

The Mountaineers

Seattle Sea Kayak Committee

Trip Information

Notes:

- Information is for the use of trip leaders as a planning aid. Guidebooks, tide and current tables, and all other sources should be consulted prior to undertaking any paddle trip.
- The SK rating for any paddle will be dependent on actual route paddled and conditions for the trip.
- Information is based on *The Mountaineer* magazine Seattle trip section (1995, 1996 and 1998), and *The Mountaineer* magazine and *Go guide* for all branch trips in 1999. If information for a particular item was not available "--" appears for the entry.
- Trips listed may not actually have taken place (they may have been cancelled for some reason).
- Trips are divided into regions using the method in the *Afoot & Afloat* book series by Marge and Ted Mueller. Trips outside the regions of those books are identified as "other."
- Repeated trip listings in *The Mountaineer* have been consolidated into one listing with the trip leaders who were identified for the particular trip all listed in the "Previous Leader/Co-Leader" entry.
- Information such as party limit size and additional equipment required such as a wet/dry suit is not included. Such determination is up to the trip leader for any new trip planned.
- Trip leaders identified may or may not be with the club anymore.
- Trip report availability is for the Seattle Branch only and is based on information from mid 1998 on. Earlier trip reports may be available (contact SK Committee chairperson to check for availability).

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REGION: San Juans

Day Trips

(none)

Extended Trips

Trip: Anacortes to Friday Harbor

Description: Overnight at Indian Cove or Turn Island. Moderate pace. 12+ mi on day one. Kayak wheels required. Wheel on to the ferry at Friday Harbor for the return trip to Anacortes.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

Trip: Clark Island Overnight

Description: Camp on Clark with views of Mt. Baker, Lummi Island.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Jan Perry

Report on File: No

Trip: Cypress Island

Description: An overnight camping and channel crossing experience. Distances of about 16-17 mi round trip.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price/Bob Buchholz

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Guemes Island to Clark Island and return

Description: --

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

Trip: James Island

Description: Paddle from Washington Park at Anacortes across Rosario Strait to James Island, the nearest of the San Juans, and try your hand at outwitting the hungry raccoons who eagerly await your arrival. On the second day paddle around Blakely or Decatur Island and return to Washington Park.

SK Rating: III+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

Trip: Jones Is

Description: Popular San Juan Islands campout via Friday Harbor.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Ann Rieser/Pete Weiner

Report on File: No

Trip: Lopez Island

Description: We will meet at the Anacortes Ferry Dock early Saturday morning (rain or shine) and take the ferry to Lopez Island. Drive to launch place then paddle to Mud Bay and nearby Islands (Crab; Skull; Center and Trump). Circumnavigate Frost Island. Camp at DNR grounds on Lopez.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Ann Rieser/Steve Cherkas

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Orcas Is./Yellow Island

Description: Focus of the trip will be a visit to Yellow Island, a Nature Conservancy site in the San Juans, renowned for beautiful wildflowers which should be in full bloom.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King and Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: San Juan Island

Description: Camp at San Juan County Park and enjoy the beautiful location with possible whale sightings. Each person pays own camping and ferry fees. Camping reservations have been made. Day 1: Rode ebb south to Lime Kiln Park; lunched at Deadman Bay; rode flood back (returned soon after slack before flood to avoid chop from north wind opposing current). Day 2: Winds predicted for Haro Strait led us to go to Griffin Bay at SW end of island which is protected. Planned to go around Cattle Point at slack but changed plans.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Stuart Island

Description: Fidalgo Head to Stuart Island. See the San Juans up close and personal as you paddle through the length of them.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: Sucia Island

Description: Leave on the 8 am ferry from Anacortes, put in at north end of Orcas, enjoy an overnight on Sucia and return via Matia on Sun.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham/Vicki King

Report on File: No

Trip: Sucia-Matia Island

Description: Leave on the early ferry from Anacortes, put in at north end of Orcas, enjoy several nights of camping on Sucia and return on Mon.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King/Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: San Juan Islands Circumnavigation

Description: We'll start at Anacortes and proceed in order around the edges of James, Lopez, San Juan, and Stuart Islands, out to Sucia, back to Orcas and Cypress Islands and finally back to Anacortes. A good endurance level is a must.

SK Rating: III+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Wayne Martin

Report on File: No

Trip: San Juans Islands

Description: Kayak from Anacortes to the outside of San Juan Is. for possible Orca sightings, then over the top of Orcas Is. to Sucia and Clark Is., then back to Anacortes. Up to 18 miles some days; 3 mph average pace.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

REGION: North Puget Sound

Day Trips

Trip: Bowman Bay to Burrows Island.

Description: Put in at Bowman Bay, near Deception Pass, and paddle out to Allen and Burrows Islands. Enjoy a picnic lunch with a spectacular view from the lighthouse of Rosario Strait, the San Juans and the Olympic Mtns.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Jan Perry

Report on File: No

Trip: Bowman Bay to Washington Park

Description: Route (1): Bowman Bay to Biz Pt; then to south end of Allen Island; then to lighthouse for lunch; then to Washington Park.

Route (2): Due N from Bowman Bay to Rosario Head; Sares Head and Burrows Bay. Due W to Young Island (SE corner of Burrows Island) then N to Flounder Bay.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Pete Weiner; Route (2): Cliff Carpenter

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Bowman Bay via Deception Pass to Hope Island

Description: Second chance this weekend for the Skagit flats! Expect an early put-in so we can go through Deception Pass near slack and then explore the Skagit flats and Hope Island.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King

Report on File: No

Trip: Burrows Is from Washington Park

Description: Interesting shoreline and Coast Guard lighthouse for lunch. South from Washington Park to Burrows Island. East (counterclockwise) around 1/2 of Burrows Island then south to Allan Island and Williamson Rock. North to the light house on SW end on Burrows. Then north back to Washington Park. Important to do this paddle on low tide if planning to stop for lunch on either Burrows or Allan Island. Washburne's book notes current/eddy/rip considerations for this trip.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo/Larry Pyke

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Camano Is SP to Kayak Pt park

Description: Head around beautiful Camano Head on this one-way shuttle supported trip to Kayak Pt. 14 - 15 miles one way with car shuttle.

SK Rating: II+/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Roseanne Lorenzana; Ann Rieser

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Chuckanut Bay

Description: Put in at Wildcat Cove in Larrabee SP and explore sculpted sandstone formations and the protected marine ecosystem of Chuckanut Island

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Gary Knudson; Felicia Wibowo; Cliff Carpenter

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Crescent Beach to Freshwater Bay

Description: This trip along the Strait of Juan de Fuca will expose you to (usually) gentle ocean swell and launching through (we hope) mild surf at Crescent Beach. Landing will be in the protected waters of Freshwater Bay. This is a truly wonderful bit of coastline along the Salt Creek Rec Area west of Port Angeles.

SK Rating: II+/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Bob Walters; David Price/Lee McKee

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Cypress Island

Description: Anacortes to Cypress Island (Pelican Beach). Paddle to Pelican Beach then hike to the outstanding vista of Eagle Cliff.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Deception Pass Paddle and Play

Description: 10-15 NM. On the flood from Bowman Bay through main pass to Strawberry Island and beyond. Return on the ebb through Canoe Pass and play in the eddylines. Maximum current will be 6.5.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jurgen Herweg

Report on File: No

Trip: Dungeness Spit

Description: Dungeness Spit is the longest natural spit (5 miles) in the US. It is an excellent winter bird habitat and an interesting example of a salt marsh community. We will see birds; seals; grasses; tidal inhabitants; a light house; Canada; and maybe Mt Baker! Bring binoculars; cameras; bird/crab books; and an investigative mind.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Kelly Hinds

Report on File: No

Trip: Fort Flagler/Kilisuit Harbor

Description: Launch at Fort Flagler State Park. Explore Kilisuit Harbor and Mystery Bay. Nice scenery. Possible waterfowl and eagles.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Fort Worden to Old Fort Townsend

Description: Launch at Fort Worden State Park. Explore the Port Townsend waterfront to Old Fort Townsend State Park and return.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Goat Island

Description: South from La Conner on Swinomish Channel; went through the hole and checked out west side of Ika Island. Then paddled south towards Goat Island and circumnavigated Goat Island. Paddled channel back to La Conner.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Guemes ferry landing to Bowman Bay

Description: --

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

Trip: Guemes Island to Saddlebag Island

Description: --

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

Trip: Guemes Island circumnavigation

Description: About 15 mile trip with help from currents.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jim Borgman

Report on File: No

Trip: Hope and Skagit Islands

Description: The beauty of the Deception Pass area without those annoying whirlpools. Join leader for a tour of these public yet undeveloped islands. Cornet Bay to Skagit Island. Took break on NE beach (toilet available). Proceeded to Hope Island with a stop at the Atlantic salmon farm enroute. Took a 20 minute break on NE beach until 15 minutes before the slack. Circumnavigated island clockwise to campsites on north beach. Hiked trails to SW corner for lunch and to observe rips in west channel. Returned with ebb to Cornet Bay.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jim Borgman

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Holms Harbor

Description: 12 NM RT. We'll ferry over to Clinton from Mukilteo and launch from Freeland County Park, then spend the day exploring Holms Harbor.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Hope and Skagit Islands

Description: Meet at 10:30 am at Coronet Bay State Park.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

Trip: Indian Island from Mystery Bay

Description: Lee and David will lead us on this attempt to paddle through the culvert between Indian and Marrowstone Islands; followed by a zip through the Port Townsend Channel and on around the forbidden and near pristine Indian Island Naval reserve.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price/Lee McKee

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Kilisut Harbor/Marrowstone Island

Description:

Route 1: From launch ramp across channel to north tip of Indian Island; then down shoreline to opposite Mystery Harbor on Marrowstone. Crossover to Mystery Harbor for lunch then back over to Indian north of Bishops Point. Continued south for past Bishops Point. Then crossover to Marrowstone and north along shoreline to Fort Flagler. This trip is best done by launching at Mystery Bay vice Fort Flagler on days when a northerly wind is expected to preclude a paddle into a headwind at the end of the day. At tides below about 2' the shoreline on either side of the launch ramp at Mystery Bay is strewn with sharp edged oyster shells.

Route 2: From Mystery Bay paddled west shoreline of Marrowstone Island to Fort Flagler SP. Went thru narrow opening at N end and paddled east off of Ft Flagler Park about 1 1/2 miles. Then returned to inside of harbor and had lunch at Ft Flagler beach. Crossed over to Indian Island and paddled S along shoreline. Crossed back over to Marrowstone Island about a mile south of Mystery Bay entrance. Then paddled back along shoreline to Mystery Bay

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Lee McKee/David Price (route 1); Tom Foley/Art Iodice (route 2)

Report on File: Yes

Trip: March Point to Hat and Saddlebag Islands

Description: Pretty paddle to small islands east of Guemes.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King

Report on File: No

Trip: Oak Harbor/Penn Cove

Description: 10 miles. A day paddle in the waters of the oldest settlement on Whidbey Island; protected in most weathers.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Bob Buchholz

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Port Angeles to Victoria

Description: Start with 11 mile crossing across the Strait of Juan de Fuca, then follow the shore to Victoria. Return via ferry.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jerry Paulson

Report on File: No

Trip: Saddlebag Island

Description: Route (1): Anacortes to Guemes; Huckleberry; Hat; and Saddlebag Islands and back. Wildlife; waterfowl; and great scenery.

Route (2): South Marina Park to Nun#2 then to Southeast Point (Guemes Island) then to Saddlebag Island.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Felicia Wibowo; Route (2): Pete Weiner

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Saddlebag, Dot and Hat Islands.

Description: Launch from March Point and make a 2-mile crossing to these picturesque islands, northeast of Anacortes. Lunch on Saddlebag as well as some exploration.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Severne Johnson

Report on File: No

Trip: Sequim Bay area

Description: Wintertime shoreline paddle along Strait on either side of Sequim Bay entrance. Explore NW end

of bay. Route and launch point will be wind dependent. 8+ NM.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Lee McKee

Report on File: No

Trip: Skagit Delta & Goat Island

Description: Put in at scenic LaConner, paddle out to Goat Island for lunch, and explore the remains of turn-of-the-century artillery emplacements (similar to those at Fort Worden).

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

Trip: Skagit River

Description: Mt. Vernon to La Conner

SK Rating: I

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Beverly Wagner

Report on File: No

Trip: Whidby Island to Port Townsend

Description: Put in at Keystone. Follow Whidby shoreline until due east of Port Townsend. Then make 7-mile crossing to Port Townsend. Return via ferry. Wheels required.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jerry Paulson

Report on File: No

Trip: Wildcat Cove to Chuckanut Bay

Description: Meet at boat launch just north of Larrabee State Park. Lunch in protected bay. Possible side trip to see palm tree fossils.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Don Stenberg

Report on File: No

Extended Trips

Trip: Coronet Bay and Deception Pass

Description: Boat rentals available for students. Saltwater paddling in a prime location, rustic cabins, delicious meals and good company. Saltwater training trips on navigating tides and currents; optional paddles to nearby destinations.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Bob Walters

Report on File: No

Trip: Cypress Is from Anacortes

Description: Start: Anacortes Marina to Saddlebag Island to Guemes County Park to Pelican Beach. Return: Pelican Beach to Cypress Head to Guemes Channel to Anacortes Marina.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Ann Rieser/Pete Weiner

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Cypress Head

Description: Put in at Guemes Ferry (Anacortes). Beautiful campground. Good paddling skills required.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham/Linda Carlson

Report on File: No

Trip: Guemes to Clark Island

Description: Weekend trip from Guemes Island. Exposure to currents and long wind fetch. 1st day: North of Guemes to Towhead Island. From here crossed Rosario Strait to Peapod Islands. Headed to Orcas and paddled west along Orcas Island shore to Doe Island because the current took us close to Lawrence Point. We camped at Doe Island. In the evening we paddled to Doe Bay to soak in the hot springs. 2nd day: After pancake breakfast we paddled coast line of Orcas from Doe Island to Lawrence Pt. From Lawrence Pt we headed north along Orcas before crossing to Clark Island to avoid the shipping channel. 3rd day: From Clark Isl we crossed Rosario Strait to Lawrence Pt. Because of thick fog we had to rely on the bearing (142 degrees) to get to Buck Eye shoal buoy from Lawrence Pt. We hit the buoy right on target. We followed a bearing of 140 degrees to get to Towhead Island. We stopped for a nap on Pelican Beach until the fog lifted. From Pelican Beach we crossed the channel to Guemes and back to Guemes resort.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo/Paul Bannick

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Hope Island

Description: 18 NM RT. Launch from Cornet Bay. Leaving Deception Pass to the east we'll tour Similk Bay to the north before landing at Skagit and Hope Island SPs. After spending the night on Hope we'll paddle S towards Goat Island which we'll circumnavigate via the "Hole-in-the-Wall." Complete the weekend by riding the ebb back to Cornet Bay.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Lummi Island

Description: Discover one of the best "undiscovered" camp spots in the North Sound on this overnight paddle.

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price; Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: Yes

REGION: Middle Puget Sound & Hood Canal

Day Trips

Trip: Agate Pass

Description: 10 NM RT. There's a 4.6 knot flood current through the pass at 11:14 am so we'll have some good rips and eddylines behind the bridge pylons. Last time we did Agate Pass (the route is different this time) we had HUGE boat wakes - hey this could get exciting!

SK Rating: V

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Gary Peniston

Report on File: No

Trip: Alki Beach to Discovery Park

Description: 16.5 NM RT. See the big city! See the big boats! With good tides and hopefully good weather this trip should be a lot easier than the mileage indicates. Start early for an easy to moderate pace.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Bainbridge Island

Description: 24 NM RT. Enjoy a scenic paddle and a good workout. Depart from and return to Manchester SP.

SK Rating: III+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dave Agnew; Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Ballard Locks to Smith Cove

Description: --

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: Bremerton to Eagle Harbor

Description: Leave your car in Seattle and wheel your boat onto Bremerton Ferry. Paddle to Winslow and ferry back. Wheels required for ferry. Distance 10-12 miles.

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Steve Johnson/Liz Thomas; Dede Chinlund

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Dabob Bay

Description: Oyster gathering on northern Hood Canal. Fish & Wildlife permit required to actually collect oysters; clams; or seaweed; but not to go along on the paddle.

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Roseanne Lorenzana; Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: Duwamish to West Seattle

Description: --

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: Dyes Inlet

Description: Route (1): Launch at Chico south of Silverdale on Dyes Inlet. Explore southern end of Dyes Inlet including Ostrich Bay and Oyster Bay. Scenic rural area with birds and marine life. About a 6-hour moderate paddle.

Route (2): Launch at Evergreen Park/Bremerton. Ride the flood current through Port Washington Narrows. Explore Dyes Inlet and return on the ebb current.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Tom Foley; Route (2): Ann Reiser

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Eagle Harbor

Description: Note: Intent of this trip was to walk on Seattle to Winslow ferry; paddle to from Winslow to Bremerton; take Bremerton ferry back to Seattle for a paddling time of 4 hours and a distance of 12 nm. Did not do this because of excessive head winds. Left Eagle Harbor and went around "Creosote Pt" and paddled ~1/2 nm south against estimated minimum 15kt (gust to 30kt) wind; wind waves ~2ft. Turned around and spent day exploring Eagle Harbor (best done on full tide for back end of bay). Went back out around "Creosote Pt" in afternoon for same ~1/2 nm for practice in wind/waves. Actual distance paddled 6 or 7 nm with actual paddling time of ~3 1/2 hrs. Lunch and takeout at Winslow public ramp.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Eagle Harbor to Bremerton

Description: 12 NM. One of the coolest one-way trips in the central sound. We'll ferry from downtown Seattle to Bainbridge, then paddle through Eagle Harbor and south into Rich Passage. We'll wind up at the Bremerton ferry for the return. About 15 mi. Possible wave chop, currents, and headwinds.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman; Liz Thomas/Steve Johnson; Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Eagle Harbor to Fort Ward

Description: Launch at Eagle Harbor; explore southeast Bainbridge to Fort Ward and back.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Mary Tax

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Elliott Bay Tour

Description: II+/III

SK Rating: Launch at West Seattle, cross Elliott Bay to Magnolia. Tour back along the Seattle waterfront and Harbor Island on the return to West Seattle launch point -- 5-hour moderate paddle.

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Foley

Report on File: No

Trip: Everett Slough

Description: Paddle the pastoral; meandering; protected waters of the Everett Sough. This trip should provide views of osprey nests and other wildlife. Visit the "ghost" ship at the mouth of the river with a quick trip to Jetty Island. 7-9 NM.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Steve Johnson; Marha Scoville

Report on File: No

Trip: Fay Bainbridge SP

Description: Scenic; protected; easy paced.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price

Report on File: No

Trip: Fay Bainbridge Park to Poulsbo and Return

Description: We'll take an early ferry to Bainbridge Is., go through Agate Pass, have lunch at a restaurant in Poulsbo and return to the put-in.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King

Report on File: No

Trip: Golden Gardens to Edmonds

Description: After a hot summer day, cool off on a nighttime paddle from Golden Gardens to Edmonds, approximately 8 miles one way. Car shuttle will be involved. Bring flashlights.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jerry Paulson

Report on File: No

Trip: Golden Gardens

Description: Meet at the 15th Ave NW boat launch in Ballard. Put in time is 9:30am. Experience going through the Ballard Locks. Then on to destination for lunch. Return via same route.

SK Rating: II
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Ann Reiser
Report on File: Yes

Trip: Hood Canal
Description: Put in at Quilcene and explore Hood Canal.
SK Rating: II
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dede Chinlund
Report on File: No

Trip: Hood Head and Tala Point
Description: Launch from Shine Tidelands and travel N into Bywater Bay where a short portage is possible at Hood Head spit. On to Tala Point and the return E side of Hood Head. Meet at 8:30; launch at 9.
SK Rating: III
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Rhonda Schwab
Report on File: No

Trip: Lake Sammamish SP Rescue Skills Practice and Potluck
Description: Meet at 9am. Practice old skills and learn new skills until 11:30. Play water games. Please bring your own boat - no kayaks will be provided. Wheels recommended. Practice done in the roped off swimming area towards the north end of the park. After the potluck a number of people stayed to paddle up Issaquah Creek and then into Jensens Cove. How far you paddle up the creek depends on if there are any downed trees blocking the way, and if you're willing to get out and line your kayak past shallow areas. There is some current to negotiate in some of the shallower/narrower areas of the creek. Current was fairly substantial for such a small stream.
SK Rating: I
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham
Report on File: Yes

Trip: Lake Union
Description: Launch from foot of Sunnyside Ave 1 1/2 blk E of Gasworks. Various routes. One route: From Sunnyside Ave to near I-5 bridge. Down east side of Lake Union with a stop at the foot of the lake near Burger King. Up the west side of the lake to NWOC and back to Sunnyside Ave.
SK Rating: I/II
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham; Vicki King; Dave Agnew
Report on File: Yes

Trip: Lake Union
Description: Bring a flashlight, enjoy a snack at Ivar's and a trip through the Montlake Cut to the Arboretum.
SK Rating: II
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo
Report on File: No

Trip: Lake Union Halloween Paddle

Description: Haunt the houseboats of Lk Union in this dusk-to-dark-paddle. Costumes recommended; and deck lights. Meet at 6pm at end of Sunnyside Ave on N side of the lake.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham/Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Lake Union New Year's Eve paddle

Description: DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE! Put in at the foot of Sunnyside Ave E; paddle to the Center for Wooden Boats at the S end of Lake Union in time to listen to William Pint and Felicia Dale sing traditional maritime; Celtic and French songs (7:30pm, tickets on sale at door). Afterwards come to Annette's houseboat for soup and ??? The soup will be provided by Cindy and Annette; you bring the ??? - bread; cheese; etc. Then we'll paddle in the New Year by watching the fireworks.

SK Rating: I

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham/Cindy Odgers

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Mats-Mats Bay

Description: 6-8mi. Protected bay near mouth of Hood Canal. May extend trip to Port Ludlow depending on weather and party interest.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Port Ludlow to Mats Mats Bay

Description: 10 NM RT. Explore two sheltered bays; rocky shorelines; and offshore rock formations; all on a trip of only 10 NM.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Kelly Hinds

Report on File: No

Trip: Poulsbo via Agate Passage

Description: Route (1): Paddle through Liberty Bay and Agate Passage to Old Man House Natural Heritage Site. A small park with ruins of an old longhouse. About 12 miles with the current.

Route (2): Launch from Suquamish and paddle through Agate Pass to Poulsbo for lunch. Return will be assisted by current up to 3kn and may involve a short stretch of mildly 'dynamic' water in, or just beyond, Agate Pass.

Distance 14 nm

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Paul Campbell ; Route (2): David Price

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Quilcene and Dabob Bays

Description: Quilcene and Dabob Bays 10-13 NM RT. Explore the remote ends of Hood Canal and rarely visited tidal lagoons. Expect to see eagles; wintering birds; and abundant marine life in quiet pristine surroundings.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Gary Knudson

Report on File: No

Trip: Seattle to Winslow

Description: Start in Elliot Bay and follow shore to West Point. Cross over to Winslow, north of ferry traffic. Return on ferry. 14 miles. Wheels required.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jerry Paulson

Report on File: No

Trip: Salsbury Point

Description: Launch at Salsbury Point. Cross Hood Canal. Explore Hood Head; see waterfowl; wildlife; and interesting scenery.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Scenic Beach

Description: Scenic Beach to Dosewallips SP. 8 NM RT.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Julie Beck

Report on File: No

Trip: Shilshole Bay

Description: Shilshole potluck and night paddle. 5pm-?.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: John Wick/Deb Wolf

Report on File: No

Trip: Shilshole Christmas paddle

Description: Paddle with the Christmas ship from Shilshole and through the Ballard Locks. Launch from Golden Gardens at 6pm sharp. Decorate your boat for this festive trip.

SK Rating: I

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham/Mary Tax

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Shilshole to Magnolia Bluff

Description: Enjoy a leisurely paddle, exploring marina areas, with a picnic at the lighthouse.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Sue and Steve Kenfield

Report on File: No

Trip: Shilshole to Smith Cove

Description: Go through the Ballard locks on your way to Smith Cove.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Beverly Wagner

Report on File: No

Trip: Thai Food in West Seattle

Description: Paddle from marina near Magnolia across the Seattle waterfront to West Seattle. Bring a water-proof deck light or flashlight as it may be getting dark upon return. Paddled from launch to Alki Beach. Was going to paddle to Don Armeni Park for takeout but that launch area now has a fee. No restroom at launch or takeout. Easier to launch at 32nd Ave when tide is high; Fee is now charged at Don Armeni launch area.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: Yes

Extended Trips

Trip: Hat Island Overnight

Description: Launch from Everett.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Cindy Odgers

Report on File: No

Trip: Kitsap Cabin Weekend

Description: Weekend in the Mountaineers cabin on the Kitsap Peninsula, with tasty meals provided and opportunities for day trips in a variety of different directions.

SK Rating: II/II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jan Perry

Report on File: No

REGION: South Puget Sound

Day Trips

Trip: Anderson Island

Description: Circumnavigate Anderson Island. Meet at 9:00 am at Steilacoom Ferry Landing.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

Trip: Annas Bay

Description: 8 NM. Check out the Skokomish Delta at Hood Canal's big bend.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Allan Hall

Report on File: No

Trip: Arcadia to Oakland Bay

Description: 14 NM RT. Ride a mellow flood tide up Hammersley Inlet and explore Oakland Bay. After lunch a stronger ebb will take us home.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Henry Romer

Report on File: No

Trip: Blake Island

Description: Route (1): Manchester to campground on NW side of Blake; around north end of Blake to campground at Tillicum village on NE side; around south end of Blake then crossover to Harper fishing dock; along shoreline of Yukon Harper and exploration of Curley Creek; return to Manchester along shoreline.

Route (2): 3-mile open crossing to Blake Island. Spend time circumnavigating the island, visit Tillicum Village, and picnic. Alternate protected route if inclement weather.

Route (3): Paddle on into autumn. We'll leave from Lincoln Park in Seattle for a 4 mile crossing of Puget Sound to Blake Island SP for lunch. Round trip will be 8 - 12 NM depending on day's events.

SK Rating: II or III (route dependent)

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Lee McKee/Lori Robinson/Leslie Carpenter/Linda Mills. Route (2): Jan Perry/Liz Thomas. Route (3) David Price

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Boston Harbor to Eagle Island

Description: 19.5 NM RT. Max fld 2.3 knots. Max ebb 3.3 knots. Will take 8 boats (double is counted as one boat). If winds are greater than or equal to 25 miles then the trip will be cancelled.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Horst Nolle

Report on File: No

Trip: Boston Harbor to Eld Inlet

Description: Route (1): South Sound paddling in protected waters.

Route (2): Eld Inlet 9 NM. Boston Harbor to Frye Cove County Park. Mellow paddle in upper Eld Inlet with some high tide inlet exploration.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Dede Chinlund. Route (2): Henry Romer

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Boston Harbor to Hope Island

Description: Join Jane on this South Sound excursion. Hope Island is a wooded and uninhabited island that has recently become a Cascadia Marine Trail site.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jane Tuttle

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Case Inlet (upper)

Description: 10 NM. Relaxed paddle around upper Case Inlet with visits to Allyn; Rocky Bay and Vaughn Bay. Potluck dinner at Stretch Island SP.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Bob Burreson

Report on File: No

Trip: Commencement Bay

Description: 7 NM RT. Take an urban experience with us through Commencement Bay.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Julie Beck

Report on File: No

Trip: Dash Point to Alki Beach

Description: 20 NM RT. Early start and excellent tides should enable us to explore this stretch of the Sound without undue testosterone influences.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Eagle Island

Description: 10 NM. Moderate paddle. Steilacoom to Eagle Island with visits to Ketron and Anderson Islands on the way.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Allan Hall

Report on File: No

Trip: Eagle and Pitt Islands

Description: 10.46 NM RT. Catch the ebb tide from the Key Peninsula to the Water Trails site at Eagle Island. Ride the flood to Pitt Passage and paddle around Pitt Island. Return via a side trip into the tranquil and warm waters of Filucy Bay to check out the Oyster Farm.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jeff Morton

Report on File: No

Trip: Fish Trap Inlets

Description: Paddle from Boston Harbor to explore two hidden inlets off Dana Passage.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Henry Romer; Allen Hall

Report on File: No

Trip: Fox Island

Description: Convenient South Sound paddle with views to Olympics and Mt Rainier.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Steve Johnson

Report on File: No

Trip: Fox Island to Owen Beach

Description: 8 NM RT; 3.5 knot ebb. Paddle from Fox Island bridge to Owen Beach. Car shuttle back or wait for change of tide.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jurgen Herweg

Report on File: No

Trip: Gig Harbor

Description: Deck the Hulls with Bows of Jolly. String up your lights and decorate your boat for the 2nd annual Christmas paddle and sing along with Rhonda and her merry (and in some cases hairy) elves. Launch site: Gig Harbor Public Boat Launch. Launch Time: 4pm

SK Rating: I-II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Merve Frye

Report on File: No

Trip: Gig Harbor to Olalla

Description: 7 NM. Ride the Colvos current out of Gig Harbor and north to Olalla.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Henry Romer

Report on File: No

Trip: Grapeview to Jarrell Cove

Description: 10 NMRT. Gunkhole upper Pickering Passage and cross to Jarrell Cove for lunch. Lots of birding opportunities in this quiet part of the winter Sound.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Henry Romer

Report on File: No

Trip: Grapeview and Points South

Description: 11 NMRT (max). From the sleepy little launch and marina in Grapeview we'll head south into Pickering Passage - where high water will allow us to paddle into (in my opinion) the finest backwater bays in the Sound. You'll want to linger in these coves - which are home to more birds than people - so plan on a leisurely day and bring your binoculars!

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Gary Peniston

Report on File: No

Trip: Hale Passage; Wollochet Bay

Description: 12 NM. Bet you haven't explored here yet. Winter inlets behind Fox Island. Weather will determine the details.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Henry Romer

Report on File: No

Trip: Hammersly Inlet

Description: Walker Park to Hope Island. Explore Mill Creek enroute (muddy banks - need hi tide to explore). Circumnavigate and explore the new Water Trails Park; lunch; and return with the flood.

SK Rating: II/ III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Steve Johnson; Liz Thomas/Jan Perry; Vicki King; Tom Barnhart; Martha Scoville; David Price; Tom Carroll

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Henderson Inlet

Description: South Sound trip featuring herons, harbor seals and lovely scenery.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King; Dede Chinlund

Report on File: No

Trip: Heron to McMiken Is

Description: Beginners special. Limit 8 boats. Call leaders for details.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: John Wick/Deb Wolf

Report on File: No

Trip: Key Peninsula

Description: From Whitman Cove around Devils Head and finishing at Penrose State Pk with car shuttle. This trip encounters no crossings and negligible current but paddlers must be able to maintain 3kt cruising speed. Distance 15nm - estimating 5hrs paddling.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Phil Hulse

Report on File: No

Trip: Maury Island

Description: Take ferry to Vashon Island. Paddle around Maury Island at the foot of Vashon. Circumnavigation is 13 NM, and wheels needed for a short portage.

SK Rating: II+ or III depending on conditions.

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Jan Perry; Vicki King; Gary Knudson

Report on File: No

Trip: McAllister Creek/Nisqually Delta

Description: This is a great trip of discovery into the depths of the Nisqually Wildlife refuge. Paddle up gentle McAllister creek along twisting channels of natural habitat.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Liz Thomas/Steve Johnson; Dede Chinlund; Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: No

Trip: McNeil Island

Description: Explore Eagle Island; Pitt Island; Pitt Passage; and McNeil Island (the last from a distance).

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dave Agnew

Report on File: No

Trip: Nisqually Flats

Description: 9.5 NM RT (Easy). Leaving from Luhr Beach 9am and heading northwest up the flats to Tolmie SP and back down McAllister Creek. Come enjoy a casual and relaxing day with us and view the southern Puget Sound, abundant wildlife, lush grasslands and marshes, and learn a little history of the Nisqually Delta and Tolmie SP. Bring a lunch, binoculars, and your smile. There will be a \$10 fee for parking at Luhr Beach. The decal you receive is good for all DFW access sites.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Rhonda Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Nisqually Reach/Dupont

Description: 8 NM RT. Explore the grandeur of Nisqually Reach and beaches to the north. This will be a leisurely trip with time to view eagles; seals; and herons. You'll need a Dept of F & W Access Stewardship Permit to launch at Luhr Beach

SK Rating: II
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Joanne Frye
Report on File: No

Trip: Owen Beach — Three one mile crossings
Description: 12 NM RT. From Owen Beach we will cross over to Vashon Island; continue to Sunrise County Park; crossing Colvos Passage for lunch. Next we will proceed to the Gig Harbor lighthouse and cross the north end of the Narrows to Point Defiance and Owen Beach.
SK Rating: IV
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jurgen Herweg
Report on File: No

Trip: Pickering Passage
Description: 16 NM. Moderate paddle. Current assisted push up Pickering Passage from the Hartstene Island bridge. Down Case Inlet to McMicken SP for lunch. Back up Case to catch the afternoon flood to wash us home.
SK Rating: III
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Henry Romer
Report on File: No

Trip: Quartermaster Harbor
Description: Protected harbor paddle on Vashon Island
SK Rating: I/II
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Jim Borgman; Annette Brigham
Report on File: Yes

Trip: Quartermaster Harbor to Lisabeula
Description: Launch at Burton ramp. Paddle up Colvos Passage to Lisabeula. Wildlife and scenery.
SK Rating: I+
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham
Report on File: Yes

Trip: Southworth/Upper Colvos Passage
Description: Route and launch weather dependent.
SK Rating: II+
Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Lee McKee
Report on File: No

Trip: Steilacoom ferry to Chambers Creek
Description: Exploratory trip from Steilacoom ferry to Chambers Creek.
SK Rating: II-III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dede Chinlund

Report on File: No

Trip: Squaxin & Hope Islands

Description: Start at Boston Harbor Public Launch Ramp.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

Trip: Squaxin Island Circumnavigation

Description: 10 NM. Launch from Arcadia; up Peale Passage to catch last of flood in Pickering to take us home. Expect some weather.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Allen Hall

Report on File: No

Trip: Steilacoom to Anderson Island

Description: Launch at Steilacoom; cross to Eagle Island; south through Drayton Passage to Luhr Beach; near the Nisqually Delta. One way paddle; return via outfitter's van. See nice scenery; some wildlife including thousands of sand dollars in the shallows along Anderson Island.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Felicia Wibowo

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Steilacoom to Luhr Beach

Description: 14.5 NM RT. Explore the southeastern reaches of Puget Sound. Leaving Steilacoom we'll enter Cormorant Passage and head south to Luhr Beach for lunch. On the return we'll take the west side of Ketron Island and get in a free circumnavigation. Nisqually's full of wildlife - so bring your cameras and binoculars. Easy to moderate pace.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Pete Schwab

Report on File: No

Trip: Tacoma Narrows

Description: Route (1): 12 NM RT. Launch from Owen Beach at 8:30 to catch the end of the flood through the Narrows. We'll snack at Titlow Beach and return to Owen on the ebb for a mid-afternoon potluck.

Route (2): Launch at Titlow park and ride ebb through the Narrows to Owens Beach for lunch. Return on the flood. Currents of 3 knots, possibly opposing wind for a wet ride. Possible side trip to eddy lines at bridge pylons. Easy to moderate pace.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Pete and Rhonda Schwab; Route (2): David Price

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Tatsolo Point to Ketron Is

Description: Enjoy harbor seals and other wildlife in peaceful area. Lunch on Ketron Island.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Don Stenberg

Report on File: No

Trip: Vashon Island Circumnavigation

Description: 30 NM RT. Circumnavigate the island; crossing from and to the mainland. This paddle can be strenuous depending on the weather and will take 10 hours of paddling. It will be fun but please be prepared for a workout.

SK Rating: III+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dave Agnew

Report on File: No

Trip: Vashon to Southworth to Blake Island

Description: Leave from Fern Cove - an estuary on Vashon Island. Cross Colvos Passage to Southworth then cross from Southworth to Blake Island. Blake Island has a nice picnic area; Tillicum Village. Nice days have great views of Seattle; the Sound; and Mt Rainier.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dede Chinlund

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Vaughn Bay to Herron Island

Description: Explore the beaches and lagoons as we paddle S from Vaughn Bay to Herron Island. This is intended to be a gently paced paddle centered around exploration and photography. Leave Vaughn Bay boat launch at 9:30 and return by 3.

SK Rating: I

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: John Winskill

Report on File: No

Extended Trips

Trip: Blake Island

Description: Route (1): Paddle from Southworth to Blake Island. Camp, enjoy the Tillicum Village salmon dinner.

Route (2): 10 NM RT. This relaxed overnight trip with a flexible itinerary should allow ample time for exploring Blake Island by kayak and afoot. Time to play or practice paddle skills or loaf in the sun. If there is interest, we can attend the presentation of Northwest Coastal Indian dances and salmon bake put on daily by Tillicum Village. Trip will depart Manchester SP.

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Route (1): Dede Chinlund; Route (2): Bill Olson

Report on File: No

Trip: Hartstene Island

Description: Kayak/Car Camping Weekend. There are a few places available for a fun weekend on Harstene Island. We'll be camping on private property homesteaded in the 1850s. Saturday's plans include circumnavigating Squaxin Island (with lunch on Hope Island); a gourmet meal or potluck Saturday night; and either an evening paddle or time to share trip tales. We'll finish off the weekend Sunday with a short play/skill-building paddle. This is a requested repeat of a great weekend from last year.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Cynthia Bradshaw

Report on File: No

Trip: Jarrell Cove SP from Vaughn

Description: Overnight trip - 8 or 9 mi. each day. Should be able to paddle for up to 3 hrs at a stretch. Washington Water Trails permit handy but not required. Camping Fee. Limit 8. From Vaughn Bay paddled to Rocky Bay then crossed inlet to just N of Reach Island. Stopped at Fair Harbor marina for restroom. Then continued south on inside of Stretch Island and across Pickering Passage to Hartstene Island. Along shoreline to Jarrell Cove SP. Total distance about 8 nm. Afternoon paddled around Jarrell Cove then south along Hartstene shoreline and over to mainland to explore bays and back to SP. Total distance about 5 nm.

Sunday launched about 1 hr after high tide and crossed Pickering Passage to mainland and explored McLane Cove. Paddled outside of Stretch Island and stopped at SP for lunch (no restrooms or camping; beach is round pebble). Crossed inlet over to Vaughn Bay. Encountered good sized back eddy at entrance to Bay. Water flows out of Bay along N side of channel with back eddy along S side of entrance spit. Eddy line runs across path (right to left) on inside tip of spit. Bay was still draining vigorously.

SK Rating: II+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price

Report on File: Yes

REGION: Other - Washington State

Day Trips

Trip: Black River

Description: Easy paddle down unique tannin-stained southern style river southwest of Olympia in a very scenic area. Meet in Rochester at 10am. Good beginner trip; very pretty.

SK Rating: I

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Beverly Wagner

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Ft Okanogan SP

Description: Columbia River near Brewster. Wide, slow spot in the river near confluence with Okanogan River. Wildlife area and Historical Interpretive center. 8-12 mi depending on group.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: David Price

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Hanford Reach

Description: Float the last free flowing stretch of the Columbia R. Birds & wildlife.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: John Wick/Deb Wolf

Report on File: No

Trip: Lake Kapowsin

Description: 10 NM RT. Paddle and explore; start your spring gliding on water new to you and your boat. Wildlife and hidden places.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Dave Agnew

Report on File: No

Trip: Cape Flattery

Description: Makah Bay to Neah Bay (paddle on second day of surf clinic). Takeout was at the west end of the jetty at Neah Bay. A car shuttle is needed between Makah Bay and Neah Bay.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Severne Johnson

Report on File: Yes

Extended Trips

Trip: Hanford Reach

Description: Scenic heart of the Columbia's last free-flowing reach. Fri eve car camp at Vantage; Sat launch at Vernita bridge; river camp at White Bluff Landing; Sun take-out at Ringhold Hatchery. 33 river mi as described in the guidebook *Paddle Routes of the Inland Northwest*. Camping is allowed at White Bluffs by permit.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Bill Blair/Mary Tax/Annette Brigham/Dede Chinlund

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Lake Chelan to Stehekin

Description: Paddle the long glaciated Chelan valley deep into the heart of the N Cascades NP. We will paddle up and back, camping along the way with a possible one or two night layover in Stehekin for sightseeing and hiking. A good endurance level is a must. 70 mile trip.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Wayne Martin

Report on File: No

Trip: Long Island/Willapa Bay

Description: Circumnavigate island. Great interior island trails with ancient cedar grove.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Beverly Wagner

Report on File: No

Trip: The Potholes

Description: The Potholes is an area of sand dunes over by Moses Lake that's been flooded by a dam creating a unique landscape. In addition there's a marshy area near the lake inlet that's loaded with birds. In fact it's a rookery. And it might actually be sunny too! This is an easy trip without a fixed itinerary featuring a potluck barbecue camp-out on one of the larger dunes. Bring binoculars; sun screen; swimsuits; and lawn chairs.

SK Rating: II

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Gary Peniston

Report on File: No

Trip: Ross Lake / Desolation Peak

Description: Kayak/Hike trip.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

REGION: Other - Non Washington State

Day Trips

(none)

Extended Trips

Trip: Barkley Sound

Description: Trip done as part of Long Trip Planning and Preparation course.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Barkley Sound & Broken Is Group

Description: --

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Beverly Wagner

Report on File: No

Trip: Broken Island Group

Description: Take the early ferry to Vancouver Island and paddle from the put-in to the outer islands on the first day; explore the outer islands on the second and third days and return on the fourth day.

SK Rating: III+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Paul Westmattelman

Report on File: No

Trip: Desolation Sound

Description: Week long camping trip in British Columbia's Marine Park.

SK Rating: II/III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Annette Brigham

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Hakai Provincial Park

Description: Experienced paddlers - min 3 mph. Moderate distances. Some base camping.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: Yes

Trip: Johnstone Strait to Echo Bay or Hakai Provincial Park

Description: --

SK Rating: III+

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

Trip: Juneau to Skagway, AK

Description: Paddle the windiest and most whale inundated section of the famous Inside Passage. After either coming up with the group from Petersburg or getting off the ferry in Juneau we'll proceed N through a series of islands; probably impeded by humpback whales. We'll visit Davidson Glacier before visiting Haines before our final plummet down the wind tunnel known as Lynn Canal where we will land at the famous gold mining town of Skagway; where in theory another ferry awaits us. We expect a lot of strong tail winds on this trip as well as fairly rough seas at times. 95 miles.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Wayne Martin

Report on File: No

Trip: Nootka Island Circumnavigation Off the West Coast of Vancouver Island

Description: Some 20+ mile days.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Tom Barnhart

Report on File: No

Trip: Northern Gulf Islands

Description: Exploratory trip.

SK Rating: III

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Vicki King/Annette Brigham

Report on File: No

Trip: Petersburg to Juneau, AK

Description: Here is your chance to paddle one of the most beautiful parts of the Inside Passage. Take Alaska State Ferry to the old fishing town of Petersburg and head N; visiting some spectacular tidewater glacier areas. Emphasis given to pristine Tracy Arm - a glacier choked fjord that rivals Glacier Bay. We'll also visit Taku Inlet just prior to pulling into Juneau. This is a fairly difficult paddle requiring a high level of fitness and endurance. 230 miles.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Wayne Martin

Report on File: No

Trip: Queen Charlottes

Description: Sea kayaking the Queen Charlottes. Join in exploring the seldom visited west coast of Graham Island and abandoned Indian villages.

SK Rating: --

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: LeRoy Nordby

Report on File: No

Trip: San Blas Islands - Panama Central America

Description: Paddle amongst small tropical islands covered with palm trees swaying in the breeze and surrounded by glistening white sandy beaches; warm iridescent blue waters for snorkeling filled with myriads of colorful tropical fish. Also visit the native villages of the Kuna Indians and shop for molas and other native handicrafts. Time permitting we will paddle part way up one of the mainland jungle rivers and observe it's wildlife. Also a stop at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Station is planned. Feathercraft folding kayaks available for renting if you don't have your own.

SK Rating: III-IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: LeRoy Nordby

Report on File: No

Trip: Sitka to Juneau, AK

Description: This is a big one folks! It includes all sorts of possible conditions including but not limited to frigid waters, high winds, open ocean, torrential rain, and possible long days in the boat. It will follow the outside and then the inside route from Sitka to Pelican to Hoonah to Juneau. The trip will expose you to some of the most spectacular vistas on this planet as well as frequent encounters with humpback whales, sea otters, eagles, and the famous SE Alaska mosquito. Contact with brown bear (grizzlies) is a dubious possibility. A good endurance level is a must. So....if you have the urge to enjoy any or all of the above features.

SK Rating: IV

Previous Leader/Co-Leader: Wayne Martin

Report on File: No