

REMAINING ENC PADDLE EVENTS FOR 2019

September 14

Progression Strokes at Big Lagoon

Class will start at 9:00 AM and end about noon. The purpose of this class is to teach new paddlers how to use simple techniques with strokes and maneuvers to avoid capsizing. We will gently introduce folks to edging and bracing in a very safe manner. From there, we will go on to fine tune basic strokes and introduce some new techniques we learned from Steve Scherrer. This is also a good class for experienced ENC paddlers that want to learn a new method for teaching new paddlers. Questions? Contact Mike at 616-0016 or zkayaker1@gmail.com.

September 29

Trinidad

Ed Schreiber will host this paddle around Trinidad Harbor and possibly beyond. Arrive about 8:30 AM, and be prepared to LAUNCH at 9:00 AM from Indian Beach, located by the trolley and pier. The estimated time for this paddle is two to three hours. Ocean conditions will determine our route for this paddle. A seaworthy kayak with a spray skirt and standard safety gear are required. A wet suit or a dry suit is recommended, but if you don't have one wear a few layers of synthetic clothing (no cotton) and bring a change of dry cloths. If you plan on playing in the rock gardens, then a helmet is also required. Bring water, a snack and change of dry clothing. The paddle is suitable for beginners with prior instruction and practice in wet exits and rescues unless the prevailing swell and wind are forecasted from the south. Check forecasted weather and ocean conditions and the club's website for updated information as the date nears. Unload your boats by Indian Beach making sure not to block the access road to the beach. After unloading, park your vehicle in the sandy parking lot by Trinidad State Beach so we don't impact the parking for Seascape Restaurant customers. Questions? Contact Ed at elschreiber@suddenlink.net

Oct 5

Silent Meditation Paddle at Big Lagoon

All are welcomed with any type of water craft to enjoy this very relaxing outing. Be prepared to launch at 9 a.m. from the Big Lagoon boat launch ramp. We will start with a meditation on the water and then silently paddle along the shore. At some point we will practice strokes or whatever people want to work on, and will then end the event with a silent paddle back along the shore back to the launch site. Bring your boat, PFD, no cotton clothing and a desire to have fun in the most relaxing way. Questions? Contact Mike at zkayaker1@gmail.com or 707-616-0016.

October 8

Mad River Slough

Larry will be leading this paddle on Mad River Slough. It is an ideal setting for kayaks and canoes as we'll "ride" the 6.2 tide in, explore the history, the numerous channels and birdlife that the slough has to offer. As the tide crests and starts to retreat we'll ride it back to the put in. The paddle will last about 3 hours and suitable for all paddlers. Along with your kayak or canoe gear please dress accordingly (no cotton) and bring water, snack, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat etc. Arrive at 8:30, park and unload in the pullout along the highway at the Mad River Slough bridge between Arcata on Manila on Samoa Blvd. Launch time is 9:00. If you have any questions please call Larry at 496-8266

October 19

Paddle Host Training Trinidad

Mike Z will lead a Paddle Host Workshop at Trinidad. Be prepared to launch at 9:00 AM from Launcher (Indian) Beach next to the trolley by the pier, at the south end of the Seascope Restaurant parking lot. We'll spend a bit of time onshore talking about Host responsibilities, and then move onto the water where we will practice a variety of things, including rescue and recovery skills. Hosting club paddles adds busyness to our already busy lives, but hosting provides a wonderful service to our paddling community. It's a way to attract new paddlers and help them safely develop their paddling skills. We certainly could not offer the variety and number of trips without everyone's help. The workshop is open to all who wish to attend. Whether you're a seasoned Paddle Host or just curious about what we'll do, please join us. Non-Hosts can participate at whatever level they are comfortable with. You may choose to not participate, which is OK, too, as you can learn a lot by just observing. We are always looking to expand the list of qualified Paddle Hosts who are willing to share their skills and enthusiasm for this wonderful sport. Sea worthy kayaks are required along with standard safety gear (pdf's and whistles). Participants are encouraged to dress for immersion (dry or wet suits), but a layered fleece system would work too. Bring a tow system, if you have one, water, food, sunscreen, sunglasses and extra clothing. Unload your boats by Indian Beach making sure not to block the access road to the beach. After unloading, park your vehicle in the sandy parking lot by Trinidad State Beach so we don't impact the parking for Seascope Restaurant customers. Training workshop is from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. Questions? Contact Mike at 616-0016 or zkayaker1@gmail.com

October 27

Klamath Estuary

NOTE : This trip has *changed* from previous years. We will NOT be launching from the Klamath Glen boat ramp. Directions to the *new* Put-in: From the south head north on Hwy 101 and take the last exit on the south side of the Klamath river bridge, if you pass over the bridge and the Klamath river you have missed the turn-off; turn around at the next exit and try again. From the north head south

on Hwy 101 and take the first exit on the south side of the Klamath river bridge (exit 768). Head west on the road along the south bank of the river leading to the river mouth and beach. As the road reaches the coast and before it makes a hard left turn up-hill park in one of the pull-outs to unload. If parking is too congested, we will unload boats and perhaps shuttle some vehicles to the parking area just back along the road at Marshall Pond.

Itinerary: Launch Time: 10:00am. We will launch into the estuary and explore among the channels and islands. Typically, we haven't had time for this on previous trips. We will paddle up river as far as comfortable, possibly just past the Hwy 101 bridge. Lunch will be taken on one of the islands and then more dawdling and exploration and perhaps a landing on the spit to check out the ocean. This is a relaxed paddle, feel free to bring full picnic kit (chairs, umbrellas, blankets, lawn darts). This paddle should be suitable for all boat types (sea/river kayaks, sit-on-tops, rec-boats, canoes). Immersion gear and helmets are not necessary, comfortable layered clothing and splash tops should suffice. A change of clothing in a dry bag is always a good idea in case of unexpected wet exit. PFDs and whistles are required as well as a happy and inquisitive attitude.

Final Note: There are no facilities at the put-in. Take care of any major potty breaks beforehand. Trip Host: Michael Morris: Lilmorris2000@yahoo.com; 443-6909

November 11

Transit of Mercury, Stone Lagoon

For those interested in rare celestial events, the planet Mercury will be crossing in front of the sun early in the morning on this date. It's sort of like an eclipse only you can't see it without special equipment. It is a very rare occurrence. The transit lasts a couple hours but starts early. If you happen to still have your eclipse viewing glasses they will come in handy. If you have a small telescope or even a pair of binoculars the image can be projected onto and viewed on a flat white card. I will have a couple pair of glasses and a projection set-up with me. The transit will last from about 7am to 10am. We will launch at **6:00am** (yes, 6:00am, that's 6 o'clock in the morning) (yeah, really, 6am!) and paddle out to the spit to view the event. Thermoses with warm beverages would probably be a good idea as well as donuts. This paddle is suitable for any and all boats. Immersion gear is not required for this paddle but the usual safety gear (PFD, whistle) is. You're gonna really have to want this one!