

Easy Current News

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Opening Doors to Water Trails

2008 Conference

September 16th-18th
Fort Worden State Park,
Port Townsend

www.wwta.org/wtc

WWTA Member Potluck

September 19th, 5-8pm
During the West Coast Sea
Kayak Symposium
Fort Worden State Park,
Port Townsend
Join us! Please RSVP to
potluck@wwta.org

WWTA Open House

November 18th, 6-8pm
Good Shepherd Center
Chapel in Seattle
*Celebrate accomplishments
& meet fellow members*
Join us! Please RSVP to
party@wwta.org

New Website Features

In 2007, a Northwest Paddler Survey collected the opinions, concerns and ideas of 534 paddlers. More than half of the respondents reported being WWTA members. When asked for suggestions on how the organization could improve, respondents sent a clear message that they wanted more information on the web – including trip reports, a forum to discuss public access, more trail information, and up-to-date campsite conditions. Information-hungry paddlers will be excited to learn about two new website features: an online Water Trail Traveler's Forum and an interactive web map of the Northwest Discovery Water Trail.

The Water Trail Traveler's Forum allows paddlers to post topics under the following categories: Trip Reports, The Political Paddler,

and Water Trail Stewardship & Safety. The purpose is to promote information-sharing, community building, assistance with trip planning, and increasing awareness of trail conditions and important advocacy opportunities. Have your say at www.wwta.org/forum.

Hosted by WWTA and funded by a challenge grant from the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Northwest Discovery Water Trail website, www.ndwt.org, now provides custom Google maps to help paddlers plan their adventures. Click the icons on the maps for database-driven site details about amenities including camping and restroom availability.

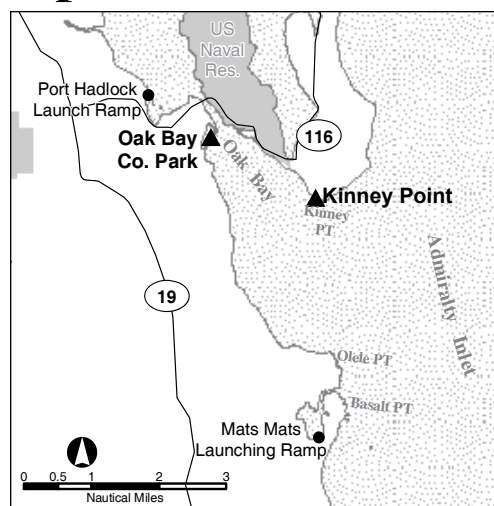
Progress in electronic media is a bit slow from this small, human-powered non-profit, but log in and let WWTA know what you think.

Oak Bay Park Campsite Revisited

In early 2006, a winter storm unleashed high wind and waves on Oak Bay, along the Admiralty Inlet in Puget Sound. The storm washed out a section of the sand and gravel spit at Oak Bay County Park. The spit, which shelters a tidal lagoon, was also the location of a Cascadia Marine Trail campsite. Post storm, the site was separated from the rest of the park by an inlet that at high tide required campers to paddle to the bathroom. The site was closed for two years, until Jefferson County Parks & Recreation Manager Matt Tyler contacted WWTA about re-establishing the site.

WWTA staff met with Matt for a visit to determine suitability for a Cascadia Marine Trail site on what remains of the spit formation. The question was asked, "Could this happen again?" And the answer is, well, yes. Formed by wind and wave action, spits are unstable and dynamic. Heavy storms and tidal events regularly rearrange the rip-rap installed to armor the spit at Oak Bay. But instead of continual sea wall maintenance, the long-term plan for the park is to let the elements continue to sculpt this unique shore form.

In the meantime, the park is a wonderful place to recreate and enjoy the rich display of birds that frequent the lagoon. Paddlers are once again invited to camp at Oak Bay Park, but are reminded to check weather forecasts, tides, and asked to leave a light footprint on the spit. Dur-



Oak Bay County Park is 2nm from the Kinney Point site. During the summer, campers can set their tents up above the high tide line on a gravel bar, among the drift logs. Overflow is available at drive-in campsites and day-use areas. October 31-May 1, the spit is closed to drive-in camping, but Cascadia Marine Trail travelers will have access to the campsites.

Oak Bay County Park is an excellent place to observe the changing nature of Puget Sound shorelines. It makes a great stop on a circumnavigation of Indian and Marrowstone Islands. Plan your visit today, check the online Cascadia Marine Trail Guidebook for the new Oak Bay County Park page at www.wwta.org/trails/cmt.

From Board President Jim Emery

As I write this, we are in the midst of a beautiful Puget Sound summer. There is no better time to get out and enjoy water trails across Washington State. On recent paddles, I have enjoyed spectacular weather and encounters with paddlers excited to be out on Puget Sound. I have also had conversations with land managers and rangers excited to see paddlers making use of trail sites.

With all this fantastic weather and good feeling, one can be forgiven for thinking that the work of WWTa is winding down. A brief glance at the WWTa homepage, however, reveals that significant work remains to be done. In the past months we have seen sites closed due to government action or the natural processes of the marine environment. The CMT site at Kopachuk State Park was closed due to erosion but a relocated site has just been opened with WWTa's assistance. WWTa is actively working to find alternatives and solutions for sites closed due to regulations and budget shortfalls in Kitsap County.

In addition to maintaining our current sites, new sites are being opened that fill gaps in our trails and expand the reach of these trails. The new Cascadia Marine Trail site at Saltwater State Park fills a gap for those paddling the eastern shoreline of Mid Puget Sound. We anticipate the opening of a new site along the Swinomish Channel in La Conner at Pioneer Park this August.

WWTa's mission is not just public access to Washington's waterways. We are also concerned about the stewardship of these resources. Towards this end, the Sound Education and Action (SEA) Team is out on the water visiting many of the CMT sites and talking to trail users about methods to reduce their impact on valuable public shorelines. Updates and trip reports can be found at www.wwta.org/lnt/programs.asp.

So by all means, take every opportunity to get out and enjoy a paddle this summer. And while you are out, remember that it is through your support that WWTa is able to continue developing and protecting public access to Washington's waterways.

From Executive Director Julie Anderson

As I'm writing this I've been working at WWTa for exactly 2 months. My brain is full, and there is still much to learn! It has been a smooth transition. Reed Waite, WWTa's outgoing Executive Director, has generously shared his experiences. Reed's desire is to become our #1 volunteer so we anticipate seeing him frequently in the years to come. Thanks to Sarah, Amy and Emily for welcoming me into the office. Also, the WWTa board has been great to work with.... I appreciate their support!

I've met many folks in several agencies and organizations and visited several potential water trail sites. In addition, I've been at work parties and met many of our members and dedicated volunteers, who's assistance is vital to WWTa.

Our Sound Education & Action Team is in full swing. Check out our web site to see their itinerary and reports of their weekends on the water. We are very fortunate to have experienced Leave No Trace Master Educators as our SEA Kayakers this year.

WWTa is hosting the 2008 Water Trails Conference at Port Townsend in mid-September. There will be speakers from all over the US and Canada. It will be a great gathering to share knowledge and network with many organizations. Our website has all the details.

There will be many new faces to meet and sites to explore. I hope to meet you down the road... or should I say... on the water!



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From Former Executive Director Reed Waite

Leaving WWTa? Yes, after nearly eight years I'm taking my first full-week trip on the Cascadia Marine Trail with my wife. Previous work trips were layered with assignments & tasks, taking notes, and getting back to Seattle for meetings and downloads. The trip plan: get up each morning, check weather and currents, and leisurely make way to the next great campsite. OK, it's not much of a plan, more like a new way of life.

But as WWTa founder Tom Steinburn reminded me in the office late July while reviewing possible South Sound sites with Julie Anderson, "Being retired is hard work, Reed. You don't get a day off!"

I left paid employment June 30th after nine days straight of work, including two and half days on the water with this year's great SEA Kayaker Team. On my first day of retirement, I paddled to Aqua Verde on Seattle's Lake Union for a quiet dinner July 1st, or so said my wife. A party tent was up outside and the dock filled with fantastic people who have been a huge part of my life since 2000. Thank you for the surprise and the kind things that were said.

July 2nd was the first opportunity to volunteer, going to La Conner to finalize the location of a new Cascadia Marine Trail campsite overlooking the town. It is wonderful to see more and more progress on public water access, driven by local citizens and WWTa members with help from Washington Water Trails' board and talented staff. It's been an honor to have worked for WWTa members. I'm looking forward to working alongside you as a volunteer. See you on the water!



The Board presents Reed with a hand-carved paddle

WWTa Members Get to Work

It is safe to say the invasive weed problem on Blind Island is being effectively managed. In 2002, monster-sized Scotch Broom bushes towered over the first eradication work party crew. The weeds are now reduced to struggling seedlings, many of which weren't even producing those pesky seed-bearing flowers this year during the sixth annual Blind Island work party on May 3rd.

Eleven WWTa volunteers completed 44+ hours of physical work on the island – the equivalent of having a State Park employee there for a five-day workweek of 8-hour days. Add extra help from Land Managers Steve and Billy, and there's seven-day's worth of concentrated effort completed in a few midday hours. Wow!

Regardless of the rainy conditions, volunteers went beyond the fight against Scotch Broom, and took on large invasive sprawls of English Ivy, another formidable opponent. Over the years, volunteers' hard work has made way for the reestablishment of native species on Blind Island.

Later in the spring, volunteers geared up to create a new campsite at Kopachuck State Park near Gig Harbor. Winter storms and years of wave abuse left the original CMT site at Kopachuck beyond repair, so WWTa worked with State Parks Ranger Matt Smith to locate a new site within the 109 acre park. The result is a site with a view, picnic shelter, and plenty of space for tents and a kayak rack.



New bulletin board for the relocated Kopachuck site

On June 17th, volunteers brought these planning efforts to fruition by clearing tent sites, pulling invasive Herb Robert (a.k.a. Stinky Bob), and erecting the official WWTa Cascadia Marine Trail Bulletin Board.

The most recent work party brought WWTa volunteers together close to home. A soon to be new stop along the Lake-to-Locks Water Trail, South Portage Bay Park hosted this gathering on July 18th, where 10 workers hoed away baby blackberry and other creepers encroaching on this 25 year-long restoration site.

WWTa appreciates your contributions towards maintaining CMT campsites, as do all other users of the Cascadia Marine Trail. We couldn't keep it up without you!



The Ivy League on Blind Island

Field Notes from the Sound Education & Action Team

Since late June, North Moench and Ella Goodbrod have been touring popular Cascadia Marine Trail sites on busy summer weekends as the 2008 Sound Education & Action (SEA) Kayaker Team. The Team acts as ambassadors to the groups and individuals they encounter, sharing information about WWTa as well as low-impact recreation skills and ethics. Outfitted in bright yellow Delta kayaks donned with decals and "Washington Water Trails Association" printed on the bows, the Team is hard to miss. As Leave No Trace



Ella shares information on the beach

Master Educators and former Subaru Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers for the Center for Outdoor Ethics, North and Ella are practiced at facilitating impromptu discussions, activities, and skill-sharing sessions.

This year the SEA Team is also working in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to gather information about how

paddlers are using BLM properties in the San Juan Islands. Data gathered during this study may help determine potential locations for new Cascadia Marine Trail sites in the San Juan Islands.

The SEA Kayaker Program is made possible by direct support from WWTa Members, REI, Delta Kayaks, the Bureau of Land Management, Werner Paddles, BumbleBar, Kokatat, Outdoor Research, and the Norcross Wildlife Foundation. Thank you!

Excerpts from the SEA Kayaker Team's Field Notes

Complete trip reports online: www.wwta.org/lnt/programs.asp.

June 27-30: Odlin Park, Shaw County Park & James Island

We launched from Odlin Park on Lopez Island after a great meeting with Nick Teague from the Bureau of Land Management and Heidi from Cascadia Kayaks. We met to discuss how Washington Water Trails could work with the BLM to develop BLM property into future Cascadia Marine Trail sites, the meeting went well and we all left excited about the next steps.

After a sunny paddle and uneventful crossing of Upright Sound we arrived at Shaw County Park, right in the midst of an Outward Bound kayak re-entry drill. That evening we had the opportunity to meet up with the Outward Bound course and spend an hour talking with them about Washington Water Trails, the Cascadia Marine Trail, and Leave No Trace. We had some good question and answer sessions as well as a great game of Step On It! (all about durable surfaces).

July 11-14: Burrows Island, Bowman Bay & Skagit Island

Reaching Bowman Bay we pulled into the Cascadia Marine Trail site just south of the pier and were welcomed by a small camp group. In true CMT style they pulled their tarps to one side of the campsite, providing us with a shady corner for our tent.

Saturday was a great day to make contacts with all sorts of people bringing their boats down to the water to explore the beaches and cliffs of the area. We set up an information table with a Leave No

Trace scavenger hunt demonstrating appropriate kayak gear and ways to reduce your paddle print.

We ate breakfast on Skagit Island, fortunate to run into a group of teens and instructors traveling in a 26-foot sail and rowboat. We spent an hour with them that evening at Bowman Bay playing a great game of "Leave No Trace Okay, No Way". Just as we

were getting ready to leave Skagit, a group of twelve kayakers landed on the small beach. It was a Hole in the Wall and WAKE club day outing. We were pleased to talk with them and happy to hear that many of them were WWTa members.



A scavenger hunt teaches the public about proper paddling gear

July 18-21: Blake Island, Manchester State Park & Fort Ward

We paddled from Vashon Island over to Blake Island where we spent the weekend conducting outreach with the Subaru Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers. Saturday afternoon we circumnavigated Blake Island and then spent a few hours in Tillicum Village talking to campers and boaters. We were able to set up a table so that people could come explore various maps and information as well as talk to us about the Marine Trail and Leave No Trace. As we returned to the Cascadia Marine Trail site we ran (or should I say paddled?) into a group of 20 sea kayakers who had come over from Bainbridge Island for the night. We were lucky enough to meet up with them after dinner for some discussion and debate of the Cascadia Marine Trail and Leave No Trace.



A game of Leave No Trace Tag

July 25-28: Cypress Head, Pelican Beach & Strawberry Island

Saturday morning we rode the flood up to Pelican Beach, probably one of the San Juan's most popular kayak camping destinations and for good reason. Here the pebble beach slips eastward into the sound giving great views of Mt. Baker, but also affords easy access in a one mile hike up to Eagle Cliffs with great perspective across Rosario Strait. If you are up for more hiking, take the trails to the many lakes that are scattered through the forested island. We got lucky enough to see an eagle swimming in Cypress Lake. It was odd and surprising to see an eagle sitting like a sea gull in the water before it swam with its wings to a log where it dried off a bit. We think maybe it missed its target in the water, and ended up going for a swim.

Down at the beach we did an impromptu workshop with a Boy Scout troop, were given some fresh fish from our kayaking neighbors and helped Shawn, the island's caretaker from the Department of Natural Resources move some large logs for a new staircase.

WWTa Rendezvous Paddles

Join Washington Water Trails Association board members for a fun paddle on some of Washington's best waters! Rendezvous events are a great way to get familiar with fabulous waters like the Cascadia Marine Trail in Puget Sound and the Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail in King County. You'll enjoy yourself, learn a bit, and meet fellow kayakers. Registration is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members. Proceeds benefit Washington Water Trails Association. Please read the WWTa Paddle Guidelines and Participant Requirements before signing up for a Rendezvous. Details and registration are online at www.wwta.org/rendezvous.

August 16 - Duwamish Rendezvous

Level SK1. Enjoy a 3 hour, 6 mile paddle on the Duwamish River and learn about the extensive restoration efforts along this industrial waterway with Cari Simpson of the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition. Proceeds benefit the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

October 5 - Lake Union Rendezvous

Level SK1. Enjoy a Brunch Cruise around Lake Union. Launching from the new South Lake Union Park, paddle to Aqua Verde on Portage Bay for snacks and beverages, and return to the park. Learn the history of Lake Union & Portage Bay with the History in the Heart of Seattle Map, a cooperative project of Washington Water Trails Association and the Center for Wooden Boats.

October 26 - Sammamish Rendezvous

Level SK1. Tour the Sammamish Slough, the link between Lake Sammamish and Lake Washington, on the Lakes-to-Locks Water Trail. The Slough promises a mix of urban and wild, as well as a little current to help you along. Paddle will launch from Luke McRedmond Park with take-out options at either Wilmot Gateway (7 mile paddle) or Tracy Owen Station Park (13 mile paddle) with a stop for lunch at the Redhook Brewery. Please specify 7 or 13-mile paddle preference when signing up for this event.

Course Trains Paddlers to Teach Recreation Ethics

Every spring a small group of paddlers gather for a weekend-long Leave No Trace Trainer Course hosted by WWTa. During the course participants learn to practice and teach best practices for low-impact recreation in a variety of environments, with a special focus on the saltwater shorelines of the Pacific Northwest. After the course, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics awarded each participant the title Leave No Trace Trainer.

Reflection from a Trainer Course Participant

By Emily Slotnick

In June, my mother and I hiked the 9 mile Cape Alva Loop Trail from Lake Ozette to the Pacific Coast. Broken up into three sections, the second leg was my favorite: 3 miles along a narrow stretch of beach in-between the driftwood and receding high tide.

Two weeks earlier, I had completed WWTa's Leave No Trace Trainer Course on Blake Island. It was an amazing learning experience, and the teacher-student ratio couldn't be beat: 1 Leave No Trace Master Educator to every 1 student. One of many exercises shed light on participants' pet peeves of outdoor misbehavior. Some people had no patience for food left out overnight, while others cringed at the thought of finding empty beer cans in a fire ring. I claimed finding trash on the beach as one thing that I just couldn't stand. To me, litter-laden beaches symbolize a global malady; it means that the problem is coming from everywhere.

About 20 minutes into the beach-walk on the Alva Loop Trail, I started picking up "microtrash" to take back in my pockets. This is a word I had heard used in the past, but only learned its significance at the trainer course. Microtrash refers to small bits of waste — like bottle caps, candy wrappers, screws, broken pieces of glass — that are bite sized for wildlife, though impossible to digest. A large portion of microtrash is created inadvertently, like when you open a new jar of peanut butter for a picnic lunch and the plastic seal gets caught in the wind, or when you've finished a loaf of bread and the now useless twist-tie gets left behind.

Once I learned about the havoc such small discarded debris can wreak on the marine environment, I started seeing it everywhere. So when I walked by an old zip-lock baggy on this beach hike it became the new receptacle for my collection. Of course, carrying a bigger bag meant I noticed bigger pieces of trash, and two washed-up water



Emily (right) teaches a lesson on "Leave What You Find"

bottles later I again needed something bigger to tote the load.

5 hours, 6 miles, 2 kitchen sized trash bags and 1 soggy burlap sack later, we arrived back at the trailhead with about 60 lbs of man-made shoreline debris. Each bag had been picked up along the way, and some were rigged to maximize their holding potential. Our bounty included water bottles from Greece, aerosol cans from Asia, and candy wrappers so recently opened that the chocolate was just melted on the inside.

Walking a beach along open ocean, it's hard not to feel small and insignificant in the scheme of things. As much as we wanted to pick up every piece of trash along the way, we couldn't. Initially, the thought that our efforts left behind a job undone was hard to swallow. It did feel good, though, to shed those pounds of litter into a proper dumpster, knowing at least that trash wouldn't end up in the stomach of a seal or sea bird.

Until more of the billions of people in this world can understand that principle of packing it in and packing it out, it will be on those of us who do to pack out a little extra.

Membership Improvements

With the high price of gas and increased costs of summer travel leading many outdoor enthusiasts to vacation and recreate closer to home, WWTa is seeing an increased interest in the state's water trails. The number of new memberships in 2008 is up 20% from 2007 and staff is fielding calls regularly from members and nonmembers alike in search of information and advice on where to go and what to know, especially along the Cascadia Marine Trail. The SEA Kayaker team also reports frequent encounters with WWTa members out on the water.

Meanwhile, WWTa is constantly working on ways to provide and improve benefits to its members. In May, WWTa revised its renewal process to include a pre-emptive email renewal notice in an effort to save time and valuable resources for members and the organization alike. The member response to the new email renewal notice has been growing each month and WWTa has already seen noticeable savings in postage and paper costs, which means more of your dollars going directly towards WWTa programs.

In Service to Washington Shores: Washington Service Corps Member Completes Term

Ten and one-half months have almost passed since last October, when I began my term of service as an Washington Service Corps Americorps volunteer with WWTa.

On August 15, I will complete my tour of duty with an entirely new skill-set in volunteer management, and training in more areas of water trail planning, non-profit administration, and educational coordination than I could have imagined upon my arrival. I have toured far corners of the state which I may otherwise have missed – discovering hidden gems like La Conner, stopping for snacks in the “Appittle Capital” Wenatchee, and watching Bald Eagles soar overhead while paddling in the San Juans.

In the short time since my arrival, great things have happened in the world of WWTa. A passing of the proverbial torch has occurred, bringing to bat our new executive director Julie Anderson. The Cascadia Marine Trail Stewardship Program has undergone a revival, now bursting with the energy of new and returning enthusiastic site stewards. New sites are being plotted on CMT maps as I write this article, opening up novel opportunities for invasive species monitoring and habitat restoration. Last winter WWTa hosted it's highest grossing Auction ever, and now the organization is hustling to put together the first International Water Trail Conference in 7 years, attracting environmental, non-profit, state and federal agency professionals from across the U.S. and Canada.

And while my experience has been memorable, it will grow in value and meaning as I continue to work with the organization in the coming year. With so much happening at WWTa, clearly, I can't leave now!



Emily Slotnick

Get Involved!

Volunteer Opportunities with WWTa

Volunteers make WWTa work. Share your skills and enthusiasm, sign up for a volunteer position. To find out more about these opportunities, or to sign up, send an email to volunteer@wwta.org or call 206.545.9161. Stay in the loop about volunteer opportunities, sign up for email volunteer updates at www.wwta.org/get_involved



Water Trail Traveler's Forum Moderator

Help WWTa with the new Water Trail Traveler's Forum! The online forum allows the public to post trip reports, discuss public access issues, and share ideas for low-impact recreation skills. A volunteer moderator is needed to monitor forum content for spam and inappropriate or off-topic content. Requires volunteer to check email and forum page several times a week.

Board of Directors Recruitment

The WWTa Board of Directors is looking to fill several Board positions in late summer/early fall 2008. The WWTa Board of Directors sets policy and guidelines for activities and programs, working to ensure that the public good is served in all we do. Board members serve a two-year term and can serve a maximum of two terms in succession. If you think you have the skills and enthusiasm to help WWTa grow its membership or expand and improve its programs, please send a short bio or resume to nominations@wwta.org.

Outreach at West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium 9/19-21

Help staff the WWTa outreach booth at the West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium and you are guaranteed to meet wonderful people and learn a lot about WWTa. Sign up for a two-hour shift Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday 9am-6pm, or Sunday 9am-3pm at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium details at www.wcsks.org

Annual Auction Volunteer Opportunities

Help WWTa host a wonderful fundraising event on Saturday, April 4th! There are many opportunities to volunteer the day of the auction on one of the various teams or you may wish to help with pre-auction preparations. Detailed position descriptions are online at www.wwta.org/auction/volunteer.asp WWTa is currently recruiting for the following pre-auction positions:

Auction Committee Chairperson

Procurement and Development Volunteer

Graphic Design Volunteer

Auction Volunteer Coordinator

Database and Administrative Volunteer

THANK YOU'S

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Cascadia Marine Trail Site Steward Reports

Gayle Austin	Fort Ebey State Park
Mark Cole	Joemma Beach State Park
Doug Garland	James Island
Timmy Hallmark	Point Doughty
Paul La Pointe	Lisabuela

	Point Robinson
Katey Lent	Ft. Ward State Park
Suzanne Lewis	Ft. Ward State Park
Patrick Morrison	Ala Spit
Ronald Oberst	Burrows Island
Don Partington	Ft. Ward State Park
Marilyn Pyke	Saltwater State Park
Rich & Kay Smith	Twanoh State Park
	Belfair State Park
Pete Weiner	Point Robinson

Blind Island Work Party 5/3

Ken Biddle
Catherine Boshe
Helen Daniel
Peter Hendrickson
Patricia Jacobsen
Ann Kruse
Randy Rowlee
Nancy Temkin
Tina Waite

Newsletter Mailing Party 5/7

Don Crook
Brendon Crook
Bruce Farrar
Cathy Federici
Dave Humeston
Jackie MacRae
Judy Moyer
Nadia Villarroel

Site Steward Training 5/10

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Johnny Johnson	Bill Prichard
Katey Lent	Tom Steinburn
Katie Messick	Reed Waite
Judy Moyer	Pete Weiner
Don Partington	

Puget Sound Sea Kayak Symposium 5/17-18

Jim Emery
Gerry Hodge
Mark Kuric
Judy Moyer
Michael Silence

REI Demo Days 5/31

Mark Kuric

Kopachuck Work Party 6/17

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Wesley Brock



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Workplace Gving

Workplace giving is an efficient and convenient way to support the causes you care about. When your employer matches gifts, your contribution is even more valuable. Think about WWTa as you plan your charitable donations. WWTa is a member of Earth Share of Washington. If your employer participates in Earth Share, you may choose to direct funds to Washington Water Trails Association. If your business is interested in partnering with Earth Share to offer environmental giving opportunities to employees, let WWTa know – we can help facilitate the partnership.

Bill Blair Memorial Fund

A fund for Washington Water Trails Association has been set up in memory of Bill Blair. A Washington Water Trails member since 1995, Bill helped the Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail along its infancy while working for Seattle Parks. Bill adopted the 6th Avenue West street end on the north side of Queen Anne and his promise to maintain the site was key to getting permit approval to improve this launch and landing site. On a cold March 2004 Saturday, Bill, other WWTa members, Friends of Seattle Street Ends, and neighborhood volunteers installed native plants at his adopted site. At lunch time, he pulled homemade chili from the trunk of his car and heated it up on a portable stove for everyone. He continued to stop by and weed the street end after moving to Covington.

Donations made in Bill's memory will support WWTa's vital public access and water trail work at www.wwta.org/give/billblair.asp

Gifts In Memory of Bill Blair

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August

9: **Pioneer Park Work Party.** 10am-2pm. Help WWTA establish a new CMT camp site at Pioneer Park in LaConner. Contact emily@wwta.org to sign up

16: **WWTA's Duwamish Rendezvous.** Join a guided tour of the Duwamish River and learn about restoration efforts. Visit www.wwta.org/rendezvous

25: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7-9pm WWTA Office, Good Shepherd Center # 305, 4649 Sunnyside Avenue N, Seattle

September

16-18: **Opening Doors to Water Trails,** International Water Trail Conference. Join water trail planners & enthusiasts to network at Port Townsend's Historical Fort Worden State Park. Visit www.wwta.org/wtc

19: **WWTA Member Potluck.** Good company, tasty food and libations. Officers House 5, 5-8pm. RSVP to amy@wwta.org

19-21: **West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium.** Fort Worden State Park, Port Townsend, WA. Demos, on-water instruction, and lectures. Details at www.wcsks.org. **Volunteer at WWTA's outreach booth**, contact emily@wwta.org

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October

3-4: **Washington State Trails Conference.** Conference is open to everyone with a zeal for trails. Details at www.washingtonstatetrailscoalition.org

5: **WWTA's Lake Union Rendezvous.** Explore the historic, quirky, and beautiful Lake Union with WWTA Board and friends. Visit www.wwta.org/rendezvous

26: **WWTA's Sammamish Rendezvous.** Join WWTA Board and friends for an afternoon on the Sammamish Slough. Visit www.wwta.org/rendezvous

November

5: **Easy Current News mailing party,** 6-8pm WWTA office, RSVP to volunteer@wwta.org

18: **WWTA Open House.** Celebrate accomplishments, learn what's new with WWTA and meet fellow members. 6-8pm in the Good Shepherd Center Chapel. Free. RSVP to party@wwta.org

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February 7-8, 2009

Sea Kayak & Canoe Winter Seminar

Indoor lectures and instruction at Community Center at Mercer View, Mercer Island.

April 4, 2009

It's A Shore Thing:

WWTA's Annual Dinner & Auction

Entertaining, delicious, and a great cause, WWTA's annual fundraiser is not-to-be-missed. It promises to be the most fun you can have outside your boat!



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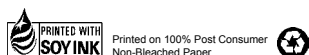
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