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## KAYAK NEWS

### The Hudson Bay Girls: Kayaking 1,900km Through the Heart of Canada

Ash Ruten

Tue, July 15, 2025 at 12:00 AM PDT

An all-female team known as the "Hudson Bay Girls" is more than a month into a self-supported 1,900km kayaking expedition from Grand Portage on Lake Superior to York Factory on Hudson Bay.

Their route follows traditional waterways first traveled by the Anishinaabe people, and later used by French fur traders in the 18th and 19th centuries to connect remote trading posts across the Canadian wilderness.

The journey, expected to take 85 days, began at the end of May with a challenging 13km portage, known locally as "Grand Portage." From there, the team paddled 400km through the pristine Boundary Waters wilderness area, which is threatened by proposed mining projects.

#### Building on experience

The team has plenty of paddling and wilderness experience, having collectively paddled over 6,400km. The foursome of Olivia Bledsoe, Emma Brackett, Abby Cichocki, and Helena Karlstrom has varied backgrounds, including roles as wilderness canoe guides, wilderness medical technicians, and trail maintenance foremen in the Boundary Waters and Quetico Provincial Park.

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# Latest Trip Schedules Summer/Fall 2025

Hi SNCKC,

Below and attached in PDF for anyone that wants to print, is our trip schedule for the rest of 2025. As always, trip dates and destinations may change depending on the weather, water conditions, and trip leader availability. Also, as always, new trip leaders are encouraged and there are plenty of experienced trip leaders to provide assistance.

Camping reservation announcements have already been sent out by trip leaders and for the most part people have made their reservations. If you do not have, or were not able to get a reservation, contact the trip leader. At this stage trip leaders are only communicating with people that have confirmed they are joining their trip and have a campsite. I also sent out a campsite reservation announcement for Sunset Beach (leaderless trip). I will compile a roster of people that made a campsite reservation for Sunset Beach and that group can communicate with each other for planning.

## SUMMER-FALL 2025 OVERNIGHT KAYAKING TRIPS

DATE	DAY	nights	DESTINATION	TRIP LEAD
Aug 11-14	Mon-Thu	3	Butt Lake	Chris Crain
Aug 20-21	Wed-Thu	1	Lodge on Fuller Lake	Alan Cary w/Rachel
Sept 15-19	Mon-Fri	4	Tahoe Sugar Pine SP	Chuck Kastenholtz
Oct 13-17	Mon-Fri	4	Sunset Beach SP	Leaderless Trip*

\* We are still looking for someone to lead this trip. The dates are favorable to the tides for paddling Elkhorn Slough. Chris will lead on the water and Wendy knows this trip well and is offering to advise anyone that would like to lead. Contact Rachel Finson for more info about leading.

## SUMMER-FALL 2025 DAY KAYAKING TRIPS

DATE	DAY	N/A	DESTINATION	TRIP LEAD
July 30	Wed	🍻	Donner Lake	Chris Crain
August 5	Tue	🍻	Lake Valley (unless spaulding is still closed)	Rachel Finson
Aug 20	Wed	🍻	Spaulding Lake (if closed then Lake Valley)*	Rachel Finson
Aug 28	Thur	🍻	Rescue Clinic on Englebright Lake	Chris Crain/Thomas Schuebel
Sept 9	Tues	🍻	Lake Clementine	Sharon Cabello
Sept 16-18	Tue-Thu	🍻 ↓	Day trippers can join Tahoe campers. Exact dates and paddles TBD. Chuck Kastenholtz	
Sept ?	?	🍻	Feather River ? (I need to scout)	Rachel Finson
Oct 2	Thur	🍻	Bullards Bar	Chuck Kastenholtz
Oct 28	Tue	🍻	Fuller Lake (halloween paddle)*	Keith Schoendoerfer
Nov 21	Fri	🍻	Lake Natomas potluck	Chuck Kastenholtz

\* Alan continues to offer an overnight option with Fuller Lake paddles and is also providing an overnight option for the Aug 20 Spaulding (or Lake Valley) paddle. As these paddles approach the overnight will be organized. Meanwhile, if you have questions about the overnight option, see Alan or previous emails regarding Fuller Lake and staying overnight.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the water.

Rachel Finson

530.263.0706

## 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.***

**Thursday, July 24th**

## Join us for a Special night of Kayaking Stories!

Come share in an evening of short stories from past kayaking adventures ... the good, the funny, and even the scary! - **SEE NEXT PAGE**

## Thursday, August 28th - At Englebright Dam

## Rescue Clinic By Thomas Schuebel

Signup with Chris Crain at [cgcrain@gmail.com](mailto:cgcrain@gmail.com)

## Thursday, September 25th

**Trivia Night** - This could be about Mussels and Muscles

And this is a Pizza Night

Contribution \$10/person or a salad to share



**Thursday, October 23rd - TBD**

## Friday, November 21st - Thanksgiving Pot Luck Paddle

Venue is Lake Natomas, Put-in is at Black Miners Bar, Time is *TBD*

Chuck Kastenholz is lead - Contact him at [cvkasten@msn.com](mailto:cvkasten@msn.com)

**December Holiday Party - TBD**

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 10th at Seaman's Lodge. However the BOD is looking into new venues that can also cater the event..... **Stay tuned!!**

# HEY!!!

*Do you have an idea for a presentation, discussion, movie, or game that would be good at one of our monthly member meetings?*

**Contact Debi Savoy at [2bjsavoy@gmail.com](mailto:2bjsavoy@gmail.com)**



# MEMBER MEETING This Thursday, July 24th, 2025

POTLUCK DINNER (Bring something to Share)

6:pm—Meet and Greet

6:30—Dinner

(Remember to bring your plates, utensils, and drinks)

7:pm Program

## Join us for a Special night of Kayaking Stories!

Come share in an evening of short stories from past kayaking adventures ... the good, the funny, and even the scary!

We'll kick things off with tales from some of our long-time members who have been paddling with us from many years. Their stories are sure to inspire, entertain and maybe even surprise you.

After that, the floor is open! Anyone who wants to share their own story or ask questions is more than welcome.

Whether you're a seasoned paddler or just curious, this will be a fun and memorable night. **Don't miss it.**



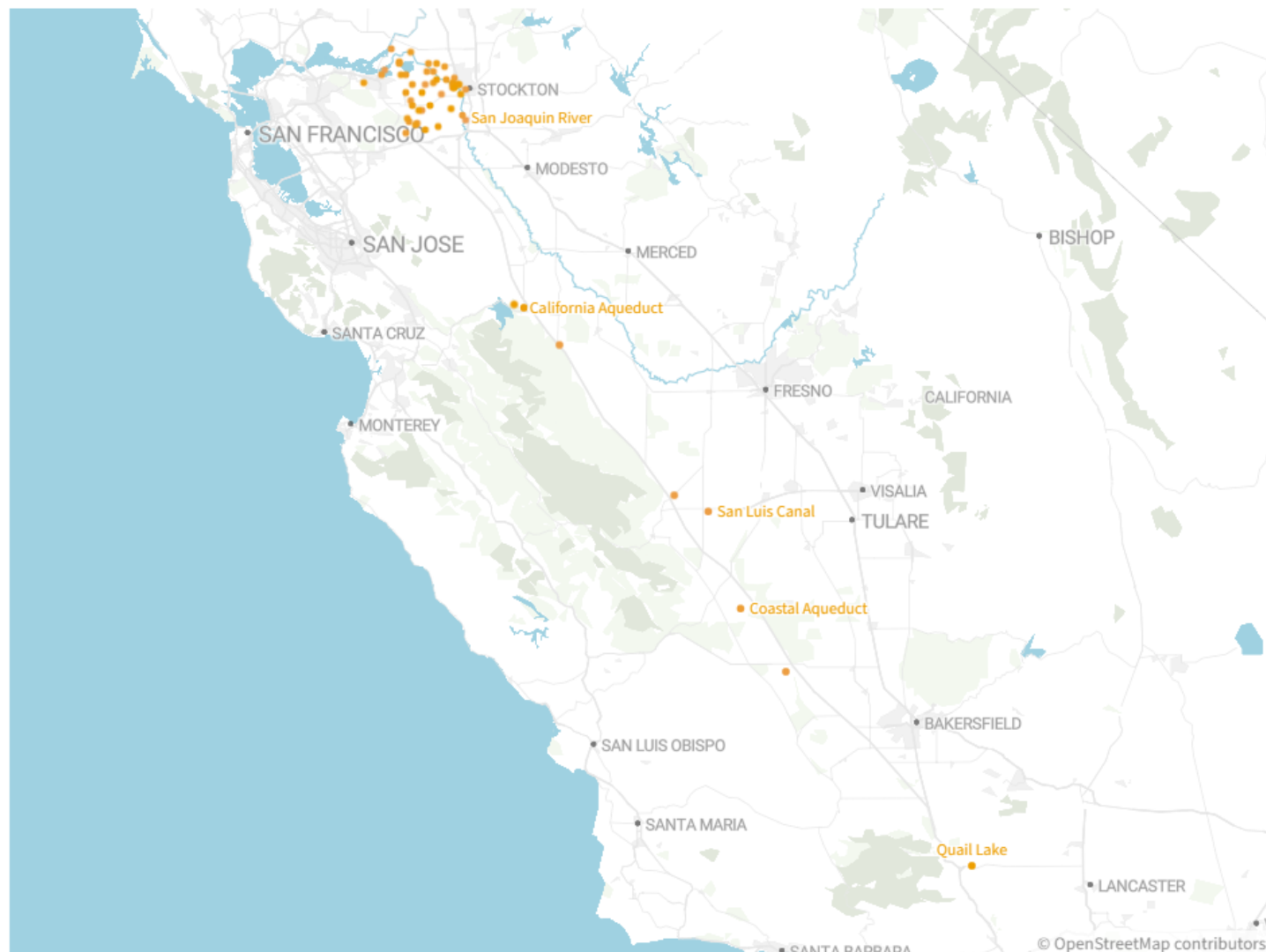


## GOLDEN MUSSEL WATCH



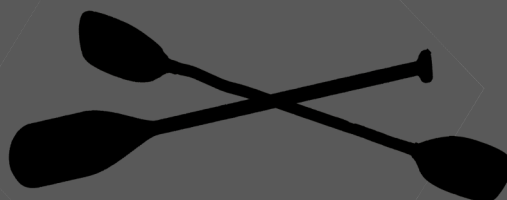
### Golden mussels have been confirmed in over 50 locations across California

Golden mussels, a destructive species from Asia, are concentrated in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, according to California Department of Fish and Wildlife surveys.



Note: Data reflects the first record of golden mussels found in a particular waterbody or stretch of river or stream. Data collected on July 14, 2025.

Map: Natasha Uzcátegui-Liggett, CalMatters • Source: [California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Invasive Species Program](#) • [Embed](#)





## Lakes Basin Paddle - June 23rd thru June 27th , 2025

Late June 2025 21 SNCKC adventurers made their way to the Lakes Basin Recreational Area located between the road stop know as Bas-sets on Hwy 49 and the town of Graeagle on Hwy 89. The campground that most of us stayed at was the spectacular Upper Jamison Creek Campground in Plumas Eureka California State Park Which is located west of Graeagle and just north of the Lakes Basin Recreational Area.

We all arrived on or before Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and paddled at Lake Davis on Tuesday, the 24<sup>th</sup>, enjoyed a "free" day of hiking, sightseeing, lounging,...etc. on Wednesday and paddled Gold Lake on Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday and Wednesday nights ,we enjoyed two delicious potlucks arranged and organized by Wendy Thibeault and on Thursday night many of us enjoyed local BBQ at Sierrra Smokeshow in Blairsden.

### Lake Davis

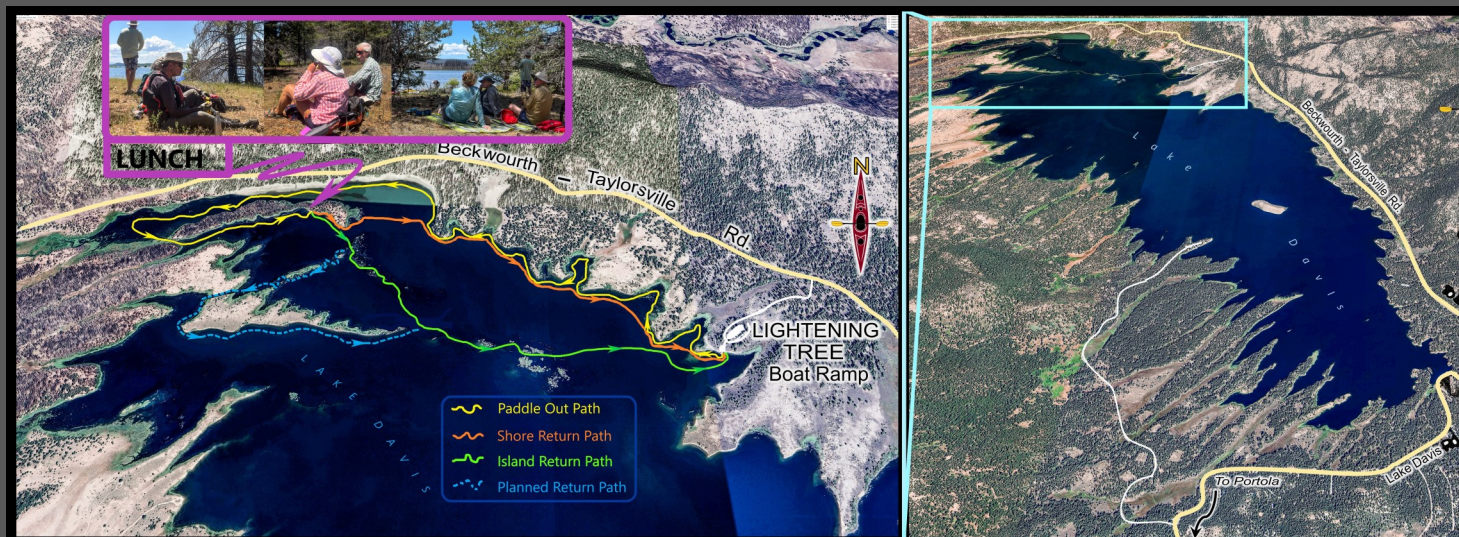
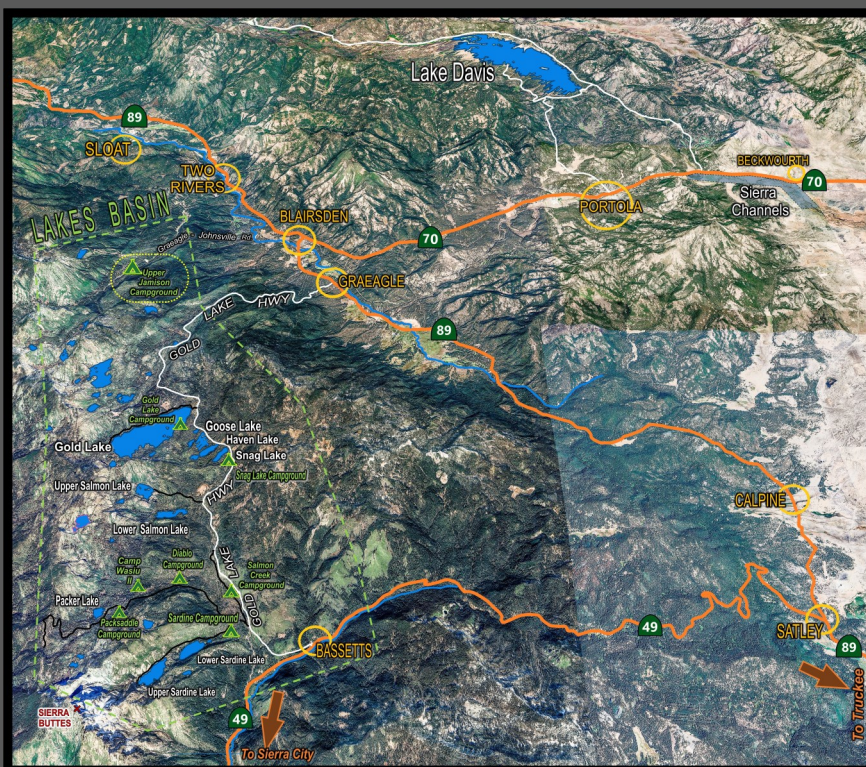
Lake Davis, which gets very few weekday visitors and is known as a trophy fish destination, is a large high Sierra alpine lake with many small islands and deep inlets providing miles of shoreline to explore. The lake is also prone to high afternoon winds, so our expectations were mixed as we left the campground Tuesday morning. The put-in was about a one hour drive from the campground and the water was nearly dead still (glass) when we arrived there about 9:30am.

Put-in was about 10:30 at the Lightning Tree boat ramp on the east shore near the north end of the lake. We paddled up to top of the lake and around the north side of a long island that protected us from any wind. After a little looking around, we found a known channel cut through the island and crossed over to the south side of the island. We paddled eastward along the island shore as the wind began to pick up and found a nice beach for lunch about 1:00.

After lunch, we informally broke up into two groups, one following the east shore of the lake southward back to the boat ramp and the other group adventured out to a long string of outer islands, also paddling south. By this time the threatening winds had died off and we one again paddling in very calm water for the remainder of the trip

The two groups reached the boat ramp roughly about the same time and it was about 3:00 when we hit the road back to the campground with a stop for ice cream at a local burger joint in Graeagle.

To my knowledge, this is the first club expedition to Lake Davis organized by SNCKC.





## Lakes Basin Paddle - Continued



### Gold Lake

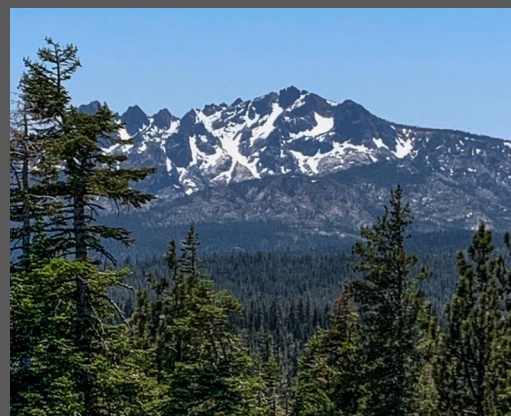
When we arrived at the free put-in on the east side of Gold Lake, the water was still with very little air movement. It was 10:15 by the time everyone's boat was in the water and there was a good breeze blowing and waves were starting to develop... The early morning promise of another windless day was dissolving.

Sixteen kayakers ventured out to circumnavigate this very oval lake and by the time they got to the other (west) side, moderate white caps were causing the group to hug the shoreline on the way back. Take-out was about 12:noon and we had lunch shortly afterward.

-Keith



## Lakes Basin Paddle - Continued



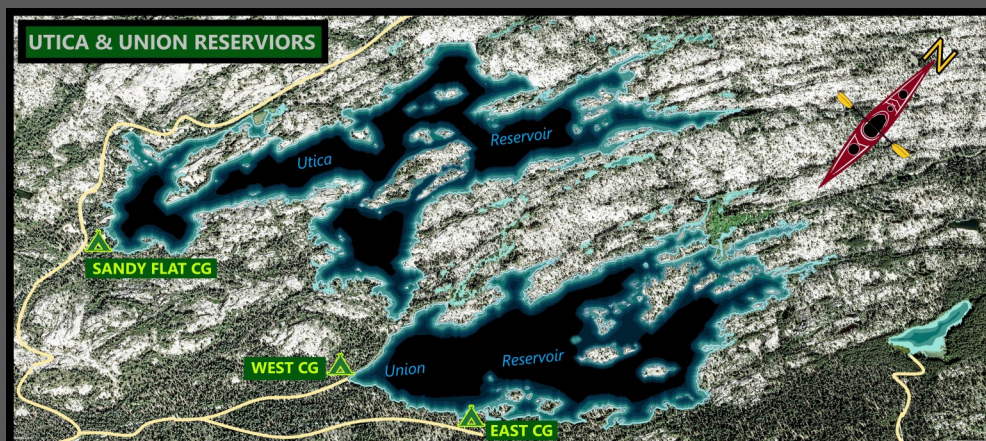


## Lakes Basin Paddle - Continued





## UTICA RESERVOIR PADDLE-IN CAMPING TRIP—7/7/25 thru 7/9/25



We had a small but mighty group for our Utica Paddle-In Camping Trip lead by Laurie and Dennis. The group, consisting of Eric, Rachel and her friend Kathy were met at put-in and boats were loaded up before paddling out to the site secured the day before by Laurie and Dennis. Camp was set up and following a tasty potluck, several members went for a quick paddle to scope out our island from the water.



Day Two found us doing 3 different paddles, the first two to scout out all the nooks and crannies of Utica, which has lots of fingers and islands. The third was a moonlight paddle which added a fun dimension to the trip. We also did a short hike to check out Union Reservoir, our destination for day 3.

On Day 3, after paddling back to put with our gear, we drove a couple of miles to Union Reservoir where we spent the morning exploring the many inlets at the far end of the lake. After a short lunch break near take out, we loaded up our cars and headed home.

The weather was wonderful, a good time was had by all, and our efforts to safely secure our food from wandering bears was unnecessary this trip.

-Laurie





## UTICA RESERVOIR PADDLE-IN CAMPING TRIP—*Continued*





## Fuller Lake Day Paddle - July 16th, 2025



July 16 was a beautiful day at Fuller Lake and many of us enjoyed circumnavigating the lake twice (clockwise and counterclockwise) with a stop for lunch in between on the lodge deck. Huge thanks to Alan for coming up and making this wonderful lodge venue available for our group.

The day was perfect for a few long-time club members (Marlee, Wendy, and Lani) that have been so crucial to the start and ongoing success of SNCKC, to get back out on the water. Colleen, also a long-time member, cheered us on from the deck. In addition, Sachi got to try out her new tandem boat with Carl doing all the work.



The day was enjoyed by both the long-time members and newer members to hone their skills in a relaxed and fun atmosphere, sharing stories and paddling tips.

--Rachel





## Fuller Lake Day Paddle - Continued





# KAYAK NEWS ~Continued

## The Route Ahead

Recently, the expedition passed through Voyageurs National Park. They stopped to resupply at the city of International Falls, Minnesota, which straddles the U.S and Canada border. The next leg of their journey involves paddling north across Lake of the Woods, a vast body of water notable for its thousands of islands and indigenous heritage.

Following Lake of the Woods, the team will navigate the 240km Winnipeg River. From there, they'll paddle along the eastern shores of Lake Winnipeg for three to four weeks, likely contending with shallow waters and large swells.



The expedition's final stretch is the 480km Hayes River, a Canadian Heritage River historically used by the Hudson Bay Company as a key trading route. The river transitions dramatically from boreal forest to sub-arctic tundra and is home to several Cree communities.

All being well, the Hudson Bay Girls' journey will culminate at York Factory -- a historically significant trading post pivotal to Canada's fur trade era -- in Hudson Bay.





## 2 New SNCKC Acquisitions

Mr. George Dunstan of Chicago Park has generously donated to SNCKC, 2 kayaks that his family is no longer using. We will put them to good use as loner and training boats for anyone in the club who want's to use them.... Thank you George!



# CLASSIFIED

# WANTED – Ocean Worthy SOT Kayak

Posted July 20th, 2025

Dear Paddling Friends,  
I am seeking a sit-on-top kayak for my son. He and his scuba group are doing environmental work involving kelp. Some of the kelp forests are too far offshore to swim to and the kayak would help him and his gear get to the location.

*If you have one for sale, please contact me.*  
Arlene (916) 203-3268,  
**toadjamar@gmail.com**

~ TABLE OF OFFSETS ~

STATIONS	0	1	1%	2	2%	3	3%
S - VOR LINT	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
A' = " "	12						
A' = " "	12						
10' + " "	1						
S - SPORE	1						
POLL	8						
A' - PORTUGUES	8						
A' = " "	1						
10' + " "	6						
S - SPORE	1						
A' = " "	1						
10' + " "	1						
THAS	100						

Table of offsets available upon purchase of plans

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~ STEMS ~

DISTANCE IN FROM PERPENDICULAR		
4"	WATERLINE	0-6-0
6"	"	0-3-1
8"	"	0-1-9
10"	"	0-0-4
12"	"	0-0-0"
14"	"	0-0-0
16"	"	0-0-0"
18"	"	0-0-4
20"	"	0-1-3
22"	"	0-2-5
24"	"	0-4-6
26"	"	0-4-4

WIGGINS' AREA OF THE BASELINE

17' WOOD AND CANVAS CANOE  
BUILT BY THE KENNEBEC BOAT & CANOE Co.

LENGTH OVER ALL -	17' 1 1/4"	CONDITION -	Good
LENGTH BETWEEN STEM TOPS -	15' 9"	SERIAL NUMBER -	14380
BEAM - OVER GUNWALES -	34 1/2"	OWNER -	RICHARD MOLETTE
DEPTH AMIDSHIP - INSIDE -	13 1/4"	MEASURED BY	J. RITTER & R. CROSSIN 6-81
WEIGHT DRY - POUNDS -	102	DRAWN BY	J. RITTER 9-81

GENERAL NOTES: Overall the canoe was in good shape, and was used every summer, but some varnish was peeling and the canvas was torn in several places. All wooden parts were in sound condition and there were no broken ribs. The interior, gunwales, decks, seats, and keel were varnished. The canvas was painted a rosin egg blue.

The offsets are to the inside of the plankings and are in feet-inches (LH1A1) SYMBOL MEANS ADD A SORTEDITH OF AN INCH. STEM OFFSETS ARE TO THE OUTSIDE

RECOMMENDED READING: BUILDING THE MAINE GUIDE CANOE, BY JERRY STELMER

COVER BOARDS ~ SPRUCE  $1\frac{1}{2}" \times 1\frac{1}{2}" \times 30'$  SHIPPED AS  
IN THE PLAN VIEW, ATTACHED WITH SMALL  
TACKS. THE ONLY FUNCTION OF THE COVER  
BOARDS IS TO FINISH OFF THE JOINT  
BETWEEN THE DECK, INWALE, RIBS AND  
THE OUTWALE.

THWARPS, FORE & AFT ~ WHITE OAK 2 1/2" x 27 1/2" WITH  
1 1/2" WAIST. CENTERLINE OF FORWARD THWART IS  
30 1/2" FROM BOAT CENTERLINE. CENTERLINE OF AFT  
THWART IS 31 1/2" FROM BOAT CENTERLINE. MOUNTED  
UNDER INWALE WITH ONE BRASS BOLT IN EACH  
SIDE.

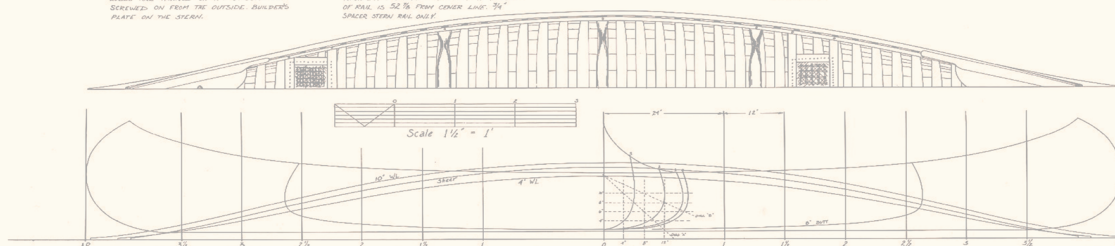
DECKS - SPRUCE, APPROX. 19' x 7' ONE SOLID  
PIECE. CLASSIC HEART SHAPE CARVED TO  
THE CURVE OF THE SHEER AND  $\frac{3}{4}$ " THICK.  
NO CROWN. NOTCH IS 2" DEEP AND THE  
LOBES ARE THINNED ON THE UNDERSIDE.  
SCREWED ON FROM THE OUTSIDE. BUILDER'S  
PLATE ON THE STERN.

**STERN SEAT** ~ WHITE OAK, CANED STOCK  
DIMENSIONS: 19" x 3/4". SEAT DIMENSIONS:  
10 1/2" x 15 1/2" OVER MEASURE. RAIL WIDTHS:  
19 1/2" AND 13 1/2". CANNING HOLES SPACED 3/4"  
ON CENTER MEDIUM OR COMMON CANNING,  
REGULAR 5 STRAND PATTERN, FRONT EDGE  
OF RAIL IS 52% FROM CENTER LINE. 3/4"  
SPACER STERN RAIL ONLY.

BOW SEAT - SEAT DIMENSIONS: 10" x 14" OUTSIDE MEASURE. RAIL WIDTHS 21" AND 25". ONE BRASS BOLT THROUGH EACH RAIL, MOUNTED UNDER HAWSE. FRONT EDGE OF SEAT IS 47" FROM CENTERLINE. SEE STERN SEAT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

STEMS ~ Ash,  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$ ". STEAM BENT AND BEVELED FOR THE PLANKING. APPROX. 45" LONG AND NOTCHED FOR THE RIBS. RIBS NAILED TO THE STEM FROM THE OUTSIDE. PLANKING IS NAILED TO THE STEM SAME FOR THE STERN.

STEM BAND ~ BRASS 3/8" HALF  
OVAL, APPROX 31" LONG. SCREWS  
SPACED ABOUT EVERY 6".



# CLASSIFIEDS

## FOR SALE – Two very nice kayaks

Either separate or both together

Posted July 20th, 2025

### Kayak One – Wilderness Systems Pungo 120

- 12 ft. Ultralite kayak
- Only weighs 40 lbs. !!
- 8 years old, but very lightly used.
- Kayak is in excellent condition.
- No damage. Stored indoors.
- Comes with cockpit cover and brand new paddle.

**ASKING PRICE – \$825.00**

**CONTACT – Wayne Hood at (530) 913-6752**  
or email at [hoodmich@yahoo.com](mailto:hoodmich@yahoo.com)



### Kayak Two – Eddyline Sky 10

- 10 ft. Ultralite Kayak
- Only weighs 32 lbs.
- 5 years old, and very lightly used.
- Like new condition
- Stored indoors.
- Comes with cockpit skirt and brand new paddle.

**ASKING PRICE – \$750.00**

**CONTACT – Wayne Hood at (530) 913-6752**  
or email at [hoodmich@yahoo.com](mailto:hoodmich@yahoo.com)





## WHERE'S THE KAYAK?

Rachel Finson was the first member to send me the correct name of last month's venue as Wright's Lake. (I thought it was Loon Lake because I retrieved it from a collection of Loon Lake photos) Below is a new photo and the first to send in the correct location of the lone kayak, receives a new safety whistle, shown below

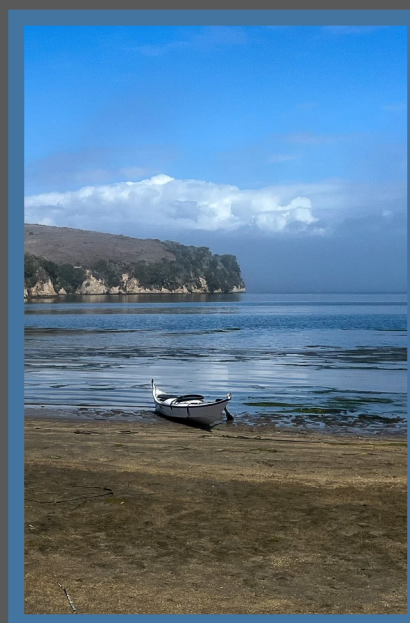


Send your answer to [keith@zwrvr.net](mailto:keith@zwrvr.net)



### FOX 40 CMG SAFETY WHISTLE

- > 3-Chamber pealess
- > 115 dB - Heard up to 1 Mile



### 2025-2026 SNCKC Officers



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