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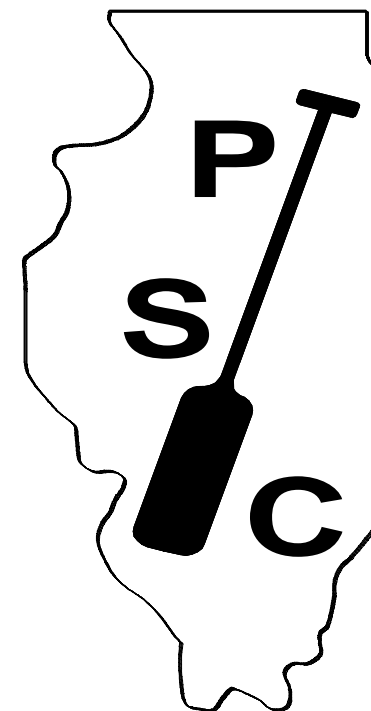
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From the Outgoing Chair:

It has been another great year for Prairie State Canoeists. We ran 84 trips on which 307 members paddled 16,690 miles. Our Paddler-of-the-Year, Joan Taylor, had 590 points. Fifty-five different trip leaders led trips. We had several training programs/trips this past year and 3 river clean-ups. This is what it's all about!

I have been honored to be the club's chair and I am very excited to hand over my paddle to Bill Kessler. He has been a dedicated, creative co-chair and will be a great chair.

I want to take this opportunity to thank other volunteers who made this year great. I don't think they have gotten nearly enough recognition for their work. Donna Goldman deserves accolades for the many hours keeping track of the finances of the club as treasurer. I especially want to thank Donna for being willing to call members who called me with questions about their memberships. Thank you to Margy Levenberg for diligently sending packets to new members and for her general enthusiasm for the job and the club.

Thank you to Tom Lindblade and Tom Richardson for running the training programs that got rave reviews. Thank you to Sherri and Lanie Johnson for their efforts on the newsletter, which always takes a lot of time. They did a great job! The promptness and accuracy of the newsletter have both improved greatly. Thank you to Milt Levenberg and Sherri for their efforts on the website. I challenged Milt to learn new software that would enable him to enhance a site that he had not created. He rose to the task. All the new pages are not yet up, but they soon will be.

Thank you to the 2004 board for working hard to get the word out about the club. Thank you to the trip leaders who make it all happen! We offer it all: training, local flat water, canoe/camping, clean-ups, whitewater, and trips to some of the greatest rivers in the country.

And most of all, thank you to the membership. Yes, you! Without your enthusiasm and participation there would be no club.

Christina

Newsletter Deadlines for 2005		
Vol 37#	Deadline	Trip Announcements
1	November 15	Dec 04-Jan 05
2	January 15	February-March
3	March 1	April-May
4	May 1	June-July
5	July 1	August-September
6	September 1	October-November

Contributions should be e-mailed to: newsletter@prairiestatecanoeists.org
 OR mailed to: PSC Paddler, 1319 E. Lane, Apt 103, Naperville, IL 60563

PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

DUES: \$15.00 (Dues paid after Sept 1, are applied to next year.)
 NEW MEMBER RENEWAL NEW ADDRESS/PHONE

Please make checks payable to: PRAIRIE STATE CANOEISTS
Complete & SIGN then mail to: c/o Ken Cole
 224 Lafayette Dr
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Trip Reports (con't)

biggest challenge was paddling into the full moonlit that blinded us. However, the trip was so enjoyable that several recarshifted in order to lengthen the trip. **Joan Taylor and Andy Cocallas**

October 5-12 Michigan Rivers

This trip started with a windy day on the Jordan, (two canoes ended up being blown by the wind sideways. Yes, the wind was behind us.), included two exciting days on the Sturgeon, a slower day on the Pigeon, a rainy but warm day on the Boardman, three glorious days on the Pine and a day of sharing the Pere Marquette with salmon and fisherman. What a beautiful fall and what a fantastic time to be in Michigan! Look for this trip next year if you enjoy great rivers, fine company, great colors, cold nights and warming hands and feet at the campfire. One of us even warmed a rock to take to bed. The highlight of the campfire time was singing with Bill O'Malley. **Joan Taylor**

October 30-31 Wisconsin River

For those who arrived Friday afternoon or early evening we found ourselves pleasantly surprised to be quite comfortable in a tee shirt when we retired from our campfire and went to bed. As expected, however, that pleasure was short lived. During the night the weather front came through. The remainder of our weekend was mildly windy, highs varying from the upper 50's to lower 60's, with misty-drizzly spells. Mirror Lake

itself is well protected from the wind, but after portaging down into Lake Delton we opted not to proceed to the far end as the wind was a bit brisk out there. Instead we did a little scouting around the bay where the Tommy Bartlett water show theater is—hoping to find another canyon to explore. However it turned out to be too small and shallow-so that excursion was very short-lived.

Sunday however found our group of a divided spirit. Fortunately though the river/lake situation at the Dells area leaves us with multiple easy options so those who preferred a day on the river did so and the rest of us performed another exploratory adventure and scouted out the sections of Mirror Lake which we previously never have. I (Lou) have not yet (at the time of this report) made contact with any of the survivors of the river trip, but I am very pleased to report that the scouting trip on the remainder of Mirror Lake was very fulfilling. It is predominately surrounded by high steep bluffs with an occasional canyon (ripe for exploration). The headwaters end tends to be a low swampy area defined by bull rushes and duckweed. Our native guides gave up too soon, looking for the fabled feeder creek. However Tyler & Tim (Tyler's big bro) were more determined and did discover the entrance channel after the rest of us had given up and moved on; all in all, another great weekend. And once more my heart sings the once famous theme song, "Who lives better than us?" **Louis, Ruth & Tyler Igyarto**

From the Incoming Chair:

Our organization membership numbers almost 500 households annually. As your chair for the 2005 season, I do not take this responsibility lightly. The assembled directors and officers for this season are all experienced, enthusiastic paddlers who are dedicated to club leadership. Our goal is to meet every one of you on a paddling trip, so please get out there and paddle! Based on many miles of paddling and many hours of informal conversation with you over the past several seasons, we have set in motion a number of initiatives to try to meet your concerns and wishes. Check out the schedule and notices below.

First, we want to **expand the number and variety of trips** by encouraging new, first-time trip leaders to step forward to lead trips and, of course, relying on veteran trip leaders to schedule even more trips. Plan to attend the **Trip Leaders' Meeting and Workshop on January 22**, featuring some of our most experienced trip leaders. You may also schedule a **Scouting Trip**, which has been an important club activity in the past.

Hoping to start a new PSC tradition, we are announcing **monthly social events**. Tom and Anna Croak have stepped forward to host the first one in January, and Larry Forgala hosts the February get-together. Tracy Hunt is working on a **mid-summer picnic**. We will need many volunteers to make this event successful, so please contact Tracy. For our **Spring Dinner on March 5**, Bob Tyler and Tom Lindblade share more outrageous *Guerilla Paddling Tales*.

Most importantly, your help is needed to make any of these events successful. Please volunteer to help on one of these event teams. Contact the person in charge or me at 708-547-5314, kslr@aol.com.

Bill

Paddlers Marketplace

Due to limited space, items will only be listed here for one issue unless you contact the editor and request that your ad continue. A new list is compiled for each issue.

For Sale: Blackhawk Shadow solo canoe. Green FG w/wood gunwhales; seldom used. Mark 608-362-8256

Announcements (con't)

Dates To Remember

Saturday, January 8	January Social at Mickey Finn's in Libertyville
Saturday, January 22	11:00am Board Meeting, all members welcome to attend 1:00pm Trip Leaders meeting and workshop Izaak Walton Home, Elgin
Saturday-Sunday, February 12 & 13	Wilderness First Aid Course, College of DuPage
Saturday, February 12	February Social at Les Brothers Restaurant in Hickory Hills
Saturday, March 5	Spring Dinner (details will be in the Feb-Mar newsletter) Bob Tyler and Tom Lindblade More Guerilla Canoeing in Illinois
March 11-13	Canoeecopia
April 10	Trip leaders' Orientation Trip, Nippersink River
July (tentative)	Mid-summer Picnic—Games, Food, Paddle Gear Swap/Sale, skills, safety training
Saturday, November 12	Fall Dinner

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Trip Reports (con't)

June 5 DuPage Cleanup

In spite of the official word from the organizers that the DuPage was too "high" to paddle, we conducted our annual cleanup trip. As usual, a fearsome amount of trash was pulled out. Many thanks to all whom participated. **Joan Taylor and Dave Coulter**

June 9 Yellow River, Indiana Cleanup

What fun! Three canoes loaded with trash came up to a pull over near the end of the trip. Picture an aluminum canoe with a 25 pound misc. object with grass growing out of it, a steering wheel and about a hundred other objects being hauled over a fallen log. Much laughing ensued and a good time was had by all. **Joan Taylor and Jim and Alice Deck.**

July 18 DuPage River

The trip was grand. Everyone enjoyed the sunny day on the DuPage despite that it was a bit low. All the kayakers exited the river early while the canoeists forged ahead. We enjoyed the meanders of the DuPage as it twisted its way to the I & M canal. Afterwards we sipped a few homemade barley pops. **Glenn Jensen**

July 25 Fox River

After a breakfast of donuts, tea and coffee, we boarded our craft from a sand beach. A gentle breeze accompanied us as we paddled

north to Blackhawk Forest Preserve. While we paddled fish jumped and hawks circled above. During lunch, the Fox Valley Trolley made a stop and some paddlers stepped aboard the train. Paddling back became thrilling by the wake left by motor boats. The kayakers enthusiastically played in the man-made waves. **Glenn Jensen**

August 10-15 Pine River, Michigan

Folks came from Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Illinois to enjoy the Pine in August. The outing included lowering the boats by rope at Edgetts, which was great fun for all except the leader who was sent off in her canoe with all paddles, tied in. She was headed for a strainer when a fellow paddler lent a paddle. One paddler enjoyed a couple of swims. Fortunately, he was a lifeguard in a former career. Although not an official cleanup trip, much trash was collected including about \$32 worth of aluminum cans. Several who could not face driving home on Sunday stayed and paddled on unofficial day on the Pere Marquette. **Joan Taylor**

September 28 Moonlight Cruise on the DesPlaines

After several unsuccessful attempts, we held a successful cruise in the full moonlight. There were several challenges such as getting everyone in the water before the landing officially closes at sundown; maneuvering through the branches in the dim light and missing rocks in a low river. But the

Trip Announcements

1-Jan

New Year's Day Paddle

Vic Hurtowy vhurtowy@comcast.net

773-787-9653

What a great way to begin the New Year and revive yourself from the night before!!! **Plans are still in development at press time so watch the PSC website for details or contact Vic.**

Trip Reports

April 3

Nippersink Creek

This has to be one of the windiest trips of the season. Most folks had the good sense to stay home, but four hardy folks couldn't resist the challenge. Many thanks to Dave Hurt's wife for rescuing us at the lunch stop to take us to our cars. The adventure continued as the wind blew Dave's kayak over to the side of my car on the way back to his car. **Joan Taylor**

April 17

Elkhorn Creek

This was an alternate trip because the Carroll Creek was too low. The Elkhorn is a little known (at least by PSC) small, rural stream with nice scenery. Access points are good. Wildlife included the usual waterfowl with evidence of deer, raccoon, et al. We paddled into the Rock River for about two miles to the boat launch site on river right. This was a very enjoyable trip. Thanks to Tom Lindblade's knowledge of the small streams in that area. **Bill Kessler**

April 25

Nippersink Creek
Chain of Lakes

Our day began at the Nippersink Canoebase with a dead calm in a pea soup fog. But the fog quickly yielded to blustery "welcome back springtime" winds, which used the day

to walk around the compass from the N/W on down to the S/W. The change brought with it the much cherished warm spring air, but on a trip which combined river and lake paddling with multiple options as to which course we would follow, the changing directions of the wind made it difficult to pick the route that would allow us the pleasure of paddling with the wind instead of against it. Thanks to Jim Lickbergs's GPS device we now know that we paddled approximately 2 miles on the Nippersink Creek and about 4.7 miles through Pistakee, Nippersink, Dunns and Fox Lakes. We took advantage of the lee sides of islands and high-banked shorelines as much as possible and earned our daily ration of rum by performing a wind ferry to cross Nippersink Lake with a 50 mph headwind and 2 ft standings waves. The only other humans on the lakes were fishermen in bass boats which made for a predominately smooth and quiet day. The buds popping out on the trees and mother Nature's little fur balls and feathered friends all busily scurrying around preparing for the summer season to some (the author's favorites being the fuzzy little goslings following mom and dad around) were like a delicious icing atop an already good cake. We all went home with our eyes full, our hearts happy and our bodies darn tired and worn out. Much thanks to God for another great PSC Paddle day. **Louis and Tyler Igyarto**

Announcements (con't)

A New PSC Tradition Is Born!

To ward off those wintertime, paddling-deprivation blues, join your fellow paddlers for an evening of conversation, tall tales, perhaps a speaker or a video to watch. Tom and Anna Croak will host the first monthly social on Saturday evening, **January 8** (details below).

For February, join host Larry Forgala on Saturday, the 12th (details in the Feb-Mar newsletter).

We would like to hold some kind of casual get-together each month in various locations around northern Illinois. If you have a favorite watering hole that will tolerate a bunch of us, please contact Bill Kessler.

For July, plans are under way for a **mid-summer picnic** with a variety of activities – food and drink, test-paddling canoes, games, skill-building sessions, paddlers' gear swap. For this event, especially, we will need many volunteers to make it a success. Contact Tracy Hunt; 630-832-3538; tjhunt@netzero.net

Join Us At Mickey Finn's!

Saturday Evening, January 8, around 6:30pm

412 North Milwaukee Ave

Libertyville, IL 60048

847.362.6688

www.mickeyfinnsbrewery.com

Your hosts: Tom and Anna Croak, 847-948-8794 paddler6@earthlink.net

Directions: Downtown Libertyville on Milwaukee Avenue (Route 21), about a half mile north of Route 176 (Rockland Road) and about 2 miles south of Route 137. Plenty of parking, including at the rear of the building. The event is casual, but please let Tom and Anna know if you might attend in order to give the innkeepers a heads-up.

Announcements (con't)*Trip Leaders' Meeting and Workshop***Saturday, January 22**

1:00 PM

Izaak Walton Home
899 Jay Street, Elgin, IL

The **Annual Trip Leaders' Meeting** is your opportunity to meet other trip leaders and help develop the Master Trip Schedule for the 2005 season. Beverages and snacks will be provided. If you cannot attend, you may send your trip information - name of river and date only - in advance to: kslr@aol.com.

The **Trip Leaders' Workshop** will be lead by veteran trip leaders Joan Taylor, Tom Lindblade, Sherri Johnson and others. They will review the club rules and protocols for leading trips and will share their experiences from years and miles of leading hundreds of happy paddlers on canoe trips. This workshop will be followed up by a **Trip Leaders' Orientation Trip on April 10**. It is not necessary for you to attend these sessions in order to become a trip leader, but the sessions will be helpful.

Directions to the Izaak Walton Home, 899 Jay Street, Elgin, IL

The Ike House is situated on Poplar Creek where Jay Street deadends. From I-90, take Route 25 south for about three (3) miles and turn left onto Jay Street. From Route 20, go north on Route 20 for three (3) blocks, turn right onto Jay Street. Parking for about 30 cars on the property, with overflow parking on Harrison Street (no parking on Jay Street). See map on next page

NOTE: PSC Board meeting will begin at 11:00am. All members are welcome to attend.

Members who led trips in 2004

Joann Benedetto	Alice Clifford	Rick Fleming
Carole Snowden	Bill Kessler	Larry Forgala
Karen Wedde	Joan Taylor	Tyler Igyarto*
Vic Hurtowy	Mark Morrall	John Shaw
Jerry Emerson	Louis Igyarto	Barb Shaw
Romi Jabarin*	Ruth Igyarto	Michael Collins
Bill Barclay	Bob Fenger	Christina Collins
Larry Rice	Austin Fenger*	Sig Pilgrim
Tom Lindblade	Larry Tennyson	Glenn Jensen
Tom Richardson	Evelyn Tennyson	John Shafran
Bob Kane	John Ziegler	June Huffman
A.J. Jabarin*	Marilyn Ziegler	Allen Close
Steve Shapiro	Jerry Kolar	Rich Rothrock
Ray Ziemer	Merri Morrall	Andy Cocallas
Sherri Johnson	Peg Strobel	Dave Coulter
Rosetta Kessler	Mike Budrys	Jim Deck
Paul Clifford	Anita Budrys	

*Junior Trip Leader

New River Rats*

Dan Benthall
Ken Cole
Anna Croak
Tom Croak
Richard Delezen
Al Donaldson
Tracy Hunt
Glenn Jensen
Grace Miezal
Voytek Miezal
Merri Morrall
Frances Peshkin
Murray Peshkin
Glenn Rabick
John Shafran
Paul Shafran
Martha Szymoniak
Bernard Terrell
Jeneine Terrell
Janice Wellborn

* First time earning 100 points or more

Clean Up Participants

Allison Bouma
Dave Coulter*
Al Donaldson
Ana Donaldson
Charlie Fenger
Bob Fenger
Karen Hark
Jane Lee Hess
Carol Klug
Steve LaPorte
Lou LaPorte
Tom Lindblade
Deborah Mikasser
Mark Morrall*
Mary Morrall*
Przemek Panek
John Rasmussen
Rich Rothrock
Joan Taylor*
Ray Ziemer*

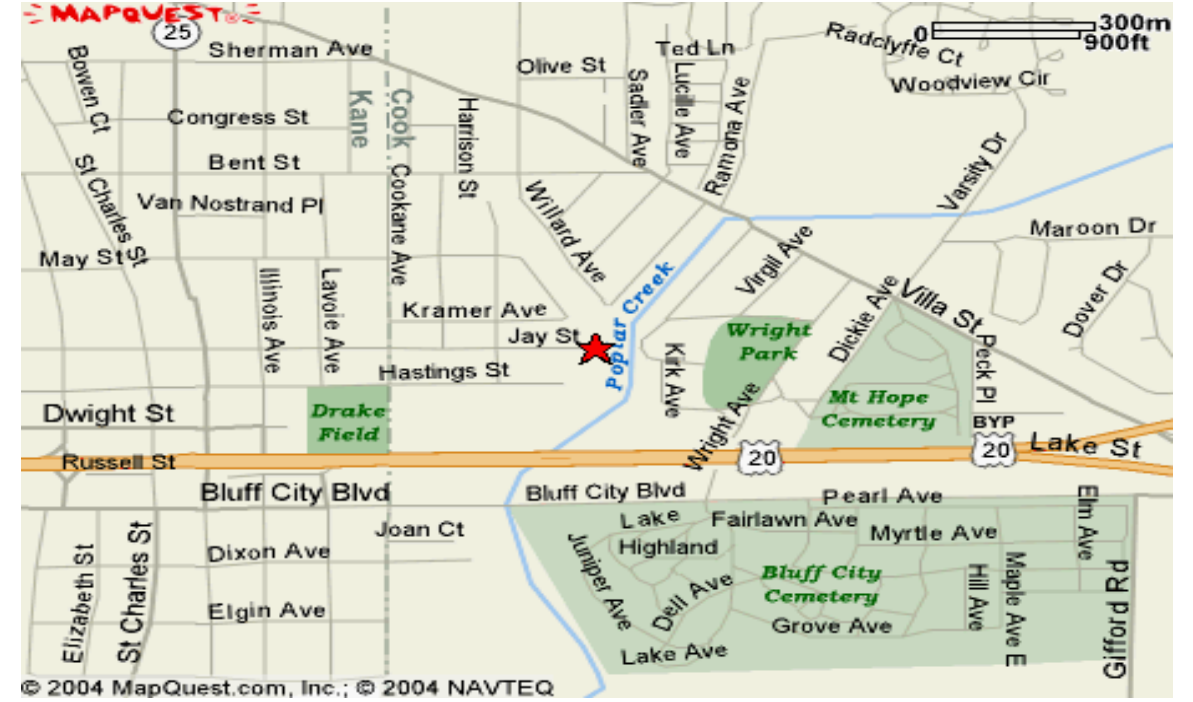
* Leader

Summary of PSC Paddling Points earned in 2004

<i>Paddler of the Year!</i>			
	610 Points	Joan Taylor	
420 Points	Sherri Johnson	170 Points	Jerry Emerson Glenn Rabick
360 Points	Bill Barclay Carol Klug	160 Points	Bernard Terrell
300 Points	Mark Morrall Paul Clifford	150 Points	Steve LaPorte Jeneine Terrell
280 Points	Bill Kessler Mike Budrys	140 Points	Tracy Hunt Art Mayfield Murray Peshkin Frances Peshkin Paul Shafran
270 Points	Anita Budrys		
260 Points	Alice Clifford	130 Points	Allen Close Larry Forgala June Huffman Glenn Jensen Janice Wellborn
250 Points	Peg Strobel John Ziegler		
240 Points	Tom Lindblade	120 Points	Ken Cole Al Donaldson Merri Morrall Martha Szymoniak
230 Points	Marilyn Ziegler		
210 Points	Fran Almquist	110 Points	Bob Fenger Rick Fleming
200 Points	Larry Rice Carole Snowdon	100 Points	Louis Igyarto Bob Kane Larry Tennyson Evelyn Tennyson Ray Ziemer
180 Points	Richard Delezen John Shafran		

Announcements (con't)

Map of Area of Izaak Walton Home, 899 Jay Street, Elgin, IL



Be A Leader!

Trip leaders are the life-blood of Prairie State Canoeists. The trips you lead are the main activity of the club and the reason most of us are members. If you are a veteran trip leader, I hope you will schedule even more trips for 2005. If you have never lead a trip but would like to, here are some tips to get started:

1. Pick a river that you have canoed before, set a date, send the announcement to the newsletter editor before the deadline;
2. If you are not confident about trip leading yet, call an experienced leader and volunteer to co-lead a trip;
3. Attend the trip leaders' workshop on Saturday, January 22 at the Izaak Walton Home in Elgin (see directions) and the orientation trip April 10.

Announcements (con't)

Explore A New River!

Revive a PSC tradition by scouting and reporting on a river or creek that has not been run by the club recently. While we logged 43 different streams in the 2004 season, there are hundreds more that can be run. Many of these were favorite trips in the past, but knowledge about them has been lost. If you would like to scout a river that has not been run in recent memory, list it in the 2005 schedule as Scouting Trip. The club protocol requires the following:

The trip be listed or announced in advance as a club trip

A minimum of three (3) boats must participate in the trip

A trip report must be filed so that others may benefit from the scouting trip

Because of the uncertainty of put-in, take-out, and other conditions on the river, the trip leader may limit participants to those with the experience and skills to meet adverse conditions

All paddlers, including the leader, will be credited with 10 trip points for the day

When 9-1-1 Is Not An Option

Wilderness first-aid course offered at College of DuPage

Would you know how to react in an emergency or treat an injury if you are two hours - or two days - away from medical help? Many of our PSC trips, whether a day on our neighborhood creek or a week in the Boundary Waters, could present just such a situation. While we are frozen out of paddling this winter, put the time to good use

Wilderness first-aid and CPR certification
Sponsored by the College of DuPage and SOLO Schools
February 12 and 13, 2005; 8 to 5 each day, Saturday and Sunday
Check out the website at www.soloschools.com
To register, contact Maren McKellin at 630.942.3762.
The cost is \$180.00.

Announcements (con't)

Des Plaines Marathon Needs Volunteers

In the last few years, several important members have retired from their positions on the volunteer list to organize and run this event. In order to continue running the marathon (48 years-the second longest running canoe race in the US), we need to replace these people. Please contact the chairman via the hotline (847-604-2445) if you can help us fill any of these positions.

Co-Chair

- Work with the chairman, willing to take over as chair in 2006
- Conduct monthly meetings (Sept-June)
- Write agenda for monthly meetings
- Stay updated and know status of each job
- May work as liaison between Marathon and Forest Preserve District of Cook County
- Appoint safety committee: make decisions on safety of race (PFD's, cancellation, etc.)
- Coordinate jobs of committee members

Secretary**Treasurer****Finish Line Coordinator**

- Make sure that necessary material are available
- Saturday before the race
 - Setup finish line - (results board, signs, etc)
 - Setup banner across river
 - See that the tents are set up at proper place
- May serve as liaison with Forest Preserve District of Cook County including 'walk through' the week before the race
- Help find alternate parking if necessary
- Sunday after the race-take down and return the material to storage

Marketing/Publicity

- Establish list of contacts
- Send out press releases
- Assemble and hand out press release packets on race day
- Contact possible sponsors
- Help 'market' the race (ideas and innovation welcome)
- Distribute race results

Starter/Assistant Starter Race Day

- Lines boats up at start line
- Starts heats every 2 minutes
- Mark boats that do not start with heat
- Communicate with timer

Committee Member

- Attend monthly meetings
- Give input as how to improve race and various functions of the race
- Assume various duties as needed

Registrar

- Check over registration as received
- Register boats on excel spreadsheet
- Deposit entry fees as received
- Send numbers-start times to registered paddlers
- Send registration information to timer
- Give special rosters to start line; starter, t-shirt distribution, timer