



# PADDLE

## Nuchatliz

By Bob Salo

What does a group of "intermediate" kayakers do when they want to challenge themselves with more than day trips and weekend trips to the Gulf Islands? They jump at the chance to be a part of a week trip to the Nuchatlitz area with Tony Clayton!

**Day 1** - Us lucky 5 are a mixed bag: Fred, a retired electronics shop owner; Marjo, a marine biologist from Finland who works for the United Nations; Andrew, a computer mapper for the City of Coquitlam; Michelle, a special needs teacher; and myself, Bob, a retired Firefighter. We are all looking forward to the experience of challenging kayaking on the West Coast and learning from a "wily old veteran" like Tony.

We are on the 8:30 ferry to Nanaimo and headed for Zeballos. The drive up island alternates with sun, rain, and wind, which puts me in the wild West Coast frame of mind. We leave Zeballos at four with our six kay-

aks strapped to the roof of the water taxi. Clouds hide the tops of the mountains and with calm water we arrive at the drop-off spot 45 minutes later. Tony's understanding was that we would be dropped off at a camping spot. However, the taxi operator tells us the only drop-off spot for his boat in the area is a steep sloping beach on island #44, which is an Indian Reserve. Therefore, disappointed and slightly grumpy we quickly pack the kayaks - inside the hatches and anything we could not fit inside on the decks - for a paddle looking for a camping spot. We soon find a campsite, by 8:30 are set-up, and having supper. Long day and in bed by 10:00

**Day 2** - Awake and up at 7:00. Clouds with sun poking through, no wind, very peaceful. We are on the water by 10:00 and plan to go around Rosa Island and poke around some of the small islands between Rosa and camp. No

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### Next Meeting

Tuesday

September 7, 7:30 pm  
Back at the Museum

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Sheldon Green and  
Sheila Keet

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Presentation on:

Padding the Northern  
Gulf of Alaska: Kenai  
Fjords and Prince  
William Sound

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**Newsletter Editor Needed!**

No pressure or anything, my friends, but the club is one month away from no longer having a newsletter. If you have been thinking about it, but just haven't got around to letting us know, now is the time



We are looking for a volunteer to take over the newsletter. After two years, it's time for me (Cindy) to move on to other things.

The job is a lot of fun, and takes as much or as little time each month as you want to devote to it. You can be self-publishing if you enjoy writing, or can rely on the many contributions of members as I have over the past year.

There is only 1 more edition of the Paddle coming out before the end of the executive year. I would like to get someone on board now to help with that issue and "learn the ropes" before they step into the role.

If you are interested, call me at 604-444-1118 or email [dopsons@telus.com](mailto:dopsons@telus.com)

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I have a few copies of **'Nootka Sound and the Surrounding Waters of Maquinna'** by Heather Harbord for sale at \$12.50 each, taxes included. This is an interesting and useful book for anyone planning on visiting the area, with a very comprehensive but compact history. I will bring copies to future meetings or people can arrange to pick up a copies from me.

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**Orcas and Indians**  
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Village Island Tours and Water Taxis a First Nations owned company that has been welcoming thousands of outdoor enthusiasts to the Johnston Straight region since 1989. The owner/operator Tom Sewid, likes to joke around and say that Orcas and Indians are the major drawing cards of the area, and he's the only Indian welcoming people out in the bush! In truth Tom's company has catered to the needs and wishes of the many that come to the area to enjoy what it has to offer.

Tom says that the company got its start with a button blanket and a weed eater. Daily during the summer months Tom conducts native interpretative tours through the famous abandoned village known as Mamalalicolla, village of the last potlatch. The site where a potlatch was held in 1921, that would see many people prosecuted for breaking the anti-potlatch law of that time. Tom's narration is a must see for it is full of legends and stories that go back many generations. His wit and charisma add to the overall performance and this is what started his career in tourism.

Through the years many camp-

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**Kayak for Sale:**  
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**Ecomarine Freebies:**

The doors open at 7pm and the seminars will start at 7:30pm. There will be tea available for guests. All evening seminars are free of charge.

**September 14, 2004  
 Tropical Paddling**  
 Thinking of heading to a sunny destination? Come and here from veteran paddlers about tips and tricks for enjoying the warmer climes with a kayak. We will show you some great places to get to with your kayak and family.

Chris Ladner, owner of Ecomarine.

**October 12, 2004  
 Antarctica Paddling**  
 We leave aboard the luxurious mothership to the fringes of the antarctic ice cap. Thousands of Emperor penguins grace us with their politeness. We discover a new world unseen by most.

Aaron Lawton, Peregrine Adventures.

## Herb's Fishin' for Food &amp; Fun Tips

By Herb Johnston

**1. Prepare your gear**

for finfish (bottomfish), get a stainless steel, freewheeling reel with 20-25 lb test line; moderate length sea rod that comes apart in 2 sections; several shiny jigging lures of moderate weight (2.5 oz); 2 pairs of pliers (prefer angled needle-nose as one pair); one fish bonker not too long (1 foot) - driftwood is fine.

**2. The technique**

at chosen spot, hold paddle in one hand for some degree of balance and response, drop line quickly by flicking fast free-wheeling release, so lure drops quickly to bottom - when line goes slack, reel up 2-3 feet off bottom - depth preferred is 20 - 40 feet, jig lightly constantly moving lure - if there are rock-fish there, they will hit within 1-2 minutes generally. When they hit, reel a moderate speed up - smaller fish come up directly, for bigger fish play them out a bit before bringing them aboard to bring aboard, ask their permission by looking to see what you have got - no quillbacks between your legs, and caution with mudsharks.

for smaller fish (1 ft or so), just lift into cockpit between you legs, place pliers under gill (or on hook), bonk the fish, take needlenose pliers and remove hook carefully, and lay fish on kayak floor.

for larger fish (1-2 ft), place pliers under gill while in water,

and lift into cockpit with pliers so as not to break line on lift, bonk several times, remove hook

for really big fish (over 2 ft) and salmon, consider paddling to shore to bring fish in from land

paddle acts as balance, repositioning and sits across the cockpit ready

if you are fishing while the group is paddling, you will lose sight of group within a minute or so

**3. The chosen spot**

use a chart to find the correct depth, drop at points of land, just off of kelp beds (but not in kelp), depth of 20-40 feet on sloping surface reefs - sometimes I might hold bull kelp for an anchor while fishing

tricky to fish in current flow, winds, but not impossible - choose spot and drop quickly, stay only a minute think like a fish - where would you want to live for food and protection - flounder are on sandy bottoms

catch only what you need for the next 24 hrs - we are under overfishing pressure

**4. To clean and prepare fish**

find a flat surface of rock or plywood, get a sharp filleting knife, hold fish upright, slide knife along back dorsal, gently running along bones so meat falls to one side and bone to other, 2 fillets are produced

to remove skin, make a slip separating meat from skin, hold skin with pliers and push knife between meat and skin - skin comes off easily to leave a clean bone free fillet wash and eat within 12 hours is best - store in ziplock bag - place heads and bodies on rock for an eagle dive show, except if in grizzly country pan fry fish in butter, salt, pepper, or shake and bake coating or fish chowder with potato soup base, curried fish, fish sandwiches at lunch, fried fish for breakfast

**5. Other fishing techniques and thoughts**

keep extra gear in small waterproof box, have nailclippers handy, tie lures with 3 twists and under the hole at lure site for security, every so often, cut hook and reattach further up line as wear takes place around lure, no fingers in mouth of fish, watch sharp protective spines, throw small dead fish to eagle who's watching your every move if fish are still floaters, if you hook a halibut on sandy bottoms, cut line if you are being dragged to China are seals good to fish with or not?? - I think not, unless you have a good spot fish in morning or night - when waters are calmer is better, have rod on deck always

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ready to go  
 for oysters, get a shucker or old strong knife for opening after cooking on grill over open fire, add grated cheese, green onions  
 for clams, a small shovel and bucket and make into chowder or steam  
 for crabs, a rope and collapsible trap, slice in two and put in boiling water  
 for sea slugs, slit slug open, remove muscle strips, pan fry to get calamari effect  
 try kelp soup - 250 mL (dried) bull kelp blades, cut into small pieces, 3 cups chicken stock or veg stock, 1/2 cup tofu or pork or fish, 1/2 cup broccoli florets, 1/4 cup soy sauce, 1 egg beaten, 2 green onions, thinly sliced - combine - heat to boil, stir beaten eggs into soup, garnish with green onions, serves 2-3 (untested recipe)

**Have Fun - Wear a Life-jacket when Fishing**

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sites for the paddling community have been built in Tom's traditional territory of the Mamalelaqala. He's seen that this was what was needed to protect the environment and visitors, and he went out and did it. Now you can stay in comfort knowing that you are fully welcomed by the First Nations to enjoy their territory. All campsites are free to the public and you can book them through V.I. Tours if you want to ensure availability.

In 2003 V.I. Tours proudly launched the GLA-LIS (FINNING WHALE), a 34 foot high speed aluminium water taxi/tour boat. The vessel now enables the company to supply transport for kayakers during the summer months. It also does First Nations thyme whale tours where people hear the age old legends about the relationship between the whales and the Kwalwaka'wakw People. In First Nations attire, Tom will give the best tour in the region. You can see grizzly bears, black bears, whales, ancient village sites, ancient rock paintings, old totems, big house remains, archaeological significant sites, and hear about it all in the First Nations perspective.

If camping is not your bag, Tom has networked with many floathouse and cabin owners in the region. He can design a trip where you stay in a float house or land based cabin that sits on the edge of the Orca Highway, of Blackish Sound. The truly adventurous can travel deep into the Broughton Archipelago and enjoy the same accommodations.

If on your trip you want more First Nations culture, then arrange for the evening meal. Tom will come to your campsite in the evening with crab, prawns and halibut. All this will be cooked on the campfire, but the best part is watching Tom clean a fresh sockeye salmon and place it on cedar sticks. This will cook the traditional way close to the fire. Sometimes you can switch the sound and smell of a beach campfire and enjoy the ever present whales offshore. This is the icing on the cake for anyone's trip into "The Land Of The War Canoe."

If information is all you really need before embarking on your trip, give Tom a call. He also says, "that even in this modern world Indian guides still exist." Tom has built a company through the support of the visitors that come to explore his people's territory and he always knows that he must try to make a positive impression to all. When you come to Johnston Straight to see the whales, don't forget to enjoy the aboriginal element. If knowledgeable expertise with a First Nations positive experience is what you're after in the Johnston Straight region, then always remember that Village Island Tours delivers this with Orcas and Indians!

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**The Picnic that Almost Wasn't**

By Cindy Carson

9:00 am Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>. It rained, it poured. How could it after weeks of sun? Today is the SKABC picnic meeting at Lacarno. Checking the weather report. Forecast to clear this afternoon. Good...but how often is the weather man right? Call Steve Moon... what do you think? Lets keep in touch.

5 pm – It has stopped raining, all is a go. I have a canopy. Steve will meet me at 6 to help set it up.

5:50 pm – Well, I think this is the place that Steve described. I have never been to a beach meeting with the club, so am not sure. Another group took the closest table so I choose the one surrounded by trees. Nice spot. I bring out the parts for the canopy. Problem is I have never set it up and there are no instructions.

6:20 pm – Have sorted the parts for the canopy by numbers. There are 28 poles numbered 1 to 7. Now if number 6 & 7 go together then number 5 should go here. No. How about here. NO. This puzzle is too much for me. And look at the time. Where is everyone? Where is ANYONE? I must be in the wrong place!

I should look up and down the beach. Nothing to the east. There – is Herb Johnston. Yes, he is the person who saved the day when I could not find anyone to do the program on Fishing with Steve. This is not good. Me and the person I dragged out here and no one else. Well, lets just sit and chat.

6:35 pm - More folks have joined us and look, there is Steve. Yes, we will have a picnic after all. And it is great to see so many of the folks that took the beginners course that Gordon Squire, Edwin Bussey and I taught this Spring.

6:40 pm – Steve pulls the BBQ box out of his car. There is the propane tank, there are the legs, where is the BBQ? WHERE is the BBQ? Steve is distraught. What to do? More people arrive with food to BBQ? Steve knows someone who lives close that may have a BBQ. The cell phone comes to the rescue. Yes, they have one.

7:00 pm – Herb starts his presentation while Steve rescues the BBQ? Wow! I did not know there was so much to learn about fishing. No wonder I never catch any fish. We are all enchanted by Herb's demonstrations of holding the paddle and the rod and the club while landing the fish in his kayak. If you missed it, Herb brought great notes which are included in this newsletter.

7:15 pm – It starts to rain. I never did get the canopy up. It is lying on the ground getting wet. But true kayakers all – pull out the rain coat and continue the show without losing a beat.

7:30 pm – Steve comes with the BBQ and food starts cooking.

7:45 pm - Steve adds some words of fishing wisdom and gives away 3 of his specially designed alternatives to a fishing rode.

Yes, it was a good picnic. Great program! And folks enjoyed each others company. I recommend another picnic.

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## Currents Weekend

by Avrum Miller

Imagine a kayaking trip replete with warm showers, cold beer and a hot tub? Fantasy you say!—Earl's I say! And so began a perfect weekend of thrills, spills and bellyache's.

### THE THRILLS

About a short hours paddle from Earl's on Mayne Island is a very narrow passage between two islands called Boat Passage. Here the current slowly builds as the tide rises and a huge volume of water is being forced into this tiny space creating a surging torrent of foam, whirlpools, boils, standing waves and eddies. Our intrepid group of 20's mission was to run the rapids and then tests our limits by creeping up against the current's eddy lines and ferry back and forth or simply play in the surf. This task was made somewhat easier by a cogent, comprehensive, approaching brilliant lecture by George Prevost and his able cohorts Peter, Chris, and Steve on the nature and behavior of currents. Once we got on the water this task was made somewhat harder because George "the animal" seemed to take personal ownership of the rapid. As I was waiting impatiently in line I could hear him singing... "It's my party and I'll pry if I want to". The task was also made harder by the myriad of boats that also wanted to play. After all, this is Boat Passage and not Kayak Passage and their behavior definitely reflected this reality. So we found

ourselves not only fighting "the animal" for playtime but the boats as well, many of whom would throw up monstrous wakes causing several of us to come perilously close to being pinned on the rocks. In fact, one huge boat that we will name "Macho" came flying through the passage on a bad angle, hit the eddy line, lost control, and came within a few feet of crashing into George who was backpedaling for all he was worth. As I saw this trauma unfolding before my eyes I couldn't help but have these ambivalent, shameful feelings...such a nice guy but with him gone...

### THE SPILLS

It was George that once said that "if you don't dump you're probably not really pushing your limits". Such is the charisma of the man that many of us willingly obliged. And so it came to pass that George played with our minds, the surf played with our bodies, and our group practiced their assisted rescues. Thank you Sandy, I still owe you a beer. (A footnote in the history of time will record that George never did end up in the water).

### THE BELLYACHES

Saturday night was a proverbial feast, a culinary orgasm, a rhapsody of pure pleasure. The non climactic result was one big bellyache that was worth every calorie!

### THE BENEDICTION

Current's weekend was a perfect 10. Great instructors, camaraderie, laughter, excitement, weather, food and kayaking. Special thanks to George, Peter, Chris, Sandy and Earl for a job very well done!

#### **Kayak for sale: 17'7" Current Designs, Solstice GTSHV Kevlar.**

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wind, small swells. A good shake-down day for muscles and for three of us who rented kayaks. Paddling home in the afternoon the wind picks up and rain starts. First task at camp is to build a two-tarp lean-to. Good thing, as it rains heavily most of the night.

In addition to the paddling and the location, this trip also had a culinary aspect. Each person was responsible for one group dinner and we had one potluck dinner. Dinner #1 was Chinese food. Fred's wife cooked six different kinds of Chinese food at home. It was packed in zip lock bags, frozen and transported in collapsible coolers. We heated all the food in the bags immersed in boiling water. Fresh and just like going out to a restaurant with an awesome view!

**Day 3** – Up at 6:00. Sunshine! Some outflow winds. On the water by 9:00. We have a big day. The plan is to paddle through the small islands past either Ensanada Island or Grassy Knoll and make the crossing to Belmont Point. The islands protect us from the bulk of waves and swell, but it is windy and we are busy with choppy waves and exposed rock. We are learning how to spot danger points when a swell suddenly exposes rock that a minute before looked like lots of water. This is not large “boomer” country, but principle is the same.

Before Ensanada Island we stop at island #40 that has an Indian burial cave. We see skulls, some bones, and many wooden boards strewn around. The three interconnected caves are in poor shape compared to what they

must have looked like hundreds of years ago.

We return to the kayaks and head for Ensanada Island. The sky is mostly blue, very little wind, 1-meter swells and the weather forecast good for the day. Change of plans – we decide it is safe enough for the ability and experience of our group to do the 1 1/2 mile crossing to Louie Bay! That way we can spend a few days on the south side of Nuchatlitz Inlet and if the weather gets bad follow the shore back to Belmont Point. Enjoyable one hour crossing and into a small bay south of Florence Pt. for lunch. Sandy beach with small waves. We were all inexperienced at surf landings and this was a perfect beach and wave size to practice. Everyone was successful, even Marjo who was turned sideways and recovered with a “sandy brace.”

After lunch, we paddled around the corner to a large, shallow sandy beach that was home for two nights. It had a creek at the south end for drinking and washing. Tony cooked Indian food – lentils, nan, chutney, etc., that was spicy! In addition, crème caramel for desert.

**Day 4** – Blue sky, slight breeze, forecast good. Lazy morning – we are waiting for high tide to go into Louie Lagoon. The outlet is so shallow that we have to line the boats for 200 meters. Strong headwind from the S.E. all the way up the lake.

We tie the boats up at the south end of the lagoon and start hik-

ing to the outside of Nootka Island. There are huge stands of first growth cedar trees. Possibly over 100 that we can see from the trail. Some as big as 12 ft. in diameter. After ½ hour, we can hear the pounding of surf. We emerge to blinding sunshine, white sand beach, 3 ft. waves crashing, and a hot 20-knot. wind. A tropical beach paradise right here in B.C.!

On the return paddle down Louie Lagoon the wind is now behind us, pushing about 30 knots. Whitecaps and strong waves have us surfing a little. We have to portage out of the lagoon because of the wind and narrow exit. Home to the campsite and hang out before supper. Tonight Andrew cooks hot & sour soup and chicken stir-fry. Today we saw eagles, seals, a mink and cougar tracks near Marjo's tent.

**Day 5** – Misty rain all night. Sea fog moved in and we are on the water at 10:00. The low cloud – starts 100 ft. up – and no wind give us a calm sea for a peaceful paddle. The trees and rocky shoreline are silhouetted with a white background. We are headed for Laurie Creek and the waterfall.

In the middle of Nuchatlitz Inlet, we see two different rafts of otter. Even through the binoculars, it is hard to pick out details in the brown/black mass of otter and bull kelp, but possibly 30 – 40 otter in each.

The Laurie Creek waterfall is worth seeing. Maybe 20 ft. high and 30 ft. wide spilling right into

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the lagoon. Rounding Lord Island, we encounter strong N.W. headwinds. Benson Point had a commercial group camping – possibly 12 -15 people so camp is chosen at another sandy beach just east of Benson Point. Beautiful beach, but no fresh water. Marjo cooks spicy Mexican food with two big slabs of chocolate for desert.

**Day 6** – We were all woken at 5:10 by an earthquake east of Nootka Island! Hard to tell if it was a dream, but it lasted long enough after waking to know it was real. The ground and tent both were shaking sideways.

On the water before nine, with the water like glass. Low tide at 5:40 of 2.0 ft gives us a spectacular view of inter-tidal life on the vertical rock walls. Belmont Point gives us a quick stop for water. There is a stream at the east end with clear, cold water.

We make the crossing to Ensanada Island. The marine forecast is for steady wind from the S. E. and make the decision to cross to Catala Island. As we near island #40, the wind meets tidal current and the ocean looks a little scary to the group. However, Tony must have had confidence in us because he doesn't look back and we follow. There is a safety meeting to discuss the crossing and we continue in echelon formation with Marjo leading. The 3 ft swells meeting tide currents and wind waves make for a challenging and exciting paddle.

When we reach the lee of Catala Island, everyone can relax and we

all are proud of being able to handle the conditions we encountered. The paddle continues in calm sea to Catala Island Marine Park. A huge camping area, but the steep shingle beach could be a challenging landing no matter what the tide. Michelle cooks pesto pasta and of course accompanied with red wine.

At 7:00, the M.V. Uchuck 3 motors directly toward us and starts dropping off kayaks and canoes. Three families – adults and young kids – invade our quiet beach. However, the campsite is large and even the kids running around don't bother us. Because of the early start and long day, we are all in tents by 10:00.

**Day 7** – Rained most of the night. Forecast much as yesterday – the High pressure off the coast was stalled, 15 km S.E. winds. Decision made to cross to Yellow Point and possibly around corner and look north to Brooks Peninsula. The wind hits us but the swells are far apart. After 6 days of paddling, we are feeling strong and confident on the water.

Three porpoise swim past us not more than 30 ft away. We poke our heads around Yellow Point but encounter huge swells, current and boomers meet us. Everything the west coast of these islands has to offer and a good dose of respect. Tony decides the safest thing for our group is to turn around. Lunch is at Yellow Bluff Bay where we finally see bears. Two large blacks come onto the beach and

walk in the other direction.

The route home takes us around the outside of Catala Island. Between small islands and rock, we find some "confused water" as Tony called it. In spots almost like whitewater kayaking. We stop for an hour at Twin Island while Tony tries fishing. Because he catches two Kelp Greenling we have our potluck dinner with fish and a fine bottle of Merlot. Another night for a campfire while lying on the warm rocks of the shingle beach. First good sunset of the trip.

**Day 8** – Beautiful sunrise at six looking N.E. up Esperanza Inlet. Last paddle day and it is a short distance to the same island of campsite #1 to be ready for pick-up the next morning. Easy 2-mile paddle with little wind, small swells and coho jumping around us. Camp set-up by noon. Most people are ready for a lazy day and stay in camp. Bob and Andrew paddle for 2 hours around local islands. Last dinner – Bob cooks corn chowder, chili, and bannock.

**Day 9** – Pick-up and travel home. Not much to say about this day. We all had mixed feelings from being ready to go home to not wanting the trip to end. However, we all:

- had a great time,
- were challenged,
- learned a lot about kayaking, and feel we could handle much of what we did on our own.

A BIG THANKS to Tony for his organization, patience, help, and leadership.

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CLUB Meeting Dates

**2003**

**7:30 PM**

Vancouver  
Museum in the  
Planetarium

**October 5 - AGM**

**November 2**

**Kayaks for Sale:**

Neky Tornak sea kayak  
Includes spray skirt and  
paddle \$950.00

Neky Kyook sea kayak In-  
cludes spray skirt and pad-  
dle \$950.00

For more information, con-  
tact: Anita Bates (604)  
929-2094 a\_bates@sfu.ca

**Message Board in Yahoo Groups**

To join you have to go to  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/skabc/>.

If you do not already have a free yahoo profile you will have to establish one.

I approve new memberships to the group; I will check new memberships against the published membership list before approval, so I need to be able to find your email address in the membership list.

This message board should be useful for selling stuff, organizing trips, and discussing issues affecting club members.

Please email me any comments:  
Edwin Bussey webman-  
ager@skabc.org

**Club Property Log**

This is a listing of club property and where it currently resides

| <u>Description</u>          | <u>Held By</u> | <u>Note</u>              |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Banner 1                    | Steve Moon     |                          |
| Banner 2                    | Steve Moon     |                          |
| BBQ (propane)               | Steve Moon     |                          |
| Computer                    | Heather Kirk   |                          |
| Display stand               | Tony Clayton   |                          |
| First Aid Kit               | Karin Rennert  |                          |
| Flipchart / whiteboard      | Steve Moon     |                          |
| Library                     | Edwin Bussey   |                          |
| SKABC Club brochures        | Tony Clayton   |                          |
| SKABC Club business Cards   | Paul Rae       |                          |
| Collection of Marine Charts | Dan Wicke      |                          |
| VHF Radio 1                 | Tim Morris     | Head Caretaker K Rennert |
| VHF Radio 2                 | Cindy Carson   | Head Caretaker K Rennert |
| VHF Radio 3                 | Karin Rennert  | Head Caretaker K Rennert |
| VHF Radio 4                 | Rob Leeson     | Head Caretaker K Rennert |
| VHF Radio 5                 | Dan Wicke      | Head Caretaker K Rennert |

## 2004 SKABC Trips

**Many thanks to the people who lead/coordinated trips last month:**

Patrick Moony, Tony Clayton

### IS YOUR IDEAL TRIP NOT ON THE LIST ????

Contact the TRIPS COMMITTEE with your ideal trip and we will do our best to make it happen. Click 'Trips Committee' to contact us by e-mail or call a trips committee member:

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**Patrick Mooney** (604-594-2345, [patrick\\_mooney@hotmail.com](mailto:patrick_mooney@hotmail.com))

**Rick Paisley** (604- 517-0408, [baidarkaboy@yahoo.com](mailto:baidarkaboy@yahoo.com))

(If you are interested in joining the trips committee please contact either Dan or Patrick.)

### Trip Classification System

STRENUOUS (assumes some paddling experience)

| Code | Description    | Estimated Paddling Time | Distance (nautical miles) |
|------|----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| A    | Minimal        | <3 hours                | <6 nm                     |
| B    | Moderate       | 3 to 5 hours            | 6 to 10 nm                |
| C    | Strenuous      | 5 to 6 hours            | 10 to 15 nm               |
| D    | Very Strenuous | > 6 hours               | >15 nm                    |

DIFFICULTY (Expected *conditions* require matching paddling *skills*)

| Code | Expected Conditions | Paddling Skills Required              |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1    | Calm                | Beginner                              |
| 2    | Intermediate        | Basic (self/assisted rescues capable) |
| 3    | Exposed/difficult   | Good seamanship                       |
| 4    | Challenging         | Advanced                              |

### DISCLAIMER:

Kayaking is inherently a risky activity involving unpredictable weather and water conditions. All SKABC trips are considered to involve "groups of common adventurers". Trip participants must personally assess the risks involved in relation to their own level of skills and experience and are solely responsible for their own safety. The publication of kayak trips in this newsletter, on the website and elsewhere does not imply SKABC's endorsement of the trip itinerary, the coordinator's competency or safety practices involved.

### SKABC Tripline

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Key in tel. # for Tripline               | <b>604 290 9653</b> (our mail box #)  |
| SKABC 'Greeting'. To bypass <i>press</i> | <b>9</b>  |
| On 'Prompt', key in password             | <b>86425</b> (Umiak)  |
| To hear messages, <i>press</i>           | <b>1</b> (or 11 for new messages)   |
| To skip through messages, <i>press</i>   | <b>#</b> (this also auto-resaves message)   |
| To save messages, PLEASE! <i>press</i>   | <b>9 (ALWAYS RESAVE MESSAGES)</b>   |
| To reply to a message, <i>press</i>      | <b>8</b> (best way to input a message)  |
| Do not delete messages, <i>press</i>     | <b>7</b> <i>only to delete your own/stale messages</i>  |
| To leave a message, <i>press</i>         | <b>2</b> (record message then press <b>#</b> , <i>when asked for destination mailbox enter 604-290-9653</i> ) |

**2003 – 2004 SKABC Trips**  
**(Last Updated: August 19, 2004)**

| <b>Date</b>          | <b>Destination</b>                         | <b>Class</b> | <b>Coordinator, Contact, Trip Description</b>  |
|----------------------|--|--------------|--|
| <b>Day Trips</b>     |  |              |  |
| Wednesdays           | Various                                    | Varies       | Paul Rae (604-987-0523). Weekly day trips most Wednesdays. <i>Call trips line for trip location and times.</i>   |
| <b>Weekend Trips</b> |  |              |  |
| August 21 – 22, 2004 | Indian Arm                                 | B2           | Catherine Ostler (604-669-4492, <a href="mailto:catherine.ostler@telus.net">catherine.ostler@telus.net</a> )<br>Launch from Deep Cove (rentals available) on Saturday morning; return Sunday morning to avoid afternoon wind. Group size of 6. |
| Sept 4 – 6, 2004     | Mayne Island                               | B2           | Sue McLeish (604-732-3482, <a href="mailto:SMMcLeish@Shaw.ca">SMMcLeish@Shaw.ca</a> )<br>THE MAYNE EVENT. Annual event on Mayne Island with BBQ and optional leisure paddling. Max 12 people   |
| Sept 24 – 26, 2004   | Tofino (Long Beach)                        | B3           | Heather Kirk (604-463-0264, <a href="mailto:hkirk@bccancer.bc.ca">hkirk@bccancer.bc.ca</a> ).<br>Surfing trip limited to people who've taken the surfing course or have equivalent experience. Max 8 people.                                   |
| Oct, 2004            | Gabriola                                   | B2           | Greg Maurer (604-931-6116, <a href="mailto:gmaurer@shaw.ca">gmaurer@shaw.ca</a> )<br>More details later.   |
| <b>Longer Trips</b>  |  |              |  |
| August 10 – 18, 2004 | Johnstone Straight / Broughton Archipelago | C3           | Bill Tubbs (604-254-2807, <a href="mailto:me@bill.tubbs.name">me@bill.tubbs.name</a> )<br><i>Additional on water leader needed. 7 to 10 day camping trip. Max 6+/- people.</i>   |
| August 28 – 31, 2004 | Desolation Sound                           | B2           | Simone Varam (604-275-2724, <a href="mailto:simone.varam@shaw.ca">simone.varam@shaw.ca</a> )<br><i>On water leader needed.</i>   |

**\*\*\*ALSO SEE WEBITE, WEB CHATLINE AND TRIPS LINE FOR TRIP INFORMATION\*\*\***

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