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Public Access Goes to Olympia

According to a recent survey of Washington boaters needs, the most highly valued service desired by all types of boaters, from all parts of the state, is public access. Substitute House Bill (SHB) 1651, passed in April, 2007, created a new "Boating Activities Program" (BAP), with dollars appropriated from the state's general fund to answer boater needs. The Legislature directed the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) to complete a study of boater needs before deciding how to spend BAP funds. Public access emerged as a strong contender.

The 543-page report of this independent study, posted on the RCO website at http://www.rco.wa.gov/rcfb/temp/boat_survey_results.htm, covers an array of issues important to Washington boaters. The information, obtained through statewide telephone surveys, is sorted in every way imaginable: by type of boat owner, by numbers of boats owned, by county, by motivation to boat, and the list goes on. The report is recapped in both an 8 page executive summary and a 49 page data summary.

Concern for public access was presented in a number of ways. Of the 12 boating programs and services rated by their importance to Washington boaters, issues of access topped the charts. 60 % gave public access a 9 or 10, where 10 meant "extremely important." While access issues dominated the importance ratings, they lagged in ratings of performance. Even such an essential boater need can be addressed only as effectively as it is funded, which is currently below par. For years, this very issue has been at the heart of WWTa's mission. Now, WWTa member concerns can be statistically linked to those of all types of boaters in the state. The survey could help interest groups from a wide range of organizations come together to fight for common goals—goals on which WWTa has been focused for a long time.

For the 2007-2009 biennium, SHB 1651 allocated \$2 million to the Boating Activities Program, 80% of which went to State Parks for boating related programs. After paying

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Volunteers Create Campsite at Saltwater Park

"I bet tons of people signed up, I'm not going to bother."

If this thought has ever crossed your mind regarding a WWTa volunteer opportunity, you're not alone. With such a strong base of active members and volunteers, scheduled work parties often bring forth a mass of able-bodied eager helpers. But in the weeks before November 17th, the date planned for a new CMT campsite work party at Saltwater State Park in Des Moines, perhaps it was a contagion of this thought that led to the terror of one WWTa Community Involvement Coordinator, who for purposes of this article shall remain unnamed.

24 hours before the work party was set to begin, only one name appeared on the volunteer roster. This translated to mean one helper and two WWTa staff would install 170 lineal feet of native plants, as well as erect a new CMT bulletin board sign—and the weatherman wasn't helping either. He predicted heavy rain.

A clause in WWTa's strategic plan notes, "an active and social membership is vital to keeping



Volunteers restore vegetation near campsite

[WWTa] healthy and responsive to the needs and goals of the association." It's no news that WWTa relies on a large network of volunteers.

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From Board Vice President Judy Moyer

WWTa lost a co-founder and visionary when Tom Deschner passed away on December 5, 2007. In the early 70's Tom Deschner guided me down the Tolt River on my first whitewater kayak trip. Since that first trip, we've paddled many rivers, raced at Salmon La Sac, and paddled Puget Sound. We've sat around campfires reading the cremation of Sam McGee, and I've sung songs (even though I can't carry a tune) while TD played his harmonica. For decades he contributed to the Washington Kayak Club with articles and cartoons and was President in 1973 and 1984. Into his 80's, Tom continued to attend WKC pool sessions to practice his Eskimo roll while on oxygen through a nasal cannula.



Tom's passion for kayaking and his frustration with the lack of campsites around Puget Sound led him to co-found our organization. He also spent many, many hours serving on numerous state boards advocating for water access and usage for the private citizen.

All the time I owned Pacific Water Sports, Tom would frequently check with me to make sure we were "making a decent living," showing a genuine concern for my welfare. In 2002, when I was asked to join the board of WWTa, Tom and I would carpool together. Those were special times for me, as Tom and I would discuss the fate of WWTa (always a concern), politics, and family health issues.

Tom played an important role in my life as concerned friend, mentor and visionary. He left a huge legacy with WWTa and I am personally very grateful for that and for his friendship. He asked that memorials be made to WWTa.

Buried with his paddle.... life's river well run.

From Executive Director Reed Waite

Penultimate. Next to the last. This is my 30th *Easy Current News*. The next issue will be my last as WWTa's Executive Director. Time to reflect on what's happened during the last 7+ years? Try as I can, I find myself looking, not to the past, but to the future.

I've already written and filed some ideas for the 2009 fiscal year audit. That takes place in 2010 – two years from now! What's there to look forward to on the personal level? Plenty. I find my post-June 30th calendar filling up with things I want to do. Spend a weekend with the SEA Kayakers. Be involved with WWTa's September International Water Trail Conference. Take a shift at the West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium WWTa table. Maintain a favorite Cascadia Marine Trail campsite or two. Travel to Eastern Washington to work on the river water trails.



There may be a canoe and kayak trip on the Little Spokane in conjunction with the Washington State Trails Coalition Conference in early October. Time to do the Hanford Reach. The list goes on and then there are the hikes, ski trips, painting the house, and reading the newspaper in the early morning sun, all things that will make the days fly by.

What's there to look forward to for Washington Water Trails Association? There will be an infusion of energy coming with a new executive director. I can't wait to see the ideas and improvements, the progress that the next ED will bring. I know you'll have ideas to add and will make mission-critical commitments.

Outside the office, in the larger arena, there's the new Boating Activities Program funded by SHB 1651. WWTa will continue to expand its partnerships with parks, land conservancies, port districts, agencies, and businesses. Little steps will be taken in the legislature and broad efforts will improve our shorelines and riverbanks, though not without some setbacks here and there.

Sometime in the far distant future you'll be at a volunteer mailing party and will turn to the white haired man trying to keep his paper pile from sliding off the table. He'll talk about the good old days. That man will be me. Right now, there's not the time to reminisce, there's much to be done.

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Farewell to a Founding Father of WWTa

TD, Tom D, Tom Deschner, a Washington Water Trails Association co-founder, passed away at home December 5, 2007 at the age of 87. The depths of Tom's dedication and contributions to WWTa development are hard to measure.

Go to the very first WWTa minutes: the November 7, 1989 meeting begins "Breakfast meeting at Tom and Laura Deschner's." A week later "TD then expressed his opinion that the work that lies ahead will be more difficult, but the benefits of the project, especially in view of development pressures now, are significant." Fast forward to the 2004 WWTa Auction when both he and Tom Steinburn were honored for their work. Never at a loss for words, Tom D pointed to the audience, "It's up to you to carry on the work."

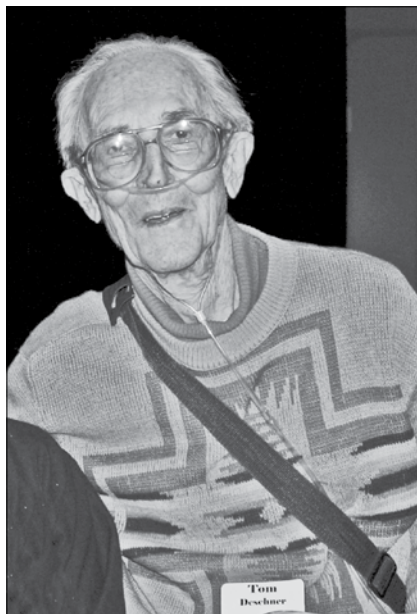
Mary Monfort, WWTa Executive Director in the late 1990's wrote, "Tom was a vital part of creating WWTa and keeping it alive and thriving." Tom rejoined the WWTa Board in 2001, serving two terms until 2005, bringing valuable organizational memory and "fire in the belly" enthusiasm. He always looked out for WWTa, whether evaluating grants for the state, talking with politicians or land conservancies, or writing articles and drawing cartoons. Tom took steps to assure the financial stability of the organization, leading to the establishment of an endowment fund in September 2007.

Over one hundred friends attended his memorial service December 13. Stories and slides, compiled by son Whit, illustrated his life including CCC days, Army combat glider training, Boeing, travel, kayaking, and park projects. There was sadness "but as happened so many other times, Tom's endearing spirit prevailed," wrote daughter Marquita.

Tom's focus narrowed in his early 80's from state-wide water and public access issues to action closer to home in Normandy Park. After creating guerrilla walking trails in Marine View Park, he began work on ivy removal there, this time with the blessing of the city. He continued efforts to get Normandy Park shoreline areas of Beaconsfield on Sound lots and a Foss property into public ownership, enlisting the Cascade Land Conservancy, so others could enjoy the Puget Sound beach he loved to walk.

He had asked that memorial contributions be made to WWTa. Those total over \$9,000.

Last July 4th Tom wrote a little essay on patriotism. What he wrote reflects his long and full life: "Celebrate the good and let go of the bad ... Let the bands play on!"



Tom Deschner at WWTa Open House
November 13, 2007



A classic Tom Deschner cartoon

Cascadia Marine Trail Closures

Damage caused by winter storms means that at least two Cascadia Marine Trail campsites will be closed until further notice. Meadowdale Beach Park suffered extensive damage during the December 3 storm and the park is closed. Landslides along the trail caused holes 20 feet deep or more. At the height of the storm, Park Ranger Doug Dailer reports that the tunnel access to the beach was covered with water and several large salmon were swimming in the meadow. The large sediment deposit in the meadow region of the park will need to be cleared and the access trail will need to be re-routed before the park can re-open. Estimated completion time is February or March 2008.

The campsite at Kopachuck State Park is now closed after storms undermined the stairs from the beach. WWTa is working with State Parks to locate a new campsite in the park. Stay tuned for work parties this spring to help repair winter storm damage.

Volunteers...

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With the clock winding down the day before the work party, WWTa sent out an email titled HELP! to all friends and volunteers in the database. The response was almost immediate. "I think I can make it," "My girlfriend and I will plan to show up," "Count me in," and "I can help." Things were looking up.

Just as promised, the day arrived with punishing rain. However, the unpredictable event that was about to occur would push bad weather to the back burner. New help came forth one by one, in pairs, and with friends in tow, signing release waivers under the open hatchback of Tom Steinburn's minivan before marching towards the beach to the waterfront work site. "I would have signed up earlier," one of them said. "I didn't think you'd need me!"

No mind paid to the cloudbursts and dropping temperature on that day, 16 volunteers delineated borders, raised signs, and put plants in the ground. It would have taken three strong bodies all day to do what this group accomplished in less than an hour. The morning was a definition of success—a true testament to how a little bit of help, and the combined efforts of individuals, can make such a major difference.

Volunteer(s) of the Year

Choosing someone to honor as Volunteer of the Year is a difficult task, as WWTa is blessed with an abundance of active members. But looking over the volunteer rosters from 2007, two people clearly stood out. The two contenders contributed equivalent hours at events over the course of the year. But rather than choose between two equally qualified volunteers, WWTa extended the honor to both of them... since, after all, they are a father and son team.

On March 10th, 2007, Dave and Kris Cusenza paddled a double wooden kayak they built together to Blake Island for their very first WWTa work party. They helped plant dune grass, clean the beaches, and restore vegetation to an eroding bluff. Two weeks later, they were indoors at WWTa's Annual Auction helping record bids, file certificates and receipts, and clean up at the end of the event.

In April, Dave and Kris made the trip to the Olympic National Park for the Coastal Cleanup, where WWTa volunteers hoped to clean up Lake Ozette via kayaks. Lake Ozette, Washington's third largest lake, also proved to be one of the state's cleanest bodies of water. Finding litter at Ozette was like searching for the proverbial needle in the haystack, but after paddling over 12 miles around the southern half of the lake, Kris and Dave succeeded in recovering the most litter. WWTa saw Kris and Dave again in June for the weekend-long Leave No Trace Trainer Course, where they shared their considerable knowledge of backcountry skills.

Not only are Dave and Kris dedicated to conserving Washington's shorelines, they are clearly passionate paddlers. Together, they have explored most of the Cascadia Marine Trail. WWTa looks forward to another year of working with Kris and Dave, they are already signed up for a couple of events in 2008!



Kris (left) and Dave at Lake Ozette

Waterway 18 Improvements

One of the few natural beaches left on the shores of Lake Union, Waterway 18 is undergoing a transformation from an overgrown and unwieldy small craft launching site to a beautifully designed access point with wildlife habitat. Recreation groups like the Sea Scouts and Outrigger Canoe Club have utilized the site at 2223 N. Northlake Way for years. Thanks to an effort lead by the Seattle Parks Foundation, Waterway 18 will be an attractive place for community residents to launch or land beachable watercraft or simply enjoy a waterfront park with stunning views of Lake Union and the Seattle skyline.

On October 27th, WWTa helped supply volunteers and tools for the Waterway 18 "Kick Off Community Work Party" alongside Seattle Parks Foundation and members of Seattle's Wallingford community. Volunteers of all ages spent the morning pulling invasives and cleaning up trash, then worked hard through the afternoon reintroducing native species and mulching new plantings at the waterfront park.

History in the Heart of Seattle

Take a self-guided tour of Lake Union's historic features, learn native place-names, read first-hand accounts of life on the Lake, watch for wildlife, and find a place to launch your hand-carried boat. The new *History in the Heart of Seattle* map will orient you to a wealth of opportunities to recreate and explore.

A collaborative project of Washington Water Trails Association and The Center for Wooden Boats, the map was made possible by funding from the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods. Staff and volunteers from both organizations worked to identify, research, and compile a wealth of information about the Lake - from its geologic origins to its heyday as the industrial center of the city.

On a positively dismal day in mid-November, over 90 people helped "test paddle" a draft of the map. Hardy volunteers loaded into dragon boats, rowboats, kayaks, canoes, and a historic wooden ship, to tour Lake Union and evaluate a working draft. Afterwards, the participants warmed up with pizza and cocoa while completing surveys and providing oral feedback on the map.

You can discover the *History in the Heart of Seattle* for yourself. Pick up a free copy at the following locations: Agua Verde Paddle Club, Center for Wooden Boats, Museum of History & Industry, Northwest Outdoor Center, Seattle Raft & Kayak, Seattle REI, or Washington Water Trails Association's office. For a \$1.00 shipping and handling fee, WWTa will mail a copy of the map. Order online at www.wwt.org/trails/L2L, or send a check to WWTa.

Special thanks to SeaTrails Adventure Maps, the Museum of History and Industry, REI, PEMCO, DuckIn.com, Northwest Outdoor Center, Agua Verde Paddle Club & Cafe, and the Rotary Club of Lake Union for supporting the production of the map.



A kayaker enjoying modern-day Lake Union

Wanted: Site Stewards

Cascadia Marine Trail Site Stewards serve as the eyes and ears for WWTa on the growing Cascadia Marine Trail. Stewards visit their site at least two times a year and file a report electronically with WWTa. Reports update WWTa on the condition of facilities and trails, the presence of invasive plants, missing signage, and information about how the site is being used.

Site Stewards are needed at the following Cascadia Marine Trail Sites: Saltwater State Park, Stuart Island, Triton Cove, and Joemma Beach. Training sessions for new and existing Site Stewards are being planned for April and May in both Mid-Sound and North Sound locations. Training will cover invasive plant identification, site assessment, low-impact recreation skills, and more.

To learn more about Site Stewardship, visit www.wwt.org/get_involved/ or contact WWTa today.

Open House



Guests browse tapas

On November 13th, 2007 the WWTa family gathered in Seattle's Wallingford neighborhood for the first-ever Open House. The night got under way with delicious Mediterranean tapas and a game of Bay Bingo. Guests circulated throughout the chapel of the Good Shepherd Center trying to fill up their Bingo Cards with clues on buttons worn by board and staff members.

A slide show highlighted the work parties, paddles, and events that helped make 2007 a successful year. WWTa recognized Dave and Kris Cusenza's outstanding volunteer efforts and contributions, choosing the father-son team as 2007's Volunteers of the Year.

During the evening, the Board of Directors formally announced Executive Director Reed Waite's pending retirement. Board Treasurer, Carmelita Logerwell, introduced the Rainy Day Fund, a reserve fund to protect against unforeseen budget shortfalls and to ease the impact of seasonal cash flows, and accepted three checks to kick off the fund drive.

Overall the evening was a wonderful opportunity for members and friends to meet, share adventures, and learn more about Washington Water Trails. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Mason County Trails Plan

During 2007 Mason County Parks completed a trails plan that included recommendations to include water trail and launch facilities on the County's lakes and saltwater (Hood Canal and Puget Sound) shorelines. The Planning Commission approved the document January 28th and passed it on to the County Commission for adoption in early February.

The National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program supplied technical assistance to the county. Sue Abbott, the RTCA Community Planner assigned to the project, brings years of water trail planning experience. Reed Waite of WWTa and Stacy Ruland of Twanoh State Park also served on the Mason County Trails Advisory Committee. The plan notes, "With 231 miles of saltwater shoreline, Mason County is an important regional recreation destination for boaters." A summer 2007 County Trails survey found 40% of respondent households participated in boating, canoeing or kayaking and 36% thought water trails "most important."

Even before the ink was dry on the report, Mason County announced it was awarded two grants by the State's Recreation and Conservation Funding Board. The Boating Facilities Grants will improve parking and fund planning and engineering to renovate the boat launch at Mason Lake County Park and to acquire 2.34 acres of property adjacent to the existing Latimer's Landing Boat Launch. The property will be used in the future to improve and increase parking and access to Pickering Passage.

Island Time: Spring Work Parties

Blake Island • March 8

Dune grass restoration & beach clean up

Blind Island • May 3

Removal of English Ivy & Scotch Broom

Volunteers may join a shuttle to the islands or paddle on their own.

For more info or to sign up,
contact volunteer@wwta.org
or call 206.545.9161

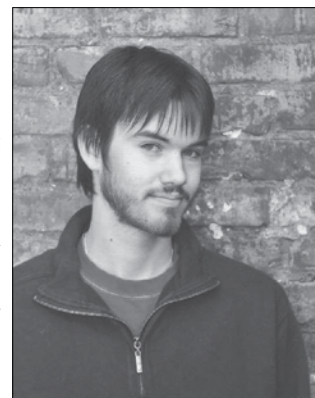
Stay tuned for more work parties!

New Intern

Welcome Rylan Bauermeister, WWTa's new intern! Rylan is helping update and complete the Northwest Discovery Water Trail database and web maps. This project has long awaited completion, and Rylan is working to process information gathered from public Open House events and research sites for additional information.

Rylan is a high school senior looking to enter a career of Computer Science, Math, and English. In his spare time, Rylan is a rock climber, a pianist, and writer. He attended climbing regionals in Tigard, OR this year.

During the National Novel Writing Month in November, he completed 50,000 words of text in thirty days. Rylan has also represented a variety of countries at the National Model United Nations in New York City.



Rylan Bauermeister

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The Leave No Trace Trainer Course fees are \$50 for members, \$45 for Site Stewards, \$75 for general public. Tuition includes food, camping fees, course materials, and use of some gear. Participants must provide kayak or other sea-worthy hand-powered boat, safety equipment, and camping gear.

Find details and course application at www.wwta.org/lnt

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for the survey, \$363,000 was left for RCO to distribute. SHB 1651 identifies a wide range of possible recipients and uses for the funds, such as "for non-profit and Indian tribes to improve access to water and marine parks... and to provide funds for boating-related environmental programs." The dollars needed to complete a quick list of projects brainstormed by state agency representatives at a January 3 implementation workshop, from a state boating website to flood-damaged ramps, dwarfed the money available.

The Recreation and Conservation Funding Board voted to accept the study at its January 15 meeting, transmitting it to the Legislature with a summary of written public comments including those of WWTa. WWTa volunteer and Boating Safety Council Member Gerry Hodge, during the meeting's public comment session, made the Board aware of apparent overrepresentation of registered boaters in the needs survey performed by Responsive Management. The Board also set aside \$10,000 to hire a facilitator to assist RCO, State Parks, DNR, and DFW with coordinating interagency cooperation on boating programs. One of the independent recommendations was a single state government boating department. The Board directed RCO staff to assemble a 14-member advisory board and distribute the remaining \$353,000 in the Boating Activities Program account.

Mission Accomplished: Board Retreat

In October, the WWTa Board of Directors met for the annual weekend retreat. The Board set several goals for the weekend, including preparation for the transition to a new executive director.

The first thing the Board accomplished was the revision of WWTa's mission statement to a more succinct: "To promote advocacy, education, and stewardship of public access to Washington's waterways for people in human and wind powered beachable watercraft."

The major work of the weekend was a reexamination of the organization's Strategic Plan. Finally, the Board looked at WWTa's 2008 calendar to chart activity for the year.

The weekend provided an opportunity for the Board to get better acquainted with one another, develop a plan of action for 2008 and beyond and set goals for the revision and realization of the Strategic Plan.

'07 Financial Performance "Good", '08 Forecast Guarded

Holiday season sales are important for many retail businesses. According to the Perdue University Retail Institute these can account for up to 40% of annual sales and up to 75% of all profit for a business. For non-profits the holiday giving season is just as important.

December is the month when the most WWTa revenue arrives, driven primarily by gifts from generous donors. In 2006 32% of this organization's income came after December 1; in 2007 this amounted to over \$45,000, about 21% of total annual revenue. December is also the last month of the fiscal year so yearend donations make the difference between a good year and one that ends in a deficit. In 2007 support from members and friends made for a strong finish and great start for 2008 and the future.

Forecasting cash flow and setting aside money is a financial discipline for WWTa. In 2007 the WWTa Board embarked on a way to smooth out the crests and troughs of funding and expenses with the Rainy Day Fund. In the first two months after it was announced at the November 2007 Open House, generous donors have contributed 32% of the \$17,500 goal. See how much of a rainmaker you can be and watch results posted online at www.wwta.org/give/rdf.asp.

The Board approved an aggressive 2008 budget at its January meeting that is 14% above last year's. This year there are some expense certainties. Travel costs will be higher. This affects planning, work parties, outreach, and the SEA Kayaker program. A two-month knowledge transfer for the executive director means higher payroll. There are also new opportunities: more Cascadia Marine Trail sites on the horizon, increasing outreach, and stewardship. WWTa will need your support throughout 2008.

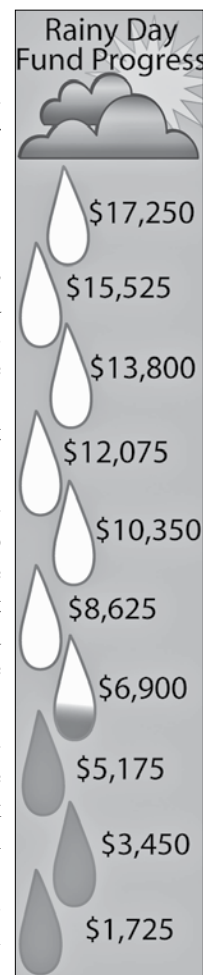
Hiring: Educators for Summer '08

WWTa is seeking a sea kayaker with at least two years of paddling and trip leading experience to be an educator with the Sound Education and Action (SEA) Kayaker Team. The SEA Kayaker Team approaches individuals and groups at Cascadia Marine Trail campsites and popular public beaches for impromptu education, outreach, and demonstration of Leave No Trace principles, marine wildlife viewing, and low-impact recreation skills. The Team interacts with people of all ages and backgrounds.

The SEA Kayaker Team consists of two or more WWTa staff and/or volunteers. Team members depart Friday AM, spend two to three nights camping along the Cascadia Marine Trail, and return Monday.

Before the program begins, the SEA Kayaker Educator must be trained as a Leave No Trace Trainer. The Educator may participate in a weekend Leave No Trace Trainer Course conducted by WWTa on June 14-15 on Blake Island.

The position begins on June 27th and ends August 25th. Compensation includes \$100/day plus food, travel, and camping fees. Applications due by 4pm PST, April 18th. Complete job description at www.wwta.org/about_us/employment.asp.



A SEA Kayaker shares Leave No Trace information with two kayak guides on the Cascadia Marine Trail

Volunteers

Stewardship Reports

Bruce Farrar
Jean Caldwell
Fred Clark
Charles Curry
Paul La Pointe
Mark Levensky/Michelle Connor

Newsletter Mailing Party 11/1

Elizabeth Cromwell
Ken Clark
Lynn Clark
Don Crook
Judy Moyer
Sara Whitney
Greg Whittaker
Tina Waite

Saltwater State Park Work Party 11/17

Collin Bramhall
Michelle Connor
Daphne Depalma
Cathy Haggerty
Monika Lange
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Curt Mobley
Mike Moreland
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Possession Point &
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Sea Kayak & Canoe Winter Seminar Speakers 2/2-3

Andy Bridge	Dik Lang
Suzy Cornell	Gary Luhm
Pat Daly	Tim Mattson
Earl Doan	Jim Metzner
Bruce Farrar	Annette Metzner
Jason "Kiwi" Goldstein	Steven Reutebuch
George Gronseth	Eric Volkstorf
Dennis Hartup	Matt Ross
Dan Henderson	Leon Somme
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AND SOME ADVENTURES
BY BIFFLE FRENCH

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Paddling the Waters of Vashon Island

by Biffle French
Paperback - 215 pages (2008)

Fun tales for the armchair paddler or expert. This is the story of Vashon Island as seen from two feet off the water, written by a kayaker who goes there almost every day. The book is full of delicious little salt water travelogues that will make you feel the real thrill of kayaking the cold waters of Puget Sound. A happy read, full of unexpected delights that will put you in the boat with the paddle in your hand.

Price: \$24.00

Quantity _____ x \$24 = _____

Coastal Waters Recreation Marine Maps of Puget Sound

Marine Recreation Maps are an excellent resource for trip planning. The maps highlight points of interest, wildlife viewing areas, picnic and camping sites, as well as boat launches and beach access. *These maps are for reference only, and should not be used for navigation.*

North Puget Sound Price: \$13.00

Quantity _____ x \$13 = _____

South Puget Sound Price: \$13.00

Quantity _____ x \$13 = _____

Pay by check, money order, VISA, Discover or MasterCard in US funds.

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Calendar

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February

- 19: Foss Waterway Development Community Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm. Phoenix Room, Freight House Square, 430 E 25th St, Tacoma.
- 21: Northwest Discovery Water Trail Meeting. 10-3, Bonneville Dam. RSVP to info@ndwt.org
- 25: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm, WWTA Office

March

- 8: **Blake Island Work Party.** Restore native dunegrass to the Cascadia Marine Trail site. Email volunteer@wwta.org
- 12: **Auction Volunteer Training,** 6-8pm, WWTA Office
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- 21: **It's a Shore Thing: Annual Auction & Dinner,** 6-10pm, Mercer Island. Food, friends, and spirited bidding! Tickets at www.wwta.org/auction

- 24: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm, WWTA Office

April

- 11-13: Port Angeles Kayak Symposium. Info at www.raftandkayak.com. Volunteer at WWTA booth, volunteer@wwta.org
- 18: **Easy Current News deadline.** Submit to editor@wwta.org
- 18: SEA Kayaker Application deadline, 4pm
- 23: **WWTA Board Meeting.** 7pm, location TBA
- 26-27: Portland Spring Paddle Festival, 9-4, Vancouver Lake. Volunteer at WWTA booth, contact volunteer@wwta.org
- 26: Washington Coast Cleanup. Clean up WA's ocean beaches! Details at www.WashingtonCoastCleanup.org

May

- 1: Greater Columbia Water Trail Steering Committee Meeting. Details TBD. Contact Aimee Pope at aimee@ccpd.com or 509.663.5159
- 7: **Easy Current News mailing party,** 6-8pm at the WWTA office
- 3: **Blind Island Work Party.** Remove invasive species with WWTA. Contact volunteer@wwta.org
- 17-18: Puget Sound Sea Kayak Symposium. Pt. Defiance Park, Tacoma. To volunteer at WWTA's booth, contact volunteer@wwta.org
- 24-25: Hobuck Hoedown, Pacific North Coast Surf Kayak Festival. Info at www.hobuckhoedown.com
- 31: Paddlefest. Instruction and demos in sunny Richland, WA. To volunteer at WWTA's booth, contact volunteer@wwta.org



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