

Trips – December 2009

Canoe Trips

Flatwater

It is usual for there to be fewer trips over the Christmas season but one is planned for Sunday December 13 to make up for the ones missed earlier this season. It will be a short one—near the shortest day—possibly round the Ten Mile Point, Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay area if the winds allow. As usual, an e-mail will be sent out a few days prior to the date asking who is interested in taking part.

Contact is Alan Thomson 250-592-4170 or 3135thom@islandnet.com. Kayakers are always welcome to take part.

For planning purposes, the first Flatwater trip of 2010 is scheduled for Saturday, January 9.

Usual arrangements:

- * Meet in the parking lot by the Clubhouse at 9 am;
- * Call or e-mail Linda and Alan Thomson by the Thursday evening before the paddle date if you would like to take part, and let us know if you need a boat or partner;
- * Check the weather forecast for likely wind and rain conditions (250) 363-6717 or -6880 by telephone or the Environment Canada [internet forecast](#) and bring clothing suitable to the day;
- * Bring lunch and hot drinks, too.
- * The Club's website ([click here](#)) tells you what is expected of trip participants.

A reminder note will be e-mailed to all section members the weekend before the planned trip.

Moving Water

Trips will depend on water levels and what the group is into. Here are the proposed dates although feel free to initiate a paddle any time.

Saturday, December 12

Sunday, December 27

All the details same as last year, 8:30 Millstream etc. A brief email reply is helpful to ensure we

will wait if you might be a minute or two late or to call you in the event of a cancellation and save an unnecessary trip to the meeting place. If you are no longer interested in participating drop me a reply to that effect and the harassment will stop. Otherwise it's "game on". Club boats are available for rental use by moving water course graduates but give me a call to make sure one is available. Sometimes a tandem seat will open up if you need a partner. See you on the river!

Tom Staebell

For Sale – Canoe

Thanks to the Club's purchase of a new flatwater boat, we are getting rid of one of the Club boats. It is an old fibreglass canoe, made from a long-lost mould. On the outside, the hull looks to have been patched in a couple of places, but they may be repairs to out-of-the-mould blemishes as the inside looks fine. It is 17' long and weighs about 75-80lbs, with wooden thwarts, seats and gunwales, a keelson and a fibreglass yoke. It can be seen in the Club compound on rack #22. While it has not been used by the Club for some years, I had it out two weeks ago and it is in usable condition although some TLC to the woodwork would not go amiss. While it will never be a sleek racing machine, it is deep, so has good freeboard which makes it a safe canoe for family paddles.

We'd sell it for \$100 obo, otherwise it is destined for the great canoe graveyard in the sky (or lake?). The rack space it currently occupies does not go with the boat.

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