

Washington Canoe Club **NEWS**

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Dues Increase in 2018, Space Available for New Members

In May, the WCC Board voted to raise the member cap to 250 members as well as increase dues. As of July 1, 2017, individual memberships are \$850 and family memberships are \$1,200. Current members will not see these increases until January 2018. The Board also voted to eliminate the \$30 application fee for prospective members and institute an initiation fee of \$250 for new members over the age of 29. Those under 30 may elect to defer this fee.



The WCC board takes seriously its obligation to maintain the long term financial solvency of the club and our commitment to help finance boathouse restoration through current membership dues. We decided not to increase dues for current members in 2017, but upon careful consideration of the capital and operational needs of WCC we unanimously agreed to an approximately 10% increase for 2018. Please feel free to discuss with Board members about our attempts to balance immediate investments in fleet and amenities with longer term restoration goals.

The higher membership level cap will also help us meet the Club's financial goals, both short- and long-term. Members are encouraged to invite friends to join WCC while, as always, communicating that we are a paddling club first, social club second.

Sunset Fundraiser a Big Success!

June 17th was the Washington Canoe Club's first official boathouse fundraising event, as well as the date of the return of the Polynesian sailing vessel Hokule'a to her homeport in Hawaii.

The dinner was a huge success for WCC: District Distilling Co. poured elegant cocktails all night long; delicious, Island-themed cuisine was served by Maki Shop and Homeshed Kitchens; The Aloha Boys serenaded guests all evening; and traditional Polynesian dancers and flame-throwers wowed the crowd of over 100 at dusk on the WCC dock.

More than \$14,000 was raised for Boathouse Restoration. This exciting event

would not have been possible without the support of over 75 Club members who lent a hand, from planning and setup to cleanup and takedown, as well as those who generously sent donations, purchased tickets, and bid on the wide variety of exciting live auction items. Our auctioneer, WCC President Andrew Soles, led the event as eager bidders jostled for a morning yoga session on the dock, complete with breakfast courtesy of Mal Maison; a bike tour along the Towpath; traditional Afghan & Spanish dinners; original watercolor prints of the boathouse; and a reserve bottle of wine courtesy of Jackson Family Wines.

A HUGE thank you to member Jasmin Quioco, who chaired the sold-out evening. She and her amazing committee have already begun plans for the next event. And, the evening could not have happened without the contributions of WCC Volunteer Coordinator Christina Potts, who put in countless hours to ensure that the evening was a rousing success.

See a few photos below, and more on the [WCC event page](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).



Fun Times at the Crabfeast

The annual WCC Crabfeast on July 9th was a blast. Thanks to all who helped make it happen and to those who attended!



New Adirondack Chairs!

In case you haven't noticed them yet there are 14 cheerful, new Adirondack chairs assembled by Jim and Lisa Givens available for lounging and lazy days. Thank you! And another big thank you to Mercedes and Mark for sanding and painting our picnic tables -- they look brand new!

Also, we now have two new grills.

Dock-Builders at Work

A team of hard-working club members tackled the task of building a new section of dock on a very hot day. Many thanks to Jim Ross, Bill Woodruff, Brooke Linford, Chris Tousimis, Gavin Ross, John Lederer, and Joel Clement!



New Stand Up Paddle Board

The club has a new 14' ULI touring board. This board is a little lighter, a little wider, and a little thinner than the 14' race board. Because of the heat, all the ULIs are pumped to 15psi but can be topped up to 18 if need be.

As with all the boards, please do not leave them out in the direct sunlight - even if you're just coming in for a little break, get them out of the sun until you are ready to get back in the water.

Enjoy!



Help Bring a Splash of Color to the Boathouse!

Plant donations are welcome, especially perennials (even stem or root cuttings from your gardens would be great). Please contact Angela Miller (angelaumiller@gmail.com) if you would like to leave plant donations at the boathouse.



Monday Novice Outrigger Canoe Paddles Continue

The latest list of Monday Night Paddles for has been added to the Doodle Poll using [this link](#). Please use this for scheduling to help Brooke Linford (bjlinford@yahoo.com) track who and how many will attend

Remember that these paddles are for *current members only*.

Helpful tips

- Don't drag boats or boards on the docks or ground. This beats them up.
- Please help others carry boats and boards. No member should ever have to forego paddling solo because they can't carry a boat or board to the dock.
- Store club kayaks cockpit down (so they don't fill with rain water).

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