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Trips Schedule

Hi SNCKC,

Don't put away your kayaks yet, there are still plenty of kayaking opportunities to round out 2024. Shocking as it may seem, it is already time to start thinking about 2025, due to the six month advance reservation system for California state park camping.

Below is our final round-up for 2024 kayaking trips:

* Lake Wildwood, the venue for our 1st annual Halloween paddle last year, has been drawn down for dredging and is not available for use at this time.

2024	DESTINATION	LEAD
Oct 19	Lake Clementine	Gwen Huff
Oct 30	Fuller or Englebright*	Rachel Finson
Nov 22	Lake Natoma Potluck	Chuck Kastnholz

If the weather at the end of October is warm enough at altitude we will hold our 2nd annual Halloween paddle with multiple circuits around at Fuller Lake and Alan Cary has invited us to have a picnic or BBQ at the lodge (Grass Valley Rifle Rod & Gun Club) after our paddle. If the weather is too cool for Fuller Lake, we will do a short loop at Englebright, that will be more conducive to showing off Halloween costumes, than making distance.

2025—CLEAR LAKE CAMPING PADDLE Arrive Sunday, April 27th, Depart Friday, May 2nd.

Marna Duncan is leading our first camping trip for **2025 to Clear Lake, from April 27-May 2**. Wendy Thibeault will be lending her expertise. As many of you know, the first trip of the season sometimes runs into rain. Marna and Wendy are recommending people make their reservation for five nights which will provide a little wiggle room if it rains. Below is Marna's email to the group to kick off planning for this Clear Lake trip. Marna is out of town for the rest of October, so if you have any questions prior to making your reservation contact Wendy (wendytbo2@gmail.com)

-Rachel

Hi all.

I am letting everyone know that we have selected dates for next year's first camping paddle. We will need to make reservations starting on October 27th for arrival April 27 through May 2.

We will again stay at Clear Lake State Park in the Kelsey Creek Campground. Reservecalifornia.com and the sites 58- 65 are waterfront. Launches can happen 58,59,62 & 63.

Please let me know when you have secured your site and what number and how many will occupy the site. There are also cabins available in the park.

- Marna Duncan

Dncnboyz@gmail.com

CLUB MEETINGS and EVENTS

Monthly club meetings are typically held at 6:00 pm the
fourth Thursday of every month at

*Seaman's Lodge in Pioneer Park,
427 Nimrod Street, Nevada City.*

Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, October 24th:

Quiz Night

Come and strut your knowledge of Kayakology and paddlemania.



Thursday, November 22nd

Thanksgiving Pot Luck

Sunday, December 15th

SNCKC Christmas Party

[Link to Website List of Events](#)





SAVE THE DATE

Annual SNCKC Holiday Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2024

At Seaman's Lodge in Nevada City

Festivities Start at 5:00pm

We invite anyone who wishes to offer a short holiday
(~5 min) after-dinner presentation, poem reading, or
short story to please contact

Chuck Kastenholtz at (530) 401-1502



MACKERRICHER STATE PARK

September 16th Thru September 20th

We all had a wonderful time on our trip to MacKerricher State Park.

We had eleven paddlers and two additional campers as well as two more who stayed in a local hotel and joined us for a few visits. We paddled three rivers, the Noyo, the Albion and the Big River on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday respectively.

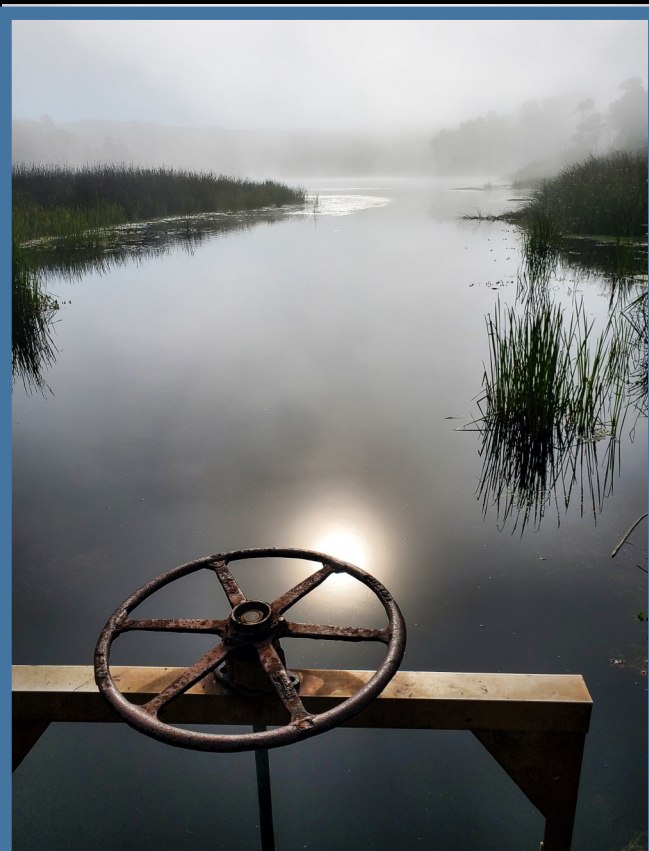
Several Pot Lucks with plenty of campfires, very nice camp sites with a short walk to the ocean, some dining out, sight seeing in Mendocino and Ft Bragg, train rides, light houses, homes in the river (?), live seals, seals escorting us in the water, dogs in the boat and dogs out of the boat, high tides helping us up the river and then down, plenty of water fowl, one dead whale, a few squirrels, a little mist over Lake Cleone, a full harvest moon and numerous beautiful sunsets.

Oh, and such wonderful company and stories! Thanks to all who joined us ... Hoping to do another similar repeat trip in two years."

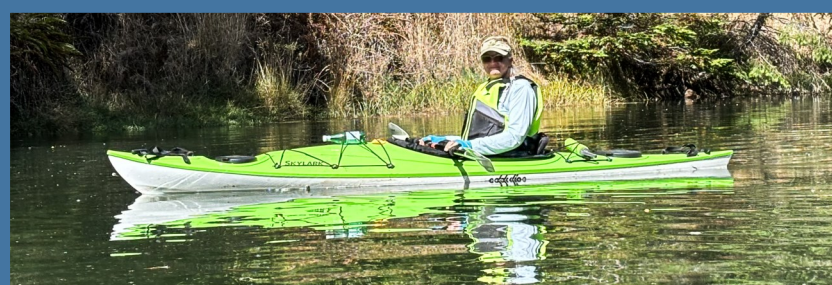
-Chuck Kastenholz



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THERMALITO AFTERBAY

September 25th

The Thermalito Afterbay is downstream of Lake Oroville and feeds the Feather River. It offers a good selection of bird-life, along with a variety of islands, inlets, and reedy areas through which we'll paddle. Length of the paddle will depend upon conditions and group choice, but expect something in the 6-7 mile range. Appropriate for all skill levels. The attached aerial view shows a



potential paddling route (red line beginning and ending at reference point #3).

Launch time: 10:30, off a sandy beach with facilities. Bring lunch.

-Chris Crain



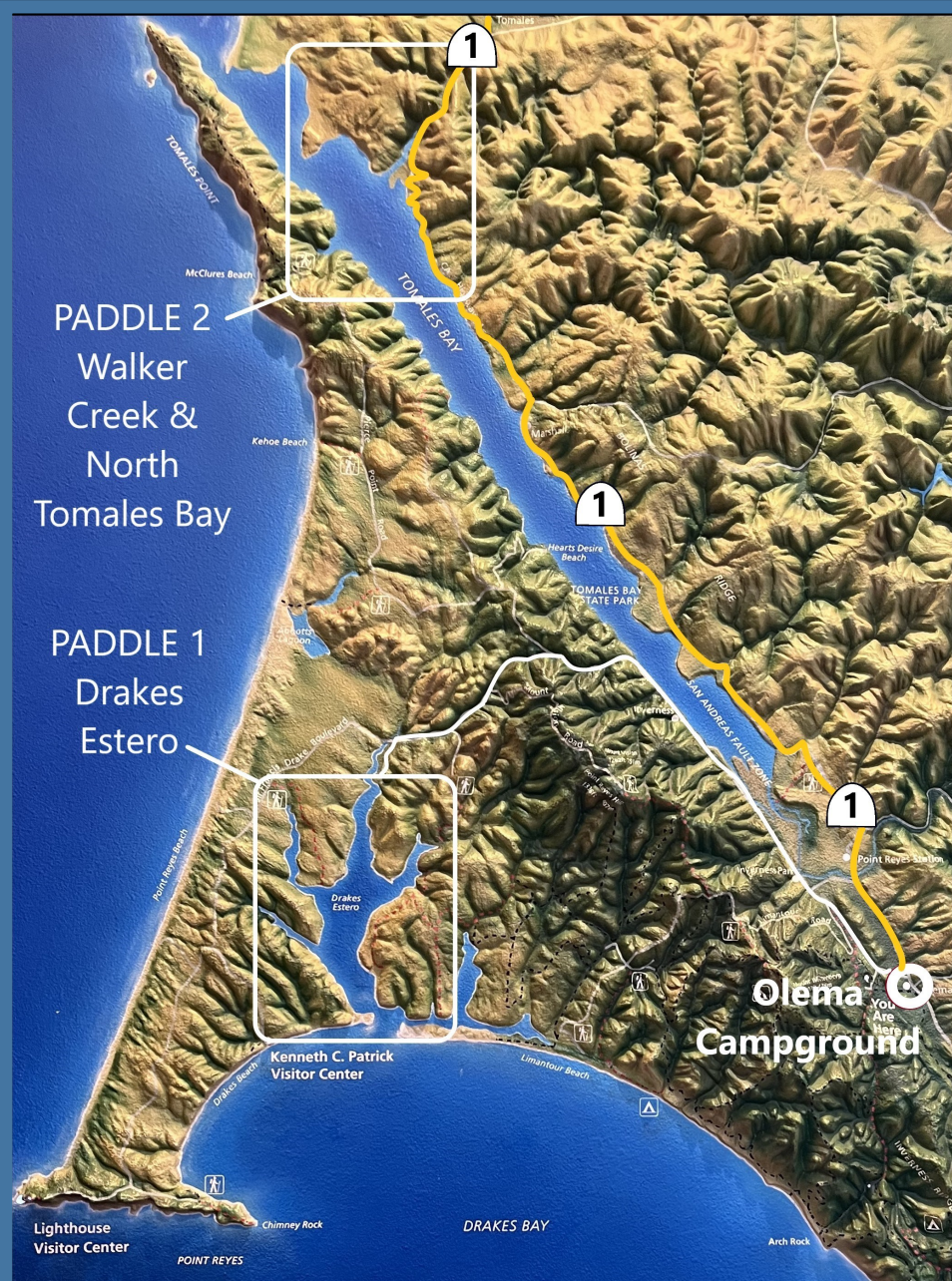
POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE / OLEMA CAMPGROUND

October 10th Thru October 14th



From Thursday, Oct. 11th to Monday, Oct. 14th, eleven adventure seeking folks participated in the SNCKC camping paddle at the Point Reyes National Seashore. The group arrived at what was a pretty sparsely populated Olema campground over the course of Thursday afternoon. With a few stragglers arriving in the evening, everyone was here before midnight.

The campground is one of the nicest and roomiest I have been to in a while. The sites were well spaced with green grass everywhere and plenty of shade in the right places. The cool temperatures were a welcome breath of fresh air relative to the week before in Nevada County and the campground facilities were clean and kept fairly tidy while we were there.



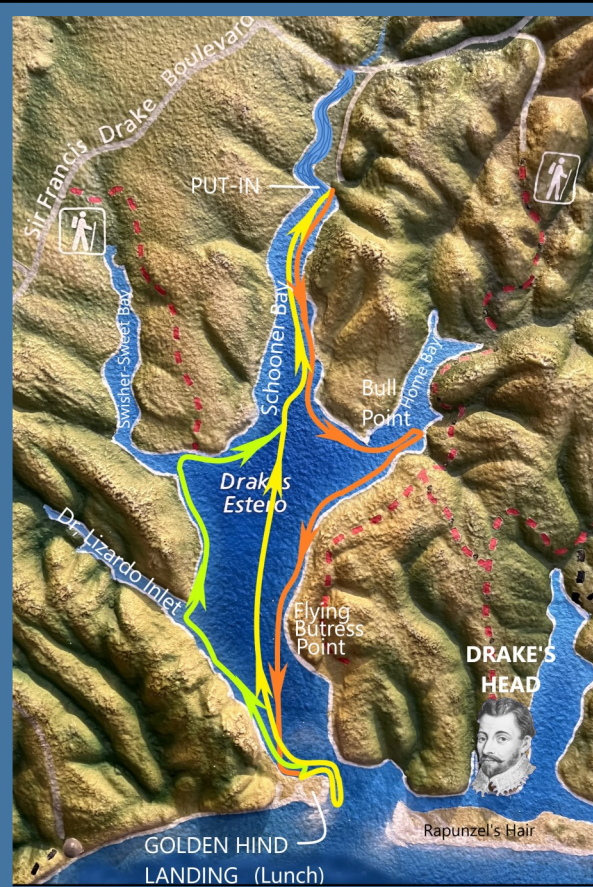
PRNS / OLEMA Continued

DAY ONE – Drakes Estero Paddle



We started the day with about a 30 minute caravan from the CG to the launch site at the head of Drakes Estero which included negotiating some road construction along the way. Our put-in time was about 9:30 and coincided with the receding tide so, we began by paddling south-

west along the west shore of Schooner Bay, the main channel, toward the mouth of Home Bay. We saw Pelicans and Cormorants cluster as we paddled by Bull Point, making our way to the shallows on the west shore of Home Bay because Carol and Roger had been here about a month before



and had seen Leopard Sharks and Harbor Seals, but no sharks this time.

We paddled south-west and then turned due south and paddled past Flying Butress Point heading straight for the west side of The Golden Hinde Landing averting the large shallows to the east know as Pelican Piles. Arriving at the Golden Hinde, we found a large east-west dune to enjoy our lunch sheltered from the wind.

Leaving lunch, we split into two groups, Chris and seven others paddled east over to the outlet and the open ocean and Linda and I turned north-west to go back to the put-in site.

Leaving the Hinde behind, Linda and I paddled west and north making our way back to the launch. We were riding the flooding tide in with the south-westerly wind at our backs towards Dr. Lizardo's inlet. Crossing the inlet was tricky in the shallows with the westerly waves keeping our attention until we made it close to the cliffs of insanity

which mitigated the waves. Afterwards we reached Swisher-Sweet Bay and paddled in until we felt safe to cross, which was much like crossing Dr. Lizardo. At this point we met up with the other eight paddlers and cruised right into Schooner Bay and then landed at the launch site about 3:30.

Friday's dinner was the Potluck which was held at the campground clubhouse. Everyone was exhausted which made for a short evening.



PRNS / OLEMA Continued

DAY TWO— FREE DAY

The day started out drizzling lightly and continued to be cool and moist most of the day. Folks spent the day hiking, bicycle riding, lounging, napping and visiting the park information center.

For dinner that night we enjoyed leftovers from the previous night at the campground clubhouse and listened to and sang along with Gwen, Carol, and Keith playing their instruments.



DAY THREE – PADDLE 2—Walker Creek to North Tomales Bay, Hog Island, and Nick's Cove

Day three had us launch at the Key Creek Fishing Access on Walker Creek. We followed the outgoing tide as we paddled south-west along the channel, past the North Pacific Railroad Bridge supports and out the mouth of Walker Creek. There was a light, but stiff breeze coming out of the south-west as we passed Ocean Roar and Preston Point and turned due west to paddle through some of the bay's large commercial oyster beds. We arrived at the western shore of Tomales Bay near Pita Beach and began to make our way south, landing at the southern shore of White Gulch for lunch.

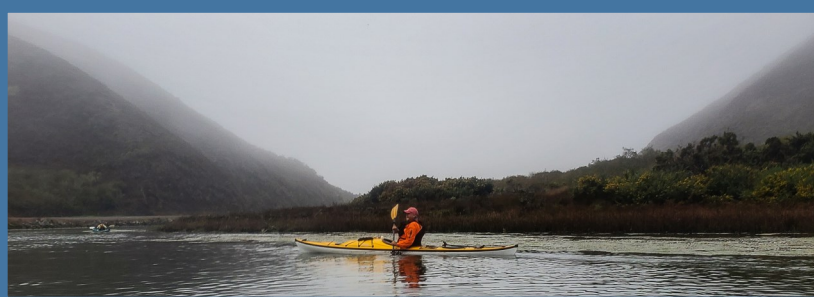
While eating lunch, the fog rolled in and out, mistily disappearing the eastern shore and Hog Island a few times. The day was mostly sunny at this point, but the breeze began to strengthen as we left our lunch site and paddle toward Hog Island.

Arriving at Hog Island (which should be re-named Pelican Island) we encountered an air force of hundreds of pelicans taking off and landing like airline jets at LAX.... It was total "Pelicamonium"

Again, we split into two groups, the first group of six paddling directly to Nick's Cove, the take-out, to avoid the rising wind and wave and the second group of four venturing south around the east side of Hog Island only crossover just south of Duck Island and paddle north to Nick's Cove.



PRNS / OLEMA Continued



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Our last dinner together was celebrated over Oysters and other seafoods at Tony's Seafood in little town of Marshall,..... right on the bay.

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith



LAKE CLEMENTINE

October 19th



Submitting Trip Photographs

Hey All,

To help me to better create the newsletter and facilitate the Website, I have listed a few guidelines when submitting trip photographs.

Thanks,

Keith

1. Only send your best four or five photographs from a given trip. Collectively it can add up.
2. **CHANGE** - Make the resolution of each photo no less than 1.0 mb and no more that 2.0 mb.
3. Email the photos as attachments directly with email. Don't send them through a remote server such as DropBox, AirDrop, google, or Icloud.
4. Submit photos anytime for the website, but please try to have photos for the newsletter submitted by the 15th of the month you are submitting for. The Newsletter goes out around the 20th most months.

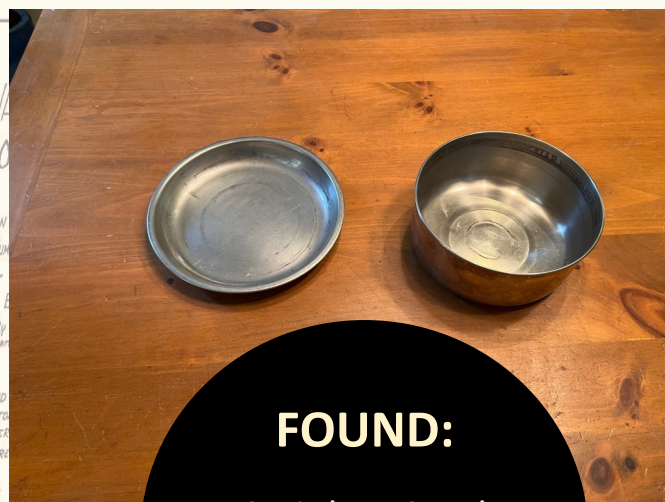


LOST & FOUND



FOUND:

Two Wheel
Kayak Cart



FOUND:

Stainless Steel
Bowl and Platter

To claim either of these Items, please contact Chris Crain at
cqcrain@gmail.com



FOUND:

Grey Sun Hat

To claim this Item, please
contact Rachel Finson at
rasatsuki@gmail.com

CLASSIFIEDS

**For
SALE****Hurricane Santee Sport 116**

I have a **Hurricane Santee Sport 116** for sale. Only on the water about 6 times and rinsed after every paddle, and then stored on rack in the garage.

This beautiful blue thermoformed kayak weighs only **36.5 lbs.**, has a 300 lbs. capacity, and tracks beautifully. It's super easy to load on your car and it has a built-in paddle holder and a "pinch & pull" foot-brace system.

SPECS

- Length 11'-6"
- Width 28"
- The cockpit: 55"x24".
- Weight: 36.5 lbs.
- Capacity: 300 lbs.

At the dealer a Santee Sport 116 sells for close to \$1200....

I am willing to sell it to a **SNCKC** club member for only **\$600**, which is 50% less than buying it new from a dealer.

Contact **Margaret Arroyo** 530-802-1466 call or text.



WHERE'S THE KAYAK?

Nobody offered a guest last month, so.....

First member to send me the correct name of this new venue below receives a newly designed and minted, 3-inch in diameter, SNCKC sticker (shown below on the lower left).

Send your answers to keith@zwrvr.net



2024-2025 SNCKC Officers



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