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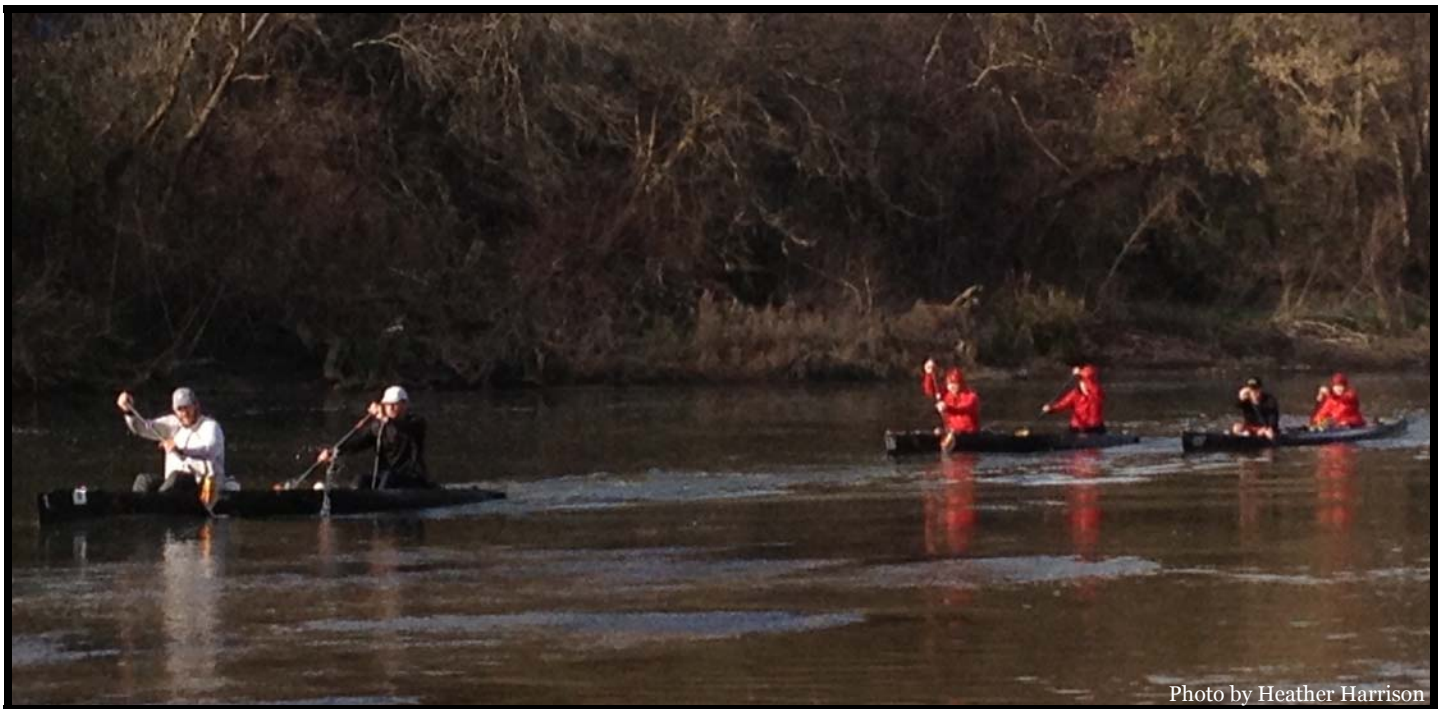


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Message from the President

Jay Daniel

Mike Rendon proposed the following questions in the TCKRA Forum during this last election cycle. I have also included my answers.

Why are you running for the TCKRA Board?

To continue the growth and improvements started by this year's Board. To confront and implement the changes and issues in questions two and three.

In part because I've enjoyed (and yes, sometimes hated) serving the racing community for the last 20 odd years.

What are the issues or items that the TCKRA must address in 2013?

- 1) Integration of new racers into the club whether they race plastic sit on tops or ICF;
- 2) Meeting the needs of racers of all disciplines. Some of the commentary on sprint vs ultra-marathon etc., while disturbing in presentation is accurate in terms of how Texas Canoe and Kayak Racing is perceived;
- 3) Timely distribution of information through keeping the TCKRA Website and TCKRA Forum up to date.

What are the three biggest changes you would like to see made to the TCKRA in 2013?

- 1) Continue the integration of TCKRA Championship Races with other events, e.g. Kane Klassica, to both reduce costs and administration and to raise the profile of the TCKRA;
- 2) Continue the growth of the club by improving relevance to entry level and elite racers to TWS racers and Sprint racers and all of those in between;
- 3) Improved communication to the racing community.

What the club needs from each of us is HOW do we confront and address these issues? The racing community has evolved, or devolved depending on one's perspective, into what David Unruh defined in 1980 as a "Social World." Unruh defined a Social World as a "form of social organization which cannot be accurately delineated by spatial, territorial, formal or membership boundaries." And just think, this was written before the internet blew up into e-mail, forums, chat boards, Facebook, Twitter, etc. At the end of the day we, the TCKRA, are a social organization and we (maybe just old guys like me) have to learn to communicate across a great cross section of communication styles.

Finally, I want to say thank you to Bob Spain for his more than 20 years of service to the TCKRA. Bob has worked tirelessly on any number of issues at both the state and national level. This included a stint as the USCA President as well as every office the TCKRA has had to offer. While he was not elected to this year's TCKRA Board of Directors, he continues to serve as a USCA Delegate and TWS Board Member.

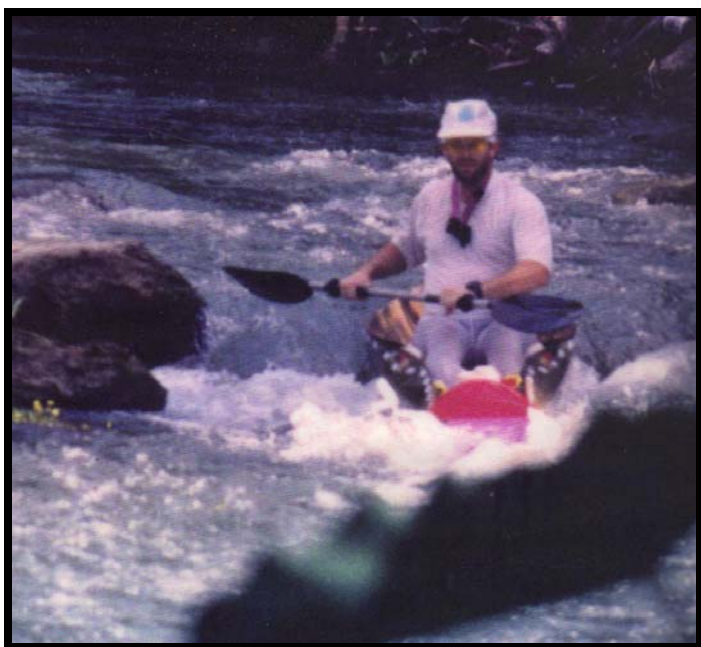
See you on the river.

Jay

Paddler Profile

(Editor's Note: In each edition of the 2013 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 features Jack Spencer.



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

JS: I was born in November, 1961, in the plush wetlands of Midland, Texas. You can tell I didn't spend much time there. Starting in 1965, I've spent 35 of my 51 years in San Marcos and Austin.

TCKRA: How did you get started building canoes?

JS: I got started while working for Tom Goynes in 1983. In the beginning it was slalom kayaks and downriver K-1s. My brother designed and built his first Safari boat, the XXX, in 1985.

TCKRA: When and how did your family acquire Spencer Campground and the canoe livery?

JS: My mom's family sold their Australian cattle ranch, and with her share, she

purchased the campground and canoe business in 1988 as replacement property and became Headquarters of the Texas Water Safari.

TCKRA: About how many boats do you produce per year?

JS: Between 8 and 12. Personally, I believe building a woodstrip, turning that into a plug, making a mold, and building a 6-person canoe should count as at least 5 on its own.

TCKRA: How much boat repair/rigging do you do versus building new boats?

JS: There is always a push on repairs and rigging before and just after the Water Safari so that dominates in the spring. When the normal routine returns, it's 60/40 with boat building coming out on top when you include development of new designs. We've introduced 6 new designs in the last 6 years.

TCKRA: How do you design the boats you build?

JS: On new designs like the DSX and the 5-man, I draw these up by hand and then work with a CAD operator using navel architecture software. After that process, there is always an opportunity to make subtle changes during the build. That way the design aspect of a build goes on even after your boat plans are finished.

TCKRA: Can you describe your most successful and popular models?

JS: At Spencer Canoes, we've made boats ranging from Olympic K-1s to OC-1 whitewater to Egrets to 6-person monsters. Our most successful models and what we're known for are the ultra-marathon racing canoes. The Extreme solo racer has been the most produced and won the most races with the Spencer C-3 coming in second. The new Safari C-2 (formerly referred to as a Kelly or Strike) is probably going to become quite popular

TCKRA: What about designs or boats that didn't do well?

JS: Well, the DSX hasn't found its niche yet. It's a 21' solo boat intended to offer an alternative to surf skis. In the Safari, I think it's much better than any surf ski, and Erin McGee has put it to good use. It even won the MS 340 once, and probably could have won it again last year since the surf-ski boys who were leading the race all quit due to choppy conditions.

TCKRA: What has changed in boatbuilding since you got started?

JS: There's a little more of it in Texas these days. Some good, some not so good. Slowly some new materials are becoming available that will enable stronger lay-ups, but it's a little soon to pull the trigger yet. More feedback needed.

The use of carbon fiber has become more widespread throughout the industry. Spencer Canoes, small as we are, was probably the first builder in the country to use carbon fiber to make canoes stronger as opposed to lighter. In 1991 Spencer's Double Trouble was the first carbon boat in the Safari. Before that the only carbon builders were Diller or Crozier making ultra-light C-1s and pro-boats.

TCKRA: Have you raced yourself? If so, what races and how did you do?

JS: My first race was the 1983 Novice State Championship which my brother and I won. From there I've done kayak slalom and raced a lot of the TCRA sponsored races from early 80s to mid-90s. I was even the Solo Unlimited State Champion in 1988, but it really shouldn't be mentioned because there were only 2 of us in the race! And finally, from 1991 to 2003, I completed 5 Safaris with 60 hours flat being my best time.

TCKRA: What have you learned about boat building from paddling yourself?

JS: Obviously, you get practical experience with use. With the wear and stress on the boat, you learn what has to stay strong and where you can shave weight when building. Above that, what I focus on is learning what the hull you are in is doing to the water as you paddle through it. For instance, you recognize the feel of a boat with rocker versus a straight-bottomed, square-bowed pro-boat, and how they cross eddy lines differently.

Hard chine versus soft chine, seat height differences, trim differences---once you start getting some idea of how these differences affect your boat, you can start designing racing boats with the knowledge that you're going to keep learning as the years go on and on. I designed my first racing canoe in 1989, the Safari Eagle, and drew the Extreme on Auto-Cad in early 1992 with Sean Mitchell.

TCKRA: How has the Safari changed since you first got involved with the race?

JS: It's grown a lot since I saw my first start in 1966. Everything keeps getting more and more sophisticated, from the boats themselves to the clothes, to the food, the paddles, the lights.....Everything except the people. They are just as "special" as ever...in a good way and I say this with love.

TCKRA: Are you working on any new designs now? If so, what can you tell us about it?

JS: 2013 will see a re-design of the Extreme called the Extreme Pro. Of course, the goal is to get much faster. I'm sure we've done that probably by 3/10th mph. (Of course, I pulled that number right out of you-know-where, but I'm hoping it's really close.) The real icing though is more stability and a

higher seat. The mold is almost done. Start building in February.

TCKRA: Any funny or interesting stories about boat repairs you have made? (Last minute for the Safari, crazy requests, wild way the boat got damaged, etc.)

JS: I'm going to pass on this question 'cause there's never anything funny about breaking your racing canoe... We all know that's not true, but rather than name names that will sully the reputation of all, I need to save this one and combine the answer to the next two questions and get back in the shop.

TCKRA: What advice would you give to folks about boats who are just getting started in the sport?

TCKRA: What about words of wisdom on boats for those who have been at it a while?

JS: I'm going to answer the two questions as it pertains to ultra-marathon and unlimited-class boats. For beginners

and veterans alike, don't pick a boat that takes you beyond your comfort zone. Buying the hull that you think is the fastest burns many more racers than it helps. Being able to sit up well and paddle hard all the way to the finish line is far more important in the Safari than having a faster boat. So look for the fastest hull you can still paddle with an acceptable level of comfort.

You need to push the envelope to get faster by learning to sit in faster, less stable boats, but don't start a race like the Safari in a hull you haven't fully mastered.

Well, that's it. Thanks for asking me to spout off a little. Be excellent to one another, and I'll see all of you on the river.

-Jack

P.S. Stop by for a visit.

2013 Race Calendar

Feb. 10 - Town Lake Series 3, Austin
Feb. 16 - Luce Bayou, Huffman, TX
Feb. 16 - Safari Seminar, Luling
Feb. 24 - Town Lake Series 4, Austin
March 2 - San Marcos River CU, San Marcos
March 16 - Buffalo Bayou Regatta, Houston
March 23 - Greens Bayou, Houston
March 30 - Paddle Splash
April 6 - Colorado River Ramble, Austin
April 13 - Hidalgo Falls, Navasota
April 20 - ICF State Championship, Houston
April 27 - Zedler Mill Classic, Luling
May 4 - Texas River Marathon, Cuero
May 12 - Texas River Championship, Staples
May 18-19 - ICF National Team Trials, Houston
May 25 - Duessen Park, Houston
June 8-12 - Texas Water Safari, San Marcos
June 16 - Luce Bayou Leave It, Huffman, TX
June 26-29 - Yukon River Quest, Whitehorse, AK
July 20 - TCKRA Surfski Championship, Galveston
July 21 - Town Lake Relay Race 1, Austin
July 23-26 - MR340, Kansas City, MO
Aug. 3 - Neches Wilderness Race, Palestine, TX
Sept. 21 - Jr. Texas Water Safari, San Marcos
Oct. 26 - Martindale Tri, Martindale, TX

2013 TCKRA Officers and Board of Directors

Officers

Jay Daniel (President)
Michael Vandever (Vice President)
Grady Hicks (Secretary/Treasurer)

Board Members

Holly Orr
Michael Vandever
Cindy Meurer
Chris Stevenson
John Baltzell
Chris Paddack
Jay Daniel
Sam Binion
Andrew Condie
Grady Hicks

Alternates

Frank Gray
Joy Emshoff

Report from the 2013 USCA Annual Meeting

Joy Emshoff

The 2013 USCA annual meeting was held in Tarpon Springs, Florida. It was not only a beautiful part of Florida, it was sunny and warm. The temperatures ranged from 84 during the day to 64 at night. The meeting location was on Bayou Springs, which is a gathering place for manatees and the Anclote River, which leads to the gulf and the historic sponge docks. The sponge docks were established around 1900 by a Greek family. Diving for and processing the sponges found in the waters near here became a multi-million business and led to a thriving Greek community that continues today.

Officer elections were held at the meeting. The term of office is two years. They are as follows:

President - Susan Williams

Treasurer - Scott Stenberg

A new Executive Director was appointed. The position will be held by Pam Browning, upon her acceptance.

Along with the routine business of the club, several decisions were made as follows:

* The 2013 Stock Aluminum Nationals will be held on the Mississippi River in Dubuque, IA June 15. A pro race will be held at the same location on June 16.

* The 2014 Stock Aluminum Nationals will be held on the French Broad River, near Asheville, NC on June 21.

* The 2013 National Marathon Championships will be held on the Muskegon River in Newaygo, MI on August 16.

* The 2014 National Marathon Championships will be held on the Susquehanna River in Lock Haven, PA August 12 - 17.

* The 2015 National Marathon Championships will be held August 11 -16. Location to be determined.

* The 2014 USCA Annual meeting will be in Charlotte, NC January 10 - 12.

A number of other issues were discussed. Among them were -

* The age determination for Juniors racing in all USCA races will be determined by their age on January 1 of the current calendar year. They must be no older than 17 years of age on January 1.

* The age structure for the Adult classes were changed as follows:

- Open Class- Up to 43 yrs (older competitors may compete in the open class, but may only receive a medal in the open class;

- Masters Class- 44 - 59;

- Seniors Class- 60 and older;

- All classes will receive medals for 1st thru 5th places

- All class winners will be recognized as National Champions.

* In the Unlimited Kayak Class, medals will be awarded 1st thru 5th. The 1st place winner will be recognized as a National Champion. In all other Kayak classes, medals will be awarded 1st thru 3rd. No National Champions will be recognized.

Several other issues were discussed and decided upon at the meeting. To read about these and see the minutes of the meeting, go to the USCA website at www.uscanoe.com.



Race Reports

HO-HO-HO Run

Chris Stevenson

(Editor's Note: Erin Magee organizes the HO-HO-HO Run every year in what has become a post-New Year's tradition for many paddlers. Erin's mother, Mardell, passed away in late January at the age of 89. Erin would never ask for sympathy, but please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.)



Paddlers often get some incredulous looks when describing paddling-related activities to friends and family. As I drove for two hours after getting up at four in the morning in the dead of winter to paddle a canoe down a muddy river for thirty-six miles when most people are snug in their beds and waking up to a hot breakfast and steaming coffee I suppose I understood. For those with a paddling affliction, the HO-HO-HO Run is an early season training run to knock the cobwebs off your stroke, work off a few of those holiday calories and kick-start the spring training season.

It was cold and drizzling, of course, but the company was warm. Approximately thirty brave souls met at the Gonzales gravel bar pre-dawn. John Dupont, of Cowboys fame, provided a shuttle and Erin had thoughtful care packages made up for everyone. For some of us, the HO-HO-HO Run was a dress rehearsal

for the TX Winter 100 as four (would have been five but for Curt Slaten's creaky shoulder) TWO mixed teams showed. Mike Rendon, Erin, Jerry Cochran, Jeff Glock and John Baltzell got in a fiver, in what was probably the best idea – go fast and get it over with quickly. There was a good mix of old hands and new faces. Ken Kieffer and Jimmy Doran bulled down the river in an aluminum. John Dupont tricked two of his young nephews into giving canoeing a try, though I suspect he might have brought them along just for the take-out and drag back to the cars.

At the finish, many people scrambled to pack up and change to make it to Austin for the Amazon Express slideshow. On the drive back home, once I warmed up and recharged at a Dairy Queen, I felt that satisfaction and glow you only get after a hard day on the river shared with friends. And I remembered what all those other folks are missing.

Texas Winter 100

Chris Stevenson

The third installment of West Hansen's Texas Winter 100 opened to brisk morning temperatures that gave way to a mild sunny day. Water flow from Longhorn Dam on the morning of the race was in the 80cfs range, which made for some tough shallow-water paddling, especially in the first few miles below the dam. The adventure class started at 5:00a.m., with the competitive class following at 7:00. 37 paddlers in 23 boats braved the early morning chill, with only two boats not finishing.

There were competitive races in several divisions. In the Adventure Tandem division, Steve Unruh and Alex Nelson held off Mike Smith and Eddie De La Rosa by 16 minutes. Jason Rotan led the Adventure Solo division most of the day until wrecking twice in the last set of rapids and breaking his Extreme. John Erskine held on for the victory in his Kruger Sea Wind. In the Competitor Solo class Andrew Condie and Kyle Mynar battled it out all day.

Andrew led into both checkpoints, but Kyle managed a late push to win by one minute. Geoff Waters came in third in his sea kayak. Tim Curry and Wade Binion led the tandem division wire to wire and finished in 10 hours 17 minutes. Michael Vandever and Debbie Richardson were the class of the Tandem Mixed Division, besting three other mixed teams and the fast mixed C-2 team of Teddy Gray and Travis Kent. Debbie and Mike brought their Spencer Patriot in only two minutes behind Tim and Wade. Shawn Boyett and Veronica Sosa kept the mixed division hotly contested most of the day and finished second mixed tandem in an ICF-C2, 7 minutes behind. Full results can be found at paddle24seven.com.

Thanks go out to Chris and Susie Paddock for the post-race hot meal. Many thanks to West Hansen, his family and all of the volunteers for putting on another stellar race.

Town Lake Series I

Handicap Results

1. David Carlson 1:07.10 Rec. Solo
2. Jeff Glock 1:11.16 C1
3. Mike Rendon 1:12.50 Solo Unlimited
4. Erin Magee/Jerry Cochran 1:13.21 C2
5. Mark Addison 1:13.40 Fast K1
6. John Baltzell 1:13.43 Fast K1
7. Fred Mynar 1:14.29
8. Adam Nevill/Marisol 1:18.26 Tandem Unl.
9. Murray Hunkin 1:19.06 Fast K1
10. Morris Paillet 1:19.11 Male K1
11. Mike Gordan 1:20.02 Solo Unlimited
12. Brian Jones 1:22.09 C1
13. Thomas & Willie Martin 1:23.59 Pro Alum.
14. Chris White 1:24.19 C1
15. Becky Haluska 1:29.17 Solo Rec.
16. Michael McGuire 1:31.26 Solo Unlimited

Actual Times

1. Mark Addison 49.40
2. John Baltzell 49.43
3. Murray Hunkin 55.06
4. Mike Rendon 56.50
5. Morris Paillet 57.11
6. Adam Nevill/Marisol Inda 1:00.26
7. Jeff Glock 1:02.16
8. Erin Magee/Jerry Cochran 1:02.21
9. Mike Gordon 1:04.02
10. Fred Mynar 1:05.29
11. David Carlson 1:07.10
12. Brian Jones 1:13.09
13. Thomas & Wille Martin 1:14.59
14. Chris White 1:15.19
15. Michael McGuire 1:15.26
16. Becky Haluska 1:29.17

Town Lake Series II

Handicap Results

Jerry Cochran/Fred Mynar 1:14.22 C2
Buddy Hudson 1:15.24 Rec Solo
Justin Love 1:15.54 REC Solo
Jeff Glock 1:16.59 C1
Mark Addison 1:16.59.01 Fast K1
John Baltzell 1:18.09 Fast K1
Erin Magee 1:19.46 Womens K1
Sandy Yonley 1:20.09 Womens Surfski
Tommy Yonley 1:20.28 Fast K1
Kyle Mynar 1:20.29 Fast K1
Logan Mynar 1:20.30 Fast K1
Geoff Waters 1:20.43 Sea Kayak
Amy Boyd 1:21.29 Womens Solo Un
David Carlson 1:21.42 Sea Kayak
Ian Rolls 1:22.48 Mens Surfski
Mike Rendon 1:23.29 Mens Solo Un
Sheila, Debbie, Heather 1:25.35 Mens Solo Un
Brian Jones 1:25.57 C1
Wendell Smith 1:26.50 Surfski
Mike Drost 1:27.45 Mens Solo Un
Jeannette Burriss Womens Solo Un
Mike Brooks 1:29.04 Mens OC1
Becky Haluska 1:30.48 Rec Solo
Janie Glos 1:32.12 Womens solo Un
Willie & Tommy Martin 1:32.36 Pro Aluminum
Ed Jones 1:34.16 C1
Mike Day 1:34.55 Mens Solo Un
Lauren & Veronica 1:35.39 Womens C2

Actual Times

Mark Addison 52.59.01
John Baltzell 54.09
Tommy Yonley 56.28
Kyle Mynar 56.29
Logan Mynar 56.30
Ian Rolls 1:00.28
Jerry Cochran/Fred Mynar 1:03.22
Mike Rendon 1:07.29
Erin Magee 1:07.46
Jeff Glock 1:07.59
Sandy Yonley 1:09.09
Sheila, Debbie, Heather 1:09.35
Geoff Waters 1:10.43
David Carlson 1:11.42
Mike Drost 1:11.45
Buddy Hudson 1:15.24
Amy Boyd 1:15.29
Justin Love 1:15.54
Brian Jones 1:16.57
Mike Dey 1:18.55
Mike Brooks 1:19.04
Jeannette Burriss 1:22.12
Wille & Tommy 1:23.46
Wendell Smith 1:24.30
Ed Jones 1:25.16
Janie Gloss 1:26.12
Lauren & Veronica 1:30.39
Becky Haluska 1:30.48

Battle on the San Jac

Adam Nevill

In the heart of winter we were blessed with mild spring-like weather for the 5th annual Battle on the San Jacinto Canoe and Kayak Race. Turnout was good for some early season racing. The course was set from Good Times Marina ran downriver, turned at the Highway 90 and back for a 5.3 mile race. The field consisted of several top men K1 paddlers and a smattering of tandems, skis, canoes and sea kayaks. Overall race times were unexpectedly fast across the board especially considering coming out of off season.

The winners of each class were as follows:

K1 pro Mark Addison 39:04

K1 Brian Pota 42:16

Solo unltd Morris Pallett 43:54

Tandem unltd men Dave Rulis/RD Kissling
45:19

Tandem Mixed Adam Nevill/ Marisol Inda
46:10

Solo unltd women Nancy Bowers 1:03:13

Aluminum Roy Tyrone/ Eric Quicker 51:58

Sea Kayak men Robert Rollen 1:00:09

Sea Kayak women Susan Orgeron 1:02:58

2012 TCKRA Points Totals

Youth Girls Division

Racer	Division	Membership Date	Total Points (Members Only)	Total Points (ALL Participants)
Abigail Monigold	Girl	NA	NA	10
Abigail Porter	Girl	NA	NA	9
Lily Vandever	Girl	NA	NA	8
Samantha Blaine	Girl	NA	NA	8
Sofian Abassi	Girl	NA	NA	8
Madeleine Norman-Fuentes	Girl	NA	NA	4
Verity Zeek	Girl	NA	NA	4
Grace Bilnoski	Girl	NA	NA	3
Jewelie Rasmussen	Girl	NA	NA	3

Youth Boys Division

Racer	Division	Membership Date	Total Points (Members Only)	Total Points (ALL Participants)
Noah Lang	Boy	NA	NA	18
Seth Davis	Boy	NA	NA	18
Caleb Starr	Boy	NA	NA	13
Matthew Quigley	Boy	NA	NA	9
Seth Dill	Boy	NA	NA	9
Tom Vandever	Boy	NA	NA	9
Joaquin Marroquin	Boy	NA	NA	8
Julian Marroquin	Boy	NA	NA	8
Kayleb Mikulan	Boy	NA	NA	7
James Blaine	Boy	NA	NA	6
Adnan Abassi	Boy	NA	NA	5
Johnathan Rask	Boy	NA	NA	5
Kya Rasmussen	Boy	NA	NA	5
Jim Allen	Boy	NA	NA	4
Thomas Porter	Boy	NA	NA	4
William Zeek	Boy	NA	NA	4
Rhett Rojas	Boy	NA	NA	2
Emery Reistetter	Boy	NA	NA	1
Tyler Reistetter	Boy	NA	NA	1

Women's Division

Racer	Division	Membership Date	Total Points (Members Only)	Total Points (ALL Participants)
Erin Magee	Women	1/1/2012	34	34
Sandy Yonley	Women	12/3/2011	30	30
Joy Emshoff	Women	12/22/2011	29	29
Amy Boyd	Women	3/4/2012	16	16
Cindy Meurer	Women	11/16/2011	13	13
Holly Orr	Women	12/3/2011	9	9
Brenda Jones	Women	8/27/2011	8	8
Heather Harrison	Women	9/22/2012	8	8
Melinda Zeek	Women	2/8/2012	5	5
Jeannette Burris	Women	2/8/2012	4	4
Teddy Gray	Women		0	20
Megan Yeager	Women		0	8
Morgan Kohut	Women		0	8
Sunshine Willis	Women		0	5
Ashley Robinson	Women		0	4
Becky Haluska	Women		0	4
Debbie Carpenter	Women		0	4
Kim Sorenson	Women		0	4
Virginia Parker	Women	8/24/2012	0	4
Abigail Yeager	Women		0	3
Debbie Richardson	Women		0	3
Norianne Yeager	Women		0	3
Cayla Weber	Women		0	2
Emily Ondreas	Women		0	2
Myla Weber	Women		0	2

Men's Division

Racer	Division	Membership Date	Total Points (Members Only)	Total Points (ALL Participants)
Don Walls	Men	3/6/2012	27	27
Jerry Cochran	Men	2/2/2012	27	27
Tommy Yonley	Men	12/3/2011	26	26
Roy Tyrone	Men	10/1/2011	22	22
Eric Whicker	Men	4/17/2012	20	25
Wade Binion	Men	12/3/2011	19	19
Bob Spain	Men	12/22/2011	18	18
Andrew Condie	Men	9/15/2011	14	14

Chris Paddack	Men	12/3/2011	11	11
Morris Paillet	Men	4/8/2012	8	12
Michael Vandever	Men	11/1/2011	8	8
Mike Rendon	Men	1/1/2012	8	8
Gary Kohut	Men	2/24/2012	6	6
Clay Wyatt	Men	2/1/2012	5	5
Darryl Jiral	Men	1/19/2012	5	5
Jay Daniel	Men	1/1/2011	5	5
Landen Jiral	Men	1/19/2012	5	5
Russell Adams	Men	1/22/2012	5	5
Ed Jones	Men	8/27/2011	4	4
Gaston Jones	Men	3/3/2012	4	4
Jim Weber	Men	8/24/2012	4	4
John Qualls	Men	7/21/2012	4	4
Mike Dey	Men	3/2/2012	4	4
Bill McCanse	Men	2/1/2012	3	3
Fuzzy Churchman	Men	8/24/2012	3	3
Justin Brzozowski	Men	8/29/2012	3	3
Nathan Tart	Men	4/18/2012	3	3
Charlie Stewart	Men	8/24/2012	2	2
Robin Lashway	Men	12/19/2011	1	1
Rusty Herbert	Men	11/21/2011	1	1
Mark Addison	Men		0	33
Jeremiah Jackson	Men		0	14
John Baltzell	Men		0	14
Jeff Glock	Men		0	12
R.D. Kissling	Men		0	11
Brian Jones	Men		0	9
John Dupont	Men		0	8
Murray Hunkin	Men		0	8
John Bugge	Men		0	7
Cody Ackerman	Men		0	6
Stephen Rask	Men		0	6
Alan Posnick	Men		0	5
Art Hughes	Men		0	5
Fernando Mercenaro	Men		0	5
Fred Mynar	Men		0	5
Jerry Nunnery	Men		0	5
Johnathan Yonley	Men		0	5
Logan Mynar	Men		0	5
Doc Linden	Men		0	4
Dodd Yeager	Men		0	4

Frank Gray	Men		0	4
Gary Robinson	Men		0	4
Jim Stevens	Men		0	4
Johan Dahl	Men		0	4
Linden Welsh	Men		0	4
Mark Simmons	Men		0	4
Pat Patrisky	Men		0	4
Peter Rask	Men		0	4
Phillip Rask	Men		0	4
Vance Flores	Men		0	4
Andres Cabb	Men		0	3
Arild Jacobsen	Men		0	3
Ben Horsey	Men		0	3
Eddie De La Rosa	Men		0	3
Joe Cerdas	Men		0	3
Joel Truitt	Men		0	3
John Roelofse	Men		0	3
John Wilson	Men		0	3
Karel van Lookeren	Men		0	3
Matt Persyn	Men		0	3
Mike Smith	Men		0	3
Norm Thomas	Men		0	3
Richard Crow	Men		0	3
Steve Bis	Men		0	3
William Gauntt	Men		0	3
Bill Reagan	Men		0	2
Brian Main	Men		0	2
Chris White	Men		0	2
Christian Otto	Men		0	2
Jason Willis	Men		0	2
Tom Derrah	Men		0	2
Chris Champion	Men		0	1
Dain Buck	Men		0	1
Douwe Berger	Men		0	1

TCKRA TEAM 2013

For the first time in its history, the TCKRA is fielding a team of paddlers to represent the club in races. All club members can participate in the points program to determine TCKRA team members for the following year. The top two female and male point earners make the team and are recognized at the TCKRA Annual Banquet and awarded a team jersey as well as a portion of race entry fees for the year. Complete rules and details of the points program and TCKRA team are available on the TCKRA website: www.tckra.org. **Please support your TCKRA team in 2013 and good luck!**

Erin Magee



Don Walls



Sandy Yonley

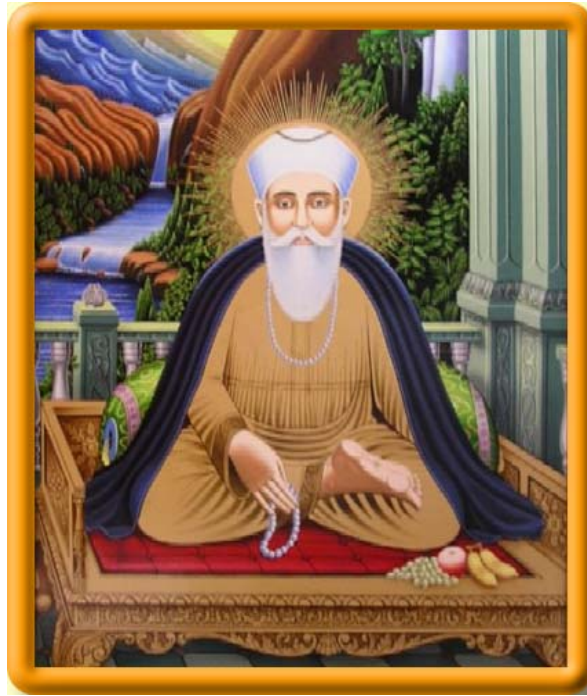


Jerry Cochran



Palmetto Hotline

River Guru



Well boys & girls. Have you shaken the cobwebs off your paddles and dusted off the seats on your boats yet? This global warming has made for unbelievably good paddling conditions so far this winter. The River Guru has summarized all the hottest rumors out there but the season is in its infancy so this list could be in shambles within a few weeks...just like Ottine! palmettohotline@yahoo.com

Last year's champs Andrew and William have been out in the wilds of west Texas since November stocking up on game for the impending arrival of four carnivorous Belizeans rumored to be filling the open seats. They told me the Centro-Americanos will be here after the Ruta Maya race. The RG notices that William did not pack on nearly as much winter blubber this year; methinks he worries that the Belizeans may come down with 6 paddlers and kick the two gringos out if he's too rotund again this year. If it happens, he's got an option in the Husky boat (see below). The Mynars have been quite chatty this winter (i.e. they said "Hey" to a couple fisherman they passed) and the rumor mill says that Freddie and Tommy have patched up their hard feelings from the last time they raced together. The RG counts three Minners, one Jerry and the aforementioned TY beanie baby, leaving the obvious question: When will the RG get "The Call" from Freddie? I think it might have been him last night when I picked up the phone to some heavy breathing on the other end; that could have been the taciturn Fred or perhaps a perv call from ChrisSvenson or WildMam.

Speaking of Chrissy-Poo, he and Ginsie had a strong run in the TWO race and looks like they're a training up for the Safari. Might be the only mixed team out there since most of the dames are in all-girl boats. The Red Shots with Debbie, Sheila & newbie

Heather will be paddling the old “Fists of Fury” boat (please ladies - scrape that name off!) The RG is a little skeptical about Red Shots at this point as it appears they spend more time color coordinating and sewing their outfits than training. But they do claim to be the only boat with team Pinking Shears so that’s a plus in their favor. Also in the category of “We want to tear the heart out of a few hundred guys & make ‘em cry” are Veronica & Lauren in tandem, along with soloers Janie and Erin and Jennette. Fellas, take my advice: Check your ego at the door. Joe Hunt found a sucker buyer for that 6-man aluminum monstrosity that only Mike Riley could love, but the new team is still trying to figure out how to put it on their car racks. RG says it looked a lot better as beer cans.

Boys Who Grew Up Wearing Husky-Size Pants – Chris Paddock & John Mark are rumored to be teaming up with Ken Keifer, Uncle Russ, and Mike & Eddie of the N.A.D.S. They’ll be asking the Safari board to institute a new trophy for a One Ton Boat. Wade has some timing issues with his and Sam’s first due a couple weeks before race day; anybody need a partner with a burping towel draped over his shoulder? Brian Jones, still upset about being kicked out of the Rolling Stones and has been hittin’ it in that C1 of his; odds on favorite at this early date. However, Mark Simmons has been staring at his C-1 and his solo rowing rig while flipping a coin; but not even Mark is crazy enough to row, is he?



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
- TCKRA Team and 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:

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