

Washington Canoe Club **NEWS**

June 2018

WCC Crab Feast July 8th

The WCC Crab Feast will be July 8th, 1pm-4pm, rain or shine! Members and guests of members are welcome. Along with crabs, we will also offer hot dogs, sides, desserts, and beverages. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$10 teens (kids under 12 free) and \$70 for families.



Breaking News: Successful Sunset Dinner Fundraiser!

The sunset dinner held at the club last night (Saturday, 6/9) was a big success! There are so many to thank and we'll do that and share

more photos in the next newsletter and on Facebook.



Flooding at WCC

A huge thanks goes out to everyone who helped prepare the boathouse for last week's flood, and to those who helped clean up afterward (special "above and beyond" recognition to Mark and Mercedes!). The river crested at 12'3" which brought about a foot of water over the concrete pad and into the building.

Boathouse history nugget from Chris Brown:

"The recent flooding of the WCC boathouse was the most severe in almost a decade, but it's hardly the worst flood in history. In fact, it ranked 17th among the heights of recorded floods in Georgetown. For the WCC, the highest floods occurred in 1936, 1937, 1942, 1972, and 1996."



General Clinton Canoe Regatta

Spring is here, which means WCC made the annual pilgrimage to Oneonta, NY to race on the Susquehanna River in the General Clinton Canoe regatta. This year WCC sent nine teams - including a junior's team - for a total of 59 competitors, varying in age and coming from every discipline of paddling in the club. This was the only junior team at the General Clinton Aluminum Canoe Relay for the second year in a row, and they placed 15th out of 28 canoes.

This was our biggest turnout ever! Way to go, WCC!

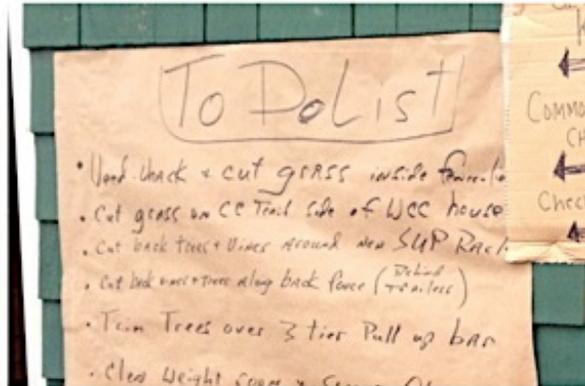
See a few more photos and learn more about the event and WCC's history of participation [on our website](#). If you'd like to join next year, email aquatics@washingtoncanoeclub.org to learn more.



WCC Spring Clean Up and Work Party

Thanks to ALL who came out on a rainy Saturday! In case you missed it here are a few photos from the May 19th Clean Up. One of

our newest members who joined more than 100 others to spruce up the place on a dreary day said "It was fun to be there on Saturday and to meet people. It was great how hard everyone worked and it paid off because the place looked great at the end."



#PaddleNinja Gavin Ross! Watch Party June 25.

WCC's own Gavin Ross just competed on NBC's "American Ninja Warrior" in Philadelphia! The competition will air on Monday, June 25th. WCC members will gather at Mr. Smith's on Water street in Georgetown to watch and learn if Gavin will advance to the finals in Vegas. Join us!



Welcome New Members! Orientation 6/23.

An orientation for new members will take place on Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m. Come meet members, learn club history, culture, rules and how to find your way around the club. Orientations are open to all members (many who've been in the club for a few years never had one). Please RSVP to Membership Director Kelsa Gabehart at membership@WashingtonCanoeClub.org if you'd like to attend.



Volunteers Needed!

Your help is vital to the success of WCC, especially during the busy

summer season. Please take a peek at our urgent needs below and check out the volunteer page of our website regularly for updates.

1.) **Weekend Stewards** - Please volunteer and become a Steward and receive a FREE Dan Havens-designed T-Shirt! You'll be helping insure that members and guests aren't "rudderless" at the club, and you'll meet some of the friendliest crew around. [Click here for available slots](#) or to find out more. Peter Bahor and Steve Krasnow will be happy to answer your questions.

2.) **Fall Fundraiser Committee** - Do you have an idea for a great event? Have you envisioned a way to raise money and have fun at the same time? This is our club; let's brainstorm and make it happen!

3.) **Communications Committee Facilitator** - Are you a good communicator? We need you! to direct existing committee in scheduling social media posts, website updates, article creation and to ensure internal and external communications are clear and accurate.

3.) **Social Media Coordinators** - Post updates to WCC Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and/or other social media platforms to share what's happening with the club.

5.) **Foster Families** - Offer to 'foster' (welcome) a new member. They won't move in with you! Introduce them to friends. Answer questions. Show them around. We want new members to feel at home.

Upcoming Races

June 2 - Bay Bridge Race in Sandy Point, MD OC-6s & small boats

June 16 - Monumental on the Anacostia, OC-6

June 30 - Casco Bay, Portland, Maine, small boats

New Key Distribution

Membership Director Kelsa Gabehart is managing distribution of the new club keys. She will hand out keys at the club on Saturday, June 23, 11-1pm. For anyone who cannot make this date, Kelsa will select a few additional days this month to hand out keys. Her schedule will be posted on FaceBook. The date for the key/lock change-over will be announced soon.

The WCC Newsletter wants your stories!

Do you have a great paddling story that you'd like to share? Or do you, or someone you know, have a long history of engaging in our sports or contributing to WCC? Then the Newsletter team wants to hear from you. We are seeking contributions from our members to help make the Newsletter more engaging - anything from club history, a bio of a long-standing member, a great adventure in an exotic locale, or even just something exciting that happened last weekend at the club. Members who wish to write their own article can do so; if you are not a writer or don't have the time, someone on the Newsletter team will be happy to interview you.

Contact us at WashCanoeClubNews@gmail.com if you'd like to contribute.

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