their five-year quest to circumnavigate Long Island, will lead a trip every weekend in July and August. This is our way of giving something back to the club for the help and ground support they have provided for us. The details of each paddle will be announced the Sunday prior to the trip. This gives us the flexibility to be more spontaneous and more responsive to the current weather picture. Each paddle will be geared towards challenging your skills while maintaining a spirit of fun and safety on the water. We recommend ACA Level 2 certification for most paddles. Trips may include a paddle around Manhattan, to the graveyard of ships in Staten Island, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, or into the surf zone off Breezy Point. Check your email Sunday night or Monday morning for details of the next weekend's trip. Trips may fall on a Saturday or a Sunday depending on the club calendar and the leader's schedule.

Participants qualify at the discretion of the trip leader.

A great summer of paddling and sailing to all.

The Sea Kayak Committee will be offering trips this season on holidays. Come explore Jamaica Bay when everyone else is out of town. Assistant trip leaders are still needed for the trips listed below. If you would like to help, please contact Phil Giller or Walter Lewandowski.

Exciting news for paddlers this summer and fall who want to stretch their boundaries: Jamaica Bay trips both extended and beginner. We will have a beginner paddle on the day after Level 1 classes are taught, to allow those members the opportunity to practice in real life what they have learned. Our extended paddles will help increase your skills and endurance, so that at the end of the paddling season you are ready for a trip to Gerritsen Inlet and Plum Beach, both fourteen-mile round-trip adventures.

If you're a Sebago club member who cut your teeth on Saturday and Wednesday paddles and you're ready for more of a challenge, come along on this series of longer trips around Jamaica Bay. Longer trips allow paddlers the opportunity to increase skills and endurance. Extended J-Bay trips are also a great opportunity for paddlers who want to see more of the hidden wilds of Jamaica Bay.

You will need to PRE-REGISTER FOR ALL TRIPS by calling 718-354-6141 (Phil Giller) or emailing briogg@yahoo.com.

All trips are weather-dependent and subject to change or cancellation due to weather, water conditions or other circumstances beyond our control.

The following trips have been planned so far but others might be added at later dates: **PLEASE CHECK THE GOOGLE CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON TRIPS.**

PLEASE READ REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL TRIPS.

Monday, May 31, Memorial Day, noon: Explore Mill Basin in this leisurely 2 1/2 hour paddle. This is a great beginners' paddle if you are going to take an ACA Level 1 class. See million-dollar homes, practice your forward stroke and sweeps, maybe even get to rescue a fellow club member. DRESS APPROPRIATELY; the water is still very cold. Wetsuits recommended. Leader, Phil Giller.

Sunday, July 4, Independence Day, 7 pm: Fireworks Paddle. Join us for a paddle out towards Ruffle Bar. If the weather is clear, you can see the fireworks from all three barges in Manhattan. This is an advanced-beginner paddle. You must have the ability to do a wet exit, do group



rescues, and you must have boat handling skills. ACA Level 1 to Level 2 REQUIRED. This trip is approx 3 1/2 hours. YOU MUST HAVE LIGHTS. There is a possibility that Breezy Point will be holding a very large fireworks display this same day. If they do, we will plan a trip that leaves from Plum Beach. Look for info on the Google calendar.

Monday, July 5, 10:00 am: Ruffle Bar Roundabout. This is an advanced-beginner paddle. You must have the ability to do a wet exit, do group rescues, and you must have boat handling skills. ACA Level 1 to Level 2 REQUIRED. This trip is approx 3 1/2 hours. Ruffle Bar has a rich history of occupation, including a fully functioning hotel as well as hunting/fishing clubs and private homes on its scrubby land. Great beachcombing on the leeward side has turned up intact clay pipes and there is a creek that runs through the island at high tide. Leader: Phil Giller.

Monday, September 6, Labor Day, noon: Gerritsen Beach Au Natural. This is an intermediate level paddle. You must have completed ACA Level 2 at a minimum, plus kayak rescue and safety. You must have the ability to do a wet exit and do group rescues and must have boat handling skills plus you must have paddled on minimum ten-mile trips. The trip is approximately six hours. Gerritsen Creek has been home both to a community of fishermen and dumping grounds for old boats. Now cleaned up and revitalized, its scenery is stunning and includes a new interpretive nature center. But don't worry, it's not sanitized. You can still take in a few hulks of rusting wrecks while gazing at egrets. Leader: Phil Giller.



ACA Camp at Lake Sebago and Sebago Canoe Club Cabin – New Fees and Rules for 2010

By Beth Bloedow

As a member of Sebago Canoe Club, you have access to the American Canoe Association's lovely camp on the shores of Lake Sebago, in Harriman State Park. All members of our Brooklyn club are automatically members of the ACA. You may have noticed on your latest bill a line called "PAM fees." This \$30 for an individual (\$40 for a family) is your Paddle America Membership, another name for your ACA dues. When you receive your ACA card, you get all the benefits of membership in that nationwide organization, including use of the ACA camp.

To get there, take the New York State Thruway north to Exit 15A, Sloatsburg/Suffern. Take Route 17 north to Seven Lakes Drive. Turn right and go exactly 3.2 miles. After you have passed the entrance to Harriman State Park, the ACA camp will be down the first road on your left. The sign says SB2, ADK and Nawakwa. If you are on Seven Lakes Drive and you see the lake on your left, you have passed the entrance to the camp.

The ACA camp is a great place to paddle, and people from all over the area come to spend a few hours, have a workout and go home again. **You MUST sign in and pay ACA CAMP fees at the Pavilion at the top of the hill each and every day you are there.**

There is a day usage fee at the camp: \$8 for each adult and \$3 for each child, up to a maximum of \$20 per family. These are the fees for ACA members. If you bring a guest with you, and s/he is not an ACA member, the fees are \$12 for an adult and \$5 for a child. Why so much more? The additional fee is for insurance while your guest is in the camp itself or on the water. Lucky for you, as an ACA member your insurance while at the camp and on the water is covered. Keep in mind that no pets are allowed to come with you to the ACA camp.

If you find yourself at the camp frequently, you may purchase a season pass instead of paying every day you visit. It costs \$65 for an adult, \$50 for a senior (over 65), \$30 for a child (under 18), or \$125 for a family, and

Rowing Report - Spring 2010

By Joe Romano



is good from May 1 through October 15. You can download an application at aca-atlanticdivision.net/Canoesport/100316canoesport2010_webfinal.PDF. If your guest is going to come with you several times in a season, you may decide to purchase ACA membership for them instead of paying the higher non-member fees. An individual membership costs \$40, and a family can join for \$60. You can find information at american-canoe.org. Remember, you must still sign in at the camp every day, even if you have a season pass.

If you plan to spend the night at the lake, you have several options. Like many area clubs, Sebago Canoe Club has its own cabin, and you can have the key if you are a senior member. You can still use the cabin as a conditional member, but you must be there overnight with a senior member. You must make a reservation to spend the night at the club's cabin. This is to ensure that there is room for you, as there are sometimes classes at the lake that take up all eleven beds!

No one can reserve the cabin for their group alone. You have to be ready to share with anyone who may show up. There are three bedrooms: two rooms with bunkbeds for four, and one room with a queen-size bed, plus there is a single bed in the main room. You should bring all bedding with you, as none is provided except a mattress. There is a refrigerator, a stove and oven, a microwave, and electricity, but no running water in the cabin. Toilets and showers are available in a camp facility that is close by.

Day fees for using the Sebago Canoe Club cabin are \$5 per person, with a maximum per family of \$10 each day. You must pay your fees in the box in the cabin, using the envelopes provided. A season pass is available for the cabin, and is \$50 per individual or \$100 for a family. You can request one by contacting bethbloedow@netzero.com. **Remember to sign in at the CABIN, noting your dates of arrival and departure. The fees and sign-in are IN ADDITION to fees and sign-in for the ACA CAMP. You MUST pay your ACA CAMP day usage fee separately from your payment for using the CABIN.** We cannot do it for you.

If the cabin is full, or if you are interested in having your own space, the ACA camp has several facilities that can be rented for a night, a weekend or a few weeks. These include four rental cabins and a tent site. Complete information on what is available and how to apply can be found at aca-atlanticdivision.net/Canoesport/100316canoesport2010_webfinal.PDF. Make reservations as early as possible. There are also several motels in the area.

Whether you visit for a day or a week, take advantage of your access to Lake Sebago. It is an incredible resource, just one hour away from the city. You will meet people from all over the world who have lots in common with you: paddling and love of the outdoors. The camp has been around since the Great Depression, and many families have been paddling and roughing it there for generations. Visitors often say they feel like they are in the Adirondacks when they are there.

If you have any questions, if you are a senior member and you would like a key to the cabin, or if you want to make reservations, please contact the cabin steward, Michael Boxer, racing@sebagocanoecub.org.

Well, things are looking great for rowing this season at Sebago. The rowing container has been spruced up. We have a new floor, gutters to catch the rain before it pours into the container, screening to block the leaves from coming in and making a mess on the floor, and another rack for the sculls.

Everything is ready to go, and we have a few new prospective scullers planning to visit us soon. But we're always happy to show any of our existing members the pleasures of sculling. Just let me know and we'll arrange a convenient time to meet. Expand your horizons. Every way of getting out on the water has its pleasures and challenges. We look forward to seeing you out there sculling.

Sebago's All-Club Invitational

*A gathering of human-powered boats
on Jamaica Bay*

Sunday, July 17, 2010 10 am - 5 pm

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the day and explore the bay with guided trips led by Sebago members, or you can explore the bay on your own.

There will be individual and groups of kayakers, canoeists, outrigger canoes, sunfish sailors, laser sailors, rowers, rowboats, sculls and dragon boats from the tri-state area and maybe a few surprises. If your boat is human-powered, come and say hello to old friends, meet new friends, learn about the ecology of the estuary and have fun on the water.

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN, FOOD, and EDUCATION

We will post full details around the middle of June on our website: www.sebagocanoecub.org

We expect about 250 guests that day and will need help from every club member. We need people to coordinate all the activity on the grounds and to get boats unloaded and cars parked next door. We need people to meet and greet guests, press and politicians; we need people to prepare food and drink. We also need people next month to start contacting other groups.

LET'S MAKE THIS THE LARGEST GATHERING OF HUMAN-POWERED BOATS EVER SEEN ON JAMAICA BAY. This event is sponsored by the Sebago Canoe Club and the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program, in partnership with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission.

Please email Phil Giller, briogg@yahoo.com, if you can volunteer to help. This does count towards your work requirement.

We're ready for the 2010 sailing season at Sebago!

If you're not familiar with the sailing program at Sebago, we sail in small boats that will fit down our ramp and which can be hand-launched from our dock. The mast must also fit under the Belt Parkway Bridge. The club has six Sunfish and two Lasers for use by our qualified members (you must be checked out and certified to use club boats). We promote racing and ongoing training for our sailors. We are not equipped to teach and train novices on a regular basis, but we hold one basic sailing clinic each year for our members. All activities at Sebago are organized and managed by volunteers, so what we can offer is controlled by the personnel and skills of those willing to contribute their time. Our annual two-day Sailing Clinic is an excellent introduction to dinghy sailing at Sebago. Sailing in Jamaica Bay is truly fabulous, but solid boat handling skills are required to navigate and progress safely in the basin and out under the bridge into the bay.

We offer several opportunities for members who have never sailed before to give it a try. The first will be our Open House, where several of our sailors will take passengers out on rides and let you help sail the boat too. We will also schedule a couple of days during the season for sample sails (look for the dates).

We've got a full schedule this year which includes our usual events:

Laser Regatta - For the second year, on May 22, we will be hosting a regatta for Laser District 8. Details are on the sailing page at the Sebago website (<http://sebagocanooclub.org/sailing.html>). There you will find the NOR (Notice of Race) and the SI (Sailing Instructions) for this regatta. Spectators are welcome on the water. Just be sure you give the race course a wide berth. Last year we had kayakers cheering the competitors on as they rounded the race marks. We had glowing reviews from our out-of-town participants. We're hoping for a stronger turn-out for the race this year. If you're interested in helping as ground support, on the water, or with the preparations, contact Holly or Jim at sailing@sebagocanooclub.org. We're very pleased to have the new club safety boat for this event.

Thursday Night Racing - Beginning May 20 and going until the end of August. Every Thursday night, casual, open class racing. We begin racing at 5:30, so it's best to be out at the club by 4:30-5:00 to rig your boat and get out to the course. If you're late, you can join in when you get out on the water. Racing is for certified sailors only. First-come, first-served for use of club boats. We welcome sailors new to racing!

Annual Sailing Clinic for members - June 19 and 20 from 9-5. The clinic includes classroom instruction and on-the-water training. We teach the clinic using our club Sunfish, with one instructor for each student. This is challenging, athletic, wet sailing. The class is limited to six students and fills quickly, so sign up early!

Monthly Cruises - June TBA (preceded by a trip planning workshop), July 4, and August 15. We pack a snack or lunch and cruise the bay, usually stopping for lunch on one of the islands. The cruises gener-

ally run three to four hours. See the sailing or club-wide calendar for launch times. The cruises are for certified sailors only. First-come, first-served for use of club boats.

Sebago Cup - September 12. Annual open class, cruising-style race (around the islands). Serves as a tie-breaker for the Thursday night race series.

We have a couple of new events this year:

Sunfish Rigging Clinic - Tentative: June 5 - Learn rigging strategies in the morning, and enjoy on-the-water coaching in the afternoon

Instructor/Two in a boat Workshop - TBA, half-day workshop.

Sailing Relay - June 13 - Relay course with two in a boat, one adult, one kid. All minors must have a qualified adult to sail with. Meet 10 am.

Fall Race Series (we gave this a trial last year and it was a blast!) - Starts Saturday, September 18, and then continues Sundays, September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

In addition to our scheduled events, the sailors are on the water any chance they get. Our cadre of sailors has been growing every year and we are an enthusiastic group! Be sure you're on the Google sailing list so you can hook up with a buddy to go sailing, practice technique, or just play around with another sailor. Stay safe!

And finally, congratulations to Ami Samin for his recent purchase of a 2009 Sunfish Event Boat. His boat was used in last year's Sunfish Worlds!

For more information contact, Jim or Holly at sailing@sebagocanooclub.org.





By Tom Potter

Sebago celebrates its 77th summer of paddlesport in 2010. A new organization, located a nice day's paddle to the west (if you time the tides correctly) is kicking off its first.

The Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse will be a community-based organization dedicated to human-powered boating in the newly opened Brooklyn Bridge Park. In the summer of 2010, we'll offer public walk-up kayaking and rowing, as well as on-water training for our volunteers.

While BBPB itself is new, we're fortunate to be benefitting from solid groundwork already laid. Over the past two summers, volunteers from several local boating groups (including the Downtown Boathouse, Village Community Boathouse, Gowanus Dredgers, LIC Boathouse, Red Hook Boathouse, and Sebago Canoe Club), many of whom will be back to get BBPB off to a great start, helped pioneer public walk-up paddling and rowing in DUMBO Cove. It proved immensely popular, with at times up to one hundred people waiting in line to get on the water. Now, with the opening of the incredible new park just to the south of DUMBO Cove and the Brooklyn Bridge, we have an opportunity to expand the walk-up program considerably while laying plans for an even more ambitious range of paddling activities in the future.

For the summer of 2010, we have planned eleven days of walk-up kayaking: four at the original site at DUMBO Cove, and seven in the new park. The Village Community Boathouse will also offer public rowing in both locations. Together, the two programs should allow hundreds if not thousands of our neighbors to get on the water, and to put themselves into one of the most visually dramatic harbor scenes in the world.

One of the most exciting features of Brooklyn Bridge Park is that the designers explicitly incorporated the idea of human-powered boating. Much of Brooklyn Bridge Park remains to be built and will rely on funding that is still uncertain, but two ramps suitable for small boats are already in place: a straight ramp between Piers 1 and 2, and a unique spiral ramp between Piers 2 and 3. As we gain experience using the ramps, we may find that we need to modify them to maximize their suitability for our programs, but the simple fact that they were included in the park's design is worth some loud applause. Too often access to the waterfront does not include access to the water. Here, it does.

Upon completion, the park's amenities will include a five thousand square foot boathouse to be created by repurposing a large existing maintenance shed. During construction, we will be operating out of two forty-foot containers located between Piers 1 and 2 that are being donated by the Brooklyn Bridge Park Development Corporation. Realistically, it might be several summers before the shed is actually transformed into a haven for small boats. Until then, we can't accommodate any private boat storage. But the future promise of a substantial physical home for our boathouse is exciting.

Our kayak program is being given a generous boost through a donation from the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy. With their assistance, we're in the process of purchasing twenty boats and related gear, which should fill our storage containers and allow us to pursue a full and vigorous paddling program. Though most of our boats are simple sit-on-tops for beginners, we'll also have in our fleet several sportier kayaks suitable for more skilled paddlers. We'll be well equipped – but we need dedicated volunteers to turn these proposed public programs into a reality. Experienced boaters are of course welcome (and highly prized!) though you need no experience simply to help out. We'll need hands on land as well as on water to make our inaugural summer a success.

After calling up the park authorities earlier this year to inquire about their plans for kayaking, I now find myself to be the un-elected, temporary, interim chair of the boathouse-in-formation. I hope I can count on some of my friends from Sebago to help out as we get this new boathouse up and running. Please join us as we have fun and introduce neighbors to our home waters!

Tom Potter, Interim Chair
The Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse

For more information go to BBPBoathouse.org; or email tdpotter55@aol.com.

Rollover!

One of the more gratifying aspects of boat building, amidst all of the hard work, is the much anticipated rollover. But first, some thought has to be given in preparation for the event. I decided to build a luxury cradle for this boat, on wheels so that she can be rolled around, and as nearly level both fore and aft and athwartship as I could make it. I fitted female molds at two stations, joggled to fit over the laps, and carpeted. This took a little fiddling to get right, but once they were fitted and sitting astride the hull, I set up my laser and shot a level reference line on both molds. I cut the mold bottoms parallel to this reference, pulled them off and built the cradle, adding nice wheels with brakes. Before freeing up the hull from the building jig, I made sure that all of the stations were marked off inside for future reference, and while I had the laser out, I shot the load waterline on the outside.

I decided to flip the boat with three molds left in, but unscrewed the rest, and made sure the boat wasn't stuck anywhere! With help from my assistant, Ashok, plus Robert and Eric from neighboring shops, we lifted the boat up and flipped her onto the cradle. I had not thought the cradle all the way through somehow, and consequently the boat's amidship depth was too much for the cradle. Ashok and I quickly cut the cradle down, and lifted her back on. Nice! The ability to roll the boat around is a real plus. I temp-screwed two of my lining battens around the sheer to even out any local plywood humps or flats, and added braces across the boat to hold the beam and shape intact, then removed the rest of the molds.

I was finally able to see the whole shape, and this really is a sweet hull! As I was looking over the hull that evening, it occurred to me that there is much more interior volume than I had imagined there would be. I also realized that I was looking at a potentially blank canvas, and that I could really do anything with the boat that I want. I toyed briefly with the idea of creating a solo camping beach cruiser. This would entail an off-center board and a level, flat sole, with enclosed side benches for stowage, and bulkheads in the ends, making it a very different boat on the inside, with perhaps more potential for cruising than the traditional layout affords. But I had always intended to finish this boat out as traditionally as possible, with frames and solid thwarts, etc, and that, in fact, is what I will do.

There are still decisions to be made, though, as I depart from the



Yawl Rig Sail Plan

sprit rig drawn for this boat. I would like to rig her as a lug yawl, and I would like to substitute a dagger board for the pivoting center board. The dagger board is lighter, simpler, and takes up less space than a centerboard, and when rowing, a plug can be put in the trunk to eliminate speed robbing turbulence in the trunk. This conversion is not as simple as it might seem, as any changes to rig or underbody can affect the balance of the boat, producing a heavier than normal weather helm, or a possibly dangerous lee helm. The thwart layout and rowing positions determine, to some extent, the position of the dagger trunk, as thwart and trunk are mutually supportive structurally. Once the balance point of the hull is arrived at, the rig is drawn and its geometric center is found. There are rules of thumb, and formulas for balancing a sailing rig, but that discussion requires more time and space than we have to share here. I played around with mast placement, rake, sail shape etc., and made many back and forth adjustments with the sails and the dagger board until I arrived at what I hope will be a beautifully balanced and sweet-tempered rig. It's time now to frame her up, and build the interior.



Rollover!



Below: The hull at rest in its cradle.



49th Annual Youth Regatta at Lake Sebago: Thursday, August 5, 2010

By Scott Greifenberger

Each year, the American Canoe Association and the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, with the help of the Palisades Camping Association, sponsor and organize a Youth Regatta. The event is a very important one for the youth camps in the park. Many bring the entire camp to the race. For some, this is the most important session for their campers, who return year after year especially for this race. At other camps, the kids train for the entire summer. The ACA has sponsored this event from the start. Young paddlers, parents and coaches from the ACA camp at Lake Sebago also compete in the regatta.

We have thirty-four different events, on a short course for the younger campers and a longer one for the older paddlers. The races are for females, males, campers and staff. Everyone has a great time. Most camps bring campers to act as a cheering section for their paddlers. The regatta now includes a Spirit Award, which is independent from the race results. The camps get a great effort from their kids, showing camp spirit with songs and war paint. Talented and artistic campers make banners and costumes for weeks before the race.

Running this event takes a great amount of work on the day of the race. We need several people on the finish line as timers and spotters. Some people are needed for the scoring of the events. Many paddlers are needed on the water to help line up the campers and to rescue them when they fall in. They also serve as on-the-water referees, to make sure that competitors don't crash into each other. We also need people in boats on the starting line to help organize the paddlers for their races and to start the race. The job of on-the-water volunteer is very strenuous, so we need at least thirty volunteers. Many of our safety and starting people need relief during the day, so we need people early to get the races started and then more around noon to give the first group a break.

Volunteers should contact Scott Greifenberger, scot-canoer@aol.com or 516 993 3692, or Sue Scher, sscher5@optonline.net or 845 351 2883.



SEBAGO CALENDAR 2010-11 (As of 5/1/10)

Keep checking the calendar online - additions and amendments are posted periodically.

MAY			
1	Saturday	11 – 3 pm	Earth Day with Rockaway Waterfront Alliance , Beach 29 th Street and Boardwalk. Volunteers are needed to help at Sebago's info table. Contact Shari Berkowitz, shariellen@nyc.rr.com for more information.□
		4 pm	Navigation Clinic , Brooklyn clubhouse. Contact instructor Chris Russo, kayaklore@gmail.com , for more information.
1 - 2	Saturday - Sunday		Opening Weekend at ACA Camp at Lake Sebago . Contact Linda Peterson, surenoproblem13@yahoo.com for details.□
			Kayak Maintenance Weekend , Brooklyn clubhouse. Volunteers are needed. Contact Minh Nguyen, aminh_nguyen@verizon.net , for more details.
			Boat Safety Inspection by US Coast Guard , Brooklyn clubhouse.
4	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.
8	Saturday		Workday , Brooklyn clubhouse. Volunteers are needed. Contact John Wright, john.wright731@verizon.net for more information.
15	Saturday	6 – 2 pm	Seventh Annual Jamaica Bay Fishing Tournament , Floyd Bennett Field. Visit www.captainkayak.com/tournaments.html for details and to register. Volunteers are needed to provide on-water safety escorts and to promote the club. Contact Andy Novick, andytechie@gmail.com for more information and to volunteer.□
		10 am	Kayak Trip Leader Workshop , Brooklyn clubhouse. Training and certification for Open Paddle leaders and assistants. Contact Walter Lewandowski, kayaker824@gmail.com , for more information and to register.
20	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night Begins for 2010 Season . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse, every Thursday evening from late May through August. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 (able to rig and sail by yourself in minimum twelve knots wind) to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
22	Saturday		SailCom 2nd Annual Laser Regatta , Brooklyn clubhouse. Laser Regatta for District 8. All Laser sailors welcome. Volunteers are needed for on- and off-water support. Information plus Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, sebagocanoecub.org/sailing.html .
22 - 23	Saturday - Sunday		Workdays at Lake Sebago . Help Sebago as weekend hosts: set up the swimming area, clean up, paddle and hike. Contact Jerry Dunne, jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net for more information.
23	Sunday		Regional Trip: Oyster Bay, LI . Contact trip leader Tony Pignatello, picksix929@aol.com or 718 353 8018, for more information.
27	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
29	Saturday	10 – 4 pm	OPEN HOUSE , Brooklyn clubhouse. Open to the public. Club members are needed to volunteer for a variety of tasks, on water and off. Contact Commodore John Wright, john.wright731@verizon.net , for more information.
30	Sunday	11 am	First Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
31	Monday	noon	Memorial Day Jamaica Bay Trip , Brooklyn clubhouse. Explore Mill Basin in this leisurely 2 ½-hour paddle. Great beginners' paddle if you plan to take the ACA Level 1 class. See million-dollar homes, practice your forward stroke and sweeps, maybe even get to rescue a fellow club member. Dress appropriately; the water is still very cold, wetsuits recommended. You must register in advance with trip leader Phil Giller, briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141.

JUNE			
1	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.
2	Wednesday	5:30 pm	First Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, every Wednesday at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing First Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
4	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
5	Saturday	9 – 12	First Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, every Saturday at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing First Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
		9 am	Annual Jamaica Bay Blessing of the Fleet Regatta . Join us for breakfast at the Brooklyn clubhouse and then we will take out both war canoes and as many kayaks as needed and paddle to Canarsie Pier for the Blessing at 11 am. Show your club spirit and join our yacht club neighbors for this annual tradition. Contact Phil Giller, briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141 for more information.□
		10 am	Sunfish Clinic , Brooklyn clubhouse. Rigging in the morning, on-the-water drills in the afternoon. Open to all sailors. Fee TBD. (June Cruise to be rescheduled).★
6	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
		11 am	Trials for Empire State Games , Lake Sebago. Contact Scotty Greifenberger, scottcanoe@aol.com , for details.□
8 - 13	Tuesday - Sunday		ACA Atlantic Division Training Week , Lake Sebago. Visit ksa-ltd.com/events.htm for information.□
9	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
10	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
12	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
			Regional Trip : Cold Spring, NY. Contact Tony Pignatello, picksix929@aol.com or 718 353 8018, for more information.
13	Sunday	10 am	Kayak Trip Leader Workshop , Brooklyn clubhouse. Training and certification for Open Paddle leaders and assistants. Contact Walter Lewandowski, kayaker824@gmail.com , for more information and to register.
		10 am	SailCom Kids' Sailing Relay Event , Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailing relay with two in a boat: one qualified adult, one minor. All minors must have an adult to sail with. Contact sailing@sebagocanooclub.org for details.
	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
16	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
17	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
19	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺

19-20	Saturday - Sunday	9 – 5 pm	SailCom Annual Basic Sailing Clinic , Brooklyn clubhouse. Using club boats: Sunfish/Laser. Open to members only. Limited enrollment. Fee \$150; payment reserves a slot. Contact SailCom chairs Holly Sears and Jim Luton, sailing@sebagocanoecub.org or 718 633 5844, for more information and reservations.
20	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
23	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
24	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
26	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupplc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
		7 pm	Full Moon Paddle , Brooklyn clubhouse. Lights required. Contact trip leader, Phil Giller briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141, for more information.
26 - July 16	Weekdays		Youth Training Program , at Lake Sebago. Contact Scotty Greifenberger, scottcanoe@aol.com , for more information.☐
27	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
30	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
JULY			
1	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
2 - 3	Friday - Saturday		Lake Placid International Regatta . Contact Scotty Greifenberger, scottcanoe@aol.com , for more information.☐
3	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupplc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
			Jamaica Bay Paddle , Brooklyn clubhouse. Members only. Contact trip leader, Tony Pignatello, picksix929@aol.com or 718 353 8018, for more information.
3 or 4	Saturday or Sunday		First Regional Adventure Paddle . Strengthen your endurance with long distance paddles every weekend in July and August. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Led by the Around Long Island Paddlers. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
4	Sunday	10 am	SailCom July Cruise , Brooklyn clubhouse. Open class sailing cruise in Jamaica Bay. For level 2+ sailors only. Meet at 10 am for an 11 am launch.★
		11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
		7 pm	Fireworks Paddle , Brooklyn clubhouse. Paddle out towards Ruffle Bar on this 3 ½ hour trip, where you can see the fireworks from all three barges in Manhattan. Advanced beginner: Level 1 or 2 required. Lights required. Contact trip leader, Phil Giller briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141, for more information. This trip <u>may</u> leave from Plumb Beach: check the calendar for updates.
5	Monday	10 am	Independence Day Jamaica Bay Trip , Brooklyn clubhouse. Ruffle Bar Roundabout. Advanced beginner, Level 1 or 2 required. Trip is approximately 3 ½ hours. Ruffle Bar has a rich history of occupation, including a fully-functioning hotel as well as hunting/fishing clubs and private homes on its scrubby land. Great beachcombing on the leeward side has turned up intact clay pipes and there is a creek that runs through the island at high tide. You must register in advance with trip leader Phil Giller, briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141.

6	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.
7	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
8	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
10	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
10 – 11	Saturday - Sunday		ACA Level 1 Training and Assessment , Lake Sebago. On Saturday, a full ACA Level 1 course will be given; and on Sunday, a four-hour workshop with instructors will be conducted for class members. This is a beginners' course with limited enrollment. For information and to register, contact Jerry Dunne, jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net .
	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
14	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
15	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
17	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
		10 – 5 pm	All Club Invitational , Brooklyn clubhouse. Join us in welcoming other area clubs to Sebago. Contact Phil Giller, brigg@yahoo.com , for details.
17 or 18	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
18	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
			ACA Level 1 Training and Assessment , Brooklyn clubhouse. A full ACA Level 1 course will be given. This is a beginners' course with limited enrollment. For information and to register, contact Walter Lewandowski, kayaker824@gmail.com .
21	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
21 - 25	Wednesday – Saturday		Empire State Games , in Buffalo, NY. Visit www.empirestategames.org/summer for information.□
22	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
23	Friday	7 pm	Full Moon Paddle , Brooklyn clubhouse. Lights required. Contact trip leader, Phil Giller brigg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141, for more information.
24	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
			City of Water Day Paddle to Governor's Island . Contact John Wright, john.wright731@verizon.net , for details, and visit www.waterwire.net for info on the event.
24 or 25	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺

25	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
		4 pm	General Meeting . Vote on new senior members and keep up to date on club news.
28	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
29	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
31	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
31 or 1	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
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1	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
3	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.
4	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
5	Thursday		Youth Regatta , Sebago Beach, Lake Sebago. Join Sebago at this annual canoe race between the camps in Harriman State Park. Volunteers in sea kayaks needed for safety and to help direct the kids down the racecourse. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net for more information and to volunteer.☐
		5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
6 - 8	Friday - Sunday		Regional Trip : Orient Point, LI. Overnight camping. Contact trip leader Tony Pignatello, picksix929@aol.com or 718 353 8018, for more information.
7	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
7 or 8	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
8	Sunday	11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
11	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
12	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
14	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupllc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
			Mayor's Cup Race Around Manhattan . Visit www.nymayorscup.com for more info.☐
14 or 15	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Led Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺

	Saturday - Sunday		ACA Level 2 Training and Assessment , Lake Sebago. This two-day kayak course is open to ACA Level 1 paddlers or as a continuation of the class on July 10-11 or 18. Limited enrollment. For more information and to register, contact Jerry Dunne, jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net .
15	Sunday	10 am	SailCom August Cruise , Brooklyn clubhouse. Open class sailing cruise in Jamaica Bay. For level 2+ sailors only. Meet at 10 am for a 10:30 am launch.★
		11 am	Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
18	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
19	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
21	Saturday	9 – 12	Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupplc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
21 or 22	Saturday or Sunday		Regional Adventure Paddles . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
22	Sunday	11 am	Last Coastal Kayaking Instruction , Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net or Stevie McAllister at Stevie@brooklynkayak.com for information.☺
		7 pm	Full Moon Paddle , Brooklyn clubhouse. Lights required. Contact trip leader, Phil Giller brigg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141, for more information.
25	Wednesday	5:30 pm	Last Wednesday Evening Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		6 pm	Flatwater Kayak Racing Last Wednesday Evening Training , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members welcome.☺
26	Thursday	5 pm - dusk	SailCom Race Night Ends for Summer Season . Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Races start at 5:30 pm. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
26 - 28	Thursday - Saturday		USACK Sprint National Championships , Oklahoma City, OK. Visit usack.org/events/3067 for info.□
28	Saturday	9 – 12	Last Saturday Morning Open Paddle . Open to the public, at the Brooklyn clubhouse.☺
		9 am	Flatwater Kayak Racing Last Saturday Morning Training . At the Brooklyn clubhouse or Lake Sebago. Contact Racing Chairman, Michael Boxer, mboxer@wsgroupplc.com for location and more information. All members welcome.☺
28 - 29	Saturday & Sunday		ACA Level 3 Training and Assessment , Lake Sebago. This two-day kayak course is open to ACA Level 2 paddlers or as a continuation of the class on July 14 and 15. Limited enrollment. For more information and to register, contact Jerry Dunne, jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net .
	Saturday or Sunday		Last Regional Adventure Paddle . Strengthen your endurance. For experienced paddlers only, Level 2+. Participants qualify at the discretion of the leader. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information and to register.☺
29	Sunday		Master's National Championships . Contact Scotty Greifenberger, scottcanoe@aol.com for info.□
SEP			
6	Monday	noon	Labor Day Jamaica Bay Trip , Brooklyn clubhouse. Gerritsen Beach Au Natural. Intermediate, Level 2 plus kayak rescue and safety required. This trip is approximately 6 hours. Gerritsen Creek has been home both to a community of fishermen and dumping grounds for old boats. Now cleaned up and revitalized, its scenery is stunning and includes a new interpretive nature center. But don't worry, it's not sanitized; you can still take in a few hulks of rusting wrecks while gazing at egrets. You must register in advance with trip leader Phil Giller, brigg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141.
7	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.

10-12	Friday - Sunday		Around Long Island Trip. Year four, fourth leg. From Cedar Point to Wading River. Bad weather backup dates, September 24-26. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information.
12	Sunday	10 am	SailCom Annual Sebago Cup Race. Open class end of season cruising-style race in Jamaica Bay and tie-breaker for Thursday night summer series. Level 2+ sailors.
18	Saturday		SailCom Fall Race Series Begins. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
19	Sunday	11:30	SailCom Meeting, Brooklyn clubhouse.
		1 pm	Sea Kayak Committee Meeting, Brooklyn clubhouse.
		2 pm	ANNUAL MEETING, Brooklyn clubhouse. Voting for Board members, officers and constitutional amendments, as well as senior membership for those who have been members for one year and have had their names published in the Blade. Contact bethbloedow@netzero.net to have your name published. Potluck: bring food and drinks to share.
		6 pm	Full Moon Paddle, Brooklyn clubhouse. Lights required. Contact trip leader, Phil Giller briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141, for more information.
24 - 26	Friday - Sunday		Around Long Island Trip. Year three, third leg. Alternate dates. Contact Steve Heinzerling, steveheinzerling2@verizon.net , for more information.
25	Saturday		Regional Trip: Fire Island, NY. Contact trip leader Tony Pignatello, picksix929@aol.com or 718 353 8018, for more information.
26	Sunday		SailCom Fall Race Series. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
		2 pm	ACA Atlantic Division Annual Meeting, Lake Sebago. Contact Atlantic Division Chair Jerry Dunne, jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net , for details.□
OCT			
3	Sunday		SailCom Fall Race Series. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
5	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting, Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.
9 - 10	Saturday - Sunday		Closing Weekend at ACA Camp at Lake Sebago. Contact Linda Peterson, surenoproblem13@yahoo.com for details.□
10	Sunday		SailCom Fall Race Series. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
11	Monday		Columbus Day Jamaica Bay Trip, Brooklyn clubhouse. Plum Beach Paradise. Intermediate level; ability to do group rescues, self rescues and have boat handling skills and have paddled for 3 hours straight is required. Approximately 6 hours. Idyllic Plum Beach is a favorite among windsurfers and paddlers. Gentle, sandy beaches climb to grassy dunes and there's a large tidal pool to explore. The journey to this destination will take you around Floyd Bennett Field, under the Marine Park Bridge and through Dead Horse Bay, some of the most scenic parts of our region. You must register in advance with trip leader Phil Giller, briogg@yahoo.com or 718 354 6141.
17	Sunday		SailCom Fall Race Series. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
24	Sunday		SailCom Fall Race Series. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
31	Sunday		SailCom Fall Race Series Ends. Open class racing at the Brooklyn clubhouse. Sailors must be Level 2 to participate. Join in as you arrive if you're running late.☺
NOV			
2	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting, Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.
5 - 7	Friday - Sunday		ACA National Meeting and Paddlesports Conference, Fredericksburg, VA. Contact Jerry Dunne at jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net for information.□
DEC			
7	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting, place to be announced. All members are welcome.

JAN			
1	Saturday	10 – 4 pm	FROSTBITE REGATTA , Brooklyn clubhouse. Potluck – please bring food to share. Groups will go on the water.
		2 pm	General meeting . Keep up to date on club activities. Vote for senior members.
4	Tuesday	7 pm	Board Meeting , Brooklyn clubhouse. All members are welcome.

★ **Monthly Events:**

Sail Cruises are for level 2+ sailors only. Level 2 sailors must have a confirmed sailing companion to participate. Contact Sailing Committee chairs Jim Luton or Holly Sears for more information: sailing@sebagocanoecub.org or 718 633 5844.

Rowing Assistance Days open to all club members. Contact Rowing Committee chair Joe Romano for more information: 718 680 4574 or jjromano@prodigy.net.

⊗ **Weekly Events:**

Saturday Morning Flatwater Kayak Racing Paddling is for all club members. Flatwater kayaking is training in racing boats, instead of sea kayaks. Club boats are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Meet in Brooklyn or at Lake Sebago at 9 am. Contact Racing Committee chair Mike Boxer for location: 917 670 0336 or racing@sebagocanoecub.org.

Wednesday Evening Flatwater Kayak Racing Paddling is for all club members. Flatwater kayaking is training in racing boats, instead of sea kayaks. Club boats are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Meet in Brooklyn at 6 pm. Contact Racing Committee chair Mike Boxer for details: 917 670 0336 or racing@sebagocanoecub.org.

Wednesday Evening Open Paddles are for all club members, their guests and the public. Club boats are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Meet at the club at 5:30 pm. Trip leaders meet at 5:15 pm. Contact Sea Kayak Committee chair Walter Lewandowski for information: kayaker824@gmail.com.

Saturday Morning Open Paddles are for all club members, their guests and the public. Club boats are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis. Meet at the club at 9 am. Trip leaders meet at 9 am. Contact Sea Kayak Committee chair Walter Lewandowski for information: kayaker824@gmail.com.

Thursday Night Race Series are for experienced sailors only. On the water by 5:30 pm, starting May 20 – August 26. The races are casual, open-class sailing races. We allow a percentage of races sailed to be dropped for the final tally at the end of the season. Contact SailCom chairs Jim Luton or Holly Sears for more information: sailing@sebagocanoecub.org or 718 633 5844.

Sunday Morning Coastal Kayaking Instruction is for all ACA members. Learn beginner to advanced techniques with ACA-certified instructors. Meet in parking lot at Lake Sebago. Contact Jerry Dunne, jerry.dunne@dunnelaw.net, or Stevie McAllister, Stevie@brooklynkayak.com, for more information.

Regional Adventure Paddles are long-distance trips for Sebago members, led by the Around Long Island Paddlers. Route, distance and details to be announced one week prior to launching. Trips may fall on Saturday or Sunday; check your email. For intermediate to advanced paddlers; Level 2 assessment required. Trips will include interesting destinations and itinerary; some may challenge your skills and endurance. Safety, group cohesion and a sense of fun on the water will always be a part of our trips. Participants qualify at the discretion of the trip leader. Contact Steve Heinzlerling, steveheinzlerling2@verizon.net, for information.

All events are subject to change without notice. Check with contact person listed to confirm all events.

Sailors should contact SailCom chairs Holly Sears or Jim Luton to schedule time for certification to use the club (see sailing page of SebagoCanoeClub.org for requirements). Contact the chairs at sailing@sebagocanoecub.org or 718 633 5844.

Sea Kayakers should contact Sea Kayak Committee chair Walter Lewandowski to schedule time for certification to use the club kayaks (see sea kayaking page of SebagoCanoeClub.org for requirements). Contact kayaker824@gmail.com for information.

All Jamaica Bay Trips require pre-registration and there are skill requirements for all trips. To register or check your skill level for Jamaica Bay trips, please contact Phil Giller briogg@yahoo.com or 718-354-6141. For other trips, please contact the trip leader or contact person listed.

All trips are weather-dependent and subject to change or cancellation due to weather, water conditions or other circumstances beyond our control.

Brooklyn clubhouse events are at Sebago Canoe Club, 1400 Paerdegat Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236.

Lake Sebago events are at the Sebago Canoe Club cabin in Harriman State Park.

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