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Message from the President

Jay Daniel

Wow who would have thought a bet would lead to this: Just a couple of days until the 50th Annual Texas Water Safari!

It's always been an interesting dynamic with the TCKRA and the TWS. Most canoe racers in Texas came to us through the TWS. When one looks at the number of used soda and beer cans that have been turned into canoes I wonder where those boats are at the State Aluminum Championship Races? If you look there is a race or event most weekends so after your butt heals from the Safari (for you novices; it will heal) get back in your boat and get ready for the summer schedule of races.

I'll see you at check in Friday and at the start Saturday. Be safe, and please wear your protective headgear when portaging Gonzales Dam.

Jay



Paddler Profile

(Editor's Note: In each edition of the 2012 Newsletter we will feature interesting and accomplished members of the Texas paddling community. If you would like to nominate someone to be featured in the Paddler Profile, please email their name and contact information to castevenson@gmail.com.)

This edition's featured paddler is Tom Goynes.



TCKRA: What is your full name?

TG: Thomas Anthony Goynes

TCKRA: Where are you from originally, where have you lived and where do you live now?

TG: I was born in Houston in 1950 and did 22 years there. I managed to escape in 1972 when I moved to San Marcos. I had entered into a partnership with a fellow canoe racer named Wayne Walls in 1971, selling and renting canoes and kayaks (we called it Houston Canoe Sales and Rentals). By the summer of 1972 I had decided that I wanted out of the partnership and I wanted out of Houston. Wayne offered to buy me out and we agreed to a 50 mile non-competition agreement. I had been entering the Safari since 1967, and had fallen in love with the San Marcos

River, so the decision to move to San Marcos was an easy one. Paula and I set up shop, renting and selling canoes and running the campground where we are currently living (back then the campground was known simply as Pecan Park).

By the late 70's the lease on the property at Pecan Park was looking pretty shaky, so Paula and I pulled up stakes, bought a piece of land in Martindale and established Shady Grove Campground. By that time our canoe business (Goynes Canoes) had grown substantially. At one point we were renting 80 canoes, we had two school buses running on weekends, and we employed 8 people. We were also the largest Perception Kayak dealer in the country.

But, it was about that time (late 1980's) that I realized that our business had grown to the point that I rarely got outside. I spent most of my life indoors, talking on the phone or sitting in front of a computer (and, I had gotten into the canoeing business in the first place because I wanted to be outdoors). One morning in the fall of 88, as I was jogging on Hwy 1979 I told God that I was ready to give Him complete ownership of "my" business (I had become a Christian in 1981). Until that time I was hanging on pretty tight to that business, having built it from the ground up into the mess that it had become. Anyway, after that jog, as I was making coffee in the office, Mike Spencer walked in and asked if I knew of anyone who was selling riverfront. I just about dropped the pot. It turned out that the Spencer family was selling their ranch in Australia, and they needed to reinvest in property in the US or pay a bunch of income tax. By the end of 88 it was a done deal. Paula, Sandy and I were on

the streets and Spencer Canoes was born.

During 1989 we took a vacation to the West coast, and I attended Dallas Theological Seminary for a semester. It was at DTS that I sensed that God wanted me back on the river, but this time running a youth camp as opposed to a public campground. We ended up buying Pecan Park, where we had started out in the first place. Nowadays we call it the San Marcos River Retreat.

It's not unusual for us to have as many as 200 boy scouts camping with us. And, on Sunday mornings, we provide a short worship service where we always try to present the Gospel. A couple of weeks ago, we gave away a record number of Bibles. Duane TeGrotenhuis usually does the music and I do the preaching. We have been blessed to have guest preachers like Jim Pye bring the message.

In the last few years we have built a chapel on our property and now our church, Three Rivers Community Church, meets here. We don't have to go to church anymore - they come to us.

TCKRA: How did you get started in paddlesport and racing?

TG: I remember, as a kid, seeing a canoe on top of a station wagon at our neighbor's house. They were loading up to go on some sort of canoe/campout. I knew right then and there that I was going to have to get a canoe of my own some day.

Then, I remember seeing a picture of the winners of the Texas Water Safari on the front page of the Houston Chronicle back in the spring of 1963. Jimmy Jones was passed out and lying on his back. Lynn Maughmer was lying face down on the sand supporting himself with his elbows. As I recall, the

article said he was throwing up. I was hooked. I knew that someday I was going to have to race in that race.

TCKRA: How did you learn of the Texas Water Safari?

TG: That article was the first time. After that I read about the race whenever an article appeared in the Chronicle. The paper had a really good outdoor editor back then named Bob Bristor (I was also convinced that someday I needed to be an outdoor writer). But anyway, Bob obviously had a fascination with the race, and he wrote some great articles. I think he also wrote the articles for some of the national magazines that covered those first races.

TCKRA: When was your first time to race the Texas Water Safari?

TG: 1967

TCKRA: How many times have you won the Texas Water Safari?

TG: Seven times: 1971 and 72; 1977; 1980 and 81, and 1983 ad 85.

TCKRA: How many times have you entered/finished the Texas Water Safari?

TG: I have entered 25 and finished 22.

TCKRA: What is your favorite or most memorable Texas Water Safari and why?

TG: Well, you never forget your first win, so 1971 was pretty neat. And in 1983 and 85, Red Motley and I won the safari in an ICF c-2 racing against four man canoes, so those years were pretty exciting. And I would say that the last time I raced (2003) when I raced with John Dunn, Joe Mynar and Bucky Chatham was the most fun I have ever had in the race.

I got some of my best Safari stories from my first solo race in 1987.

But the two times I raced with my wife Paula and the five times I raced with my daughter Sandy (in 1996 it was the three of us) are the races I wouldn't trade for anything.

TCKRA: **How did you come to “run” the Texas Water Safari and how many years were you in charge of the race?**

TG: In the winter of 1974 the race chairman, Lawrence Hagan, had a heart attack and announced that he was canceling the race for that year. I went to visit him as he was recovering and asked if he would mind if I held a special race in place of the Safari that year - a race limited to aluminum canoes only (kinda what folks were using in 1963) and finish it back in Corpus Christi. He gave me his blessing. So we set up the first (and only) Texas Canoe Marathon.

But, after we had our race set, Mike Wooley visited Lawrence and talked him into letting him run the Safari. So, we ended up with two races that started on the same day. The Safari started at 9 a.m. at City Park, and the Marathon started at 10 at Aquarena Springs. Between the two races we had a pretty good turnout. And the concept of having several classes in the Safari was inaugurated. And whereas the Safari had always had the mystic of being a race where most folks were expected to drop out, the Marathon had the feeling that everyone was expected to finish. So, I think the Marathon gave us some good concepts.

I think it was 1978 when Mike Wooley asked if I would take over the Safari, and I ran the race through the 1989 race. I was responsible for setting up the Safari as a non-profit organization and setting up the board of directors.

TCKRA: **How did the Texas Water Safari of the early days differ from today's Safari?**

TG: Well, as I mentioned, in those early races folks were expected to drop out. It was very rare to have as many as 50 percent of the teams finish. And, it seems that racers are quick to oblige the race officials if they feel that they are expected to quit.

Nowadays there is more of a sense that everyone should make it to the finish line. And, I think that is a very good thing.

TCKRA: **What is the strangest thing you have seen in the Safari?**

TG: It was 1979, I was racing with Paula, the river was flooded, we were down below Victoria, and it was getting dark. Paula pointed out that all of the trees had faces. And they had long pointy noses and long pointy ears. Let's just say that they made gargoyles look good.

So, I'm thinking to myself, man, I have to spot a good hallucination and soon. So, we came around a bend, and there, right in front of the canoe, standing about 100 feet tall, were Roy Rogers, Batman and Superman. They were obviously standing guard over us, possibly with the job of keeping the gargoyles at bay.

So, I pointed them out to Paula, she saw them as well, and it seemed to make things a lot better.

Now, in that same section, back in 1968, my brother saw a 6 foot rooster wearing gym shorts. But I still think he was making that one up...

TCKRA: **Who is the most colorful character that you have seen associated with the Safari?**

TG: I think any guy who wears tights would qualify, especially if they have some sort of print on them.

TCKRA: **What do you think is the future of the Texas Water Safari?**

TG: I am sure that the race will have at least another 50 years. It is simply too addicting to end. It almost seems that it is kinda like a spring tonic - it makes you feel so good when you get to Seadrift, that you decide, almost immediately, that you are going to have to do it again next year.

TCKRA: **Do you have any advice or words of wisdom for new Safari racers?**

TG: Make sure that you are committed to finishing the race. And make sure that your partner (if you have one) and your team captain are just as committed. I don't know of anyone, who has ever dropped out of the race, who would say today that they are really glad that they made the decision to quit.

And, as I tell folks again and again, when you do come to the conclusion that you are going to drop out of the race, realize that you are going to do two things almost immediately: you are

going to sleep, and you are going to eat. But, of course, you can do both of those things and still remain in the race. So, before quitting, eat some of the food that you have been carrying down the river. Then, pick a nice ant-free area and take a long nap.

If you still feel like quitting, at least you have given it your best shot.

TCKRA: **Do you have any advice or words of wisdom for Safari racers who have done the race before?**

TG: First of all, see above.

Then remember, this race only happens once a year. Yes, you're hurting. But surely you can stand it for a few more hours. Give it everything you've got. Save nothing for the finish line. They can get an ambulance to the flag pole (ask West Hansen). And the footage will be impressive.

2012 Race Calendar

June 8 – Texas Water Safari Check-In, San Marcos

June 9-13 – Texas Water Safari, San Marcos

June 27-30 – Yukon River Quest, Whitehorse, AK

July 28 – TCKRA Surfski Championship, Galveston

July 31-Aug 4 – MR340, Kansas City, MO

Aug. 4 – Neches Wilderness Race, Palestine

Aug. 25 – TCKRA Alum. State Championship, Bastrop

Sept. 1-2 – Colorado River 100, Bastrop

Sept. 15 – Jr. Texas Water Safari, San Marcos

Sept. 22 – Trinity River Challenge, Carrollton

Sept. 29 – TCKRA USCA State Championship

Oct. 5-7 – Tour de Teche, Port Barre, LA

Oct. 6 – Come and Take It, Gonzales

Oct. 13 – Cuero Turkeyfest Race, Cuero

Oct. 13-14 – Laredos Rio Fest, Laredo

Oct. 27 – Martindale Triathlon, Martindale

Nov. 3 – Dickinson Bayou Brawl, Dickinson

Dec. 1 – December Solo Race, San Marcos

2012 TCKRA Officers and Board of Directors

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A Cowboy Looks Back at 50

John Mark Harras



When approached to write about the cowboy perspective on the Water Safari, it took a while to figure out what to do. Going over our record was out because it might look like bragging to some and might look pitiful to most. So I'll try to put down some of the things I remember along the way, for the reader to get the most out of it stay up 18 hours, and while reading, call huts every so often and eat a few water soaked Powerbars.

Things have changed so much from back in 1983 when I started and didn't anywhere near finish my first Safari. First, NO INTERNET!! Can you imagine setting up a practice without email? No cell phones either, unless you had lot of cash, which I didn't. The main difference caused by the internet is the old way to learn the Safari was to practice, learn by hitting things, or get Tom to talk to you at Shady Grove. Cuts, jams, foods, all these things were guarded like state secrets. The whole culture of secrecy was carried on to race day. You might never know who was racing until they showed up Friday, plopped down their \$25, and went back to rig their boats.

I think carbide lamps had come & gone by the time I started. My first bow light was the traditional 6 volt lamp duct taped to the bow of my Grumman at the start. State of the art was the 965 bulb; run a little hot it threw a beam that could blind a hawk. I swear if we could get hold of them we'd still use them. John still has a fog light all rigged out for 965's in his truck. Several guys used Maglights, and if you need proof of the company's quality, people still use Maglights.

The flood of '98 did a number on a few bridges. If you've noticed the railroad tie decking river left below Stairtown, that's the old Stairtown bridge, washed away in '87. Where the other half of the bridge is, I don't know; probably somebody's deck. There are new bridges up in Prairie Lea, Victoria 59B, Gonzales, upstream from Victoria park. Also of course, old bridges that have gone away: the trestle above Palmetto, the Cone Street bridge by Gonzales, the 59B trestle.

Stick around the race long enough and you might even see some minor geologic change. Below Prairie Lea there used to be a tiny, then a big gut called death cut, because frequently even

though it was a time saver, a lot of times you went around anyway, to get the deposit back on your rental. Now it's the river. Tin house cut used to be another big time saver if the river was up, and if you weren't too dinged out to remember or recognize it, now it's the river. Maybe my favorite is the hairpin turn just upstream from Ottine. The first time I ran it, it was a cut that saved about 5 minutes off the river, which can still be seen all silted in right at the turn. I know this because in '83 I ran the river and was portaging upstream over a few logs when someone coming down stream ask me what the **&^? we were doing and explained the river went the other way; must have been a fisherman because I don't think anyone was behind us. So, you know that section of the hairpin where the river is going to cut through soon and we'll go straight through? Well I think the first time I noticed it was in '84 so not everything is river now.

Some of the old boats had names and I remember seeing one that had its history written out, the Maryanne, the Double Deuce, Delta Dawn (a rowing shell), the Grey Ghost, 50 to 1 Longshot and Serious Threat, which we bought and turned into the Mysterious Hat.

In those days before the "Arms War" between Bugge & The Mynars, for a while the thought was the best boat ever was the Wenonah ICF, because Mike & John put such a hurt on everyone when they got the record in one. Before then the thought was rowing was the way to go. Sawyer Sabers were great boats, designed for the race specifically, great on straightaways and a little hard to turn. And take it from me –

not the boat to run a Safari 3-man in!! Once the cold war heated up it went up to 9 man. John's 56' monster took second and shaved years off the lives of Robert & Zoltan.

Another big change: the number of entrants and finishers. Back when I started depending on the year there might be 50 boats. Fewer starters then than there are finishers now, and the finishing percentage was lower too, usually under 50 %. The first year I finished we drug in at 80 hours and took home 17th place, those days are long gone! Also gone are the days when Carol was the only woman in the race. I'm not sure what percentage of Safari racers are women here lately, 5-10 I'd guess, but the first time Carol finished she was the only one who entered. This was years after Wyllie Waterman (she was the first gal to finish back in the early 60's). I met her several times in the 80's and she was pure tough. If you wanted a Texas Trophy you needed to come in under 60 hours.

I'd like to finish up by thanking everyone who's run in our boats, been team captains, and some of the great people we've met on the bank, racers' families and ground crews alike. I'm pleased to have met each of you.

Special thanks to my wife, Marie, for putting up with years and years of this race and me. We timed marriage, vacations, kids and cancer around the Safari.

And of course a tip of the hat to Bill "Polecat" Stafford, Gene "Three Dot" Carlile, and John "Possum Belly" Dupont; it's been a pleasure, gentlemen.



Race Reports

Zedler Mill Classic Canoe Races



Results of the 2012 Zedler Mill Classic Canoe Races on the San Marcos River in Luling, Texas on Saturday, April 28, 2012. All races were 6.5 miles from Hwy. 90 Bridge to Zedler Mill Dam.

Pro Aluminum Class - \$500 in prize money

1 st – Wade Binion & Andrew Condie	0:54:02	\$150
2 nd – John Bugge & Dodd Yeager	0:54.27	\$100
3 rd – Jerry Cochran & Bob Spain	0:54.29	\$75
4 th – Roy Tyrone & Eric Whicker	0:54.30	\$50
5 th – Nathan Tart & Ben Horsey	0:58.22	\$25
6 th – Michael Anderson & Shawn Boyett	0:58.47	
7 th – Mark Simmons & Jim Pye	1:00.20	
8 th – Michael Vandever & Chris Stevenson	1:00:45	
9 th – Max Hambly & Michael Tecci	1:00:59	
10 th – Joy Emshoff & Megan Yeager	1:01:08 *	\$100
11 th – Bill McCanse & Rick Gill	1:06:55	
12 th – John Moore & Zoltan Mraz	1:09:46	

* (Captured \$100 purse for 1st Women's Team)

Tri-County Class

1 st – “Team Kessler” – Bryce Kessler & Melissa Kessler Guadalupe County	1:12:28
2 nd – “Regulators” – Jeff Ferry & Erik Hinterlach Caldwell County	1:21:55
3 rd – “Simon, Catch Up” – Travis Bailey & Trey Hernandez Caldwel County	1:32:39

Business Class

1 st – Salt Flat Pipe & Supply – “Rig One Roughnecks” Gomez & Flores	1:15.52
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2 nd – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital – “Jimmi Johns” Wong & Gibson	1:23.52
3 rd – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital – “Tortuga Team” Hicks & Schwab	1:24.51
4 th – R&F Industries – “R&F TEAM #2” Zamora & Gray	1:25.03
5 th – Luling EMS - “Paramedic Paddlers” Robinson & Etheredge	1:26.56
6 th – R&F Industries – “R&F TEAM #1” Winegart & Indrikos	1:27.26
7 th – Salt Flat Pipe & Supply – “Moby Dick” Patterson & Lawton	1:27.50
8 th – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital – “Terry Can” Bullock & Bullock	1:29.40
9 th – Dismukes Pharmacy – “Team Dismukes” Rodriquez & Burks	1:41.09
10 th – Salt Flat Pipe & Supply – “Dos Hermanas” Patterson & Patterson	1:41.36
11 th – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital – “Team Viento Rojos” Travis & Angelo	1:42.07
12 th – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital - “Insomniacs” Hernandez & Kotzebue	1:43.57
13 th – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital – “Curb Appeal” Hill & Clay	1:46.16
14 th – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital - “Misfits” Davenport & Stahl	1:54.31
15 th – Seton E.B. Davis Hospital – “Ooh La La” Drummond & Cavanaugh	2:00.49
16 th – Salt Flat Pipe & Supply – “Dumb & Dumber” Weaver & Johnson	2:07.18
17 th – Seton E. B. Davis Hospital - “Wildcats” Brooks & Cowan	2:18.47

Novice Class

1 st – Ed Jones & Brenda Jones “Leapfrog”	1:04.56
2 nd Jeanette Burris & Lauren DeLouche “Classy Chicks”	1:11.14
3 rd – Will Young & Thomas McNeil “The Wild Stallions”	1:15.43
4 th – Jeff Greene & Chris Boehk “The Charlie Sweets”	1:25.27
5 th – Amy Wilson & Ty Fangman “\$1.99 out of your mind”	2:17.54

Men’s Solo Recreational Class

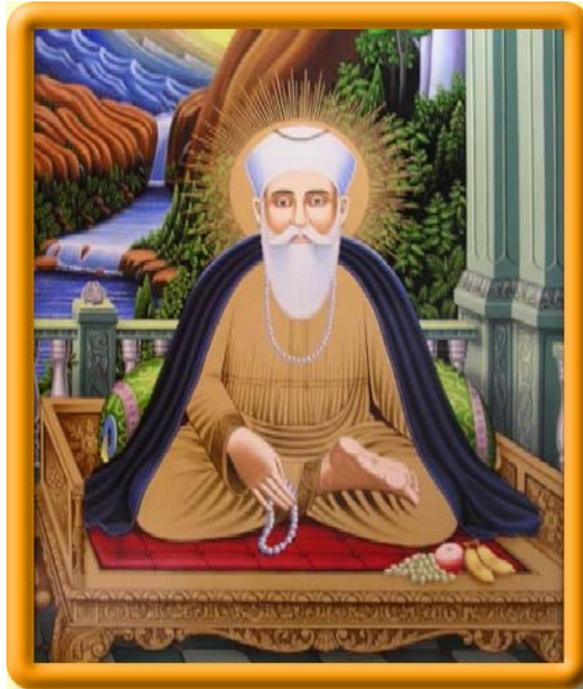
1 st – James Fancher	1:12.07
2 nd - Patrick Davis	1:23.41
3 rd – Chad Davis	1:26.22
4 th – Lembo Allen	1:38.19
5 th – Tim Ellison	2:31.00
6 th – Michael Behr	2:31.04

Women’s Solo Recreational Class

1 st – Ranette Vargas	1:12.07
2 nd – Laurie Taylor	1:32.35
3 rd – Kelly Allen	1:38.18
4 th – Jennifer Howard	2:30.51

Palmetto Hotline

River Guru



In the tradition of Uncle Russ' June Hotlines, this one is written as a report on the finishing teams before the race takes place. As a special tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the Water Safari, the River Guru will mention himself at least 50 times in this issue. Don't miss it! –River Guru

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The **River Guru** (that's RG to you **spiz drinkers**) has looked into the crystal ball, seen the future and is relaying it to you, clearer than a hallucination in Alligator Lake. The 2012 Texas Water Safari summary follows:

The **2012 Texas Water Safari** had controversy before check-in even started. **Tom Goynes** implored the **Safari board** to disqualify all the teams that had been posting inane articles on the internet website. Acceding to the wishes of the Grand Master of the TWS, the board ruled that **Ken Startz** and **Gib-guy** were permanently banned from all Safaris and about half the starting field was removed from Spring Lake, with the **Aggie novice** that portaged over the top of Ottine dam being the poster child of the unfortunates, thereafter known as "**The DQ'd Specials**".

The race had a sketchy start, which required all the boats to paddle beneath the "**Sword of Damocles**" submarine suspended on the largest crane in the state. It appears that the cause of the tragic fall of the submarine onto **Guad Squad Revisited** boat was the vocal vibrations from **Chris Paddock's** propensity to yell out extra "Huts!" to confuse nearby single bladers. Fortunately the sub hit **Horsefly** in the head so no one was hurt, although a crack did emerge simultaneously at the foot of Gonzales dam. The **Rask-afarians** surfed the wave from the dropping sub over the Spring Lake dam and made record time to Rio Vista. Disaster struck as **Michael** drove the boat thru the three chutes, having never before seen the new dam since he'd been in Maryland for the past five years. The **Belizean boat** took the advantage and sprinted down to Luling to pad their lead. Unfortunately, **William's** legendary partiality for Enchilada

plates got the better of him and he convinced both **Amado and Daniel** to do a "crawl" between the seven Mexican restaurants along Highway 183. The **Cops and Nerds** boat held a dubious lead at this point, alas could not hold it after **Rendon** had bored his teammates to tears with his theories on the future of cold fusion powered light systems in the safari. Said **Scott** as he walked away from the boat, "I don't know a milliamp from a Schotky diode, but all I want is you turn on a switch and it works, not a dissertation." **The Cowboys** were looking reasonably good (i.e. they were upright) holding the lead position until the Gonzales checkpoint. **Jerry Nunnery**, the Gonzo official disqualified the team for stealing his cruiser partner and forcing him to officiate again. **Eric W** was last seen paddling the 6-man boat alone in a large, lazy circle just below Monkey Island. Rest of the team whereabouts as of press time is unknown.

Sandy and Tommy were making good time at this point. With all the left, rights more rights, etc, it's hard to imagine how she could steer with her eyes rolled clean back into her head! But their run came to a bad end when **Tommy** finally stopped the boat, broke his paddle and started yelling at the top of his lungs, "Woman, this whole time I've been trying to get you to scratch my back!!!! ... a little to the LEFT!!" Tandem of **Freddy & Gaston** were been drafted by soloer **Kyle** and tandem of **Logan Mynar and Clay W** for hours, when **Gaston** coughed once after choking on a peanut; **the Mynar boys** let him have it for being so mouthy. **Virginia and Morgan** took temporary lead and were doing well until grouchiness gave way to full blown irritability, seems that Morgan took to giving directions as "turn **West, Virginia**, he, he" , "turn away from **West, Virginia**, he, he" . She snapped as blondes will do, and retaliated by calling "**Ko-Huts**". **Andrew Condor** had the lead until below swinging bridge a crisis of conscience swept over him. Even pulling over proved difficult and he found himself in line at **Preacher Jim's Confess** –a –teria recently opened at the Saltwater barrier, franchises are available! Cruising along in wedded bliss and happy first **Sam & Wade** came to grief when he injudiciously started talking about how they could speed up next year. About an hour into his discussion, he heard **Sam** utter those infamous words, "Look a turtle!", took the hint and spoke no more about it. **West Hansen's** late secret entry in standard division went afoul when he ran into an advance pack of head hunters who wanted to get the jump on tourist season. They went away unhappy though with their leader heard to utter, "GRook mat forrgg, chew chew!", Amazonian-ese for "Boys, we're going to need smaller darts, but that **feller with the mask** looks like he'd grill up real good." The C2 race between **Grumpy Old Men** and **Liam & Edoh** from Washington took a decided turn for the worse when the out-of-staters couldn't decide whether to go loco from lack of sleep or snap their boat in two, so they did both. Meanwhile **the geezers** laughing at the fate of their opponents forgot to take their dulcolax and were last seen at the saltwater Barrier entering the porta-potties for an all-day "constitution."

Down on the Victoria Run, old timers in solo boats **Zoltan, Polecat** and **John Qualls** were paddling next to each other for a while complaining that the race nowadays wasn't as good as in the past. In the old days, they'd never had been passed by **solo gals like Holly or Mollie and tandems like Cayla & Courtney or Morgan & Virginia**. Realizing that those glory days were gone forever, they dropped out of the race at the **Cuero bankside barbeque & party** conveniently positioned at the gravel bar above the Thomaston bridge. The gal pals **Myla W. & Debbie R.** were in a heated battle for first place when they realized they needed to get in touch with their inner selves and stopped at the Victoria boat ramp to watch episodes of **Ellen and Dr. Phil**. C-1 paddler and **Justin Bieber** doppelganger **Dood Yeager** had lots of teenyboppers chasing him down the river. His interest in one of them was short-lived as **his mom, Meagan** came around the bend in a standard boat just in time to chase off those little Hussies. Thankfully, the race was finished when **the Eco-diesel's boat and Jeff/Sheila boat** hit the flagpole in a tie. **Linda Cochran** wisely made certain that the Argosy cup was given to **Jeff** to keep **Kieffer & Doran** from using it as the world's largest spittoon and so that **Sheila** would not use it as a potato kugel serving vessel.

About the TCKRA

The Texas Canoe and Kayak Racing Association is a statewide club for persons interested in paddle sport racing. The primary focus of the club is USCA and ICF class marathon racing, but other disciplines of paddle sports are promoted through TCKRA's Race Calendar and Points Program.*

In 1971 a group of canoe paddlers with an interest in canoe and kayak racing joined together and formed the TCRA (which later evolved into the TCKRA). During the past years the organization has grown to one of the largest canoe and kayak clubs in the state. The club is now recognized as the voice for canoe racing in Texas and its members have gained national recognition. Each year the TCKRA participates in approximately 20 canoe races and the TCKRA also organizes and sponsors the Texas State Canoe and Kayak Racing Championship Series. These championship level race events compliment the other annual racing events by recognizing the top competitors in a variety of paddle sport disciplines and classes. Additionally, the TCKRA culminates the season by awarding the top overall paddlers of the year. This recognition is determined through the accumulation of TCKRA Points.*

Whether you are a novice paddler, intermediate or seasoned racer, TCKRA is a great way to meet new people, improve your skills and get out on the river. Our membership spans the state and varies widely by age, gender, skill-level and boat type; even our working careers and professions. We also share a great deal in common - the competitive spirit and an enduring love of the water.

Your annual dues help fund events and activities throughout the year and around the state. By joining the TCKRA you enjoy the following benefits:

- 4 championship races, (Unlimited, Aluminum, USCA and ICF)
- The Martindale Triathlon
- Race discounts for TCKRA members
- Spring and fall river cleanups
- Bi-Monthly newsletter
- Texas paddler directory
- Annual banquet
- Paddling clinics – free to TCKRA members
- 2 TCKRA decals for every member
- Paddler of the Year points competition*
- A TCKRA membership will give you a voice in the racing community and allow us to continue to promote canoe and kayak racing in Texas.

Our members paddle kayaks and canoes crafted from wood, plastic, aluminum, carbon and Kevlar.



TCKRA Membership Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ New Member Yes, No

Email _____ Birthdate _____

Publish contact information in the membership directory (check one) Yes, No

Type of membership (circle below)

Youth \$5

Individual \$15

Family \$20

Business \$25

Business Name _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP shall consist of the members of a household. The household dependents other than the parents or guardians must be less than 18 years of age as of January 1 of the membership year. Dependents age 18 as of January 1 of the membership year must obtain their own individual membership.

YOUTH MEMBERSHIP is available to any person under 18 years of age as of January 1 of the membership year.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP is available to any organization.

If a Family membership, please list family members below:

Name(s) for additional family members

Birthdates

Send form and payment to:

TCKRA Membership
444 Pecan Park Dr.
San Marcos, TX 78666-8544