



April 2020 Newsletter

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Nomads of the Sea

A Sea Kayak film to cheer you up

Click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57BHFzRgtNc>

Just like the creator of this film, Tom Vetterl, most of us had big plans for 2020. Hopefully most of those plans were adventurous. But unexpected things happen and we have to adapt. Canceling or postponing trips has become inevitable for the immediate future but that does not mean we can not reminisce on memories of past expeditions or plan amazing ones for the future. This can be a time of reflection and anticipation. Use it wisely.

Virtual Paddle

If you would like to go on a virtual paddle - Dave Harris and I got in three very nice paddles just before everything went flat. Here is a link to the pictures. -Ed Alm

https://1drv.ms/u/s!AiP_gAgNYyH-jeReGoEG-gek9jNYpg?e=7WpWJZ

https://1drv.ms/u/s!AiP_gAgNYyH-jeU2pcp6qkGOjwyqvA?e=wnPCNm

https://1drv.ms/u/s!AiP_gAgNYyH-jeYgfkurD8m1JgE6jA?e=Q5Okm3

ACA Update on COVID-19 – April 3, 2020

<https://www.americancanoe.org/news/499304/ACA-Update-on-COVID-19--April-3-2020.htm#.XovJLihF11c.facebook>

YELLOW ISLAND TRIP

POSTPONED

I think it is pretty clear that the Yellow Island trip won't happen as scheduled. WSF canceled all ferry reservations and modified their schedule more than a week ago. On top of that all state parks are closed (Jones Island is a State Park) at least until the end of April, and very likely this will be extended. I have been waiting because I wanted to send out a different notice than "Yellow Island Trip Cancelled". I have been trying to come up with a way to change the message to something like "Yellow Island trip is rescheduled". I would like to have something to look forward to but also something that is reasonable. Pretty tough given our knowledge of what is happening and what to expect. Anyway, I was really looking forward to this year's trip as I felt we had a particularly great group signed up. For now, lets just leave it as the Yellow Island Trip is rescheduled to a future date to be determined. Once the dust settles I will try to fix a date. The flowers on Yellow Island won't be the spring bloom but the paddling will be great. I hope you all are well.



-Ed Alm

Sterling Kayaks and Fiberglass COVID-19 virus – safety precautions and sales prices



Our shop will be closed, until the stay at home order is lifted.

We have a request in with the state that would allow us to ship from our inventory. To keep our flow of business moving through this difficult time and keep our commitment of gainful employment to our highly skilled employees.

We are offering:

To Washington purchasers on new retail kayak purchases we will pay the sales tax on the purchase! and give up to \$400 of free options. View most of our inventory (some in stock still not listed). Call for further info on kayaks not listed yet @ sterlingkayak.com also demos for sale

Out of state customers – we will cover the freight on new retail kayak purchases in the continental U.S. delivery to your home or if the freight company doesn't deliver to your address it would be delivery to the freight depot nearest to you.

Call us for sales information and delivery/shipping dates. Our team is committed to work with you however you're most comfortable - call with questions on how we can accommodate to insure your safety, 360-398-2410 OR 360-398-7553

Lummi DNR Campsite Status

The Lummi Campsite is a DNR campsite. **All DNR facilities in the state are closed right now.** It would be my guess that there are people visiting the site during this time. Although highly unlikely, it would not be pretty if a DNR person showed up while someone was there. It is very likely the Lummi site will be one of the first places I visit once we are turned loose but I don't plan to go there until then. A very key point in the ACA recommendations is: if you choose to paddle then paddle only in very small groups and in situations that are well below your "highest ability level". This leaves a lot of room for "gray area interpretation" i.e, what is small group and what is my highest ability level. We each have to make those interpretations on our own.

-Ed Alm

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's now time to renew your annual membership with WAKE. The cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. Membership benefits include monthly educational meetings, being on a "short-notice" trips email list, invitation to longer trips, monthly e-newsletters, the annual WAKE Symposium, and a lending library of books and DVD's of kayaking skills, equipment, trip planning, and wildlife and nature. Visit www.wakekayak.org to download a membership application and liability release form. Both of these forms need to be signed and mailed to WAKE, P.O. Box 1952, Bellingham, WA 98227-1952. Feel free to contact Susan Benepe, WAKE Membership Coordinator at sbenepe@gmail.com or (307) 349-0450 with any questions.

Got Photos?

We are in need of new images for our website, newsletters and announcements. Please submit your old and new photos to Tom@wakekayak.org and/or cheryl@wakekayak.org

Also, send your inspirations and experiences to the newsletter editor for all WAKE members to reflect on for the month of May.