

The DDRC Current News

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION of articles, announcements, events, trips, etc. is the 1st Thursday of the month. It is on a come first served basis therefore sooner is better.

DDRC BOARD MEETINGS are held every second Tuesday of the month - 6:30 PM @ Enchilada's (directions on back of newsletter). All members are welcome to attend to learn more about club business.

DDRC Welcomes New Members

Tom Heath
William Reitzer-Smith
Carolee Doty
Steve Behounek

JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Trip reports - Bryan's trip to OK., Urban Adventures, Kayak trails on Gulf
Bryan gave treasurer's report
Asked for volunteers for Caddo Halloween
Race report - Flyers, registration forms handed out
Marvin - asked for volunteers for food prep. for race
Al - asked for volunteers for race
Rich - made announcements about Devils river land acquisition and law banning ATV's in rivers. Also his new liaison position between club and TPWD
Angie - made announcement about women's paddling class at REI
Raffle as usual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED starting ASAP! Due to time constraints I am not able to make board meeting or monthly meeting.

Upcoming & Ongoing Events & Trips

August 2003

Every Wednesday (TENTATIVE)

DDRC Roll, Paddle, and Rescue sessions from 5:00 pm to dark at Lake Grapevine, Rockledge Park. The Park is located at the northwest side of the dam (off the other side of the road from the spillway). For more information call Keith Smith (940) 566-4869 or email keith_ccw@hotmail.com

Saturday, Aug. 9: Brazos River Moonlight Paddle

Brazos River below Whitney Dam. Contact Bonnie Haskins, 972/254-9672 or Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519 or email: Bryan.jackson@paddlinpals.com

Thursday August 21: DDRC Monthly Meeting at Enchilada's Restaurant, 6526 East Northwest Hwy, at 7:00 pm. Click Here for a map.

August 29 - September 1 (Friday-Monday): Surf Fest 2003

A sea kayaking event, now in its fourth year will be held on North Padre Island near Corpus Christi. Surf Fest features surfing and flatwater sea kayaking, races, demos, a swap meet and much more. For more info go to http://www.angelfire.com/pa5/kircus_trips/SurfFest/surfest04.htm

August 30 - September 1 (Saturday-Monday): Sabine River Labor Day Trip

Grab your gear and load the boat it's almost time for that laid-back trip on the Sabine River. Trip begins 10 miles below the Toledo Bend Lake Dam, at the HWY 63 bridge. It's 11 miles east of Burksville TX., at the state line. We will meet Saturday morning, Aug. 30 at 09:00 am and offload boats and gear. 11:00 a.m. will begin the shuttle to the take-out and 12:00 noon or 12:30 p.m. should see us on the river for the half day paddle to our sandbar home or the evening. Sunday we will see a full day on the river with another sandbar for the evening camp. Monday will be a easy paddle to the take out. There are no supplies available on the river so pack what you need.

Contact Jack Deatherage 972/222-1407 or email jfd2@prodigy.net

See [Trips](#) pg. 2

Newsletter EMAIL Problems

If your email address comes back with a mail failure notice, you will be deleted from the recipient list for an electronic copy of the DDRC Current News until we get a request to be added back with a current email address. For reference we get back about 10-15 invalid email addresses each month, so it is a bit of a pain to keep everything up to date.

So if you'd like to get the newsletter electronically, or haven't been getting it and you're wondering why, it's most likely because we don't have your correct email. Send the editor your updated email address at:

Wanda.dietel@classicnet.net

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As a participant in any DDRC activity, an individual assumes the responsibility of evaluating all inherent risks before participating and assumes any risk of death or injury inherent in the sport. The participant waives claims that may arise against the club, its officers, members, servants, agents and/or trip coordinators, for death or injury to person or property, including claims of vicarious liability and claims arising from civil recklessness or any degree of negligence. Not waived are claims against an individual who causes injury intentionally or with criminal recklessness and claims among driver, owner and passengers of a motor vehicle for injuries.

TRIPS

August 30 (Saturday): Monthly Urban Paddle and Potluck Adventure

Looking for a place to paddle? Looking for other people to paddle with? Looking for something to do on a Saturday morning? This month we will be at McInnish Park to kick off the first of two Watermelon River Cleanups in preparation for the Trinity River Challenge. We will be meeting at 8:30 this time so we can run a shuttle to the upper section of the 5 1/2 mile stretch of the Elm Fork of the Trinity that we use for the race. We will paddle, pick up trash, then come back and have our riverside feast, topped off with ice cold watermelon. Bring enough food for your group. Bring tables and chairs if you have them as they are in short supply at the park. If interested contact Pat Chamberlain at pchamberlain29@hotmail.com, 972-727-3586, or Phil Lang at phil_lang@sbcglobal.net 214-564-9672.

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September 6 (Saturday): Watermelon River Cleanup

Cleanup before TRC (next week) on Elm Fork, Trinity River - Contact David Lamb 972-931-3068

September 13, Saturday: Eighth Annual Trinity River Challenge

Trinity River Challenge Web Page The Dallas DownRiver Club's annual Trinity River Challenge, at McInnish Park in Carrollton, on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River just north of Dallas, Texas. This ACA-sanctioned race will proceed under rules and regulations of the ACA, and all participants must either be a ACA member, or purchase a one-time ACA event membership. All the info you need is at: down-river.org/trc/

Thursday September 18: DDRC Monthly Meeting at Enchilada's Restaurant, 6526 East Northwest Hwy, at 7:00 pm. Click Here for a map.

September 26-28 Illinois River near Tahlequah, Ok

This is probably the best time of year to paddle the Illinois. Check your newsletter for details or contact Bonnie Haskins 972-254-9672 or Bryan Jackson 972-979-2519 or email: Bryan.jackson@paddlinpals.com

Monthly Urban Paddle and Potluck Adventure

Looking for a place to paddle? Looking for other people to paddle with? Looking for something to do on a Saturday morning? Then this event is for you. Come explore paddling venues around the D/FW area with us on the last Saturday of each month. We'll meet at the designated place at 9am, paddle for a couple of hours, then have a potluck lunch. What to bring: you and your friends, boats, paddles, pfd's, potluck offering to feed your group plus a few more. Sept 28: Site To Be Determined....Please check the DDRC Bulletin Board for details If interested contact Pat Chamberlain at pchamberlain29@hotmail.com, 972-727-3586, or Phil Lang at phil_lang@sbcglobal.net 214-564-9672.

White Rock Lake Cleanups

Every Second Saturday

While the DDRC doesn't officially conduct White Rock Lake cleanups anymore, that's no reason to not help with ongoing cleanup events. Every second Saturday morning you can show up at Sunset Bay or under the Mockingbird bridge and help with either of the two cleanups that two great organizations are carrying on. Meet new and old friends. Get on the water! Help cleanup your own backyard! Mariner Sails manages the cleanup that begins under the Mockingbird bridge.

See http://www.mariner-sails.com/kayaking_events.htm for more details.

"For the Love of the Lake" manages the cleanup usually at Sunset Bay/Dixon Branch. See <http://www.whiterocklake.org/flotilla/index.htm> for more details.

Both of the links above are on the home page of the Dallas DownRiver Club at <http://www.down-river.org/>

DDRC Membership Benefits

If you'd like to make new friends who share your love of paddling, or want to learn a new riversport, then join us. Beginner or expert, single or family, if you're looking for wild whitewater exhilaration or quiet flatwater floats, we look forward to paddling with you! Dallas, Texas is certainly no mecca of riversports, but some folks who insist on living here do manage to find time and places to paddle anyway. If not the nearby flatwater streams of East and North Texas, then a 3-5 hour drive to Arkansas, Oklahoma or the Hill Country will usually do the trick. There's ACA instruction, kayak roll sessions in swimming pools, and local trips to the Trinity, Brazos and Paluxy Rivers. There are even expedition raft trips to Big Bend, New Mexico, Colorado...all over the West. Dues are just \$20.00 per year (due in January or pro-rated \$1.66 per month) which includes a monthly newsletter of current trips, reports and events. You can join by completing the application for membership. <http://www.down-river.org/apply.html>

The Dallas DownRiver Club is a Paddle America organization affiliated with the American Canoe Association.
Dallas DownRiver Club
P.O. Box 820246
Dallas, TX 75382-0246

ACA Membership Benefits

Whitewater or flat - beginner or expert - canoe, kayak or raft - the American Canoe Association (ACA) has so much to offer you!

For just \$30.00 per year, you'll receive an exclusive set of benefits easily worth twice that amount or more.

Benefits include:

Six exciting, colorful issues of Paddler magazine - a \$24.00 newsstand value. Paddler is an action packed, full color magazine featuring articles on exotic and close-to-home paddling adventures and cutting-edge paddling information.

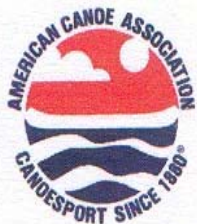
Access to hundreds of ACA sanctioned paddling <http://www.acanet.org/events-sched.htm> - trips, races, clinics and much, much more Valuable member-only discounts on paddling equipment, outdoor gear, books and other services. These discounts can save you hundreds of dollars through special discounts available only to ACA members. ACA members save up to \$3,000 with Subaru VIP Partners Program.

Discounts on OS Systems paddling products - drysuits, dry-tops, paddling apparel and thermal wear. Discounts on rental cars from Hertz and Alamo.

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Use of Sugar Island, the ACA's private island canoe-base in the St. Lawrence Islands National Park.

All at <http://www.acanet.org/welcome.htm>



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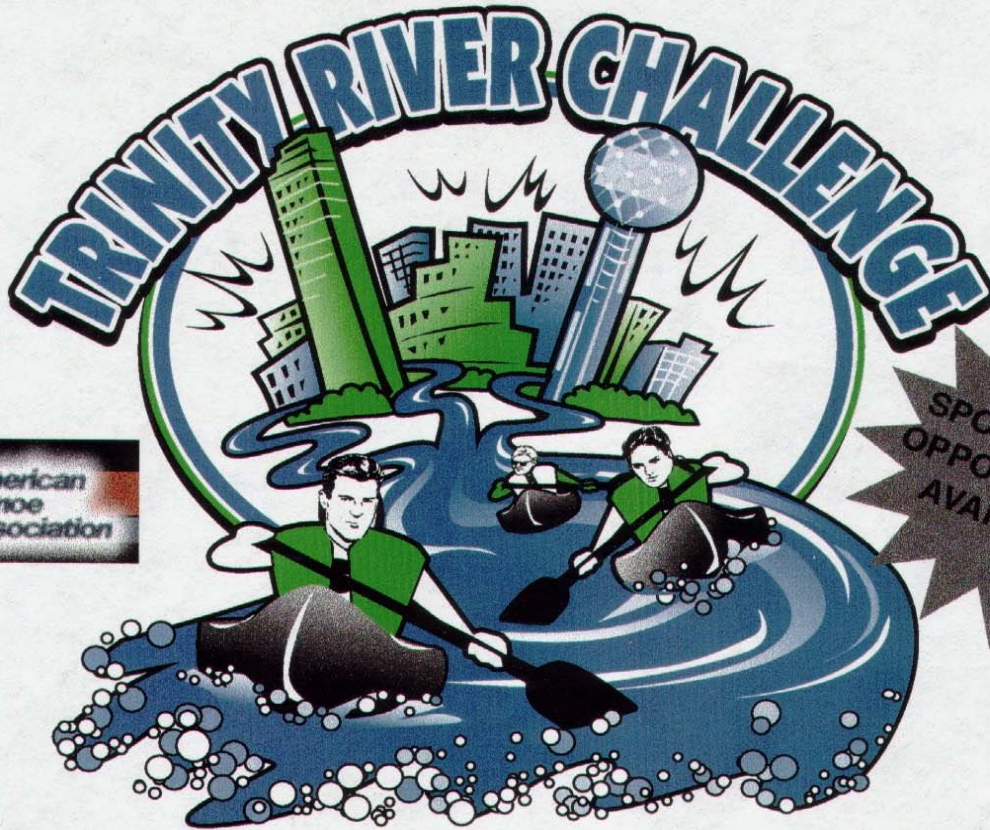
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Dallas Down River Club

8th annual



11-mile paddlesport race

Start/ Finish at McInnish Park, Carrollton, Texas

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003

8 a.m. — Registration 9:45 a.m. — Race begins

Pre-registration: \$20* by Aug. 15

(includes lunch and event T-shirt)

Register after Aug. 15: \$25*

(includes lunch)

*non ACA members add \$5

Contact: Bryan Jackson (972) 979-2519 hollowcreek@paddlinpals.com

Visit our Web site at www.down-river.org

TRC 2003 Classes and Trophies

Trinity River Challenge - September 13, 2003

Number trophies awarded, up to Third Place for each Class / Boat / Division will be determined by number of entrants. Class / Boat / Division's, except Special Awards, with less than two entrants will be consolidated and announced before the race starts.

See Your Place In The Race page for detailed definitions

Class	Boat	Division
USCA	C1	Men
USCA	C2	Men
USCA	K1	Men
USCA	K2	Men
USCA	C1	Women
USCA	C2	Women
USCA	K1	Women
USCA	K2	Women
Recreation	Solo Canoe	Men
Recreation	Solo Kayak	Men
Recreation	Tandem Canoe	Men
Recreation	Tandem Kayak	Men
Recreation	Solo Canoe	Women
Recreation	Solo Kayak	Women
Recreation	Tandem Canoe	Women
Recreation	Tandem Kayak	Women
Recreation	Tandem Canoe	Mixed
Recreation	Tandem Kayak	Mixed
White Water	Solo Kayak	Men
White Water	Solo Kayak	Women
Recreation	Tandem Canoe	Junior / Adult
Recreation	Tandem Kayak	Junior / Adult
Recreation	Solo Canoe	Junior
Recreation	Solo Kayak	Junior
Recreation	Tandem Canoe	Junior
Recreation	Tandem Kayak	Junior
Aluminum	Tandem Canoe	

Special Awards

Master
Senior
Veteran
Grand Veteran
Unlimited

MOST MILES PADDLED IN 2003

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TRINITY RIVER CHALLENGE

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the September 2003 Race!**

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Trinity River Challenge - Your Place In The Race

New for 2003!

Junior / Adult trophies for Tandem Canoe and Tandem Kayak are new for 2003! In 2002 a crew with an adult and a junior raced as adults.

Definitions: Age on Race Day, September 13, 2003, from USCA

Junior - all persons under 18 years of age.

Junior / Adult - one person under 18 years of age, one person 18 years of age or older.

Adult - all persons 18 to 39 years of age.

Master - all persons 40 to 49 years of age.

Senior - all persons 50 to 59 years of age.

Veteran - all persons 60 to 69 years of age.

Grand Veteran - all persons 70 or more years of age.

Classes:

Aluminum – Any **ALUMINUM** canoe paddled by **TWO PERSONS WITH SINGLE BLADE PADDLES ONLY**

Recreation Solo Canoe – Any boat paddled by **ONE PERSON WITH SINGLE BLADE PADDLES ONLY**

Recreation Tandem Canoe – Any boat paddled by **TWO PERSONS WITH SINGLE BLADE PADDLES ONLY**

Recreation Solo Kayak – Any boat paddled by **ONE PERSON WITH A DOUBLE BLADE PADDLE.**

Recreation Tandem Kayak – Any boat paddled by **TWO PERSONS WITH A DOUBLE BLADE PADDLE**

White Water Kayak – Any boat paddled by **ONE PERSON WITH A DOUBLE BLADE PADDLE UNDER 14 FEET IN LENGTH.**

USCA Classes - C1, C2, K1 and K2 are governed by USCA. Refer to USCA web site for details. Only persons competing for USCA or TCRA points may register for USCA class. USCA class boats will be inspected and classification assigned at registration.

Unlimited - Any boat with **MORE THAN TWO PERSONS**, will be registered as Unlimited Only.

Each canoe is limited to one (1) or two (2) people, except unlimited.

If any crew member uses a double blade paddle, they race as Kayak.

Divisions:

Men, Women, Mixed, Junior

Mixed - one man and one woman in the crew.

Special Awards:

Unlimited award is for the fastest time of all entries.

In addition to the above categories, first boat to cross the finish line with all persons in Master, Senior, Veteran or Grand Veteran age, win a trophy.

As examples;

A crew with a 21 year old (adult) and a 71 year old (grand veteran) crew, races as adult.

A crew with a 51 year old (senior) and a 40 year old (master) crew, races as Master.

Time Disqualification:

All boats must turn around at the Hebron Parkway bridge bouy within 1 hour and 30 minutes of their start or be disqualified. At that time, safety sweep will launch from Hebron Parkway bridge to collect racers, who did not reach the turn around bouy. That way everyone will be back at start / finish in time for lunch and awards ceremony.

The Application: Complete the application. Give two telephone numbers if possible and a fax number, if you have one. Also write your ACA number on the application, if applicable.

The Waiver:

The ACA Waiver of Liability must be signed and will be made available with race registration information and at the race registration booth.

If the participant is under the age of 18 then his or her parent or guardian must complete and sign the waiver.

The Course:

Trinity River Challenge start & finish is Mc Innish Park in Carrollton. The course is 5.5 miles upstream to turn around a bouy at Hebron Parkway bridge and return to the start / finish line at Mc Innish Park

Map to TRC Start and Finish

Another map to TRC Start and Finish

Directions To Start & Finish Line: The Start & Finish line is at McInnish Park boat ramp on the Elm Fork at McInnish Park in Carrollton. To take IH 35E to the Sandy Lake Rd. / Whitlock Lane. exit, #444, and go West. Approximately 1 to 1.5 miles. McInnish park will be on the left (just before crossing the bridge). Turn in to the left and proceed about 50 yards. Turn right on the first park road, and follow it to the parking lot at the Trinity River boat ramp.

River Clean Up:

Dallas Down River Club has river clean up trips the two Saturdays before the race. You are invited to join us if you would like to help or just look at the course.\

Application

Eighth Annual Trinity River Challenge Canoe Race

Saturday, September 13, 2003

Race start & finish is McInnish park. The course is 5.5 miles upstream to turn around a buoy at Hebron Parkway and return to the start / finish line at Mc Innish Park.

Race day registration 8:00 a.m open, 9:15 a.m. close. Mandatory 9:15 a.m. race meeting for all competitors. Race starts at 9:45 a.m. Start / Finish line and registration on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River at McInnish Park on Sandy Lake Road in Carrollton. Awards ceremony and hot meal at 2 p.m. There will be a bake sale, refreshments, and raffle at start / finish.

Pre-registration by 8/15/2003 is \$20 per person, includes TRC 2003 T shirt. and meal. Registration after that date or race day is \$25, includes meal only. This is a American Canoe Association (ACA) sanctioned race. Participants must be members of the ACA or pay a \$5, one-time event fee. ACA Waivers of Liability must be signed and will be available at the race registration table, or online at <http://www.acanet.org/pdf/aca-waiver.pdf>. Join the ACA at <http://www.acanet.org/welcome.htm>.

Fees are payable by check, money order, or cash, to Dallas Down River Club. Entry fees, race applications and waiver should be returned to DDRC Trinity River Challenge 2001, c/o Bryan Jackson, PO Box 820246, Dallas, TX, 75382-0246. A registration table will be at the starting line for race day entries.

For additional information call Bryan Jackson (972)979-2519 hollowcreek@paddlinpals.com DDRC Treasurer

Application information determines your trophy class. See http://www.down-river.com/trc/trc_info.html for details

Name: _____ Gender:(circle one) M F Shirt size:(circle one) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Age on race day: (circle one)

Junior – under 18, Adult 18-39, Master 40-49, Senior 50-59, Veteran 60-69, Grand Veteran 70 or older

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone:(____) _____ Fax:(____) _____ Email: _____

ACA Membership No.: _____

Paddling Partner _____ Gender:(circle one) M F Shirt size:(circle one) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Age on race day: (circle one)

Junior – under 18, Adult 18-39, Master 40-49, Senior 50-59, Veteran 60-69, Grand Veteran 70 or older

ACA Membership No.: _____

Boat:(circle one) Recreation Canoe, Recreation Kayak, White Water Kayak, Aluminum, USCA

* Canoes are SINGLE BLADE PADDLES ONLY

* Kayaks are ANY DOUBLE BLADE PADDLE

* White Water Kayaks are under 14 feet in length

* Aluminum canoes are SINGLE BLADE PADDLES ONLY

* Only persons competing for USCA or TCRA points may register for USCA class.

* USCA class boats will be inspected and classification assigned at registration.

Payment enclosed: (circle one) Cash; Check No.: _____; Money Order, Amount _____

Reservations for rentals should be made as early as possible to ensure availability. Canoes can be rented from; High Trails Canoe, 3610 Marquis, Garland, TX 75042, 972-(2PADDLE)

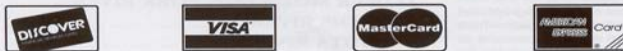
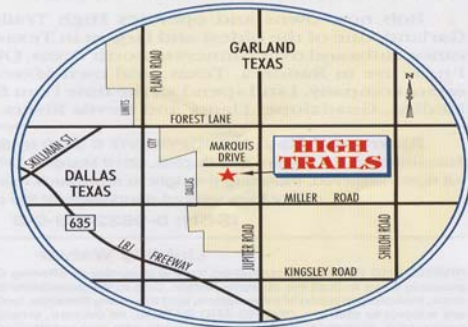
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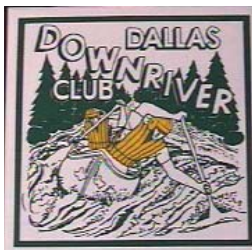
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance 06/30/03	\$1,627.14	
Receipts		
New Memberships	\$50.00	
TRC Entry Fees	\$200.00	
ACA Dues Collected	\$30.00	
ACA on day fee (TRC)	\$40.00	
Christmas Boat Fund Collected	\$11.00	
Raffle Income	\$94.00	
Total Collections	\$425.00	
Disbursements		
June/July newsletter	\$156.08	
Bank Service Charge	\$12.00	
TRC Postage	\$37.00	
ACA Dues Disbursed	\$30.00	
Total Expenses	\$235.08	
Sub Total	\$2,052.14	\$235.08
Ending Balance 7/29/03	\$1,817.06	

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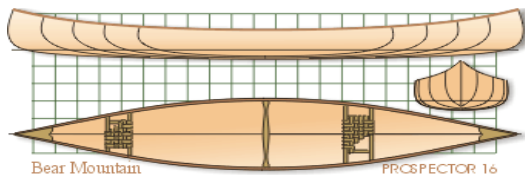
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Type of Ad	Per Insertion	Annually
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Aug. 2003 Meeting
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