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WELCOME

Darren Bush | Owner

Welcome to Canoecopia!

A personal greeting from Rutabaga's Chief Paddling Evangelist

WELCOME to the Canoecopia Show Guide for 2018! Because of a crack team of photographers, writers, editors, and one excellent desktop publishing nerd, I am probably sitting in a kayak off the coast of Baja California while you read this. Hopefully, I'm in Bahia Magdalena, paddling alongside a pod of some friendly grey whales. E. robustus and I go way back, and it's nice to see them again, whale lice and all. They're a more primitive species and aren't going win any cetacean beauty contests, but I think they're gorgeous.

Some people use the Gregorian calendar to chart time, but at our house, we use the Canoecopia calendar. Friday, March 9th at 4:00 is when I think to myself, "Well, Happy New Year!" It really is the start of a year for me and my family.

This March marks my 29th Canoecopia. At my first Canoecopia in 1990, I was a part-timer in a walking cast from a broken ankle (it involved kayaking). I ran Canoecopia for a decade not long after that, and now, the entire Rutabaga team runs the show, and it works better every year. A mentor once told me "surround yourself with smart people and get out of their way." I encourage all to take that advice.

You'll notice a lot of new writers in the show guide. I asked followers of our Facebook page if they would like to contribute some of their stories about their paddling heritage, and they responded enthusiastically. Writers young and old are sharing their stories, including my daughter, Whitney, my favorite paddling partner for almost thirty years. She is adventurous soul, and I love her dearly.

So Happy [Ca]New Year! Whether it's your first or your thirty-first Canoecopia, we hope to see you next month. The Rutabaga and Canoecopia staff can't wait to meet you (again).

With gratitude,





SUPPORT OUR CHARITIES

Second Harvest Foodbank is dedicated to ending hunger in southwestern Wisconsin through community partnerships, serving people who don't have enough food to sustain active, healthy lives. The Community Action Coalition serves low-income individuals and families, providing seasonally appropriate clothing for school, work, home, as well as job interviews. Please consider donating—we'll have collection barrels located in the lobby for your donations. Read more at canoecopia.com





THANK YOU

Canoecopia could not be put on without incredible amounts of seen and unseen work by the Rutabaga Core Staff. Sasha is back from Washington state to manage the show one last time, and we're grateful for her return. Kate and Marit receive two semi trailers full of product in the months (and hours) before the show. Ethan keeps the boats flowing, while Drew runs the warehouse crew. Tadhg is our register wrangler, especially critical given our new inventory system. You'll find Connie and Shannon at boat registers, and Jim and Joel plug things in making sure the computers all talk to each other *(editor's note: it's more complicated than*

that). Dan's running our social media for the weekend. Mary keeps track of everyone's hours and keep me abreast of sales trends. Amelia is the smiling face at customer service, while we break Dana in gently(?) to this whole Canoecopia thing. And if you want to see speakers, thank Nancy for herding those cats.

And that's just the start. Our year-round sales staff rock it, and the seasonal staff are tremendous. A special thank you to Pat, Mike, and the team from Ascend, our new point of sale system.

My heartfelt thanks to all. — DB

Getting the most out of Canoecopia

Tips & tricks for navigating the World's Largest Paddlesport Expo compiled by the 'Baga Staff

Double-check our website: www.canoecopia.com

No matter how much we try to get the Show Guide (this thing here in your hands) to be 100% perfect, there are always last-minute changes. Check the website for the latest updates.

Plan ahead and walk the entire show floor

Read this publication thoroughly. It will give you a good idea of things to see, people to talk to, and presentations to attend.

Attend all three days

There's a reason we sell three-day passes. There's so much to see and so many people to talk to. You'll find it virtually impossible to do in one day, dashed difficult in two, but a pleasure in three.

Sunday is Fun-day

If you're only going to attend one day, consider coming Sunday. We have some fun giveaways and goodies (see pg 55). The crowds are a little lighter so you can see the show more easily and efficiently. Some of our best presentations happen on Sunday.

Ask a lot of questions

Most every major manufacturer in the paddlesports industry will be there. They are eager to help! Ask them what makes their product best for your needs.

Shop early for the best selections

We'll have plenty of options, but just like Black Friday, show specials can go quickly.

Take care of your body!

Wear comfortable shoes and bring an extra pair of socks. Bring a water bottle and stay hydrated. Get a map from the info booth and highlight your plan. Shoulders tired? Take advantage of our tote bag check when you're tired of carrying heavy items.

Ordering the things you didn't find

If your heart is set on something special, no problem. Each vendor will have special order forms to fill in the details. Present the form when checking out at the Boat Check-Out for boats and trailers, and Main Registers for accessories (everything else). Note: special orders take 6-10 weeks to arrive.

Buying A Boat?

Sit in a lot of boats

Canoecopia offers an opportunity to sit in hundreds of models under one roof. Make sure to adjust the seat properly and take your time.

Think about how you're getting your boat home

If you're taking a boat home, we can install your roof rack purchases.

You can put down a General Boat Deposit if you're not sure

The General Deposit is a great option for the "sure, but not sure" customer. We take a (fully-refundable) deposit of \$500 at a Boat Check-Out, and then you get Canoecopia pricing on a boat at Rutabaga until 5/31. Get your accessories at the show, though—best prices, best selection.





Didn't plan on taking a boat home but want one anyway?

We'll put your boat on Layaway and you can pick it up at the shop until May 31st. We just need a third of the purchase price or \$500, whichever is greater.

Trying out boats

Rutabaga's Layaway or General Boat Deposit gives you an opportunity to test paddle. Rutabaga's test paddling begins around April 18th, depending on the weather. Check our website at www.rutabaga.com.

Used Boat trade-ins

Trade in your boat at Canoecopia. Please ask for details at the Boat Pick Up booth or call us at Rutabaga prior to Canoecopia.

PROBLEMS? QUESTIONS?

If something goes awry, we want to know about it. Go to the Customer Service Desk, or ask a person wearing a staff shirt. We're never too busy to listen, learn, and improve. Or email: customerservice@rutabaga.com.

Canoecopia procedures & policies

So how does this work for you, the consumer?

Boats (canoes, kayaks, SUP boards, trailers)

- There are two large **Boat Check-Out** areas **inside the hall**. Go there to make your purchase.
- If we have your boat in stock, you can take it home that day. Proceed to the **Boat Pick Up** area at the back of the hall after making your purchase.
- Special ordering a boat (or a boat not in stock)? A Rutabaga Staffer at boat check-out will explain the timeline for your boat arriving at Rutabaga and test paddling in late spring.
- Need a **roof rack** or **trailer**? Go to the Malone, Thule and/or Yakima booths. Racks can be installed at the show *if you are taking a boat home*. Start this process early. It can take a while.
- General Boat Deposit? You can pay \$500 (fully refundable) per boat and get Canoecopia pricing until May 31. This lets you test paddle before you buy.

Buying Accessories (everything else)

- If you don't need a **rack** to get your boat home that day, we're happy to put it on for you after the show at Rutabaga.
- Purchase accessories outside the hall. Check-out is by the Customer Service area.
- We have shopping totes available. If you want to go see a speaker, leave the bags at the Tote Check area.



- Shopping totes are emptied each night. Buy your stuff before you leave that day.
- **Special Orders?** People in the vendor booths will fill out a form for you (make sure your contact information is complete). Bring the completed form with all of the rest of your accessory purchases to the check-out near Customer Service.
- Check-out lines move fast. Last year's line at peak was about 4 minutes. Those of you who remember the old days can breathe a sigh of relief. Also, the line time peaks just a little during the speaker changes. If you want to walk through the line, check out while the sessions are on.
- If you have anything that needs to be returned/exchanged, please keep it in "like-new, sellable condition," with its tags, packaging, and receipt.

- All returns must be made by May 31, 2018.
- Questions? Look for any of the over 100 people wearing a staff shirt. They can give you an answer or direct you to the proper place to find it.

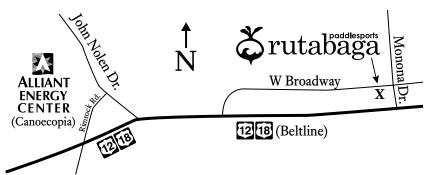
Shannon **Lehmann** Years at Rutabaga: 1

What got you paddling: A friend suggested we spend our annual back country trip 'yaking around Isle Royale instead of lugging backpacks through mountainous terrain. My adventurous side gave a resounding "hear! hear!" as we all chuckled at the thought of rogue three footers while circumnavigating Blake Point.

Longest Trip: The Florida Everglades. We had a water taxi drop us off with the promise of checking back on us later in the day. We all waved good-bye and as the

sound of the boat motor grew distant, we knew we would never see the captain and his mate again. Lucky for us we came prepared for the remoteness of the interior of the region.





Stay close to the water

Sharing lessons works both ways, by Louis Dzierzak

FATHERHOOD begins with the soul-soaring joy of cradling a newborn child in your arms. Before long that giddiness turns to serious pondering about the responsibilities of raising them. What will I teach them? What will be my legacy when I'm gone? Most parents top 10 lists include: Be kind. Embrace learning and curiosity. Read books. Have fun. Those are noble aspirations for all parents to teach their children.

For me, staying close to water is high on my list of life lessons. Paddling a canoe nurtures the soul, invigorates the spirit, and calms an overworked mind. If that sense of peace and serenity has made my life better, why not the same for my kids?

As toddlers, first trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area planted seeds in my children that continue to prosper years later. At first, portages were short or even non-existent. A campsite on an island a mile past put-in can deliver a magical sunset. Campfires and morning mists burning off the water are memories hard to duplicate in city life. Can we come here again?

Kids quickly get bored leaning against the gunwales and dragging their hands through cool lake waters. They get antsy sitting in the bottom of the canoe and soon begin pleading for a chance to take the bow seat and steer the boat. Awkwardly using kid-sized paddles, they survive bruised knuckles banged on the gunwales and wail about how slow we're moving. Faster, Dad. Faster. More practice, bigger paddles, longer trips. Can we come here again next year?

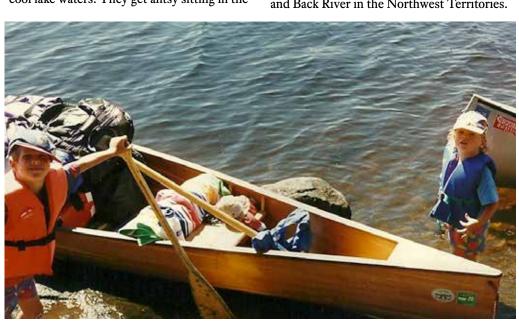
My personal paddling technology expertise is admittedly limited. As they've grown older, I've used our annual trips to Canoecopia to gently guide them in front of experts to learn the finer points of tumblehome, initial stability, bent shaft paddles and the pros and cons of fiberglass and Kevlar hulls. Storytellers like Kevin Callan and Cliff Jacobson have inspired them. Those slideshows, video clips, and tall tales sink those roots a little deeper each year.

Our battered but beloved cedar strip canoe has endured paddling experiences from elementary school to teenager to young adult. Cartoon-festooned PFD's have been replaced with professional models. Dad's aged collection of paddles no longer fit as well as their own carefully vetted selections. Adults now, my two oldest children have explored the waters of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Quetico, and as far north as the Thelon and Back River in the Northwest Territories.

Today, their paddling adventures, skills and expertise far exceed mine. When we paddle together now, my daughter subtly but firmly lets me know she's got the stern.

I'm not sure how many of the life lessons I pledged to teach when my children when they were infants have taken hold. But the "stay close to the water" seeds planted so long ago worked their magic. Can we go again? Yes, yes we can.

Lou is a Minnesota-based freelance writer who's well respected in the outdoor industry. He's also a cyclist, triathlete, and the kind of guy you want with you when it rains for three days straight on a river trip. He loves wearing plaid shirts and cargo shorts.





WHAT'S NEW

EVERY YEAR our product buyers attend trade shows all over the country to see what's the newest, best, and coolest. It's an exciting time, and we have a hard time keeping our enthusiasm to ourselves. This is the first chance we get to showcase some of the stuff we saw last summer and fall. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but here's a good sampling. We think you'll like what's new, too.

Current Designs Karla

The Karla is the third collaboration between Danish designer Jesper Kromann-Andersen and Current Designs. The other two (the Sisu and Prana) have been runaway successes for CD and we expect the Karla to be one as well. The Karla is the shortest of the three, coming in at a playful 15'3", with only 21.5" of width. Experienced kayakers know those are the specs of a playful surf boat, but the Karla should be very forgiving to new kayakers as well. Jesper's design has lots of fullness in the bow which should keep it from pearling when you're in big waves. The symmetrical hull sacrifices a little speed for a lot more predictability in waves. Current Designs rates the boat for a load up to 375 pounds, so it should be a versatile, friendly boat for paddlers in the medium to extra-large size range.

Swift Canoe Unknown Canoe

Swift asked Darren whether they could introduce a new canoe at Canoecopia. "Of course!" he said. "What is it?"

And that's when they said "we're not telling you." We dubbed it the *Ignotum Naviculam* or Unknown Boat. We're really excited to see what they've cooked up. Rumors—started by Baga staffers enjoying a beer after work—claim it's a pretty radical rethinking of the canoe. Over further beverages, we decided to look at the pain points of canoeing (going upriver, for one), and how they might be addressed with modern technology. We came up with this prototype that we think they're going to deliver. Come by on Friday when they'll have the official unveiling and see how accurate our guesses were.



Sealect Designs

Triple Threat Rod Holder

In Singing in the Rain, Lena Lamont is called a "triple threat" because off all the things she can't do: dance, act, or sing. The Select Designs Triple Threat is so named for what can do. It can hold spinning, baitcasting, or fly reels. The holder can move an incredible 140 degrees, so you can store your rods straight up, or have them pointing up to 50° below the horizon for downangle fishing. The retention collar is an easy-in, easy-out affair. The holder can be mounted with an optional surface, track, or flush mount base.

MSR TrailBase

The TrailBase is a heck of a cool hydration system that can be used on the trail or at basecamp. I suppose that's why they called it the TrailBase. At basecamp, it works on via gravity feed. On the go, detach and use the included Trail Shot which can deliver up to 1L of water via squeezing. Either way you've got your clean water needs met, whether on the go, or when you've got time to get some water stored up. It's a great lightweight and versatile system for anyone who needs to provide their own potable water.



Wilderness Systems

Tsunamis

We've sold loads of Tsunamis since their introduction 12 years ago. It's not hard to see why. They're solid hulls mated with insanely comfortable and adjustable seats. Whether you wanted more or less grip in the hips, thighs, or knees, they could adjust to your body's needs. Same with the adjustable back rest. If you wanted it set high for a tender spine or a low backrest for more of a sea kayak feel, you had it. The 2018 redesign's most visible change



is from the storage pockets in front of the cockpit. Less obvious, but even more exciting is the seat is now adjustable fore and aft for better weight distribution and smoother tracking. Small tweaks to the hull improve

stability and confidence for the beginning paddler, while a longer waterline improves speed and efficiency. Bonus: an under-deck storage system has been developed to stow a water bottle.

Yakima Long Arm

If you've got a truck—according to statistics that's about 15% of the vehicles on the road—you know how hard it is to carry a boat with one. Most cabs have the bare minimum required, and some don't even have that. Plus, it can be a struggle to load. Enter the Long Arm. It's a hunk of lightweight, rust-free aluminum that can be adjusted to 3 separate heights. (Cab height requires an extra extension piece.) Whether in the bed or above it, you can put your boats where you want them and head off to adventure.





Northstar

Kawishiwi Paddles

The Kawishiwi paddles are lightweight, elegant, and strong. They're named after both a river and a lake in the **Boundary Waters Canoe** Area, which describes the mixed environment where they will excel. They come in both straight and bent shaft versions, made of laminated ash, cherry, basswood, maple, cedar, and walnut wrapped in 4 oz. fiberglass. A T-grip tops the straight shaft, while an asymmetric palm grip adorns the bent.



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Stohlquist

Melody

The Melody is a PFD with a more women's-specific fit. It has internal cups for support and comfort, and a high back that will minimize interference if you've got a boat with a tall back rest. The cut (and especially pull-down chest straps) should keep it securely and comfortably in place with zero ride-up.



Mustang Survival

Khimera

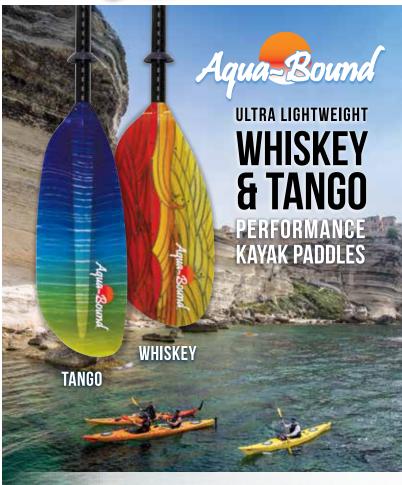
Merriam-Webster defines a chimera as "an imaginary monster compounded of incongruous parts." The Khimera is a monster of a PFD made up of conventional foam and inflatable technology. The thin foam allows it to have a super slim profile, and that equals comfort and maneuverability. However, should you need the full 22.5 lbs. of buoyancy, pull the inflator, and -boom!- you've got it. The incongruous parts become congruous.



WHY SO MANY PFDS?

Mostly because we're living in a golden age of paddling safety. Working in a paddlesport shop, it's easy to forget that not everyone has seen the revolution in PFDs. If your memory of PFD use involves large, ill-fitting planks of foam with a tendency to spring upwards and clock you in the jaw, well, we've got good news for you. Today's lifejacket is light-years

improved. Advances in materials—and especially construction—make wearing a life jacket a no-brainer. They're cooler, fit closer, and are sized better. We have specialized jackets too. Fishing focused ones have pockets and attachments galore. Expedition jackets have drinking water and towing capabilities. If it's been a while since you've shopped for a PFD, come check these out.





Kokatat

Proteus and Naiad

The **Proteus** is an exciting new vest that features 100-denier stretch polyester which should hit a sweet spot between softness and durability. Inside it's packed with their halogen and PVC-free foam called Gaia. The high-backed design is a big selling point for customers with tall backrests. Fleece-lined pockets for colder days, too!

The **Naiad** vest is very similar to the Proteus, but with a different cut to the panels to accommodate a curvier torso (see sidebar lower right).



NRS

Clearwater, C-Vest, Zoya

The Clearwater forms the basis of a bunch of new NRS vests. For 2018, they've gone back to the drawing boards and really upgraded the chassis. The high-back design remains, but there are independent pieces of foam for a better fit. (Huge monolithic chunks of foam don't bend and conform nearly as well.) They managed to make it lighter by an astounding 20%, and gave it six points of adjustment which allows it

to stay put regardless of your body shape.

400 denier rip-stop nylon gives years of worry-free service. If you take the Clearwater base, and then add more pockets, lash points, and reflective tape then you've got the C-Vest, which should be a boon for sea kayakers, and even part-time fishermen. The Zoya takes the Clearwater and uses a pliable foam that can sculpt to a woman's bust for increased comfort. They also offer the Zoya with a bunch of different eye-catching colors.



Astral Designs

Ringo

The Ringo takes the tri-panel design, Kapok and Gaia foam that made Astral's Layla such a success, and substitutes heavier 500-denier (vs 400 for the Layla) stretch Cordura for crazy levels of abrasion resistance that's also comfortable. It includes built-in quick release harness capability for rescue operations. It's a really versatile

vest that should be on
the list for those who
like to see the world
via a sea kayak, SUP,
whitewater boat, or
whatever else you
want. Another
lotus design
seems to have
made it on to
the back of the
vest for a nice
retro touch...



A WOMEN'S VEST ON A MAN?

One of the quirks of PFD design is that "women's vests" actually end up fitting a lot of men better than those that are "unisex" or "men's" vests. If you can design a vest that can handle the wider variation of the female torso, you're probably going to have a vest that fits the wide variation of the male torso. (Not always, but sometimes.)

All the Baga staff have stories of trying to convince an uncertain man that it really is ok to purchase a "women's" vest. Pro tip: It absolutely is. There's nothing wrong with it at all. Get the vest that fits that you will always wear.

Stohlquist

Ebb/Flo, Cruiser

Stohlquist have really upgraded their vest line for 2018. Starting with the **Ebb**, they've made their high-back vest even higher to avoid even the tallest of kayak seat backs. There's a neoprene-padded back lower waistband for increased comfort and mesh shoulders and back for maximum ventilation. The **Flo** is an Ebb with smaller cut, supportive cups, and a new "wrapture" shaped torso. In other words, the "women's" version of the Ebb (see pg. 11 for why there are quotes around women's). The Cruiser is an

Ebb with zippered (not snapped) pockets, and tougher, longer-wearing 400-denier shell. It also comes with an extra splash of 3M reflective tape on the front and back. All of the vests use their new Graded Sizing (see next panel).







Get it at

Stohlquist

Graded Sizing System

A lot of PFDs are built off of a common chassis, with different lengths of straps to provide sizes from XS to XXL. Stohlquist's Graded Sizing system makes adjustments to each size model to fit the intended torso better. Small frames get smaller, shorter flotation panels. Beefy bodies get larger, wider panels. It's more expensive to manufacture, but the results are worth it. Better fitting PFDs are more likely to be worn than ill-fitting ones, and that in turn means that you'll be safer out on the water.





20% All NRS Life Jackets



Endurance Jacket MSRP: \$99.95 Canoecopia Price: \$84.96

Riptide Jacket MSRP: \$199.95 Canoecopia Price: \$169.96

Endurance Pant MSRP: \$109.95 Canoecopia Price: \$93.46

HydroSkin Gloves MSRP: \$39.95 Canoecopia Price: \$33.96





Northstar B-17

Is it a bomber? A Bell 17? A Bear 17? Could be any or all of them. The B-17 will handle a month in the wilderness or carry the whole family for floats on the local river. It's a high-volume canoe with symmetrical rocker for predictable back ferries, and perfectly sized for four barrels or packs. Or bring the kids and Lassie, then toss in the cooler, and everyone will feel stable and safe day-paddling in the B-17.

Aqua-Bound Tango

Check out the absolutely beautiful AB Tangoes. They grab a sizeable 96 square inches of water, but weigh only a paltry 26 oz. The blades are available in the stunning colors to the right, as well as a super-light carbon (not shown, clocking in at a miniscule 23 ounces). We think they'll be a favorite of the low-angle performance paddler.



Seattle Sports

Deluxe Wall Cradles

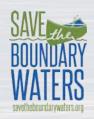
After surviving his first move in 22 years, your humble editor has learned the value of Charles A. Goodrich's phrase, "A place for everything, and everything in its place." Heavy-duty, wall-mounted cradles that can store up to two boats and then fold up when not in use would have been a lifesaver as Jim attempted one bad solution after another. They're amply padded to protect your kayaks or even SUPs. Discover the peace in having a well-organized space to store your precious boats. Now, you can discover it sooner.





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Current Designs Vision 140

We're big fans of the Current Design Vision series of kayaks. They are a bit wider than their performance-focused sea kayak cousins, which gives them increased stability that new paddlers love. Their big keyhole cockpits make for easy entrance and exits. The seat pan has a unique adjustment to ensure paddler comfort. For 2018, CD made some great changes.

They added a third hatch and bulkhead behind the paddler. Also threw in adjustable thigh pads for a more secure cockpit. They redesigned the deck to keep an overly pushy wind from nudging you off course during a day paddle or even a nice long weekend. The new 140 weighs in at a very reasonable 43 pounds.



Northwater Food Barrel Accessories

Big barrels are a staple of canoe camping. They reduce the food scent at camp, are a great way to consolidate your food supplies, and make it easier to put your provisions where the bears aren't. They do make pulling the thing you wanted when you're really famished a bit harder to find. The Tri-Bag, seen here, help organize your barrels. But that's not

all. Check out Northwater's Barrel Buckets to layer your barrel, as well as their Barrel Coolers to keep everything nice and chill. Your future hungry self will thank your current planning self later.

Kialoa

Insanity Travel Paddle Is it an indication of insanity to

want to go traveling with your paddle? We would say, "no." It is actually a sign of good taste and wisdom. Rather than having one's trip spoiled by a paddle that's the wrong size, or better suited to unearthing molluscs, you can use the lightweight, strong, fully-adjustable paddle you've grown to know and love. The Insanity paddle breaks into 3 pieces for easy packing and has a super

Pyranha Ripper

Jim's favorite Harry Potter character was Aunt Petunia's dog, Ripper. Something about being allowed to drink brandy with tea. All of that is, in retrospect, completely irrelevant as the Pyranha Ripper has nothing to do with that franchise. It was instead designed to rip up your favorite downriver run. It's got the

full block footrest and multiple hard anchor points for a safer whitewater experience. A wonderfully full bow that will punch through big features and also gives a lot of room for

your feet. The cut-down stern will help all sorts of kickflips and vertical moves. The flat-planing hull should give plenty of maneuverability and surfing confidence. Available in S (up to 165 lb) and M (up to 198 lb) sizes.

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Coosa FD

Pedal drives have been all the rage for anglers who want their hands free to cast or land a lunker, or a birdwatcher or photographer who wants to maneuver hands-free. Jackson's FD (Flex Drive) has been in the design process for a few years. They wanted to get it perfect before sending it out to the public. It sheds weeds beautifully and stows quickly, and is efficient as a pedal drive can be. It's also made in the USA, down the road in Sparta, Tennessee.

Thule

Hull-a-Port XT

The updated Hull-a-Port XT has some nice features that make carrying your kayak that much easier and safer, and save bar space at the same time. The new XT can now stand straight up, which allows you to carry another boat in a pinch, especially whitewater kay-

aks. It's a lot easier to attach, and has improved padding. All in all, a very welcome change for those of us who like to carry two kayaks and a luggage box in the middle, to keep your paddles and other gear nice and organized and your smelly damp clothes out of your trunk. Hey, my stuff smells. So does yours, admit it.





Hurricane Santee 110 Sport

If you want a heavier kayak, raise your hand. [Silence and crickets]. Thought so. The Santee 116 Sport has been on of our best sellers due to its light weight. Folks asked for a shorter boat for smaller streams and small ponds. The cockpit is a full 55" long, so a small pet or kid can ride along. 38 pounds with the seat installed, 32 without, so it's easy to cartop, and you can use the seat on a sandbar to relax while watching the sunset.



P&H Valkyrie

When you hear the word "valkyrie," tell me you don't hear Wagner and envision viking horns and Brunhilde. The P&H Valkyrie is made to go fast, and be seaworthy and good for touring. Four hatches make for easy access to your gear. Don't want to take long trips? Fine, adventure racers or paddlers who just want a workout will love the straight tracking. It's built to take a beating, but like a valkyrie, is always victorious in the end.

Werner Paddles

Camano & Shuna new colors, new Hooked blades

Bright colored boats are all well and good, but a bright paddle is super visible and attractive to boot, and will allow powered craft to see you more easily. And if you don't want to be seen, the Hooked blades for fishing or just being stealthy are neat-o.







Eagles Nest Outfitters

Fuse Tandem Hammock System

Everyone loves a hammock. Darren's daughter Whitney walks across the street from her apartment in Brooklyn and strings one up in Prospect Park. It's urban, but it's still a hammock. The only trouble is when you have two people and only two trees. The ENO Fuse solves the problem. Beefy but lightweight aluminum poles allow for side-by-side tete-a-tetes. You can use your existing hammocks if you want to do so.





Seattle Sports

PowerLid

Solar power and LEDs have changed the way we camp. No more candle lanterns (cool as they are). No more whooshing red Colemans (as dangerous as they are). The PowerLid replaces the top of a water bottle, charges itself, weighs a few ounces, and can be used to charge small electronic devices. Because sometimes you just gotta selfie yourself with a mouthful of wild blueberries.





Build Your Own Stitch-and-Glue Teardrop Camper From a Kit or Plans





With the demise of Royalex in 2014, the canoe industry changed and Nova Craft set out on a mission to find a suitable replacement material that would produce super strong, lightweight canoes. After consulting with a materials research lab and conducting extensive in house testing, we introduced TuffStuff.

Using Basalt and Innegra fibres combined with rubber infused resin in our proprietary layups, TuffStuff canoes offer unsurpassed impact resistance in a hull that is both stiffer and lighter than Royalex.

Check out our YouTube channel to see the full story. We think you'll agree, "That's TuffStuff"!



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Swift Prospector 14

Darren owns a dozen canoes from different canoe manufacturers, some long defunct, some still building fine craft. The point is, the last thing he needs is another solo canoe.*

When Bill brought us a prototype to try last fall, Darren

called dibs before it was off the trailer. Well, it paddled as pretty as it looked, and we all feel that aesthetics is a great indicator of paddleability. David Yost designs pretty canoes, and the Prospector 14 is suitable for a beginner with tons of secondary stability, and the expert will be able to heel the boat right to the gunwale and make it dance like Fred Astaire, if he were paddling a boat.

* Darren says ,"Define need." Fair enough.

Werner

Zen SUP Paddle colors

The Zen series paddles are already popular for the recreational SUP paddler, and the new color fades are stunningly beautiful. Fiberglass blades cost less than carbon fiber ones, but are still light and durable. And not black.

Thermarest

NeoAir Camper SV

Back in my day (he says, thumbs through suspenders), we slept on a thin piece of foam and were thankful to have it.

Thankfully, times have changed.



Old Town Castine 140

A complete redesign, the Castine is another player in the 14-foot recreational sea kayak. We visited Old Town two years ago and had some fun paddling prototypes. It's always fun when the feedback we give is incorporated into new designs.

The Castine has a unique glove compartment that sits under the deck, taking up normally wasted space. The hatches are dry as a bone, and the new hull shape is sleeker than the old Castine. Comes in 135, 140, and 145 models for all sizes of paddlers.



SealLine Discovery View Bags

Some people are visual people. If it's in an opaque container, it might as well not exist. Ever try loading and unloading your kayak, opening the bags to see what's inside them to find your jacket at the bottom of the last bag you take out? No comment.



Old Town Sorrento 106 SK

There are two Sorrentos, one in Italy, and one in Maine. Both are full of hard-working commercial fishermen. This Sorrento is a sweet little kayak with a ton of features. There aren't many small boats with drop skegs, but this new Sorrento is one of them, and those who paddled it last year really liked it. It has an attractive, comfy seat, a rear hatch and bulkhead, plus the standard deck rigging you'd expect.

If you're interested in rivers that have narrow, twisty sections but occasionally widen out into open water, you can get the best of both worlds. Skeg up: maneuverable. Skeg down: tracks like a train. As the folk song says, Torna a Surriento! ("Come back to Sorrento!")



Seattle Sports

Aluminum Wall Cradles

There are several ways to hang kayaks on your walls. You can buy some 2x4s, big screws and washers, dig some carpeting out of the dumpster behind the local store, and get busy with the chop saw.

Or, you can save yourself the trouble and get some ready-made for the job wall cradles,

> padded and ready to go. Plus these are aluminum and lockable, so they're great bolted to your pier or dock (if you're so lucky). You can't lock a 2x4, last I checked. Corrosion resistant means longevity.



Bending Branches

Angler Pro

No one ever wants a heavier paddle.* The updated Angler Pro builds on a reputation of being the leading kayak fishing paddle from 2012 to 2016. Never content to leave well enough alone, the designers and engineers at Bending Branches made the paddles lighter and added some pretty cool colors to boot.

*Notice how no one wants a heavier anything (except kettlebells)?

Native

Slayer 12 XC

The Slayer hull has been around for a few years, but the XC is totally reworked. Most noticeable is that it has a drop-down skeg, the first fishing boat with that feature. While the flatter, wider, and stiffer hull makes the Slayer 12 XC more stable, giving an improved the boat more maneuverable in tight places, the spring loaded skeg drops down and makes it track like a much longer boat.

Of course, the Slayer still features the Hi/Lo First Class seating, mounded in grab handles, and all the space you need for gear, plus attachment points so you accessorize your Slayer to your heart's desire.





Zegul Greenland GT

Greenland kayaks (gajags for the nerds) have a distinct look that is, well, kayaky. That's because every kayak with a cockpit has ancestry here. Zegul's take on the qajaq is fairly traditional; hard chines, low rear deck,



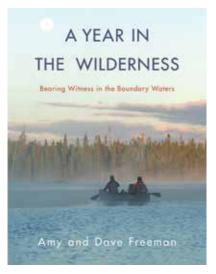
and low windage. Zegul did make the cockpit slightly bigger to accommodate our larger paddlers, and added hatches for gear. Add to that a lighter weight and excellent price and you've got yourself a winner. This is an excellent second boat if you want to try different tricks or rolls. It's also a great third, fourth, or fifth boat. Just sayin'.

Amy & Dave Freeman

A Year in the Wilderness

We don't often feature books in this section, but this one is worth a mention for sure. Dave and Amy spent a year in the Boundary Waters; all four seasons. They did this because a) it's awesome and they're awesome, and b) to raise awareness of the sulfide mines proposed just outside the wilderness area.

Dave and Amy are speaking several times (see page 34), so come hear their talks, get their book, and have it signed at the MTI Booth.



Keen Women's **Evofit**

Imagine if you could just glue a really comfortable footbed to the soles of your feet. That would be a game changer for most paddlers.

Evofits are comfy, with an anatomically designed footbed, but the upper is where the Evofit shines. It fits like a second skin,

dries quickly, and you can chuck them in the laundry to keep the funk level down.



MSR PocektRocket 2 Stove



Canoe campers are all about luxury, they say. Weight be darned (this is a family publication), carry a big stove to fry your walleyes.



Then you start your portage, and that luxurious stove starts your shoulder straps digging in and you wish you had gone lighter. The Pocket Rocket II (redesigned) weighs under three ounces, and pairs beautifully with the titanium Titan Kettle at 4.2 ounces and and your cook kit is less than a half a pound.



P.S. If you're a self-supporting kayaker, you already know this stuff and should check it out. Fits in tiny places like a day hatch for afternoon tea and biscuits. Because we're just out in the wilderness. We're not savages.



Dagger Phantom

The Phantom started life as a secret project, kept well hidden from management by some rogue designers (I'm lookin' at you, Snowy). A great plan until prototyping and the temporary mold caught fire, setting off alarms and evacuating the factory.

The reason the Phantom was born was to create the ultimate creek boat that still behaves itself as a river runner. Lots of bow rocker, comfortable seating, and tons of grab handles for swimmers or for extraction if you get stuck in a tight place. A great selection for beginners who want safety, or for a creek runner who wants performance.

WHAT'S NFW

Yakima Showdown & Boat Loader

As SUVs get taller and we get older, the biggest impediment is getting your boat on your vehicle. Trailers are an awesome answer to that, but not everyone has that luxury. Not to worry, you can still use a **Showdown** to load one kayak or two SUP boards on top of your vehicle. Load at waist height, strap down your boat/boards, and lift. The Showdown takes some of the weight off your load, a little under half of it, so it's easier to lift. Tie down the bow and stern, and you're on your way. The Showdown weights just over 20 pounds, so you shouldn't go over your rack's weight limit. Optional locks allow you to secure Showdown to your rack so it doesn't sprout a pair of legs and walk off.

The **Boat Loader** has been redesigned to fit Yakima's new aero-style bars. It provides a helping arm to hold your boat off to the side at rack height so you can walk calmly



around to the other end and hoist that up in place, then return to the supported end to finish the job. Included in the box is an adapter to fit Yakima's round bars. Solo paddling, or letting your tired partner rest, just became a whole lot easier.



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Thule

Xsporter 500

Beefy truck racks are awesome but sometimes that means big, chunky racks that whistle like Bing Crosby after a Scotch or three. Enter the Xporter 500. The aerodynamic bars reduce the wind noise to a whisper, and the included and integrated load stops make this a sweet set up for canoeists. 71" bars mean you can probably get a couple of tandems on there. 450-pound capacity is more than you'll need.



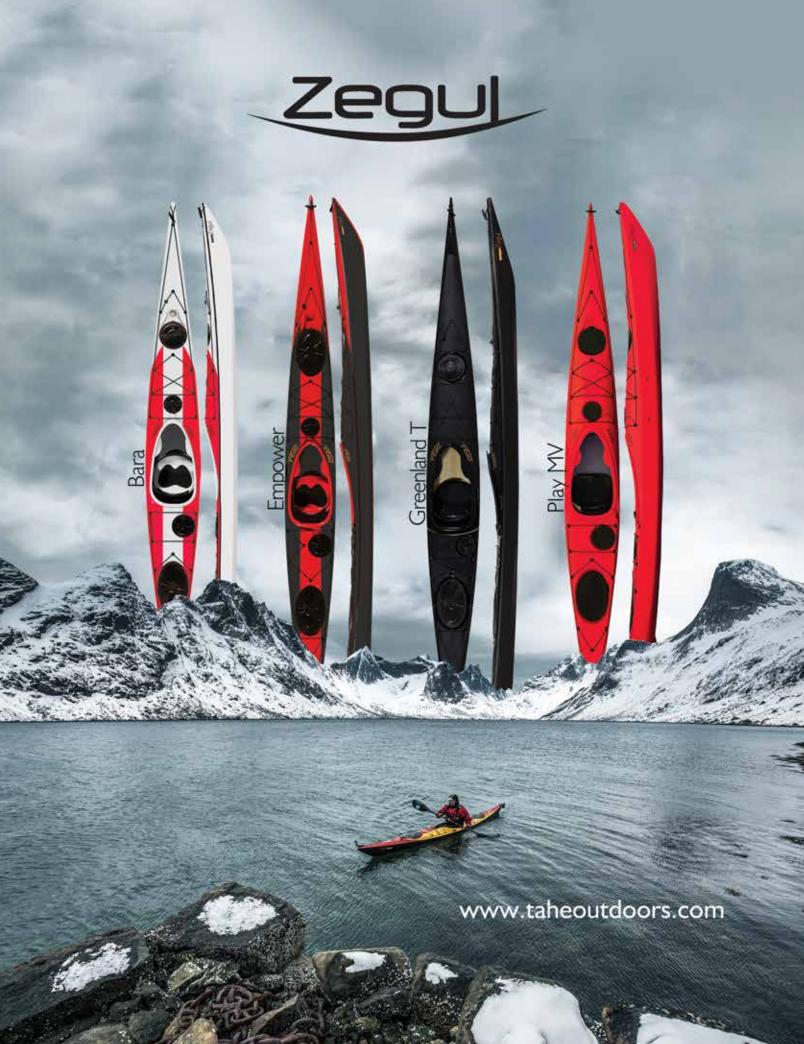


Boardworks

Navigator 11.6

This is a board we've been asking for since 2016. Boardwork's Bombproof construction was great for planing boards that get trashed in the surf, but us flatwater folks wanted some indestructable love. The Navigator is suitable for day tripping, getting a baby workout, or just hanging with the kids at the beach. Kids break things, but they won't ding the Navigator. Super comfy deck foam makes your toes happy.





FEATURES

Making and Sharing Memories

Find time to share your love of paddling, by Jim Pippitt

WHEN I'm stressed, I find that I can gain peace and comfort by remembering the time I spent out on the water.

Some of my favorite memories as a kid involved canoeing. Dad got a used Royalex boat and we paddled around local ponds in Idaho. I vividly remember the play of light against the basalt formations. Then as the family grew, we got a larger canoe which we took to the lakes. We paddled around in clear waters surrounded by majestic mountains scented by pine and sagebrush. It continued into adulthood. One of the first things my wife and I did on our honeymoon was a paddle around a glassy lake. I remember the glint of sunlight against her hair and

reflecting off my wet Mitchell paddle. She remembers the warmth of the sun. The shared experience makes us happy, and closer together.

I try to share experiences like those, hoping that the magic of being on a human-powered watercraft will make a memory that resists fading with time. I hope that the "be here, be now" moments that come with paddling will move those who come along with me. I hope that the kids I take along will see that the electronics they love are awesome, but that the natural world is no slouch either. Offer up those experiences to those around you. You never know where they'll end up.

AFTER THE SHOW:

Post-Canoecopia Details

The store is closed from Tuesday, March 6 through Thursday, March 15. We reopen Friday, March 16th.

Special orders really do take 6-10 weeks. We will either call, text, or send you an e-mail when your order arrives.

Test paddling usually starts April 18th, weather permitting. Check rutabaga.com for updates.

If you bought a rack at the show, we can install it at Rutabaga, later. We're busiest on the weekends, so if you can come midweek, your wait may be shorter.

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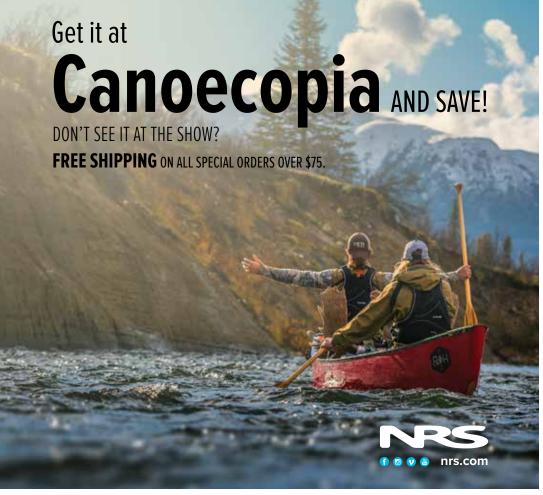
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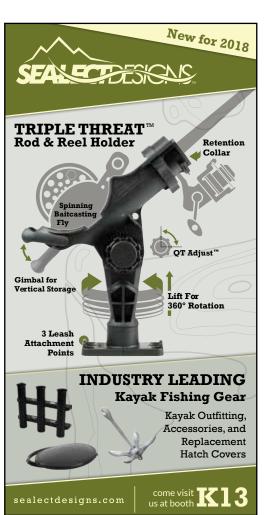


"Because you didn't set it up"

Kids will often surprise us with how capable they can be, by Maura & Bobby Marko

BRINGING children along on a canoe expedition is one of the best things we have done as adults. We made a conscious effort to bring our children into many wilderness settings no matter their age. Jack (3) and Rowan (1) are grizzled, experienced explorers who are daring, strong, confident, risk-takers. They work hard to terrify us with their seemingly death-defying leaps from tall rocks or desires to climb and do things themselves. It can be hard to step back, ignore our protective instincts, and see what they are trying to accomplish. Yet, when we do, we see that our own preconceived notions are limiting our children from taking positive risks that can have an enormous reward.

We had the privilege this summer of bringing our 10-year-old nephew, Ryan, out on a BWCA trip, his first wilderness and paddling





experience. The changes we saw in him after only 4 days in the BWCA were truly astonishing.

Shortly after making camp we took a tiny hike up a spur trail that led to the Border Route Trail. He complained as we made our way along the overgrown, rocky, and damp trail. He wanted to turn around and go back to camp after a mere 1/4 mile. Meanwhile, our three-year-old sobbed and begged to walk further.

As we entered the tent the first night he wondered aloud why his sleeping bag wasn't set up. I told him, "Because you didn't set it up." He explained that his mother usually did that for him.

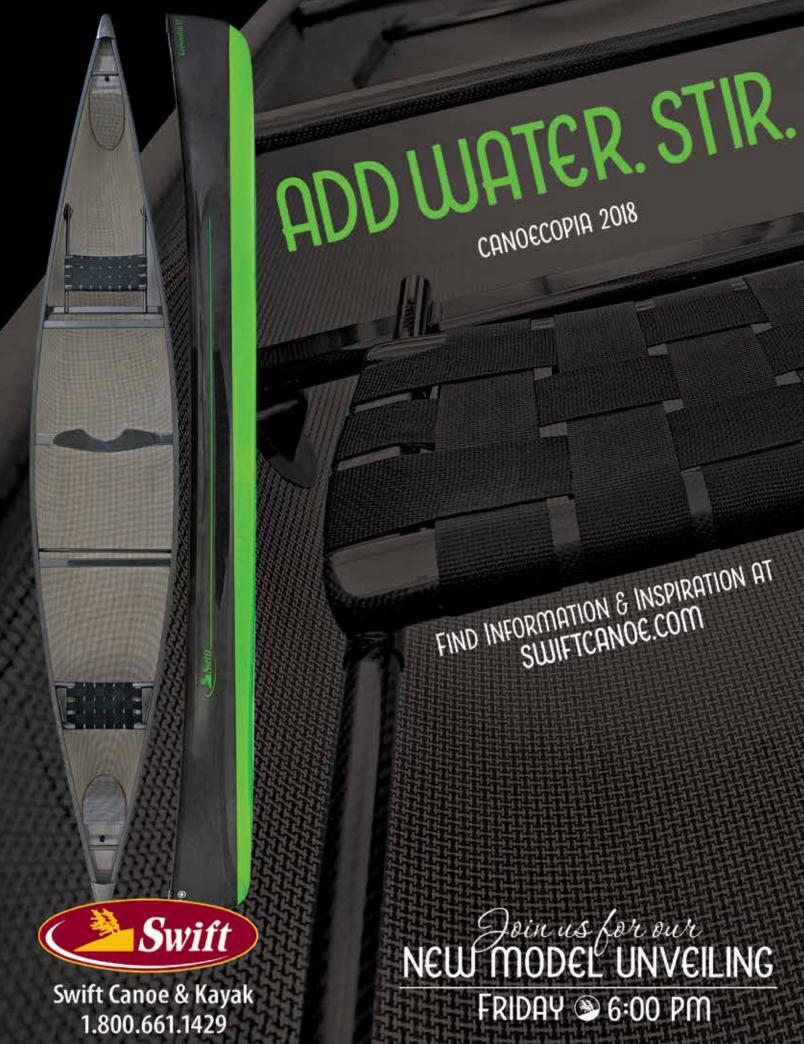
He was one of three children along on that trip and he was the oldest (our 3-year-old and 7-month-old were also along). I explained that, when in the wilderness with a group, each member has to pull their own weight. He learned that he would be helping with cooking, clean up, playing with his cousins, and rationing his snacks without being asked.

Two days later we paddled across the lake to a trail and summited a beautiful palisade on a stunningly sunny July day. Being a wizened wilderness adventurer at this point, we no longer heard complaints from Ryan. He walked faster, helped our toddler on the

trickier and steeper sections of the trail, and he didn't want the hike to end when we reached the summit. He learned to paddle and took time alone on the lake in the solo canoe we had along. He helped with dishes, filter water, paddle on day trips, collect firewood, ate heaps of food, pooped in the privy like a pro, and perfectly rationed his snacks. Once home, he raved about how much fun he had and how badly he wants to go back.

As parents, caregivers, or adults we often forget the resiliency and strength that children have. All too often we look at a situation and think, "they can't do that" without realizing that we should at least give them the opportunity to fail before making that decision for them. They will often surprise us with what they are capable of. Paddling into the quiet places of this world is something that all children should do to help them find their way, find their strengths, find their boundaries, and find their happy.

Maura and Bobby live in Excelsior, MN with their 3 year old son, Jack, 1 year old daughter, Rowan. They are extremely passionate about encouraging other parents to take the plunge and continue, or begin, an adventurous lifestyle with kids along for the fun. They will be speaking about canoe camping with babies and toddlers. See page 45.



Canoecopia Presentations for 2018

Places to go, things to do, new ways to do it. We've got it all and then some.

Christopher Amidon Paddling Isle Royale National Park

Sat 2:30p, Superior Sun 12:30p, Superior

Isle Royale National Park offers unique opportunities for paddling in and around a wilderness island in Lake Superior. The challenges facing paddlers are many, from the logistics of transporting equipment, to the unpredictable, cold waters of Lake Superior. Join Ranger Chris Amidon to explore the paddling options and challenges of Isle Royale National Park.

Greg **Anderson** The Wild Coast: Circumnavigating Vancouver Island Sat 10:30a, Voyageur From the turbulent tide races of the inside passages to powerful surf and swell on the outer coast, Vancouver Island is surrounded by dynamic waters. Greg



will share lessons learned from a fifty-five day, solo circumnavigation of Vancouver Island. Whether you are interested in paddling a short protected section or planning your own expedition, Vancouver Island has a wilderness adventure waiting for you. It is a place of rugged beauty and amazing wildlife, including bears, wolves, whales, sea lions, sea otters and more.

Jeff Bach **Making Your Own Bent Shaft Wood** Paddle abc Sat 1-4p, Atrium Paddling is all about using your hands. Making a paddle with those same hands really closes the loop. A handle made to fit your



grip and hand width, a shaft just the right length, and a blade just the right size are all available to you as a paddle maker, not to mention choosing the wood you want in your paddle. Stop by and view the demo paddles and materials that wavetrainSUP uses to build handmade wood paddles for both canoe and SUP.



As seen on ALONE

SPECIAL GUEST Jim **Baird**

How Canoe Tripping Helped Me Win History Channel's Alone

Fri 7:30p, Quetico Sat 12:30p, Quetico

After surviving on northern Vancouver Island for 75 days for History Channel's self-shot survival reality series Alone, Jim Baird and his brother Ted outlasted six other teams to come home with a cash prize of \$500,000. With a background in wilderness canoeing, the brothers were unsure how their skills would translate in a purely survival situation. While on the show, they built a canoe and paddles using a tarp and their knives, and they survived on everything from fish, to wild mushrooms, to whatever they could scrape off the bottom of a rock. When it was all said and done, they credit their multiweek canoe expeditions for teaching them the most important survival skill of all, and it's not something you can learn on YouTube. In this presentation, Jim will speak about his journey on Alone, and will share survival lessons he learned along the way, including what it is about canoeing that makes paddlers better survivalists than they realize.

Four Rivers to the Labrador Sea

Sun 11:30a, Superior

Jim set off on a 33-day canoe trip from Shefferville, Quebec to Hopedale, Labrador via the Du Pas, George, Adlatok and an unnamed river. With three height-of-land crossings, significant up-river travel on the George, raging whitewater runs on the Adlatok, and two trailless, two-day portages, this is a tough route by any standards. And that's not even considering the blackflies, bear trouble, bad weather and lack of food that Jim and his group of four dealt with on the journey.

Lessons from the Trail abc

Sat 2:30p, Quetico

They say good decisions come from experience, and experience comes from bad decisions. There is no other place than the trail to gain real experience. In this presentation, Jim shares the skills he's used and learned on his wilderness canoe trips in Alaska, and the Canadian North. These include everything from whitewater strokes and rigging a quick sail, to camping skills like axemanship, cleaning fish, and lighting fires in the pouring rain.

John Bates **Our Living Ancestors:** The History and **Ecology of Old Growth** Forests in Wisconsin Sat 10:30a, Algonquin

Sun 11:30a, Algonquin Old-growth trees dominated Wisconsin's forests prior to European settlement. Ecologists estimate that between



two-thirds and three-fourths of Wisconsin's forests lived into their old age. What we see 150 years later is a far cry from what our forests once looked like, but some remnants still flourish. Questions to be answered: How did this happen, what are the values of current oldgrowth, and where can one combine a beautiful paddle with a hike in old-growth?

The Farthest Side of Widlife Ecology Sat 3:30p, BWCA

The Big Bang, natural selection, population dynamics, amazing adaptations, reproductive strategies (sex!), animal behaviors—here's wildlife ecology 101 for the paddler in 45 minutes through the lens of Far Side and other cartoons. Laugh your way into understanding more about wildlife you see while paddling.

Timothy **Bauer** Three Paddling **Destinations for** 3-day Weekends in Wisconsin

Fri 5:30p, Superior Sat 9:30a, Superior Focusing on three of his favorite places to spend a long weekend paddling and camping in Wisconsin, join



local author and one-half of the popular "MilesPaddled.com" website, Timothy Bauer, on his tour of the Bois Brule River, the Black

River Falls smorgasbord of side creeks, and the East Branch of the Pecatonica River. Ranging from quiet water paddling to adrenaline-crazed rapids, with an emphasis on gorgeous geology, Timothy will share his tips on some of the bestkept secrets of paddling in the Badger State.

Jimmy **Blakeney** Brought to you by BIC SUP Free Your Hips from **Their Cockpit Prison:** Moving Around on a SUP with Style

Sat 12:00p, Pool Sun 12:30p, Pool For paddlers accustomed to being "locked" in a cockpit, SUP offers

the opportunity to free your hips from their cockpit prison. In this on-water seminar Jimmy Blakeney walks you through the various methods of moving around your board with style, as well as how to incorporate your paddle skills to make it effortless.

Hey! What do those symbols mean?



Special Guest. New to Canoecopia with unique stories to tell



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It's a film. But you knew that.





Alec & Sharon Bloyd-Peshkin Ten Tips for Becoming a Better Paddler abc Fri 7:30p, Killarney Sat 9:30a, Voyageur

How do you balance safety with adventure, and improvement with enjoyment? We'll present ten tips for managing your risks and your goals. This talk is for all kinds of paddlers of all kinds of craft who want to paddle more, paddle safer, and paddle better.

Assisted Rescue Workshop abc Sat 12:30p, Pool

In this interactive, pool-based session, you will break down and reassemble the sea kayak-assisted rescue to make it work for you... without ever getting wet! Come prepared to participate, and you'll go away with tips for making your assisted rescue safe and effective in all conditions.

Tips for Enjoying Canoecopia Speakers

- The Exhibition Hall is large; plan enough walking time to arrive on time, especially on Saturday when the aisles can be crowded.
- Many presentations are standing room only on Saturday; try seeing those speakers on Friday or Sunday for better seats. Some presentations are only offered on Friday and/or Sunday.
- The pool sessions have a limit of 99 attendees for each time slot. Please arrive early to ensure your spot.
- Strategically use speaker presentations as an opportunity to sit down and rest.
- Any changes to the speaker schedule will be posted online, at the Information Booth, and in the speaker room area. See www.canoecopia.com

John **Browning** What's in Your First Aid Kit? abc

Fri 4:30p, Killarney Sat 11:30a, Bear

Do you carry a first aid kit when you paddle? Did you purchase one? If so, do you know what's in it and how to use all that stuff? What do you need to add to meet your needs? If you built one yourself, do you have the right stuff? Do you know how to use everything? John will explore first aid kits and what he carries. He will also provide some helpful tips on first aid and backcountry medicine.

Navigation 210: Beyond "Look, See, Go" abo Sun 11:30a, Killarney

What happens when the fog rolls in or darkness descends and you can't "look, see, go"? Will you know what to do? Do you know how to plan for this possibility? We can't always focus on our destination and just paddle to it. Attend this discussion of what to do to prevent a possible "lost at sea" call-out. Filing a float plan, planning a crossing, basic chart and map reading, as well as how to use a compass will be covered. Come and learn some basic tips, tricks, and techniques of staying found.

Kevin Callan The Complete **Guide to Winter** Camping abc **
Fri 6:30p, Quetico Sat 11:30a, Quetico Join Kevin as he presents on his latest book on winter camping. Learn about snow and ice safety, cold camping shelters, hot tenting,



packing a toboggan, choosing a sleep system, warm clothing, animal tracking, cooking a delicious meal, how to outfit yourself properly, and more. Overall, the Happy Camper will show you how to have a good time-once you're all bundled up!

Canoeing Nova Scotia's Inland Wilderness Sun 10:30a, Quetico

Author Kevin Callan retraced a Nova Scotia historic canoe route described in the classic 1908 book *The Tent Dwellers*, a week-long venture through Keji National Park and the Shelburne River. You won't want to miss this one.

Ontario's Top Canoe Routes

Sat 1:30p, Quetico Sun 12:30p, Quetico

Author Kevin Callan will present on a number of his favorite canoe routes across Ontario, from Algonquin Park to Quetico. He's written a number of popular guide books on the subject. This is definitely the presentation to go to if you're thinking of paddling Ontario.

Mary Cerami Lou

Brought to you by Aqua-Bound SUP Basics: A Beginner's Guide abc

Sat 10:30a, Loon Paddleboarding may seem intimidating, but in reality it's a very beginnerfriendly sport. Join Mary Lou for this informative talk as she explains step



by step what you need to get on board and on the water. She will discuss what to look for in a paddleboard and other gear you need. Learn how to easily stand up, paddle straight, turn, and get back up on the board when you fall off. Get a jump start on summer fun with SUP!

John Chase Power to the Paddle: **Exercises to Improve** Your Paddling abc Fri 7:30p, Atrium Join this fun, hands-on session where you'll learn and practice functional exercises to help you paddle longer, faster, and stronger.

Learn simple exercises

requiring little or no equipment and targeting crucial muscles to be a better paddler, build endurance, and prevent injury. You'll improve your outdoor experience and become the best paddler you can be!

Perfectly Pack Your Kayak for a Multi-day Trip abc

Sun 12:30p, Atrium

Loading your personal and shared group gear in your boat is part art and part science. This hands-on workshop will equip you with tips and tricks to pack your kit for a dry, safe and enjoyable multi-day journey without having to cut the handle off your toothbrush.



Preston Ciere Making the Portage Fun abc

Fri 7:30p, Sylvania

Portaging can be fun—seriously! If you'd like to take your paddling adventures to more remote and serene places, carrying your canoe over your head is the best way to do it—and it doesn't have to be awful! Through funny stories, learn from Preston's experience (and mistakes) as he shares tips on how to get started portaging and how to make things go a little easier on the trail. The effort is worth it because the best places are over the portage!

Evan Coulson The Mindful Paddler: **Caring for the Places** We Love abc Sat 1:30p, Sylvania Outdoor enthusiasts can model stewardship in powerful ways, serving as both protectors and

promoters of the



natural places on which we depend for recreation and renewal. Join Evan Coulson, Wisconsin State Advocate for the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, to explore principles and practices that empower paddlers to travel with consciousness and care. Gain skills for thoughtful trip planning, informed flat water and river travel, and considerate shared use of the celebrated waterways we all love. Develop your voice for sharing these skills and ethics with others.



Dale Cox The Wild and Scenic St. Croix and Namekagon

Fri 4:30p, Superior Sat 3:30p, Superior

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act this year with a visit to the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Consisting of two rivers, the St. Croix and its largest tributary, the Namekagon, this unique waterway was one of the first eight protected by the law passed by Congress in 1968. Park Ranger Dale Cox will share the history of this special National Park and the recreational opportunities that await you, including pristine waters for paddling, primitive shoreline camping, and world class fishing.

Arthur **D'Amato** Strength and Conditioning for Paddlesports abc Sat 1:30p, Killarney This talk presents and distills best practices from the world of strength and conditioning and teaches you how to

apply them to paddle



sports. What injuries are paddlers prone to and how do you avoid them? How do you improve performance? What is a periodized program and how do you create one that is suitable for you and your sport? Learn from a certified exercise physiologist how to train like the best to be your best on the water.

Rachel **Dodge** Baja: The Sea of Cortez islands and National Parks

Sat 9:30a, BWCA Sun 12:30p, Bear

The desert wilderness and wildlife-rich waters of the Sea of Cortez make for one of the best winter paddling destinations in North America. With warm sunny weather, clear waters, and stunning scenery, Baja offers almost limitless opportunities for kayaking. Learn about the flora and fauna of Baja, and discover paddling around the little-known Isla San Jose. Images of towering coastal mountains, aquamarine water, and blue whales more than five times the length of a kayak are so inviting you'll want to grab the next flight to Mexico.

Kris **Dressler**, Greg **Anderson**, & Doug **Neal** The Physics of Tides

Fri 6:30p, Caribou

Ocean paddling reminds us of our place in

the universe. The daily rise and fall of tides, the biweekly waxing and waning from neaps to springs and back again is evidence of our connection to things beyond the planet we call home. Solar and lunar gravitation, the Earth's rotation, and the contours of the sea floor all impact the cycle of tides and currents. We will explore the dominant components of this cycle, learn how tides are predicted, and discuss the fluid dynamics of a range of tidal phenomena.

Physics and Paddlesports: Encore Enlightenment

Fri 7:30p, Caribou

Every year, there are more questions than time allows after the Baga scientists finish their talks. This year, our second "talk" will be completely dedicated to Q&A. Did something about tides pique your interest? Are you considering dimples on your surf-ski? Heard some halfcocked theories about weather cocking? If there is a question that you've been yearning to ask, you can post it at paddlephysics.engr.wisc.edu (or bring it with you). Greg, Doug, and Dress will team up and have an answer ready for you!

Renee **DuFresne** & Spike **DeBoer** The Kayak Paddle Timewarp: Contemporary vs. abo **Traditional Paddles**

Sat 1-4p, Atrium The "Skinny Stick" (the "Greenland" or

"Aleutian" or other traditional blade) may



seem a world apart from European paddles. Well, they are — and they are not. Come explore the differences, the similarities, and the uses and techniques that are specific or similar to each. Learn when and how to choose which paddle and where to find resources on selecting, purchasing, or building your paddle. If you are new to kayaking or contemplating the addition of a traditional paddle, this is a great place to start.

Traditional Greenland Rolling Demo Sun 2:00p, Pool



Did you know that there are over 30 different ways to roll a kayak? Greenland rolling is a combination of skills and fun! Some of the rolls are necessary for survival as an arctic seal hunter, some are the result of fun and friendly

one-upmanship competition. Renee, Spike (and friends) participated in the Greenland National Qajaqing Championship in Aasiaat, Greenland in July 2017.

Israel **Dunn**

Brought to you by Native Watercraft

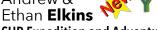
Pedal vs.Paddle abc Fri 4:30p, Caribou Sat 3:30p, Caribou Pedal driven kayaks have taken the angling scene by storm.



What was once an on-the-water novelty is now the norm, but is it

worth the extra cost? Is the ability to fish "hands free" really as big a deal as people make it out to be? Learn the pros and cons of both pedal- and paddle- driven boats, then take an in-depth look at different fishing styles and discuss when each type of kayak really has the advantage. Israel wants to help you choose the best kayak for YOUR fishing conditions.

Andrew &



SUP Expedition and Adventure abc Sat 2:30p, Killarney

Whether on overnight camping trips or on 2-week expeditions, tripping on stand up paddleboards is exploding. SUP manufacturers see this demand and are creating new lines of rugged SUPs in both hard boards and inflatables. Learn what boards are best suited for you, how to rig your board, pack for your trip, and the advantages/challenges paddleboards have over canoes/kayaks. In August 2016, Andrew and his son, Ethan, paddled 200 miles across the Boundary Waters on paddleboards. Come hear their story and get some tips.

CHECK THE WEBSITE: SCHEDULE CHANGES

We often get feedback (thank you! give us more!) that you're disappointed because "the thing I wanted to see was cancelled." We get it, we want what you read here to be The Truth. But the Real Truth is that stuff sometimes happens. That's why we keep our most up-to-date schedule available at www.canoecopia.com

David **Ellingson** Kayaking the Erie **Canal and Hudson** River to the Statue of Liberty

Fri 7:30p, Voyageur Sun 1:30p, Loon Join the Paddle Pilgrim for this adventure down the historic Erie Canal and Hudson River. Called the "8th



Wonder of the World" when it was completed 200 years ago, the canal opened the continent to a surge of immigrants who settled the frontier and transformed the 13 colonies into a great nation. Award-winning photographs, compelling stories, and memorable music bring the exterior and interior landscapes to life on this epic journey.



Susan & Adam Elliott

Brought to you by NRS

Wild River Life: A Wild and Scenic Road Trip Fri 6:30p, Algonquin Sat 1:30p, BWCA

With a goal to paddle 50 Wild & Scenic Rivers to celebrate 2018's 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act, Susan and Adam Elliott hit the road. Selling everything and moving into an old RV, the couple began kayaking, canoeing, and rafting rivers in 2017 and will complete their tour in 2018. Learn what it means to be a Wild & Scenic River and hear about the couple's river adventures, such as kayaking the Virgin through Zion, night canoeing on the Saint Croix, or packrafting the Flathead at 5 months pregnant.

Confessions from Living on the Road: **River Style**

Sun 12:30p, Sylvania

After a year of traveling in a 25-year-old motor home, hauling too much kayaking, canoeing, rafting, and camping gear on their tour of Wild & Scenic Rivers across the country, Adam and Susan Elliott experienced beautiful places and

new friendships, as well as breakdowns and setbacks. What worked and what didn't? Now heading into year two with a baby on board, how will the Elliotts live the Wild River Life and what lessons stuck? Join the couple to learn how you can live the "Vanlife" optimized for river exploration.

Garrett Fache Y

Brought to you by Bending Branches

Paddle Manitoba Sat 2:30p, BWCA When you think Canada paddling, you often think British Columbia, Yukon, Ontario. But what about Manitoba? With over 110,000 lakes, 56



named rivers, and the coast of Hudson Bay, Manitoba has it all. From raging white water and gorgeous isolated lakes to waterfalls up to 14 meters, this amazing province is over 15% water. Why not come explore it?

Paddles and Photographs abc

Fri 5:30p, Bear

Sun 12:30p, Algonquin

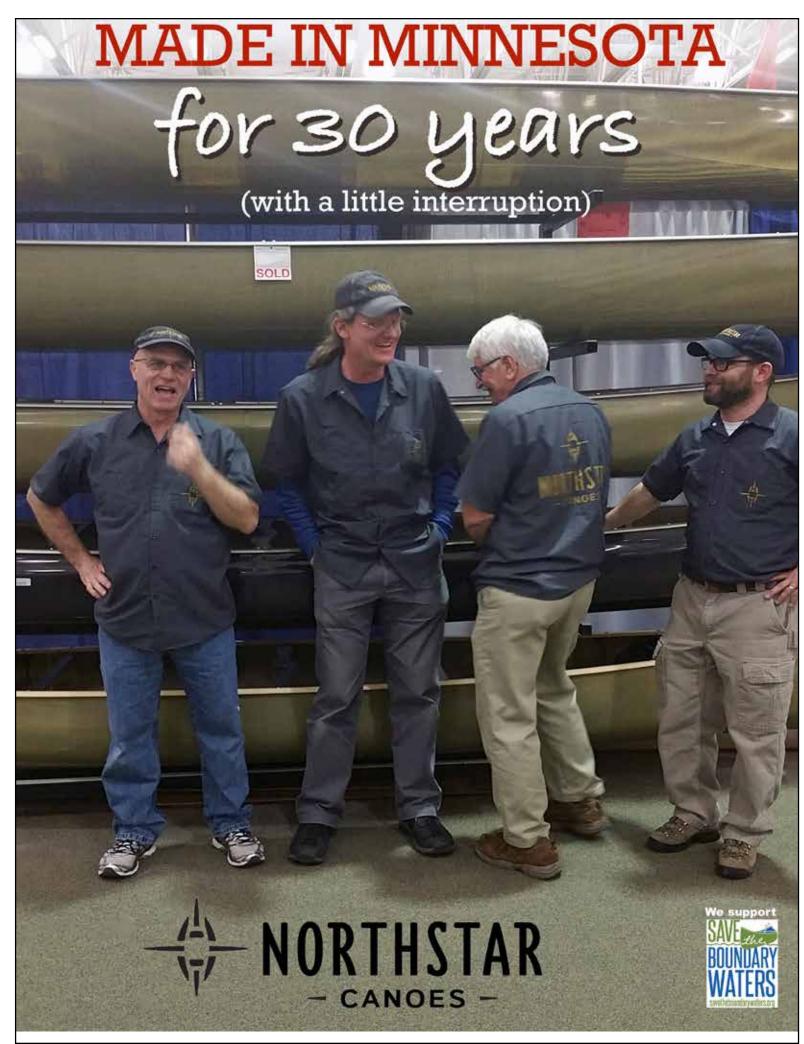
Taking expensive camera equipment on a paddling trip can be intimidating. Though it is easy to just take a cell phone, there is something special about a real camera and high-resolution photographs. Here are some tips & tricks and photographing hacks to help you get great shots. Every trip Garrett guides, he takes up to 34 pounds of camera gear. He wants to help you get shooting outdoors, too.

Al & Marsha **Fairfield**

Discover Sylvania Sat 12:30p, Superior Sun 2:30p, Quetico Sylvania Wilderness is a must-do destination for paddlers! Old growth forest, ginclear waters, abundant wildlife, and a real



wilderness feel make for an amazing adventure. In the past it was a privately owned wilderness club that hosted presidents and celebrities. Discover the history and learn all you need to know to plan your own adventure to this wonderful place.



Vern **Fish** Wabakimi Trek

Sat 3:30p, Voyageur

Wabakimi Provincial Park is the second largest provincial park in Ontario at 2,200,000 acres. The park is surrounded by another 3 million acres of protected land. This huge wilderness complex protects woodland caribou habitat and provides over 1,000 miles of canoe routes. Yet, fewer than 700 paddlers visit the park each year. This presentation will retrace a 200-mile trek across this vast wilderness. One of the highlights of the trip was a chance to see over 200 pictographs on a remote lake.



Dave & Amy Freeman Brought to you by MTI Life Jackets

A Year in the Wilderness Fri 5:30p, Quetico

Sat 1:30p, Superior Sun 2:30p, Superior

On September 23, 2015, Dave and Amy embarked on a year long adventure in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. That's 365 days exploring and documenting the Wilderness with the purpose of keeping America's most visited wilderness area in people's consciousnesses throughout the entire year. They used their adventure as a platform to educate about the threat posed by sulfide-ore copper mines being proposed near the BWCAW. The Freemans traveled roughly 2,000 miles by canoe and ski with sled dogs, visiting over 500 lakes, rivers and streams throughout the year.

Gear for a Year abc

Fri 7:30p, Superior Sat 4:30p, Superior

If you headed into the wilderness for a year, what would you bring? Get a look at the tents, stoves, sleep systems, clothing, canoe, paddles, and other equipment that Dave & Amy used during the year they spent exploring the BWCA. Learn what worked and what didn't, along with ideas about what to pack on your next adventure in any season.

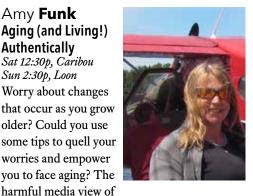
John Fritzell & 🔉 Ken Braband

Adaptive Paddling with Team River Runner Sat 10:30a, Killarney

John Fritzell is an adaptive paddler on a mission to make up lost time. John picked up a kayak paddle at age 50 after having last paddled at age 11, partly because he couldn't physically hold a paddle. His story takes him from London's Regent's Canal to the Apostle Islands with the help of his paddling buddies from Team River Runner's Green Bay and Milwaukee chapters.

Amy Funk Aging (and Living!) Authentically

Sat 12:30p, Caribou Sun 2:30p, Loon Worry about changes that occur as you grow older? Could you use some tips to quell your worries and empower you to face aging? The



successful aging focuses only on our physical being. While this is important, a better view of aging focuses on our whole person, using nature to help us age authentically. Authentic aging involves focusing on our whole self, spending time in nature and leaving a legacy. New inspirations added for the 2018 presentation!

Mona **Gauthier Food Dehydration**

101 abc Sat 10:30a, BWCA The excitement of planning and preparing for a wilderness adventure can be enhanced by including your own dehydrated meals. Thirty years of BWCA food prep



secrets will be shared along with basics on dehydrating food, planning complete meals, and types of dehydrators.

The Unpacking of Mr. Food II abc 🚣

Sun 12:30p, Carbiou

Mr. Food is a Frost River Camp Cook's Kitchen Pack made of 18 oz. waxed canvas that dutifully carries all food and food prep items on BWCA trips. Thirty-three years of tips and tricks will

be unpacked as Mona shares the secrets and stories of a well-perfected wilderness camping menu that will satisfy the hungriest and pickiest of appetites. If you're looking to pack food that is lightweight, nutritious, affordable, and easy to prepare, attend this session.

Michael **Gray** Dancing with Ice: Paddling Greenland with Greenlanders Fri 4:30p, Voyageur

Sun 2:30p, Voyageur Join Michael for stunning images and video from two different trips to Greenland's West Coast. Paddling with



Greenland National Champions Maligiaq and Jenna Padilla, these were trips of a lifetime! The sounds of paddling through bergy bits provide a breathtaking backdrop for arctic kayaking adventure. Hear stories of seal stew, whale sushi, and graves in our campsite—or was it camping in a gravesite? Join Michael to learn about paddling in Arctic Greenland!

WHFRF ARF THF SPEAKER ROOMS?

Canoecopia has 12 Speaker Rooms in three areas. A Canoecopia wristband is your entrance in to all Speaker Rooms.

Main floor rooms are to the right of the Lobby from the main Canoecopia entrance doors. As you face the food concessions to your left are Sylvania, Algonquin, BWCA; to your right are Superior and Quetico.

Upstairs rooms are above the downstairs speaker rooms. Two stairways lead up from the Lobby. Upstairs rooms are Atrium, Bear, Caribou, and Loon.

Clarion Hotel rooms are connected to the show by an indoor walkway that begins near the cash register check out area in the Canoecopia Lobby. Clarion rooms are Voyageur, Killarney, and the Pool.

The Backcountry Gourmet abc 🚣

Sat 1-4p, Atrium

Drop by for these mini workshops as Michael demonstrates how to use commonly available supermarket foods to whip up great meals in camp. Get ideas for salads or fast and quick pasta Caprese, all topped off with fresh baked items like jalapeño cheddar cornbread and chocolate peanut butter brownies. Come learn some new camp cooking tricks, all from singleburner stoves, and prepare to sample!



Gail Green & Grant Herman **Apostle Islands Full Circle Tour**

Sat 10:30a, Superior Sun 10:30a, Superior

The Apostle Island National Lakeshore on Lake Superior is an absolute paradise for sea kayakers and attracts paddlers from around the globe. Grant Herman and Gail Green, pioneers of Apostle Islands sea kayaking, infuse their backgrounds as educators and passionate kayakers into this lively presentation where vivid imagery, music, and humor will leave you fully engaged. You'll launch with a past-topresent-day tour of cultural highlights, cruise by lighthouses and sea caves, and land with a thirst to revisit or see for the first time this Superior location.

Jay Gustafson Y Solo Canoe Minnesota's Rivers: All of Them

Sat 4:30p, Sylvania While you likely know that Minnesota has over 10,000 lakes, did you know that there are also 34 rivers



designated as state water trails? With over 4,500 mapped river miles throughout the state, there is an abundance of solo paddling opportunities available to match nearly all skill sets and abilities. Join Waterway Jay as he discusses leaving everything behind to turn his passion for paddling into his full-time pursuit.

Don Halloran Lake Superior's **Shoreline Parks**

Sat 11:30a, Caribou During the summer of 2017, Don and his wife explored all of the US and Canadian parks bordering Lake Superior. This careful and in-depth exploration gave them



an excellent understanding of the recreational opportunities available while circling Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. Paddling, hiking, biking, and historic opportunities abound. They traveled this 1,300mile circle tour very slowly in a 1964 VW Bus. Join Don as he shares their discoveries.



Debra **Hawthorne**

Brought to you by Nova Craft Canoe

The 3 P's: Food for Your Adventure abc Fri 5:30p, BWCA

Sun 1:30p, Caribou Gathering with friends and family around meals and snacks is central to a fun trip whether you are just going out for a day, a weekend or a month. Join Debra to discuss Preserving, Packing, and Preparing food for your outdoor adventure. Preserving food that is wholesome, tasty, and safe for your trip is simple and fun. Debra will share ideas for packing foods and ways to prepare them by the campfire. Learn the basics and let your imagination run wild in your menu planning.

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AMFRICAN CANOF **ASSOCIATION**

Rendezvous: the Future of Paddlesport Education

New time and format!

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7:45-8:45 am Voyageur Room, Clarion Hotel Coffee and light breakfast fare served

Don't miss the America Canoe Association's (ACA) Paddler's Rendezvous, brought to you by the ACA, your local State Directors and Rutabaga. Join Carrie Schlemmer, the ACA's Education Coordinator, for a comprehensive look at the latest in Instruction from the ACA. In addition, an expert panel of paddlesports Trainers and Educators will opine on where the future of paddlesport education is heading and answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity! Stop by on your way to the show!



Canoeing in Style abc

Sat 1:30p, Pool Sun 12:00p, Pool

With style and finesse Debra will demonstrate maneuvering a canoe efficiently. This session will provide pointers on how to control the canoe easily and with style. The goal is to paddle smart, not hard.

Chris **Hipgrave** Brought to you by P&H

Custom Sea Kayaks

Sea Kayaking the **Antarctic Peninsula** Sun 11:30a, Sylvania Christopher's six-week exploration of the Antarctic Peninsula by

sea kayak with support from the research vessel, Polar Pioneer,

allowed his group to paddle large swaths of this remote, harsh, and fragile coast line, while also getting up close to some of the most incredible wildlife imaginable. Join him as he showcases the incredible interactions with the wildlife and the ever-changing ice in one of the most threatened environments in the world.



Wayne Horodowich Essential Equipment for Paddling abc Fri 6:30p, BWCA Sat 9:30a, Caribou

Whether you go out for a day, a week, or a month, there is certain equipment that paddlers need to make the most of their trip. Wayne, the founder of the University of Sea Kayaking, has been guiding adventure trips for over 43 years nationally and internationally. Join him for an enthusiastic give-and-take discussion as he shares his "must have" list with you so you can better enjoy your own adventures on the water.

How to Choose the Kayak that Works Best for You abc

Fri 7:30p, BWCA Sat 10:30a, Caribou

Trying to choose a kayak can be overwhelming with the seemingly endless variety of boats available in the marketplace. Your goal is to find the boat that fits your needs and your budget. For a step-by-step approach to finding the kayak that works best for you, join Wayne for a dynamic and detailed discussion. He will draw upon his many years of teaching kayaking and fitting paddlers into kayaks so they can have an enjoyable experience.

The Art of Staying Upright in Your Kayak abc Sat 2:30p, Sylvania

Sun 10:30a, Sylvania

Why not stay upright rather spending all that energy getting upright? Traditional bracing classes teach the slap brace, which is a one-shot attempt at staying upright. This discussion focuses on bracing and stroke techniques that give you longer and more reliable support. Whether on a small lake or on open water, when the wind picks up and the water gets rough, your need for support increases. Listen in if you

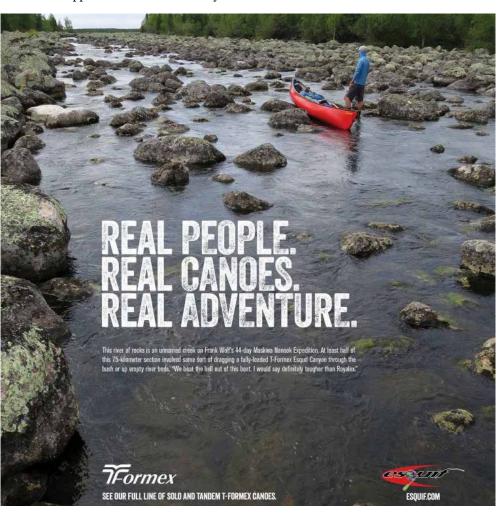
want to feel more comfortable on the water and minimize your chances of capsizing on those rough days.

Don Hynek & Daren **Barrett** Paddling the Cradle of Western Civilization

Fri 7:30p, Bear Sun 2:30p, Sylvania Blue water, fantastic scenery, ancient cultures, and centuriesold port towns; who wouldn't love paddling in the Greek islands? Come on a sea kayaking adventure over Homer's wine-dark seas, furrowed by Greek and Trojan biremes, Roman galleys, and



Turkish göke. Paddling overseas can be tricky, and a few hints can make it easier. Daren and



Don take you on an adventure based from the island of Poros through volcanic islands, olive groves, medieval ports, ancient temples, and some of the most beautiful salt water paddling imaginable.

Ginna Irwin
Wilderness First Aid
for Paddlers abc
Fri 5:30p, Algonquin
Sat 10:30a, Bear
Getting hurt or sick
is a quick way to ruin
your paddling trip. Join
Ginna as she explores
the treatment and
prevention of injuries
and illnesses common



to paddlers. In this presentation, you'll be introduced to providing simple first aid and assessing the need for evacuation. She'll discuss management for sun-related injuries, infections, shoulder dislocations, and more. Attendees will come away with new awareness of the skills and knowledge they can develop to have confidence during a medical emergency in the outdoors.



Cliff Jacobson Canoeing Wild Rivers

Sat 3:30p, Quetico abc Sun 1:30p, Quetico

Loosely based on Cliff's flagship book, *Canoeing Wild Rivers*, this fast-paced presentation focuses on canoeing remote northern rivers and remote but easy U.S. and Canadian rivers that are suitable for those with limited paddling skills. Tips and tricks and lots of laughs are the rule at Cliff's seminars. There's practical advice for every outing, whether it's close to home or off the beaten path.

Boundary Waters Canoeing with Style

Fri 4:30p, Quetico Sat 9:30a, Quetico Sun 11:30a, Quetico

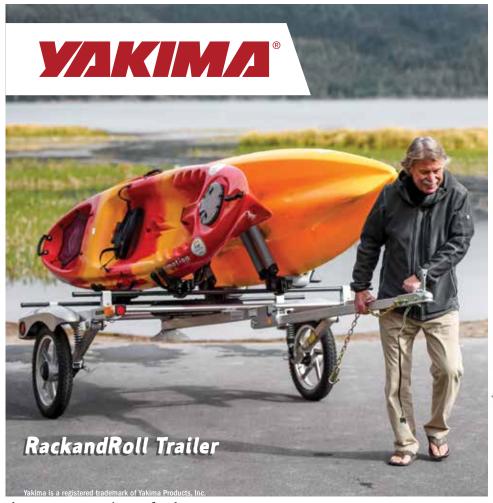


If you've ever been to the Boundary Waters and competed for campsites on a popular lake, fussed with fire on a rainy day, slept in a wet tent or been bugged by bugs, bears, or rodents, this session is for you. Discover how to get away from the crowd, choose essential gear, and stay dry when it rains all day. Learn what equipment works and what doesn't. Cliff will discuss the UTM (Universal Trans Mercator) system of navigation and Boundary Waters Canoe Area maps that utilize this system.

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How can we improve the show? What did you think of the presentations you attended? We need your comments and suggestions! Thanks for helping us make Canoecopia even better!

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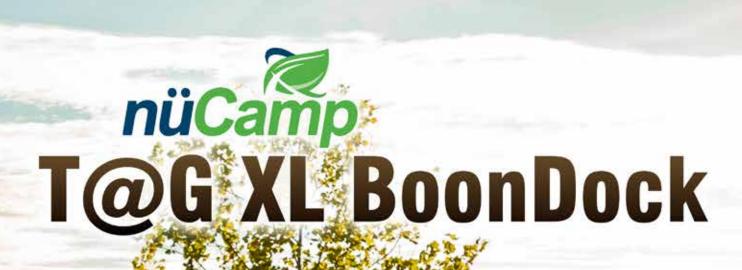


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Jerry **Karbon** Taking Lines and Building Forms abc Sat 1-4p, Atrium

Have a canoe you think would be better with tweaks to its length, width, or depth? Or a canoe you'd like to copy or an old hull you want to recreate? Have a table of offsets for your dream canoe and need help translating the numbers to wooden forms? Join Jerry as he demonstrates how to take measurements off an existing canoe to make and assemble the components for a strip or wood and canvas canoe form. Learn how you can tweak those measurements to modify the design.

Craig Kitchen The Canoe 🛞 🦯

Sat 11:30a, Voyageur

The film The Canoe captures the human connection and bond created by Canada's wellknown craft and symbol, the canoe. Through stories of five paddlers across the province of Ontario, the film underscores the strength of the human spirit and how the canoe can be a vessel for creating deep and meaningful connections. Filmed by Goh Iromoto, it features several beautiful settings in Ontario.

Andrea **Knepper** Leaning Into the Wave: 17 Things We've **Learned from Paddling Together**

Sat 3:30p, Killarney

What do a school librarian, a gang member, a retired probation officer, a felon, and a high school student have in common? Seemingly not much—except a love of paddlesport, adventure, and a desire to grow in paddling knowledge and skill. Together, we've learned that in life, as in paddling, you have to lean into the waves and it's best to have a friend around. Come hear our stories—some poignant, some pretty funny—about how this paddling community keeps growing together while working at paddling...and life.

Andrea **Knepper** & Tiara Coats **Troubleshooting Rescue Struggles**

abc 📤 Sun 1:00p, Pool Do you struggle to re-enter a sea kayak? This pool presentation is for you! This isn't a demonstration of a picture perfect T-rescue or the latest self-rescue technique. We will walk you through some guidelines to help you problem-solve when your rescue just isn't quite working. Built from real-life experience and frustration, we'll share

some solutions to help you figure out how to get yourself or your paddling partner back in the boat so you can safely explore more places.

Marty **Koch Basic River Safety for the Casual Paddler** Fri 5:30p, Killarney abc Sun 2:30p, Caribou

On the river, stuff happens. While paddling is usually a safe and enjoyable pastime, problems and accidents do occur. Join Marty as he presents information, geared to the novice or beginner, on how to be a safe paddler by recognizing and avoiding the most common hazards. Learn about strainers, river obstructions, eddies, river classifications, cold weather paddling, and flooding from an experienced trip leader. Learn how proper training and preparation can reduce your chances of encountering safety mishaps.

Alyce Kuenzli Y **Source of Confidence:** The Mississippi and Missouri Rivers Sat 1:30p, Loon Alvce Kuenzli is one of only a handful of people to have canoed both of North America's longest rivers: the Mississippi and Missouri. Travel



along these routes with Alyce, as she regales

you with stories, failures, and successes from these adventures. Learn about what goes into planning extended expeditions, how Alyce has cultivated the confidence to become the long distance paddler she is today, and her upcoming 2019 expedition!



Mary Langlie Offseason Preparation for Paddling abc Sun 1:30p, Atrium

Come join Mary for an active session in which you will discover ways to keep yourself in shape over the winter and reclaim flexibility and strength before you get in your boat for the first time next summer. This session is appropriate for all ages and skill levels. You will learn stretches and strength building activities that can be taken with you and performed in any environment. No need for an expensive gym membership or fancy equipment!

Nathaniel Langlie The Poetry of Earth Sun 11:30a, Loon The Poetry of Earth is a short film by Nathaniel Langlie that was presented at the 2017 Fresh Coast Film Festival. The film explores how nature can provide an escape



from the day-to-day grind. Join Nathaniel as he presents the film, along with a few other short films created in Marquette, Michigan, that show the beauty of nature.

Check out Canoecopia Live on Facebook all weekend!

Thanks to Jessie Hieb Productions www.theliveswelllived.com



Anna **Levesque**

Brought to you by BIC SUP & Werner Paddles Better Relationships, More Confidence, More Fun

Fri 7:30p, Loon

Did you know that women experience a different stress response than men? Science also shows that women and men activate different parts of the brain when communicating and making decisions. Understanding these differences between men and women can empower women to better understand themselves and restore their confidence. When men have a better understanding of how women respond to stress, make decisions and communicate, it allows

them to more effectively support the outdoors women in their lives. Better understanding and communication = more fun on the water!

SUP for Women: Walk on Water abc

Fri 4:30p, Loon Sat 12:30p, Killarney

In this fun and informational talk, Anna guides women getting started in SUP. Come learn and ask questions in a supportive and empowering environment. Anna will talk about the power of introducing SUP to her 72 year old Mother, creating a new possibility and context for their relationship. Please come as you are and discover the joy of walking on water at any age!

Yoga for Paddling abc

Sat 9:30a, Atrium Sun 10:30a, Atrium

Billions of dollars are spent trying to reduce low back pain when most of it can be treated with consistent stretching. In this all-levels class Anna leads you through poses that target the misalignment in the body caused by paddling. Addressing these misalignments can reduce the risk of injury in the low back, hips, and shoulders, and provide freedom from pain and discomfort. She weaves in stress management

strategies for overall well-being. No prior yoga experience necessary! Come as you are. Please bring a mat or towel if you have one.

Christopher Lockyer

Brought to you by P&H Custom Kayaks

Great Northern Peninsula: Newfoundland Sat 12:30p, Sylvania Located at the most Eastern portion of

North America, Newfoundland is an



island well known for its rugged beauty and welcoming hospitality. Join Christopher as he treats you to stories of a six-day journey along the Great Northern Peninsula. Along the journey, he and his group encountered hundreds of icebergs and abandoned communities that were resettled by the government, and some amazing scenery and challenging sea kayaking.

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PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

CANOECOPIA IS jam-packed with things to do and see! Use this 4-page pull-out section to keep track of speakers and events happening throughout the weekend. Find last-minute changes (and there are likely to be a few) at canoecopia.com

Aluminum Chef Competition

Our crowd-pleasing cook-off returns Saturday, 4:30 pm. Quetico Room

ONCE again, our three Aluminum Chefs will test their camp culinary skills against each other in true outdoor style. Kevin

Callan returns as our unstoppable MC in this fast-paced event. Woodswoman Mona Gauthier and former park ranger Marty Koch go up against local chef Luke Zahm of the Driftless Cafe in Viroqua, WI. Using MSR stoves and cook kits and a pantry of simple ingredients you might have





on your next camping trip (donated by the Driftless Cafe), our chefs will compete for the best appetizer, entree and dessert.

Come join the fun - you could be one of the judges from the audience who will determine the winner of each course!





Special Guests

Sharing extraordinary tales that we think you'll find inspiring and entertaining

Jim Baird is an adventurer, videographer, writer, and photographer. His early outdoor explorations developed into a passion for wilderness travel in Canada's far north. An avid canoeist, he has several impressive whitewater trips to his credit. He's also the first person on record to complete a self-propelled trek across the northern Ungava Peninsula in winter, a 230-mile Arctic trip he completed solo. In the same year, Jim and his brother, Ted, won season 4 of History Channel's hit survival series Alone, where they survived for 75 days on northern Vancouver Island.

Susan & Adam Elliott's adult lives have revolved around rivers. After 15+ years teaching kayaking and raft guiding, Susan recently completed her Master's degree with a focus on river restoration and is on the board of American Whitewater. Adam has over 20 years of professional river guiding, photography, and film production, and a Bachelor's of Architecture degree. It fits that they'd take a 2-year road trip to paddle 50 Wild and Scenic Rivers all over the country to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Will Steger is a formidable voice calling for understanding and the preservation of the Arctic and the Earth. Best known for his legendary polar exploration, Steger has traveled tens of thousands of miles by dogsled and canoe sled, leading teams on some of the most significant polar expeditions in history. Will has received worldwide recognition and numerous honors for his record-setting explorations and interactive educational initiatives. In 2006, Steger received the Lindbergh Award for "numerous polar expeditions, deep understanding of the environment and efforts to raise awareness of current environmental threats, especially climate change."

Drop-In Clinics

Saturday, 1-4 pm, Atrium

DROP-IN Clinics are back! For three hours on Saturday afternoon, we invite you to drop by the Atrium for some show and share. Join our speakers for informal conversations and demonstrations as you learn to build a wooden paddle (Bach), tie a few knots (Shapiro & Gasper), explore traditional vs. Euro paddles (DuFresne & DeBoer), discover a few camp cooking tricks and tips (Gray), and learn to take lines and build your own boat forms (Karbon).

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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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	5:30	D. Mongno Selecting a Kayak Paddle	B. Perry The Heart and Soul of Paddling	G. Fache Paddles and Photographs	C. Zarley Catching Canoe Country Lake Trout	
FRI	08:9	J. Ringdahl Preparing for When Things Go Wrong!	S. MacGregor The Art of Great Adventure Writing	N. Sims, M. Neuzil The Natural History of the Canoe	K. Dressler, G. Anderson, D. Neal The Physics of Tides	
	7:30	J. Chase Power to the Paddle: Exercises to Improve Your Paddling	A. Levesque Better Relationships, More Confidence, More Fun	D. Hynek, D. Barrett Paddling the Cradle of Western Civilization	K. Dressler, G. Anderson, D. Neal Physics and Paddlesports	
	9:30	A. Levesque Yoga for Paddling	C. Wilson Blade, Body, Boat: The Hydrodynamics of Paddling	H. Schwartz Wilderness Paddling Wood- land Caribou Provincial Parkk	W. Horodowich Essential Equipment for Paddling	
	10:30	D. Mongno Basics of the Forward Stroke	M. Lou Cerami SUP Basics: A Beginner's Guide	G. Irwin Wilderness First Aid for Paddlers	W. Horodowich Choose the Kayak that Works Best for You	
	11:30	D. Mongno Selecting a Kayak Paddle	M. & B. Marko Canoe Camping with Babies and Toddlers	J. Browning What's in Your First Aid Kit?	D. Halloran Lake Superior's Shoreline Parks	
SATURDAY	12:30	Drop-In Clinics 1-4pm J. Bach: Making Your Own Bent Shaft Wood Paddle	L. Sobota Great Lakes—Great Risks	J. Olson, M. Ziegler Wild Rice and the Tapered Boat: A Special Tradition	A. Funk Aging (and Living!) Authentically	
SATU	1:30	R. DuFresne & S. DeBoer: Contemporary vs. Traditional Paddles	A. Kuenzli Source of Confidence: The MI and MO Rivers	S. Osthoff Revelations of a Canoe Country Guide	C. Wright Florida's Paradise Coast and Everglades Paddling	
	2:30	M. Gray: The Backcountry Gourmet J. Karbon: Taking Lines &	V. & K. Popp Canoeing and Camping with Kids in the Great Outdoors	N. Sims, M. Neuzil The Natural History of the Canoe	B. Schultz Kayaking for Wisconsin Smallmouth Bass	
	3:30	Building Forms D. Shapiro & D. Gasper: Knots for Paddlers	K.A. Miller, A. Tornes The Fabulous Fox River Water Trail and NPS Assistance	B. Perry Paddling New Zealand's Great Barrier Island	I. Dunn Pedal vs.Paddle	
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S	1:30	M. Langlie Offseason Preparation for Paddling	D. Ellingson Kayaking the Erie Canal and Hudson River	D. Morrison Geology of the Apostle Islands	D. Hawthorne The 3 P's: Food for Your Adventure	
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	A. Talley Tall Tales from the Fur Trade Trails	G. Irwin Wilderness First Aid for Paddlers	D. Hawthorne The 3 P's: Food for Your Adventure	T. Bauer 3 Paddling Destinations for 3-day Weekends	D. & A. Freeman A Year in the Wilderness	5:30	FRID.
	P. & S. Schurke Arctic Trails and Their Secret Tales	S. & A. Elliott Wild River Life: A Wild and Scenic Road Trip	W. Horodowich Essential Equipment for Paddling	F. Shermock Quetico Canoe Routes	K. Callan The Complete Guide to Winter Camping	6:30	DAY
	P. Ciere Making the Portage Fun	J. Vandiver & One Match Band Paddle Songs	W. Horodowich Choose the Kayak that Works Best for You	D. & A. Freeman Gear for a Year	J. Baird Surviving History Channel's <i>Alone</i>	7:30	
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	B. Swab Getting Started as a Kayak Angler	J. Bates History and Ecology of Old Growth Forests	M. Gauthier Food Dehydration 101	G. Green, G. Herman Apostle Islands Full Circle Tour	W. Steger Canoe Sledding: Polar Adventures	10:30	
	T. Williams A Week on Oregon's Willamette River	J. Van Den Brandt Better Wildlife Photography	D. Tobey, M. Koch The Ozark National Scenic Riverways	S. Nelson BWCA Sites for Your Next Canoe Trip	K. Callan The Complete Guide to Winter Camping	11:30	
	C. Lockyer Great Northern Penin- sula: Newfoundland	R. McLeod Paddling the Upper Mississippi River	F. Shermock Quetico Canoe Routes	A. & M. Fairfield Discover Sylvania	J. Baird Surviving History Channel's <i>Alone</i>	12:30	SATU
	E. Coulson Caring for the Places We Play	N. Schroeter ER Procedures in the Wilderness	S. & A. Elliott Wild River Life: A Wild and Scenic Road Trip	D. & A. Freeman A Year in the Wilderness	K. Callan Ontario's Top Canoe Routes	1:30	SATURDAY
	W. Horodowich The Art of Staying Upright in Your Kayak	P. & S. Schurke Every Lake Has A Story	G. Fache Paddle Manitoba	C. Amidon Paddling Isle Royale National Park	J. Baird Lessons From the Trail	2:30	
	T. Thompson, R. McAllister Natural North Florida	J. Vandiver & One Match Band Paddle Songs	J. Bates The Farthest Side of Widlife Ecology	D. Cox The St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers	C. Jacobson Canoeing Wild Rivers	3:30	
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RDAY	12:30	B. Voight Wood-Tikchik Rivers and Lakes, Alaska	A. Levesque SUP for Women: Walk on Water	
SATURDAY	1:30	B. Nelson Jr Kayaking Glacier National Park	A. D'Amato Strength and Conditioning for Paddlesports	
	2:30	S. Mertz Kayaking the Kongakut	A. & E. Elkins SUP Expedition and Adventure	
	3:30	V. Fish Wabakimi Trek	A. Knepper 17 Things We've Learned from Paddling Together	
	4:30	L. Vogel & L. Buechler Women Empowered in the Wilderness	J. Van Barriger Packing the Perfect 'Oh Sh!t' Emergency Kit	
	10:30	B. Swab Getting Started as a Kayak Angler	C. Lockyer Sea Kayak Trip Planning	
	11:30	M. & B. Marko The Arrowhead Traverse	J. Browning Navigation 210: Beyond "Look, See, Go"	
SUNDAY	12:30	N. Schroeter Do I Have What It Takes to Sea Kayak the Great Lakes?	B. Paulsen No One Paddles the Thoa	
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Pool Demos – Clarion Hotel				
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY		
12:00	J. Blakeney Moving Around on a SUP with Style	D. Hawthorne Canoeing in Style		
12:30	A. & S. Bloyd-Peshkin Assisted Rescue Kayak Workshop	J. Blakeney Moving Around on a SUP with Style		
1:00	S. Mertz Boat Control Demystified	A. Knepper, T. Coats Troubleshooting Kayak Rescue Struggles		
1:30	D. Hawthorne Canoeing in Style	D. Mongno Essential Skills for the Kayak Angler		
2:00	B. Perry Coaching Ourselves: Moving Sideways	R. DuFresne, S. DeBoer Traditional Greenland Rolling Demo		
2:30	B. Perry Kayak Rolling: Euro and Traditional	S. Mertz Boat Control Demystified		

Pool Demonstration Notes

- Pool sessions are 20 minutes long.
- Pool demonstrations have significant capacity limitations. The fire code limits us to 99 people.
- Since they're so popular and space is limited, we clear out the audience before each new demonstration. Line up early for those you want to see.



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Sea Kayak Trip Planning

Sun 10:30a, Killarney

Sea kayaking is a great way for groups of likeminded people to explore the many nooks and crannies of our beautiful world! Would you like to go paddling with a group of friends but you are not sure where to start in the planning process? Do you want to become more knowledgeable about sea kayaking so you can get out and explore our ever-changing paddling environments? If yes, join Christopher to explore the many aspects of planning a trip and the variables that go into the planning equation.

Scott MacGregor **Trip Stories That** (Don't) Suck: The Art of Great Adventure Writing abc Fri 6:30p, Loon Sat 9:30a, Killarney Step inside an editor's office and learn



the simple rules of great adventure writing, better blogging, sizzling slideshows, and trip journals that jump off the page. This is a practical, lighthearted, and humorous guide for adventurers packing pens and cameras as well as paddles. Find out what makes a great story, and what doesn't (Hint: Nobody cares about your blueberry pancakes). Learn the secrets to getting your stories published, how to avoid the six common adventure writing pitfalls, and 10 ways even pros can improve their storytelling.



Maura & Bobby Marko Y Brought to you by Bending Branches

Canoe Camping with Babies and Toddlers abc Sat 11:30a, Loon

Planning a canoe trip but thinking the kiddos need to stay home? Don't call the babysitter just yet. Canoe camping with babies and toddlers is loads of work but incredibly fun! Learn best packing, meal planning, gear, diapering, and sleeping practices from Bobby and Maura Marko who take their 2 children, Jack and Rowan (ages 3 & 1), along on all their adventures including frequent visits to the BWCA.

The Arrowhead Traverse

Sun 11:30a, Voyageur

Bobby and Maura, along with their toddler and infant, attempted a 170-mile journey across the arrowhead of Minnesota. The three-part journey included biking the Mesabi Trail, paddling through the BWCA, and an attempted backpacking expedition along the Border Route Trail. Come hear the stories and lessons learned from three weeks through Minnesota's Iron Range, the BWCA, and the incredibly scenic Gunflint Trail.



Ellen McDonah

The Paddler Artist: Creating Art on the Water Sat 11:30a, Killarney

Any paddler can use creativity to enhance journal entries, sketches, writing projects, and memoirs during their river journeys. Ellen describes how she overcomes the challenges of making art during an expedition and shares helpful ways to experiment with non-traditional materials. Discover how journaling and sketching can be used as a springboard for other inspirational projects after the paddling is done.

SHOPPING & PRESENTATIONS: TIPS FOR MAKING IT WORK

We know that you may want to juggle shopping for great deals with your desire to hear our many wonderful presentations. Here are a few tips to make that easier.

- Grab a cloth tote bag as you enter the Main Hall to use for items you wish to purchase.
- About 15-30 minutes before the Presentation you wish to hear begins, head to one of our staffed Tote Check racks. Located just inside the Main Hall entrance and beside Canoecopia Customer Service, you can label and store your tote. Note that at times the Speaker Rooms tend to fill, so you may want to arrive early to get a seat.
- With your unpurchased items safely tucked away, you may exit through the "Exit Without Purchases" door and be on your way.
- When you come back to the Tote Check after the Presentation(s), get your Tote Bag with all of your goodies and continue shopping or go to the Check-out.
- Unclaimed Tote Bags are cleared at the end of each day. No items will be held overnight so be sure to claim your bag and purchase your items before you leave Canoecopia for the day.

And that's how it works!



Reggie McLeod Paddling the Upper Mississippi River Sat 12:30p, Algonquin

Sun 11:30a, Caribou

Reggie will share the joys of paddling the most interesting stretch of the biggest river in America, whether you're interested in paddling a short loop or camping out on an island. He'll also explore the recent boom in paddling the entire river, from Lake Itasca to the Gulf of Mexico. He'll explain how to join group paddles, go through a lock, and how to get quality maps and other useful resources for a river adventure. After the presentation he'll distribute detailed river maps and other useful materials.

Sherri **Mertz Boat Control** Demystified abc 🛂

Sat 1:00p, Pool Sun 2:30p, Pool Paddling a kayak should be fun, not frustrating. Once you understand some basic concepts you will likely find that it is actually pretty easy.



Sherri Mertz has taught hundreds of students how to kayak. She will share tips to improve balance, efficiency, and directional control that work for all types of kayaks.

Kayaking the Kongakut

Sat 2:30p, Voyageur

Caribou, wolves, and bears! Oh my! In 2007, Sherri paddled the length of the Kongakut River, the only river which lies entirely within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. Along with a group of rafters, they started in the mountains of the Brooks Range and ended in the Arctic Ocean 11 days later. Like any good adventure story, it started with a dream and had some false starts and challenges. The

spectacular scenery and trackless wilderness made it a trip of a lifetime!



Karen Ann Miller & Angie Tornes The Fabulous Fox River Water Trail and **National Park Service Assistance**

Sat 3:30p, Loon

Keen paddler interest in exploring waterways has spawned water trails worldwide. Community supported water trails provide a series of sustainable, safe, legal water access and camping sites along with public information. Water trails eligible for designation under the National Water Trail System (NWTS) also provide more information including ecological stewardship and public engagement. Members of the Fabulous Fox Water Trail committee will share their experience developing the water trail in WI and IL with technical assistance provided by the National Park Service.

Danny Mongno

Brought to you by NRS **Basics of Dressing** for any Paddling Adventure abc Fri 4:30p, Sylvania Sat 4:30p, Bear Making decisions on paddle clothing can be confusing. Join Danny as he discusses what you should look for in



paddling attire. You'll touch, try on, and dissect paddle clothing, looking at what works best for the different conditions you will face.

Selecting a Kayak Paddle abc

Fri 5:30p, Atrium

Sat 11:30a, Atrium

We all share common goals when kayaking: to use less energy, be more comfortable, and have more fun. The first step to get there is to make sure you have a properly-fitted paddle. In this interactive class, discover the best paddle design

for YOUR paddling style and then custom fit the perfect paddle for not only you and your kayak, but for your budget as well.

Basics of the Forward Stroke abc

Sat 10:30a, Atrium Sun 11:30a, Atrium

Efficiency is the ability to avoid wasting energy, a must to better enjoy your time as a paddler. Join Danny as he teaches you some basic skills to help your forward stroke become more efficient. This interactive seminar is designed to help kayakers, canoeists, and stand up paddlers. Come ready to have some fun.

Essential Paddling Skills for Kayak Anglers Sun 1:30p, Pool

Understanding some key strokes and boat control skills will make fishing from a kayak more effortless and more fun. We'll even take a look at what to do if you find yourself out of the boat and swimming alongside the fish!

Dan **Morrison**



A Kayaker's Guide to the Geologic History of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

Sat 4:30p, BWCA Sun 1:30p, Bear

The Apostle Islands are a paddlers's gem and offer a wide range of outstanding geological features. Most of these geological features are easily discovered if you know what to look for and where. Learn about the 1-billion-year geological history of the National Lakeshore: how the islands were formed, how different features were formed, what these features look like, and where you can find these features. Enhance your experience in the Apostle Islands by joining Dan in a geological treasure hunt.

Berlin **Nelson, Jr** Kayaking Glacier Bay National Park

Sat 1:30p, Voyageur
Three kayakers explored
Muir Inlet in Glacier Bay
National Park, Alaska, in
July 2016. The park is a
majestic wilderness with
1,000 miles of coastline,
hundreds of glaciers,
and abundant marine



life. They paddled through icebergs to explore McBride glacier, the only tidal glacier in the inlet, camped at Riggs glacier, then kayaked to the raw beauty of Muir glacier. They paddled

by humpback whales, sea otters, porpoises, big bears, and lots of sea birds.

Steve **Nelson**BWCA Sites that Will Enhance Your Next Canoe Trip

Sat 11:30a, Superior Sun 1:30p, Superior

Many wilderness travelers paddle right past historic, cultural, geologic, and scenic sites without stopping to enrich their Boundary Waters experience. Come learn map locations, see photos, and hear stories of each site. New sites for you to explore have been added to this presentation.

Catching Your Next Fish in the BWCA abc Sat 4:30p, Caribou

Sun 11:30a, Bear

A lure is tossed, the top water swirls...a big fish is after your lure. Play it right and you will have fresh fish for a shore lunch, dinner, or bragging rights when you return home. Learn key points to successfully fishing the Boundary Waters including what tackle and lures to use, where to fish, what to keep, and more.



John **Olson** & Meghan **Ziegler** Wild Rice and the Tapered Boat: A Special Tradition of the North

Sat 12:30p, Bear Sun 10:30a, Loon

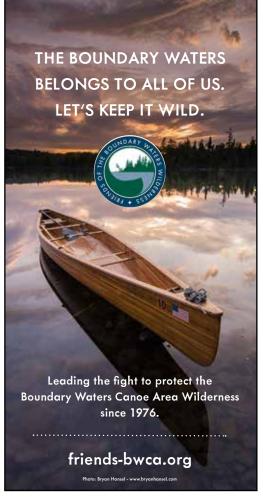
Wild rice, "the food that grows on water," is unique to our region and is tied tightly to the canoe! Because of the importance and value of this rare plant, its harvest is regulated by the State and tribes in a cooperative effort. John and Meghan will describe the plant, where it grows, and the critical importance of the "tapered boat" (canoe). Respectful harvest technique, simple canoe modifications, and basic wooden tools will be demonstrated. Audience participation is expected(!) and there will be a few tasty bites of wild rice foods to sample.



Stuart **Osthoff Revelations of a Canoe Country Guide abc**Sat 1:30p, Bear

Sat 1:30p, Bear Sun 10:30a, Caribou

Straight out of the school of hard knocks, this is a hard-hitting lesson on what BWCAW/Quetico canoe campers struggle with the most: route selection, paddling in the wind, portaging smart, finding wildlife, and catching fish... plus a few wilderness guide "believe it or not" tales. Invest in becoming a better wilderness canoe camper. The return will be priceless.



Rik **Pauli**

Brought to you by Stellar Kayaks

The Kayak Forward Stroke abc

Fri 4:30p, Atirum Sat 4:30p, Atrium The stroke used most often in kayaking is often misunderstood and can be the most



challenging to perfect. This hands-on presentation provides simple step-by-step information and exercises obtained from some of the world's best paddlers that will increase your forward stroke efficiency. Enjoy paddling farther, faster, and safer with more control while using less energy.

THE NEXT GENERATION

We're calling a bit of extra attention to the younger folks again this year.

Young Presenters: We "older" folks can be heard bemoaning that the paddler demographic is trending older and that we wish more young people were passionate about the outdoors. Well, take heart! Our Young Presenters are paddlers under 35 who have been doing cool things and have stories to share. From epic adventures to environmental issues, local paddling trips to paddling as a family, these Young Presenters bring enthusiasm, energy, and a fresh perspective to their presentations.

We encourage you to check out these speakers and cheer them on as they demonstrate that the younger generation cares deeply about the outdoors and values their opportunities for adventures in nature.

Youth & Family Presentations: How do we continue to build this next generation of paddling and outdoor enthusiasts? Discover how others are working to get kids outdoors. Get tips on canoe tripping with babies and toddlers (Maura & Bobby Marko) or camping and canoeing as a family activity (Vic & Kara Popp). Not quite ready for camping with the young ones? Discover places in northern Wisconsin that are ideal for family-friendly paddling experiences you can have while staying in comfort at local resorts or hotels (Krystal Westfahl).

Bear Paulsen

Brought to you by Northstar Canoe

No One Paddles the Thoa

Sun 12:30p, Killarney That's what friend Rob Kesselring said, and research confirmed Rob was correct. A first descent in the 1970s has been followed by maybe



ten trips down it. The Thoa River runs west, eventually to Great Slave Lake, through the southern Northwest Territories. Bear paddled solo for 18 days starting at the headwaters and ending before Great Slave. He found a beautiful river full of moose, whitewater, and abundant beaches. He spent his final night in a jail!



Bonnie **Perry** An Evolving Plan: Paddling New Zealand's **Great Barrier Island**

Sat 3:30p, Bear

In February 2017 Bonnie and a group of hardy paddlers did not quite circumnavigate this amazing island off the coast of Auckland, NZ. On the eastern coast are long, clear beaches, windswept sand dunes, and heavy surf. The western coast is home to hundreds of tiny secluded bays. Come hear of the group's trip and how it evolved to meet the needs and abilities of the participants. Begin to dream about how you might someday paddle in another hemisphere.

The Heart and Soul of Paddling

Fri 5:30p, Loon

Why do we paddle? What touches our hearts, feeds our spirits, and nurtures our soul when we venture out onto a body of water with a paddle in our hands? Join Bonnie, an Episcopal priest, in an exploration of why it is we continue to long for the water, and how being on the water, all sorts of water, enables us to access our best selves, and sometimes even the divine.

Coaching Ourselves to be Better Paddlers: Moving Sideways abc

Sat 2:00p, Pool

How many ways can you move your boat sideways or diagonally? How is your body positioned? How is your blade? What are you doing with your boat? What markers or flags can you look for to let you know you are performing the stroke effectively, efficiently and safely? Bonnie will offer ways we can coach ourselves to be better paddlers by simple means of reflection and awareness.

Kayak Rolling: Euro and Traditional Sat 2:30p, Pool



Join Bonnie at the pool as she demonstrates and discusses basic concepts and components common to all kayak rolls. Learn about differences and similarities between Euro and Greenland approaches to rolling.

Tim **Pflieger** Paddle in Paradise: **Door County** Wisconsin

Sat 4:30p, Algonquin Sun 1:30p, BWCA Join Tim, professional paddler and Door County expert, for a visual journey of his favorite paddling destinations, local



attractions, and favorite hidden gems. Tim will explore launches and landings, landmarks, paddle routes, and a favorite eatery or two. Come and visit with Tim to plan your next paddle adventure in Door County, a paddling paradise.

Vic & Kara Popp Canoeing and Camping with Kids in the Great Outdoors Sat 2:30p, Loon

Vic and Kara tent camp and canoe like crazy with their 6-year-old son, Isaac and 4-yearold daughter, Sylvi. Their kids have been camping and canoeing since before they could



walk, and many of their family's best memories have been in the great outdoors! Their 2017 adventures included Wisconsin, Arkansas, and

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Michigan. Vic and Kara will share pictures and stories of the successes and failures of camping and canoeing with their kids. It's a "family howto" about gear, locations, trips, and more.

Jonathan Rinadahl What Do We Do Now? **Preparing for When** Things Go Wrong! Fri 6:30p, Atrium abc Get ready to have some fun with a little learning splashed in! This interactive seminar will get you up and moving as we work through



scenarios you may encounter on the water. We will play around with situations and work through them. You will have so much fun, you will forget you're learning! Beginners to experts are welcome.

Neal Schroeter **Emergency Room Procedures in the** Wilderness abc

Sat 1:30p, Algonquin Sun 2:30p, BWCA

What do you do when calling 911 is not an option and someone is ill or hurt? Or, even if you could call 911, help is hours or even days away? What can you do about anaphylactic

shock, hemorrhage, broken bones, dislocated shoulders, puncture wounds? This could serve as a great introduction and motivation to take a wilderness medicine course, or serve as a great review if you have.

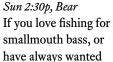
Do I Have What It Takes to Sea Kayak the Great Lakes?

Sun 12:30p, Voyageur

Many wonder if they have the skills to move from paddling inland lakes and slow rivers to bigger venues like Lake Superior or Lake Michigan, or even the ocean. We ask, "Do I need a guide, or can I do it myself?" We'll explore ways of assessing your skill levels, so you'll be best prepared to move up to new and exciting challenges!

Bill **Schultz**

Brought to you by Bending Branches/Agua-Bound **Kayak Fishing** for Wisconsin Smallmouth Bass Sat 2:30p, Caribou abc Sun 2:30p, Bear



to, this talk is for you. Since catching his first smallie in 1994, Bill has caught and released over 21,000 fish from Wisconsin lakes and rivers.

This talk will cover his most productive waters, top lures, appropriate rods and reels, along with tips on fishing kayaks.



Paul & Susan Schurke Arctic Trails and Their Secret Tales Fri 6:30p, Sylvania

Sun 1:30p, Sylvania

There are indeed strange things done in the midnight sun and veteran polar adventurer Paul will share some of the queerest of these. He'll recount favorite stories gleaned from his 30 years of travel at both ends of the earth. Among them: the polar ghost ship whose planking now resides in the Oval Office, the exhumed heart that crossed the Atlantic to reunite up with an ill-fated Arctic lover, the Alaskan dandy who taught the Pope to dogsled, and the Greenland gift that dropped from outer space.

Every Lake Has A Story

Sat 2:30p, Algonquin Sun 10:30a, BWCA

The Boundary Waters is famous for its 1,000 wilderness lakes. Equally fascinating is the cast of characters who called those lakes home in times past. Adventurers Paul & Susan Schurke share their hidden stories: the murder mystery of Creek Ridge Bay, Namakan's "Woman of the Wilderness," the dogsled postman who became a Minnesota legend, the hermit king philosopher of Judd Creek, sleuthing the Queer Rock blue moose, the secret pictos of South Hegman, and what about those Saganagons homesteaders who kept beavers as house pets?

TIPS FOR ENCOURAGING NEW PADDLERS:

Meet them where they are. Your idea of a great trip might be a week of hard portages, but that may not be what your new paddling friends are seeking. Keep their goals in mind, not yours. Start small and leave them wanting more. Mix it up with other activities they might enjoy: a short hike, or a shore lunch. Add extra time for swimming, photography, Frisbee, journaling, etc.

Have one at least one secondary/alternate route planned. With new paddlers, it's best not to plan for a Big Honkin' Paddle. Your goal is to help your pals have a good time and want to do more. You don't want bad memories to color their experience. Plan for alternate take-outs or an option for a shorter route.

Check in early and often. You need to make it clear that you're not psychic. They need to tell you when they're tired, sore, or need a bathroom break. Then you'll have to ask detailed questions. Don't assume you'll get the straight dope with a "How are you?" Don't get upset when they tell you something that changes the Grand Plan. Adapt and overcome.

Hydration Matters. Monitor hydration levels of your party, especially in the heat of summer. Declare it "National Hydration Day" and ask everyone to consume some good cool water. Make sure it's water-not soda, or worse, beer. Once you're behind the 8-ball on hydration, it is hard to get back to normal.

Harlan Schwartz The Primal Boreal **Forest: Wilderness Paddling Deep Within** the Heart of Woodland Caribou Provincial Park Fri 4:30p, Bear Sat 9:30a, Bear Journey deep into the wild and virtually



untouched wilderness of Woodland Caribou Provincial Park as you discover one of Ontario's last paddling frontiers, a land of wild caribou, wolves, moose, clear waters, boreal forests, and world-class fishing. This is a landscape traveled for thousands of years by the local Ojibway people, their pictographs standing guard throughout the park as a testament to a simpler time. Join him as he explores some of the key opportunities in this wild landscape.

Dave **Shapiro** & Don **Gasper Knots for Paddling and Camping abc * Sat** 1-4p, Atrium

Back for its 4th year, this hands-on clinic is an open format where you can stop by with your questions, practice a new knot, or just admire the knot board. If you learn something new, stick around and show it to the next person. After all, sharing knowledge is what the paddling community is all about.

Fred **Shermock Quetico Canoe Routes** *Fri 6:30p, Superior Stata 20p, BWC 4*

Sat 12:30p, BWCA
Fred "Jacques"
Shermock has tripped
the Quetico since 1969,
with over 30 trips with
crews, and a dozen
solo, from each of the



four corners of the park. His entertaining and interactive session is sure to assist you with your plans for your next adventure into the magnificent Quetico Park!



Norman **Sims** & Mark **Neuzil** The Natural History of the Canoe: From **Dugouts to Courting Canoes**

Fri 6:30p, Bear Sat 2:30p, Bear

The story of the natural history of the canoe can be told using the dugout, the birch bark canoe, and the risqué behavior in courting canoes early in the 20th century. This heavily illustrated talk will touch on the relationship of canoes with other historical trends such as relations with Native Americans, liberalizing social attitudes around the turn of the 20th century, and the role of canoes in the environmental movement. The presentation is drawn from their book, Canoes: A Natural History in North America.

Lenore **Sobota Great Lakes–Great Risks**

Sat 12:30p, Loon

Are you prepared to be on the Great Lakes or are you an accident waiting to happen? The Coast Guard and other emergency responders performed a lot of rescues on the Great Lakes in 2017. Things happen and not all accidents are avoidable, short of always staying on shore. But

many of the situations resulting in rescues and even deaths were a result of inappropriate boats, inadequate equipment, or other shortcomings. Let's talk about what happened last year and how to make 2018 a safer year.

Jake **Stachovak**Fitting your Kayak abc

Sun 2:30p, Atrium

Learn how to make adjustments to the inside of your kayak cockpit so you have a perfect fit. Jake will cover seat and footpeg adjustments/modifications, followed by customizing thigh braces with foam. Using a cutaway kayak cockpit, Jake will show possible placement of modifications. Materials and shaping techniques will also be discussed.



Will Steger

Brought to you by Northstar Canoe

Canoe Sledding: Adventures in the Polar North

Sat 10:30a, Quetico

Will Steger, polar explorer and environmentalist, has traveled with canoe sleds from the BWCA to the north polar regions over the past



25 years. He times his trips for ice break-up season in the spring, so the canoe sled can either be paddled like a canoe or pulled like a sled. In late March of 2018, he'll undertake an extended arctic canoe sled trip from Black Lake, Saskatchewan to Baker Lake, Nunavut. Come hear about this award-winning explorer's legendary expeditions in the far north.

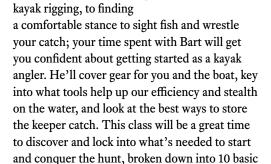
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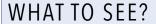
Brought to you by Werner **Paddles**

Getting Started as a Kayak Angler: From Rigging Your Boat to **Landing Your**

Catch abc

Sat 10:30a, Sylvania Sun 10:30a, Voyageur From the most basic





tips for success.

It can be daunting to narrow down which presentations to attend. There are so many great options in a very short weekend. Want to focus on all the "beginner friendly" programs? Or focus on canoes, kayaks or SUPs? Maybe you want to hear about paddling adventures in faraway locations or places closer to home. Or pick up tips on getting camp skills, catching big fish, or cooking up a delicious meal?

The Canoecopia website can help! Go to the "Presentations" section of the website, then in the drop-down select "Presentations by Category." Presentations are listed in as many categories as appropriate. Find your interest areas using this great tool to plan your schedule!

www.canoecopia.com

Andy **Talley** Tall Tales from the Fur Trade Trails

Fri 5:30p, Sylvania Sat 9:30a, Sylvania From out of the past meet Andre' St. Pierre, 1750 French-Indian fur trader. Andre' will present an energetic and entertaining look at the French fur traders



and the native tribes that they lived and worked with. He will delight the audience with short stories and tall tales about his adventures in the north country. Learn about the fur trade in this historically imaginative program. History has never been so much fun.

Tommy **Thompson** & Russ McAllister **Make Natural North Florida Your Next Paddling Destination**

Sat 3:30p, Sylvania Sun 1:30p, Algonquin

Natural North Florida is a year-round paddler's paradise. Springs and spring-fed rivers, including the 200-plus-mile long Suwannee River, offer paddlers a wide range of opportunities, including day or extended trips. Join Tommy and Russ for a visual tour of the region as they highlight the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail and the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail. Learn about coastal communities and amenities for paddlers and visitors throughout the region. Finally, as it's a growing part of the sport, they will discuss kayak fishing opportunities in both fresh and saltwater.



Tamara **Thomsen Paddling Through History: Shipwreck Interpretation for Paddlers** Fri 4:30p, BWCA

Sun 1:30p, Voyageur Discover Wisconsin's history hidden beneath

the waves with Wisconsin Historical Society's maritime archaeologist, Tamara Thomsen. Explore easily accessible, shallow water shipwrecks along Lake Michigan's scenic shoreline through underwater video, historic photographs, and archaeological discoveries. Hear stories of their tragic losses and learn how to visit, protect, and preserve these time capsules of our maritime past.

Dave **Tobey** & Marty **Koch**

Ozark Paddling: The Ozark National Scenic **Riverways**

Sat 11:30a, BWCA Sun 12:30p, BWCA

With its scenic, free-flowing Current and Jacks Fork rivers, caverns, and high-volume springs, this area captured the attention of Congress in the 1960's. Each week the larger springs pour billions of gallons of clear, cold water into the Current and Jacks Fork rivers, the heart of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways. This park exists to protect these largely spring-fed streams that run through some of the Ozarks' most beautiful scenery. Explore time-honored traditions and new recreational opportunities for paddlers in the Ozarks.

John

Van Barriger Packing the Perfect 'Oh Sh!t' Emergency Kit abc

Fri 6:30p, Killarney Sat 4:30p, Killarney Whether you're planning a pond paddle or a multi-week adventure, a good emergency kit can



help you get safely back home after trouble arises. Writer/photographer John Van Barriger will discuss the contents of his oft-used "Oh Sh!t" emergency kit, as well as critical items that should be added to most first-aid kits. Van Barriger, who has discovered a multitude of ways to injure himself while paddling and camping, will also share Murphy's Law tales of how these items became necessary components.

Paddling, BBQ and Floods: A South Carolina Sampler

Sun 12:30p, Loon

What happens when a northwoods boy travels below the Mason-Dixon line for his first

paddling trip in the South? Last winter, writer/ photographer John Van Barriger kayaked sections of five different waterways in the Palmetto State, including the endangered Edisto River, the longest free flowing blackwater river in the U.S. In doing so, he discovered some great paddling, challenging water-use issues, unique historic sites, the destructive results of Hurricane Matthew (now compounded by this past season's hurricanes)—and a destination worth returning to again and again.

John

Van Den Brandt **Better Wildlife** Photography: 10 Cool **Tools You Can't Live** Without abc

Sat 11:30a, Algonquin Sun 10:30a, Algonquin Wildlife photographers need more than camera gear to get their jobs done. John Van Den



Brandt of Wild Wind Images demonstrates ten tools he relies on to get in front of wildlife faster and more often. All of these gadgets are affordable, easy to use, and have proven results. You're sure to pick up some "tricks of the trade" for viewing and photographing wildlife in this all-new presentation.



Jerry **Vandiver** & The One Match Band

Paddle Songs

Fri 7:30p, Algonquin Sat 3:30p, Algonquin Sun 2:30p, Algonquin

With song credits on over 15 million records and paddling credits on waters around the world, award winning singer/songwriter Jerry Vandiver will be returning to Canoecopia with The One Match Band for the seventh straight year! They will be performing songs from a brand new CD, "Paddle On" along with some favorites from

the past for a laid back, fun, musical, and unique addition to your Canoecopia experience. Be ready to laugh, cry, sing along, and maybe even dance a little "Bear Barrel Polka"!



Lori Vogel & LuAnn Buechler Set up for Success: Women Empowered in the Wilderness abc

Sat 4:30p, Voyageur Sun 2:30p, Killarney

Join Lori and LuAnn as they share tips and tricks for a group of women to successfully tackle the wilderness together. Get pointers about transporting canoes, portaging gear, staying safe, and tying simple knots. Discover what clothing works best to be dry, warm, and comfortable. Learn how to build a team that trusts and empowers each other to grow while creating a unique experience with lasting bonds.

Bill Voight Wood-Tikchik Rivers and Lakes, Alaska Sat 12:30p, Voyageur Situated in the infrequently visited Southwest corner of Alaska is Wood-Tikchik State Park, 1.6-million-acre wilderness, larger than Delaware, served by



a solitary ranger with float plane. Less than a handful of paddlers canoe the Wood-Tikchik's lake-river systems annually; perfect for those interested in exploring rarely traveled, out-beyond-zebra rivers. Four friends paddled the 90+-mile Wood River and lakes portion of the park in August of 2017. This presentation covers attractions, challenges, and logistics of paddling this reasonably accessible, scenic, remote wilderness watershed.

Krystal Westfahl **Family Friendly Paddling Adventures** in the Northwoods of Wisconsin 🏋 Fri 5:30p, Voyageur Sun 1:30p, Killarney Are you looking for family-friendly accessible paddling experiences in

Northern Wisconsin's



Lake Country where thousands of lakes, rivers, and streams literally saturate the geography? Join Krystal to discover the many easy paddling experiences you can have while staying in comfort at local resorts and hotels. This is the info you need to help your family (or friends) get their toes wet in Northern Wisconsin!

Keith Wikle

Go with the Flow: How to Find Your Groove in Rough Water Paddling

Sat 4:30p, Loon

Athletes, desk jockeys, and weekend warriors all seek a state of flow where they are fully immersed, energized, focused, and calm. It's one of the most exciting states of being. Can you get there through paddling rough water? Can you gain comfort doing something previously out of your comfort zone? How does "flow state" intersect with our lives both on and off the water? Learn examples of flow states across paddling disciplines, and leave with a few suggestions for how to reach your own flow state through paddling rough water.

Travis Williams A Great Western River: A Week along Oregon's Willamette River

Sat 11:30a, Sylvania Have you ever wanted to paddle one of Oregon's river gems? If so, there is really only one great river that is ideal for new



and experienced canoeists alike—and that is the Willamette. Travis will describe what this river has to offer, from multi-day trips to shorter excursions along its nearly 200 miles of access. With a mix of lush greenway natural areas, agricultural lands, an abundance of wildlife

and scenic riverscapes, come get excited about paddling in Oregon!

Charlie Wilson Brought to you by Swift Canoe

Blade, Body, Boat: The Hydrodynamics of Paddling abc Sat 9:30a, Loon Join Charlie for an introduction to paddle physics, paddler bio-mechanics and



boat control to improve paddlecraft power, performance, and efficiency. Paddle physics includes the manifestations of Bernoulli's Principle, and keeping the paddleblade square to the stroke. Bio-mechanics includes improving reach through stance, torso rotation, and engaging large muscle groups to increase power and endurance. Boat control includes fitting the boat to the paddler, reducing hull movement to increase forward speed, and changing its shape in the water to improve maneuvering.

Charles Wright Florida's Paradise Coast and Everglades **Paddling**

Sat 1:30p, Caribou Sun 10:30a, Bear Florida's Paradise Coast (Naples, Marco, the 10,000 Islands, and the Everglades) is a Paddler's Paradise. Wonderful beaches,



great hotels and delicious restaurants are next door to an array of paddling opportunities. Paddle the trails of the Calusa Blueway after breakfast. Before your seafood lunch at a waterside restaurant, experience the Everglades on a boat-assisted kayak eco tour or the tunnels of the Everglades mangrove forest. After sunning on the beach, a nap and dinner, paddle into a spectacular sunset or a nighttime bioluminescence tour.



Dan **York** Go Paddling! An Introduction to Canoeing and Kayaking abc

Fri 4:30p, Algonquin Sun 11:30a, BWCA

The Upper Midwest is a paddling paradise blessed with a bounty of lakes and rivers. Getting started paddling canoes or kayaks can be confusing—even intimidating. There are so many choices—how do I choose what's right for me? This session will introduce you to the wide, wonderful world of paddlesports. We'll cover the basics of boat selection, gear, safety, and places to paddle. The goal is to demystify paddling and get you out on the water to pursue your own paddling dreams, however mild or wild.

Paddling the Lofoten Islands: Norway's **Craggy Crown Jewels**

Fri 6:30p, Voyageur

The Lofoten Islands are a surreal seascape of soaring, snow-speckled peaks rising steeply from deep fjords—sprinkled with historic fishing villages and picturesque farms, all bathed in 24-hour daylight during summer months and forever changing in the moody weather of its arctic location. It's a paddler's dream destination. After two years of dreaming and planning, a group of Madison-area paddlers embarked on a 7-day sea kayaking tour of this magical place in the summer of 2017. This is their story.

Craig **Zarley** Catching Canoe **Country Lake Trout** abc

Fri 5:30p, Carbiou Sat 9:30a, Algonquin Craig is the popular presenter of "Catching Canoe Country Walleyes" at past Canoecopias, but this year he turns his



attention to lake trout. He'll lift the veil on what many view as an exotic and mysterious creature of the deep and show you how to find and easily catch lake trout in Boundary Waters and Quetico. He'll demonstrate that the simple jig and plastic twister tail many anglers already use for walleyes can be deployed to catch lake trout. Come hear him share the joy of wilderness lake trout fishing.

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The only constant is change, and this year two of our long-time staff are moving on to new adventures. Sasha Stone, our Canoecopia Event Coordinator and Buyer has moved closer to the ocean and mountains in the Pacific Northwest. Marit Haug, our Inventory Manager and Buyer, is now an Accounts Manager for an outdoor sales rep group. We wish them all the best and have almost forgiven them. Almost.

Of course, once a 'Baga, always a 'Baga, but we will miss seeing them every day

around the shop. Some of our newer staff are stepping up into new roles, recognizing these are some big shoes to fill.

Personally, I owe a debt of gratitude to both these women, who have made Rutabaga a better place, but have also enriched my life personally as colleagues and friends. I try to hire people who are smarter than me, and so far, it's working.

Gratefully, Darren



Sunday Funday at Canoecopia - March 11th

Check out Canoecopia on Sunday! Why? Because of the ...

SPEAKERS

Speaker rooms are less crowded and some of the best presentations happen on Sunday! Come see the presentations you missed on Friday or Saturday.

RELAXED PACE

Sunday is a great day to talk in more detail with our amazing group of vendors and exhibitors. Take advantage of the more mellow atmosphere.

SPECIAL DEALS

Special deals from various exhibitors are often announced on Sunday. Be sure to keep an ear open for these!







PRIZES!

Sunday is the day to win some great gear at the show. With amazing prizes offered by our vendors, we make winning nice n' easy... like Sunday morning. Here's how:

- Enter your name and email in the barrel at the Sunday Funday booth from 11-2p.m. on Sunday.
- One entry per person.
- Names will be drawn at 2p.m. and winners will be posted in the Sunday Funday booth at 2:45p.m..
- A photo ID is required to claim prize.
- Must be present to win, and prizes must be picked up on Sunday.

To get in on all the action at Canoecopia, consider buying a three-day pass. It's a better deal than two single-day tickets, and you can get the most out of the show!



RUTABAGA OUTDOOR PROGRAMS



Do you have the skills to get you where you want to go?

Whether you want to kayak the Apostle Islands, canoe the Boundary Waters, or stand-up paddle at the family cabin, Rutabaga Outdoor Programs will help you get there.

For a small investment of time and money, quality instruction pays dividends for the rest of your paddling life, no matter where you're at in your journey. You'll learn techniques to be more in control of your craft. You'll gain confidence and efficiency. You'll be better able to manage risk. You'll learn how to avoid putting undue stress on your body. And, you'll have a good time!

Whatever your skill level, whatever your reasons, take a class with Rutabaga Outdoor Programs. We want to get you out and exploring and enjoying your waterways.

See you out there!

Why take a class with Rutabaga?

Here's what some of our students had to say...

Best. Instructors. Anywhere.

"The instructor was delightful! Great, patient, and personable, with comprehensive knowledge of kayaking."

"I really enjoyed the instructor's encouragement and demonstrations. She blended us into a team. The focus and sense of fun made for an excellent course!"

Relaxed vibe.

"Fun, non-threatening, non-judgmental learning environment. Thank you!"

"Relaxed atmosphere, simple instructions, lots of time to practice. Great time and I learned a lot!"

Small classes.

"The small class size allowed for lots of individual attention. Very helpful one-on-one feedback when needed."

Risk management.

"Great coverage of safety protocol. The instructor made me feel comfortable and unafraid. A great program!"

Great value.

"Instruction was amazing - worth the trip from Stevens Point and more!"

Classes are FUN!

"Loved the camaraderie, having new experiences, and learning lifelong skills. Fun!"



I love that our classes help people enjoy and appreciate being active outdoors. A big part of Rutabaga's

mission is to connect people to their environment. We love helping paddlers of all ages get out on the water and experience the wonders of our lakes and rivers. Our hope is that being on the water and in nature will help people develop an awareness of the importance of our environment and its protection for future generations.





Amelia **Outdoor Programs Coordinator** ameliam@rutabaga.com

As the youth programs coordinator I love being able to get the next generation out paddling. I truly believe



that introducing young people to physical activity, the outdoors, and water safety skills early on is really important, and that's what we do! Whether a student is really excited or somewhat hesitant about paddling, it's really cool that our kids camps and group programs provide opportunities for so many young people to grow in new ways.

RUTABAGA OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Getting Started

"Outstanding! Feel much more comfortable paddling. Clear instruction on all the basics and learning the proper techniques. Loved it!"

Canoeing Classes

Whether you're interested in **Solo Canoeing** or **Tandem Canoeing**, we have the class for you! Learn efficient paddling strokes, maneuvers, and safety protocol to better enjoy your time on the water!



Stand-Up Paddling Classes

Learn to SUP! Stand-up paddling is fun, a great workout, and easy to do. Learn about board types, basic strokes, proper technique, and board recovery in our **SUP Basics** class.



"The course was great and the instructor was <u>very</u> patient. I learned a lot. I was very nervous and now I'm excited! Thank you."



Kayaking Classes

Take a **Recreational Kayak** class and learn how these stable boats are easy for anyone to enjoy. Or, if you are looking for a bit more technical skill and safety protocol, sign up for a **Sea Kayak** class. Both are great for beginners or those wanting to improve their skills. We also offer **Kayak Rolling** in the warmth of an indoor pool, and new this year, a session on **Greenland Rolling**!



15% OFF Canoecopia Special*

Purchase your class (or two, or even three) at Canoecopia and receive a 15% show discount.

* does not apply to Wilderness First Aid, ACA Instructor Certification courses, private lessons, or the Door County Sea Kayak Symposium

RUTABAGA'S COMMITMENT TO KIDS

Rutabaga's Josh Kestelman Scholarship fund is a central part of our ongoing commitment to make paddling accessible to all. Each year Rutabaga partners with community groups to get local youth out on the water. The money in the scholarship fund goes directly to support community youth programs and individual families, covering up to half their costs. We really appreciate members of our community and paddlers from near and far who have contributed to this effort. Every donation, large or small, is a chance for more kids to get out on the water.

Help support this program at Canoecopia by purchasing our popular Jolly 'Baga stickers or by donating at the registers. Thank you! — Amelia Musser

Campers Overcome Fear and Have Fun

It's been a busy summer of canoeing and swimming for Lussier Community Education Center (LCEC) campers - those who love the water, and even those who think they don't. This is Maya's story about the real-life impact of adventuring with Rutabaga...

It's a warm July day, and LCEC summer campers climb into canoes, ready to head down the Yahara River. Everyone is excited...well, not everyone. Fear of the water is real and heavy for some of the children...and none more than Maya.

She cries for five minutes before agreeing to get in the canoe. Apprehensively, she sits down. After a short paddle, the group stops for a swim, and kids clamber overboard.

Not Maya. She sits rigid and refuses. No one pushes her. She watches the fun. A few minutes later she sticks one toe in the water. Minutes later one wet toe turns into a foot. Still later it's a leg. And then she's in!

As she frolics with friends, staff members celebrate. Maya is not only overcoming her fear of water, she's also getting to experience a rare moment of the unburdened joy of just being a kid. And when it's time to head back to Rutabaga, who do you think is the last one back in a canoe? Maya!

This extraordinary day was made possible by the enthusiastic staff of Rutabaga Paddlesports, owned and operated by canoers and kayakers. Here's a big thanks for years of partnership to get kids on the water - and years of adventure yet to come.

-Claire Baker, LCEC Afterschool Teacher and Development Assistant

Enjoy Madison's Waterways this Summer! Rent a canoe, kayak, or stand-up paddleboard from Rutabaga Paddlesports.



Two locations:

Rutabaga Paddlesports - 220 W Broadway, Monona WI Olbrich Park - 3527 Atwood Ave, Madison WI



Get Out and Paddle Explore Wisconsin with us!



Evening Paddles

A relaxed, no-pressure 2-hour evening paddle is a great way to relax after the work day is done. Bring your friends and make some new ones as we explore waterways near Rutabaga!

Full Moon Paddles

Paddling "by the light of the silvery moon" is a magical experience. We'll paddle away before dark and enjoy dusk and darkness on the water. Don't forget to bring a light!



Day Trips

Once you have a few basic skills, put them to use on a day trip! Enjoy the beauty of Southern Wisconsin's rivers and lakes as you spend the day with folks who love the water as much as you do.

"Very informative and instructional. Nice pace. I enjoyed learning things I thought I already knew. This was a lot of fun and no matter what the experience it was not intimidating at all. So much fun!!!"

Private Lessons Focus on your specific needs



Do you have specific skills you want to hone and refine? Or are you a little apprehensive about getting started as a paddler? Or maybe our schedule just doesn't match yours. A private lesson with Rutabaga Outdoor Programs is an effective way to learn what you want to learn at a time that is convenient for you. Email classes@rutabaga.com to schedule a lesson! Please give us at least a week of lead time so we're sure to be able to meet your request.

Corporate Outings & **Group Courses**



Spice up a company outing, host a family reunion or get together with some friends to try something new. Being out on the water together is an awesome way to spend time together! Whatever your need, let us create an adventure for you! E-mail us at classes@rutabaga.com.

"Great course to prep for my September trip!"

Help Kids Enjoy Paddling

Rutabaga keeps the next generation paddling.

"I loved the kayaking, all the games we played, seeing the capitol, and the instructors were really NICE!:)"



Youth Camps

Our youth programs encourage kids to learn new skills, make new friends, and explore Madison's lakes and rivers - plus have a ton of fun! We offer canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddling camps for kids entering 3rd to 8th grade.



Junior Leadership Development Program

Have a positive influence on young people and enjoy a fun and rewarding summer as a Junior Leader. No previous leadership or paddling experience is required. For teens entering 9th-12th grade. Contact Amelia to apply - ameliam@rutabaga.com.

"Another program very well done. We were so pleased with your instructors and the programming, along with our destinations on the trips. These programs are great for our kids."

- Aldo Leopold Nature Center

Community Organizations, Scouts, School Groups, Birthday Parties

Paddling can add a whole new level of excitement and team building to your organization's spring, summer, or fall schedule. Let us create a unique and memorable experience for your group! Email ameliam@rutabaga.com.



Family Classes

Paddling is a great way to create family memories and is a lifetime activity that everyone can enjoy together. We offer family canoe, kayak, and SUP classes for adults with kids 6 years and older.



Josh Kestelman Scholarship Fund

Rutabaga provides scholarships to help youth community agencies and individual kids attend our summer programs. Call us for details or to make a contribution. You can also donate at the Canoecopia registers!

Paddling & Safety Certifications

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-first year participant

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-second year participant



"I improved my techniques, and gained some large water experience. Most enjoyable are the people, both staff and participants. You have excellent instructors and great behindthe-scenes people working to make it all run smoothly—and adjusting to the variance of wind/weather. Thank you!"

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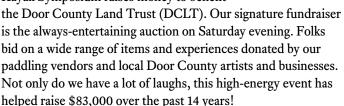


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The next generation of paddlers

Talking to city kids about the joys of growing up a paddler, by Whitney Bush

"AS most of you know, I grew up in Wisconsin," I greeted my entire school population early on December 22nd, "and I've been really excited to share this tradition of mine with you since I signed up to present this morning meeting."

350 preteens and a couple dozen staff members sit in crews of ten to fifteen students on our gymnatorium floor, and a couple dozen staff members dot the perimeter, just like we start every day at the middle school where I teach in the heart of Brooklyn. The first 15 minutes of every day we come

together as a whole school to hear different staff members talk about a current event, a favorite hobby, or book recommendations. We all share something that excites us to help expand the horizons of our students.

A grainy picture of four-year old Whitney by Lake Wingra is projected behind me. My red pigtails match my bright lifejacket, and the water lilies Dad had painted on my canoe paddle match the lilac-colored, nine-foot solo canoe resting next to me. Most of my vivid memories as a four year-old involve that canoe and the small lake a few miles from our house: practicing my J-stroke, visiting the

beaver lodge, correcting other paddlers' technique (I was four and fearless), and dumping it right by the dock and having to stand shivering on the shore in a troll sweatshirt where each troll had a bejeweled belly button, and wondering if there were any shrieking eels in our lake while Dad pulled my boat out.

Next are pictures of eight year-old Whitney watching a dragonfly hatch on a sandbar on the Wisconsin River for my eighth birthday trip. I tell my kids about how much I love



being on the water. How even though I tried soccer and basketball and other activities, nothing ever stuck the way that paddling did. I tell them I'm my favorite version of myself when I'm on the water.

Another picture flashes on the screen. It's an image of twelve-year-old Whitney, this time in a 22-foot voyageur canoe with the whole family, including Winnie the German Shorthair, who loved canoe trips. We're paddling the sloughs on the Mississippi River. I have braces, Ian is squinting in the sun, Dad's in the back ruddering while we do all the work. That was the day we saw a juvenile bald eagle fishing from the river. The day we tried

to write a second verse to "Great Green Gobs of Greasy Grimy Gopher Guts." It started with "Big Brown Blobs," and got worse from there, something about boogers. We were camping in Wyalusing state park. Mom would read to us from the *Dark is Rising* books by the fire at night, and the family would pile into the extra-large canoe during the day.

Then a picture of me in old running shorts and Chacos standing next to a Forest Service sign that says Hilda Creek. Another picture of me as a college student, lugging a Nova Craft Prospector 15 over a beaver dam. I teach my students

about Hilda, the creek near Superior National Forest where, for half a dozen summers in high school and college, my dad and I would set out early in the morning to make our way down a waterway that probably saw no other humans throughout the year because it involved navigating more than twenty downed trees, beaver dams, and rock gardens, and usually lead to disturbing several surprised deer and, I'm convinced, the same great blue heron who never flew more than fifty feet downstream at a time. Herons are not smart.

Picture by picture, I saw that I wasn't just showing my students memories, but also the

thing about my life that has taught me to live deliberately.

"But now I live in Brooklyn," I speed up to present day. "I see pictures of my parents paddling in Northern Wisconsin in the fall as I scroll through Instagram and I get so jealous. I love it here but that doesn't mean I miss it there. So a few years ago I started a new tradition. In the past few weeks we've shared a lot of different traditions that people have this time of year. Often we think that a tradition has to be old, has to be something our grandparents have passed down and



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our family has always done. But I've realized, and love, that we can always start our own traditions as our lives change."

The slide changes and the screen shows the average high and low temperatures for Belleville, Wisconsin on December 31st. "Wisconsin gets really cold. When I go home for the holidays, I spend a lot of time curled up on the couch with my dog. Here are some stats about a town just southwest of where I grew up in Madison: on New Year's Eve, the average temperature last year was 28 degrees, but the average low is -17 and the average high is -4."

Again I change the slide and they see me and my dad, bundled and beaming in that same Prospector,

navigating a curve of the Sugar River on New Year's Eve 2016. I tell them how we chose the Sugar River when we started our new tradition a few years ago, because most of the river is protected so the wind doesn't feel as biting. I tell them that Dad is the best because he always ties the boat back on by himself while I defrost my hands in the truck. I tell them that my dad has struggled with depression since he was a boy, and just like for a lot of people, it feels worse in the winter when it's dark and cold, and sometimes it's hard to do the things that we know make us happy. I tell them that I know everyone has a different family, but I count myself lucky that I grew up in a family where my dad has always been my best friend, so just as much as I look forward to spending Christmas Eve sharing gifts in front of the fire with my parents, my brother and sister-in-law, and this year my grandma, I look forward to the chilly hours I spend with my dad doing something that makes us both so happy.

Now that I'm almost thirty, I realize more and more the ways that my childhood was unique, and it gets harder and harder to tell what about my past has made me who I am today. The extraordinary concoction of time and place, people and belief has plopped me down right where I am now. I consider myself fortunate that so much of that time and so many of those places were on the water, and

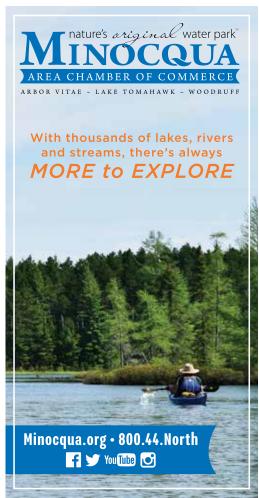


it's my belief that the people you find on the water are some of the best you can find.

Paddling taught me to notice. To be aware of my own movements and see the details in the ecosystems I visit. To crave connection to the land and understand its history. To empathize with the other living things that crossed my path. To feel small in a big world but also huge in moments that belonged just to me.

"It's a little harder to get outside in New York City, but we're lucky. We live or go to school by Prospect Park and the Parade Grounds. If you get up early enough on a Saturday, the Brooklyn Botanical Garden is free. And in a world that literally buzzes with technology, studies show just how good it is for our minds and bodies and relationships to spend time outside, even if it's not in the most conventional time or place. So as we begin our moment of solitude and reflections, I ask you to think about how can you find ways to spend time outside with the people that matter most to you?"

Whitney's first exposure to paddling was sleeping in her father's whitewater kayak with her blankie and a stack of Little Golden Books. She has a BS in Wildlife and Wildlands Conservation from BYU and a MA in Special Education from Brooklyn College. She loves City Bakery hot chocolate and run-on sentences.





Canoecopia through the years

Amazing to think we've been doing this (with your help) for 42 years!

WHEN a business is 42 years old and matures over the years, you don't notice gradual changes. We recently (re-)found a box of old catalogs, pictures, and logos that took me back in time, when layout meant just that—taping photos to paper and taking pictures of it.

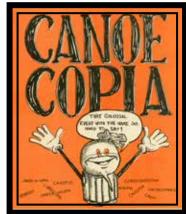
Finding the original logo shows how far we've come. We love the funky hand-drawn art, and look for some of it returning in the near future.

Original logo, 1976

There's a lot of history in these boxes, and it's a fun rabbit hole to climb down. Pictures of younger and hairier staff, and old faded newsprint gives way to glossy, beautiful magazines.

We're going to put a lot of these images on social media

in the next few months. While we're a different business than we were four decades ago, we're still paddlers, and we still love being part of a big, paddling family. -DB



Show guide cover, 1993



Surviving the attack of the two-headed turtle

My first trips down the Brule, by Sarah Schnell (age 13)

I feel pretty lucky to have a family that has given me a love of watersports from an early age. It isn't surprising. My mom's family has enjoyed recreational canoeing with friends and family, and naturally carried on the tradition.

One of my first clear memories of being in the water is when I was around eight, and I was paddling from the front of a canoe on the Brule river. My Uncle Jim, who was in the stern, called whatever stroke I was to use—I found it fun to try and keep up. We encountered only the occasional mild rapids and wore safety

gear, but the slight element of danger was exhilarating to me. The water-sprayed adrenaline rush was well worth getting the bottoms of my shorts soaked.

The next year we were on the Brule once again. This time, wearing all the appropriate rapids gear and a little extra. Extras? A GoPro camera mounted to the front of my kayak, my lucky watch that I never took off, and a younger brother who was a little too fond of making trouble.

I found myself going through a once-over at the launch site. Uncle Jim once again coached me about what stroke to use when I was stuck on a rock, snuck up on by an unexpected sandbar, hit by a falling tree felled by homicidal beavers, attacked by a carnivorous two-headed water turtle... the list goes on. For the first time I was going solo. On my own. Just me. Alone.

There was a little risk, sure. A stray trout could leap into my boat, or a vicious six-foot branch could yank away my paddle, but those were unlikely and I had years of experience behind me. I knew I could handle it. Or I thought I could... Most likely.



I got on the river with an interesting start. Right off the bat Uncle Jim had a nylon rope tied to the ring at the bow of my craft and was dragging me into the water, complaining loudly (and with surprisingly colorful language) about how cold the water was. He

"After some more curses of, "Oh, golly gee," and, "Son of a biscuit!" we were off, zooming down the frothy river towards excitement"

then, with little to no warning, let me go and marched over to his own canoe. Paddling against the tides was difficult, but interesting, and after some more curses of, "Oh, golly gee," and, "Son of a biscuit!" we were off, zooming down the frothy river towards excitement.

My brother, younger by two and a half years (and full of mischief), gleefully used his solo craft to repeatedly bump my boat, sending me skidding into the bank. To my great embarrassment I continued this pattern of meeting the bank's trees very closely and personally

even after he found other things to divert him.

When my meet-and-greet with the trees finally ended, I found myself repeating under my breath, "Tree, tree, tree..." Almost as though I was alerting myself to every trunked piece of vegetation within twenty feet of my little craft. The embarrassing episode was caught on camera (if you recall, a GoPro was strapped firmly to the bow of my kayak), and it has haunted me in the family lore to this day. If anyone wants to see me blush, they simply say 'tree-tree', or 'DIE-DIE' (that

one refers to when I tried to battle a massive spider with my paddle... while in a canoe, but that's a story for another day).

Another time I found myself afloat on the river was only a few months ago, during the summer months when school was out and adventure was in the air. I was again solo, but that time in a sea kayak that required a bit of core work to keep upright. My uncle (yes, the exact same one), my mom, my brother, and the family dog paddled down the Wisconsin river. We stopped on our whims to snack on pre packed sandwiches, and run the dog across sandbars. It wasn't as action-packed as two years prior, but it was a charming experience that I recall with a smile on my face.

When she's not rolling her eyes at another of her uncle's 'shaggy dog stories,' Sarah Schnell can be found trolling the kitchen for small bits of bacon or pepperoni to silently nibble on. She loves math, science, and singing along with the Ella Fitzgerald Songbook albums.



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Forty Years and Counting-the BWCAW Act

Preserving a place of water, rock and forest

THIS year marks the 40th year of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act. Like any other anniversary, it is an occasion for reflection on the past, present, and future.

A place of water, rock, and forest: The BWCAW, part of the Superior National Forest in northeast Minnesota, encompasses approximately one million acres and stretches nearly 150 miles along the Canadian border. Eons ago, great glaciers carved the physical features of the region. Scraping and gouging bedrock, glaciers left behind rugged cliffs and canyons, gentle hills, towering rock formations, rocky shores, sandy beaches, and thousands of lakes and streams interspersed with islands and surrounded by boreal forest.

This thing we call "Wilderness": The BWCAW is one of 765 federally-designated areas created by the 1964 Wilderness Act. According to the Act, Wilderness is "an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." The intent of the Act was to establish wilderness areas that would remain undeveloped "for the use and enjoyment of the American people in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness."

A varied past: Over time, people have been drawn to the BWCAW for reasons reflecting changing social values. Native Americans have hunted, fished, and gathered in the area for thousands of years. In the late 1600's, Europeans discovered a bounty of fur-



bearing animals and other natural resources, and a place to settle reminiscent of northern homelands. Rumors of gold brought mineral exploration that shifted focus by the 1880's to the "Iron Range" where rich iron ore deposits were developed with the help of migrants from many countries. Logging first occurred around 1895. A series of hydro-dams along the Canadian border was proposed and deterred in the early 1920's. Over the decades, there was a growing advocacy to protect the natural character of the area.

Wilderness in the making: Prior to the 1964 Wilderness Act a long series of actions were taken to protect the natural character of the area. In 1909, President Roosevelt included much of the current BWCAW in his establishment of the Superior National Forest. More than half of the current area was set aside as a roadless area in 1926. In the 1930's dams and logging were prohibited and the Superior Roadless Primitive Area

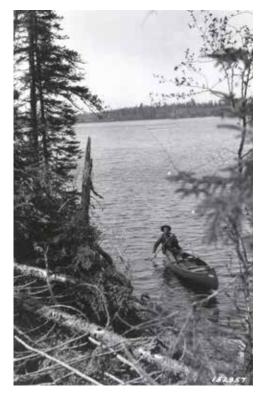




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boundaries were expanded. In the 40's no-cut zones were established along the international boundary and a presidential order established an air reserve over the roadless area.

While Wilderness designation lent federal protection, intense, sometimes violent, conflict continued; most regarding pre-existing uses. Following years of debate and compromise, President Carter signed the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness



Act (PL 95-495) on October 21, 1978, adding acreage and amending the national Wilderness Act of 1964, with the purpose to:

- 1. protect and manage fish and wildlife "to enhance public enjoyment and appreciation of the unique biotic resources,"
- 2. protect and enhance the natural values and environmental quality of the lakes, streams, shorelines and associated forest areas,
- 3. maintain high water quality,
- 4. minimize, "to the maximum extent possible," the environmental impacts associated with mineral development,
- 5. restore natural conditions to existing temporary roads and prevent further road and commercial development,
- 6. provide "orderly and equitable transition from motorized recreational uses to nonmotorized recreational use..."

The Act specifically prohibits logging and provides direction to the Forest Service regarding: level of motorized watercraft use, size of motors, quotas for use, motorized/ mechanized portages, snowmobile use, location of resorts, and maintenance of dams.

A comprehensive implementation strategy authorized the Forest Service to purchase private lands inside the BWCAW and to compensate timber buyers. In addition, the Forest Service was to "expedite the intensification of resource management on the national forest" and "development of dispersed outdoor recreation" outside of the BWCAW. A key aspect of the implementation strategy was to provide transition assistance to displaced landowners, including technical and financial assistance to certain commercial resorts and outfitters "to improve economic opportunities for tourism and recreationrelated businesses in a manner which is complementary to the management of the Wilderness."

Following implementation of the BWCAW Act and several years of litigation, the Forest Service established the first BWCAW Management Plan. Management direction for the Wilderness has been integrated into the Superior National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

Today and many tomorrows: Today, people still have strong and varied opinions about management of the BWCAW. Issues related to the Wilderness are frequently in the news, including legal challenges over motor use and lands transactions. Currently, an intense public/political divide has neighbors, interest groups, and politicians facing-off regarding the potential benefits and costs of mineral exploration and development in areas adjacent to the BWCAW. In 2017, at least three bills were introduced in Congress that would directly affect the BWCAW and more proposals are pending.



To retain its enduring value, various uses in wilderness must be balanced to be compatible with 'wilderness character' which is at the core of the wilderness concept. We know that, annually, more than 155,000 people follow ancient footsteps along approximately 1,200 miles of designated canoe routes and hiking trails and camp on the 2,000 designated sites. They come for many reasons, some for what they find and others for what they do not find; to take a step back and relax, unwind and escape the trappings and stresses of modern-day life. As Sigurd Olson put it: "Wilderness can be appreciated only by contrast and solitude understood only when we have been without it."

In managing wilderness, the Forest Service does not simply set aside land and leave it alone. As the agency steward, the Forest Service will continue to actively manage the Wilderness, guided by the BWCAW Act, along with the national Wilderness Act and Forest Plan, and with input from engaged citizens today and for many tomorrows.

Many thanks to the Superior National Forest for this article and the historical photos provided.

For information about how you can help preserve the BWCA Wilderness, visit the Northwoods Volunteer Connection in the Canoecopia Lobby, or learn more at http://www.mnnvc.org



Drew Whitenack

Years at Rutabaga: This is my first full-time year, but I've worked for four summers

How did you get into paddling: My parents first got me into paddling by signing me up for the ROP summer camps and then it just kind of went from there.

What's the longest trip you've taken: 45 days through the inside passage of Alaska, around Ketchikan and then north to Juneau.

Favorite place to paddle?: Black Earth Creek since it's easy to bike shuttle.

Favorite part of Rutabaga?: The people we get to meet, either customers, reps, or the rest of this crazy staff.

Favorite boat & why?: Wenonah Argosy, I've thought about it and couldn't really say why. It just fits me well and handles great on the rivers I like to paddle.

Little known fact about you?: I am a huge fan of all kinds of animation.







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Canoeing runs in this family

Passing the passion down to the next generation, by **Doug Burns**

CANOEING! Once it is taken up as a passion it can run in family lines. My dad, Rev. Richard M. Burns, was introduced to it through Boy Scouting. His first experience was on the lake at a Boy Scout Camp in Pennsylvania. His skills improved, and in his twenties he was leading river trips.

By the time I was born in 1960, he was leading scouting and church camps to Canada. The loon and north country called to him often. A keepsake news

article we have pictured Dad standing by some canoe-laden cars heading again to Algonquin. The date caught my attention, July 11, 1960. Just 11 days after I was born, he was heading out for a Canoeing trip. God gave Mom patience with his adventurous spirt.

Soon enough, his passion became my passion. I remember marveling at how he could make the canoe go straight with that peculiar J-shaped stroke. His canoe seemed to dance across the whitewater;



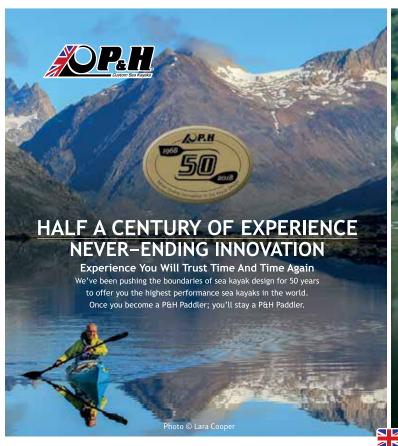
before long, mine could too.

The paddle and camp leadership has passed into my hands. I love how paddling affects my campers. I remember the look of accomplishment in the eyes of the campers when we put our shoulders to a log and levered up a water-filled canoe.

Canoeing is a constant for us. I got to take my daughter on a "Father & Daughter Trip" to Chiniguchi before her

wedding. Surprisingly, it helped me to let go of her and hold on to her at the same time. This year we loaded her son, my 1st grandson, into my Old Town Canoe for his inaugural ride. Yes, canoeing runs in this family.

Doug is a Methodist Pastor and paddler in Rockwood, PA. He believes we should all "enlarge the places of our tents, stretch our tent curtains wide... lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes."



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Onni's amazing paddling journey

A young paddler loves whitewater competition, by Dan Bowers

ONE of the greatest joys in my paddlesports career has been assisting new paddlers to become experienced paddlers. Whether it is sitting them in the right boat on the shop floor, meeting them out on the water, teaching a new skill, or hearing stories of personal triumph and joyful leisure, it's truly rewarding. The paddlesports world is like that: one big happy family enjoying a similar passion, and this experience binds us. Helping families grow is at the heart of our work here at Rutabaga, especially the youth of our world.

Last spring we had a family from Finland stop into the shop. If that wasn't unique enough what they were after was a surprise. I approached the father and introduced myself. After the quick introductions, Ville got right to the point and mentioned an in-





terest in whitewater kayaks, more specifically a freestyle/play boat. Ville pointed towards his eleven year-old boy, Onni, who was busy taking in all the sights of the shop. After discussing different options and selecting the right boat, including the important decision of color, Ville pulled the trigger.

Ville's job had moved the family to Beloit from Finland for the summer. In their home town of Jyväskylä, Ville joined a kayaking club, and progressed into a solid intermediate whitewater paddler.

In the late summer of 2015, Ville took Onni down his first class 2 river, the Kapeenkoski. Onni came off the river stoked! "He was really excited afterwards," said Ville. "I think it was clearly his sport from the first

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try." I could see that excitement when the young lad's boat arrived. Onni was set for a summer of Wisconsin whitewater, sporting a new paddle, skirt, and kayak.

Heading up to Wausau Whitewater Park for a spring release, I wondered if I'd see Onni. Sure enough, Ville and Onni where already on the water practicing eddy peel outs at the bottom of the course. A friend, Chris Keller, who also has youngsters, had shown them down the course for their first time.



Onni was doing very well hitting his rolls, some on the first try, obviously having just as much fun upside down as upright. Having only surfed a wave a few times you could tell he wanted nothing more than to be in the features of the park doing tricks and scoring points, but wasn't there quite yet.

Throughout the summer I enjoyed seeing Onni and his family at the park, watching them enjoy the supportive community and seeing them both progressing fast. When asked, Ville mentioned that his favorite part about their summer in the States was "all

those Wausau weekends with great kayaking, great new friends, and camping with the family, getting them outside, and spending time together." It was now mid summer and Ville chuckled, "Onni is starting to pass me in skill." Sure enough, the youngster was in Hole 4 of the course nailing flat spins and carving around.

In August, Wausau Whitewater holds the Annual Midwest Freestyle Championships. It feels like a family reunion with fun competition. After the prelims of Beginner Freestyle, the scores were posted. I was surprised; Onni was only a few points behind me, and we qualified to compete the next day. Neither of us made it to the finals, but we had a blast engaging in playful banter beforehand.

On the second day another event held is Team Freestyle, where random folks are put together in teams of four. Each team has some new paddlers and some expert paddlers, so it really levels the field. Onni, right at the very end of his team's time in the feature, dropped the nose of his kayak into the pour over and popped straight up into the air, managed to swing the boat around and successfully pulled off a full loop. A loop is an out of water front flip, a highly sought after trick for play boaters. The crowd went wild! Onni drew by far the loudest cheers of the whole weekend. The smile on Onni's face was contagious and was the highlight of the summer. Keep your ears open for this youngster out of Finland!

I asked Ville what kayaking means to him as a father. He replied, "It means spending time with Onni and learning new things together. It is also a natural way for me to get my kids into the outdoor lifestyle and in touch with nature. Every time we go kayaking, it is something special."

A seasoned whitewater paddler, Dan just completed his first year as a 'Baga. He loves getting kids into paddling kayaks, and the next generation is fortunate to have him. In his spare time, he paddles. No, seriously. If he's not at work, he's in a kayak. Or sleeping in the back of his truck.





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Helping veterans heal

Heroes on the Water, by Jason Bartol

PADDLE. Fish. Heal. Words we live by every day as we focus on supporting our nation's heroes in living life to the fullest.

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HOW has over 87 chapters nationwide and in the past two years Wisconsin has seen the creation of four chapters: Southeastern WI (Milwaukee), Southcentral WI (Madison), Northeastern WI (Black Creek), and Northwestern WI (Spring Valley). The support from local companies like

Rutabaga Paddlesports has helped to ensure the Wisconsin chapters are successful and able to serve veterans and first responders in all areas of our great state.

Kick off 2018 at Canoecopia and come see us to get more information on our program and volunteer opportunities. You can get additional information at **HeroesontheWater.org**



National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act turns 50!

A behind-the-scenes memory as told to Darren Bush

"An unspoiled river is a very rare thing in this Nation today. Their flow and vitality have been harnessed by dams and too often they have been turned into open sewers by communities and by industries. It makes us all very fearful that all rivers will go this way unless somebody acts now to try to balance our river development. So we are establishing a National Wild and Scenic Rivers System which will complement our river development with a policy to preserve sections of selected rivers in their free-flowing conditions and to protect their water quality and other vital conservation values." -Lyndon B. Johnson, October 2, 1968.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The story of how this law was made demonstrates the way things should work: dedication to a good cause, knowing how to engage stakeholders, and finding ways to work together so everyone wins.

The story starts with Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson, Secretary of the Interior Stuart Udall, and a host of other highpowered political haymakers like Frank Church (of The Wilderness of No Return fame) and Wayne Aspinall, a Colorado Congressman who was an ardent protector of rivers and water. Gaylord Nelson sold the idea to President Johnson, who saw a need to protect rivers and keep them unspoiled for future generations. Thus the work began.

Few people see what goes on behind the photo ops and speeches. Fred Madison was on the staff in Gaylord Nelson's office, and due to his background (Ph.D. in Soil Science), he was assigned to work on water



conservation, specifically the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Working for months, bouncing ideas off fellow aides, Fred labored tirelessly to make the glib words of a presidential speech into something that could be called a bill. It's all well and good to say a river is wild, or scenic, or recreational, but what defines each of these? Furthermore, how do you quantify all this, so that when the time comes to put up the sign on the St. Croix River, where does it go, and why?

Getting the law's language right was naturally tricky and required a lot of give and take. Even harder was convincing some legislators that there was a need. This is especially true when a congressman from Colorado said "There are no wild or scenic rivers east of the Mississippi." Hey, congressman, we here in Wisconsin would strongly beg to differ.

So while the guys in suits took credit, Fred Madison, of Sauk City, Wisconsin, made it happen.

Fred, now in his 80's, is a retired professor of Soil Science from the University of Wisconsin. He doesn't fit the academic profile of the tweed-jacketed guy with a pipe. Fred has a tremendous bushy mustache worthy of Hulk Hogan, a Packers cap, and orange suspenders, like he is coming right off his deer stand.

Fred is a brilliant man with a crystal memory of those days so long ago. He was a behind-the-scenes guy who had to work through a maze of obstacles, including one Congressman from Pennsylvania who was opposed to the Youghiogheny River even being considered for study,

and vowed to block it. (He later resigned in disgrace. Karma works.)

Once they worked around a few obstacles, the Act sailed through the proper channels, and eight Wild and Scenic Rivers were designated. As of 2014, over 12,000 miles of 208 rivers are protected under the act. It sounds impressive, but consider that's only

a bit more than a quarter of a percent of all rivers in the US.

We should be grateful to those who, through hard work and compromise, helped create this wonderful system to protect wild, scenic, and



recreational rivers. And we should thank Fred, the man behind the scenes.

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Here's to our community

Inspired by adventures in paddlesport, by Dana Griepentrop

STRANGELY enough, my first exposure to Rutabaga Paddlesports started with a Canoecopia show guide. In 2014, almost immediately after returning to Wisconsin from a semester abroad in Ireland, I received a show guide in the mail, on what I deemed a stroke of luck.

During my semester abroad, I began to paddle with the university's kayak club, admittedly more than I studied. I became hooked on the sport of whitewater kayaking and the inexplicable people I met. Running down rapids allowed me to experience nature like never before. My world more than doubled. My dreams grew more vivid. I was seeing the world through rose-colored glasses with people that I assumed only existed in movies. I met people who went out and explored the country.

However, after paddling more than I ever had in my life, my semester ended. I was on a plane flying away from a newfound community I actually trusted with my life. Was I leaving the sport, too? Prior to my paddling experience, I was a runner where the only things required were a pair of shoes and some clothes. My minimalist paddling gear was limited to a pair of old sandals I had gotten away with using as my water shoes in Ireland. I feared my gearless-self would never find a similar group that trusted me enough to lend me gear and foster my growth as a paddler. I did not want to take my rose glasses off.

A couple weeks after my return to Wisconsin, I received the 2014 Canoecopia Show Guide. I was absolutely elated to discover there was a store devoted to paddlesports in my home state. I deduced that where there was a store, there must also be a supporting community.

And there most definitely is! I mean, read through this Show Guide or look around you right now if you're at the show. There are a great number of us who can't

get enough of paddling and want to share that passion with others. It's inspiring that many of us are supremely affected by the innocence and curiosity that nature instills in us; enough to gather and talk about it together over three days! This is what I was looking for.

Whitewater kayaking, canoeing, stand-up paddleboarding, fishing, photographing whatever your pleasure in this paddling world—we all have amazing, adventurous and genuine spirits that this world needs. This world is a playground that we intend to embrace.

So through another semester of college, a kayaking trip to the Alps, and another jaunt to Ireland for a year, I kept this promise of a caring community and Rutabaga on the forefront of my mind. Hoping to make Rutabaga my place of

"I was seeing the world through rosecolored glasses, with people who went out and explored the country,."

work, my hope came to fruition last April when I moved to Madison and started my position here. Now, I am surrounded every day by people who commit to strengthening this community through education.

My favorite part of the paddling world is that anywhere on the planet, whether you are an expert, a novice, a beginner, or aren't even a paddler and just play one on TV, we all have something to gain from listening to each other's experiences and

perspectives. Each and every one of us are simultaneously teachers and students. We all play an integral role.

Thanks for being a part of this wonderful community, and keep sharing your passion with others.



How did you get started paddling: I started paddling at a young age in an aluminum canoe while camping with my family. However, I really became hooked when I was studying abroad in Ireland and joined the University of Limerick Kayak Club. It was the time of my life!

What's the longest trip you've taken: The longest trip I have taken was a two-week white water kayak trip to the Slovenian and Italian Alps. If you ever get a chance—go!

Favorite part of Rutabaga: I am constantly learning new things from my coworkers. We have an encyclopedia of knowledge with the staff on board here!

Favorite boat & why: A Pyranha Burn. It fits me well and goes where I want it to go!

Sand strategies: I don't get what all the worry is about. It's

like glitter. One way or another you can always dump or wash it out.

Little known fact about you: I am a world champion Irish Dancer.



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