



January 2020 Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Monthly Meeting Presentation

January 21st, Tuesday

Speaker: Alex LaLonde

Body Boat Blade, Intl

Expeditionary Studies, Adjunct Professor

- **Topic: New BBB and British Canoeing Certifications**
- **Time: 6:30 – 9 PM**
- **Location: NSEA – Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association**

Presentation on the new BBB and British Canoeing Certifications and the importance of certifications, how to go about getting them and some progressive options for people.

An introduction to the new British Canoeing scheme for people who are unfamiliar, and a refresher for those who have gone through some certifications or were familiar with the old BCU scheme.

PADDLING IN THE PHILIPPINES

by Bob Kandiko

We organized this trip for 9 over 6 months ago as airline reservations had to be secured. Imagine this: a large bangka style support boat with large enough outriggers to hold all 13 kayaks. A crew of 9 to support our group of 9. Fresh local foods prepared 5 times a day. All the beer and rum you could drink. Walk-in tents set up and taken down at the campsites. Solar showers loaded each day. Great snorkeling and limestone cliffs rising vertically out of aquamarine waters with a water temperature of 80+ degrees.

Our group include Dave and Joy Church and others from Seattle, Olympia, and Homer, Alaska, plus Karen Neubauer and myself. We paddled when we wanted, rode the boat when we wanted, and had simply savored the opportunity to cruise through remote waters of the Philippines with a native crew. The scenery is dramatic and exquisite almost defying the word, paradise. A softer adventure than any of the group had experienced or desired but we learned to indulge and accept the hospitality and service provided.

