

<b>Seattle Sea Kayak Club 2012 Trip List</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b># days</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>SK Level</b>
Saturday, March 17	1	<b>COVES OF CASE INLET</b> Launch from Allyn and explore the coves of northern Case Inlet.  About 12 nm.	II
Sunday, March 18	1	<b>POOL SESSION</b> Covington Aquatic Center (next to Tahoma High School and Tahoma National Cemetery) 18230 SE 240th, Covington, WA. Come practice self rescue, buddy rescue, test new equipment, assist others.  2 hours (3-5PM) \$15 per person 15 boats maximum Clean boat required.	n/a
Saturday, March 24	1	<b>MERCER SLOUGH in south Bellevue</b> Calm, back-water area off Lake Washington, near Enetai Park. The 4.5 mile trip takes about two hours.	I
Saturday, March 24	1	<b>DUWAMISH RIVER</b> We will put in along grassy fields and take out near the industrial mouth with a side trip to little Kellogg Island. Come and explore parts of the river you may not have known existed from baby ducks to tankers!  12 nm one way with shuttle; immersion wear required, limit 5, sign up closes 03/21/12	II+
Saturday, April 07	1	<b>DABOB BAY OYSTER FEST</b> Launch from Point Whitney Shellfish lab near Quilcene. Gather oysters on a minus tide then prepare to slurp them raw or grilled. 7-10 miles round trip. Special requirements: wet/dry suit, shellfish license, oyster knife, shucking gloves ...Tabasco sauce!	II+
Friday, April 13	3	<b>Port Angeles Kayak Symposium</b> Clinics to teach beginning through advanced skills; speakers; demo beach.	n/a
Sunday, April 15	1	<b>DUWAMISH RIVER</b> Meet at West Seattle public dock and paddle up river with the tide, back with the tide. Dinner afterwards.  Limit: 8 people	II
Saturday, April 21	1	<b>McMICKEN ISLAND</b> Launch from Boston Harbor and paddle to McMicken Island.  About 17 nm.	II
Saturday, April 21	1	<b>Duwamish Alive! Earth Day River Restoration</b> Work parties happen 10 AM - 2 PM. Hundreds of volunteers at 14 different sites clean up the Duwamish River, Seattle's only river. Kayaks launch from Duwamish Waterway Park in South Park. Snacks and beverages, and tools, provided. Volunteers in past years have found trash, old tires, rusted motors, even a kitchen sink (really)!	I
Monday, April 30	n/a	<b>Deposits due for February 2013 Panama trip</b>  (See description below at 2/16/2013)	n/a
Tuesday, May 01	1	<b>LINCOLN PARK - SEAHURST Weekday Paddle</b> Launch at Lincoln Park. Have lunch at Seahurst Park before returning.  6 nm	II
Friday, May 04	1	<b>FULL-MOON PADDLE ON LAKE WASHINGTON</b> Launch at Magnuson Park in early evening. Bring lights.	II

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Saturday, May 12	1	<b>FOX ISLAND</b> Circumnavigate Fox Island; limited parking.  ~12nm Limit: 8 people	II
Saturday, May 12	1	<b>Northwest Paddling Festival</b> This local sea kayak symposium, which was put on last year for the first time, in West Seattle, has been moved to Lake Sammamish State Park.	n/a
Thursday, May 17	5	<b>SAN JUAN / STUART ISLANDS</b> Launch at Washington Park and paddle to Griffin Bay, San Juan County Park, Stuart Island, Jones Island, and then back to Washington Park.  Paddling days of 16, 15, 13, 8, and 17 nm.	IV
Saturday, May 19	2	<b>BLAKE ISLAND Overnight</b> Launch from West Seattle. Cross shipping lane to camp. Optional dinner at Tillicum Village. Paddle back on Sunday. Immersion wear required.  15nm Limit 5; sign up by May 15. Camping fee required. Must be able to paddle 3 knots per hour, regardless of conditions, for one hour without stopping, with loaded boat.	III
Saturday, May 19	1	<b>CYPRESS ISLAND Circumnavigation</b> Launch from Youngs County Park on Guemes Island. Circumnavigate Cypress Island clockwise.  16 miles round trip Limit: 6	III
Wednesday, May 23	1	<b>LAKE ROESIGER</b> A quiet paddle around Lake Roesiger (12 miles north of Monroe). Meet at State Game Launch at south end of the lake. Lunch at Ben Jarong Thai Restaurant (optional).  5.1 miles round trip Requires Discover Pass or Fish & Wildlife permit.	I
Saturday, May 26	2	<b>BAINBRIDGE ISLAND Circumnavigation</b> Paddle around Bainbridge Island: launch from Fort Ward State Park, ride the ebb up Agate Pass, possible stop at Old Man House, camp at the WWTa site at Faye Bainbridge State Park. Discover Pass required.  Immersion clothing required.	II+
Wednesday, May 30	1	<b>REDONDO - DASH POINT Weekday Paddle</b> From Redondo, follow shore to Dash Point and return.  ~11nm.	II
Saturday, June 02	2	<b>SHELTON "FLUSH &amp; FILL"</b> Meet at Shelton's Walker Park on Hammersley Inlet. Launch 8:00, ride the ebb 6.25 nm to beautiful Hope Island and its Cascadia Marine Trail campsite. Lunch, relax, explore island; camp overnight. Sunday afternoon ride flood (12:37-19:20) back to Walker Park.  Can do as a 1-day only trip on Saturday, or on Sunday.  17-foot Saturday tidal change; Sunday 18 feet. Wow! Should be cookin' with a 3 knot current kickin' your rear along the channel!	II+
Sunday, June 03	1	<b>FULL-MOON, LAKE WASHINGTON</b> Full moon evening paddle on Lake Washington, Magnuson Park. About two hours; time and route weather dependent.  Limit 8.	II

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Tuesday, June 05	1	<b>LAKE WASHINGTON Weekday Paddle</b> Launch from Enetai Beach. Paddle top part of Mercer Island before crossing to Medina Beach Park for lunch. Return along Bellevue lakeshore.  9nm.	II
Saturday, June 09	2	<b>ANACORTES TO SADDLEBAG ISLAND Overnight</b> Short and sweet, always fun.  Limit: 8 people Wet or dry suit required 6 miles round trip	II
Friday, June 15	3	<b>Lummi Stommish Water Festival</b> Coast Salish annual gathering for the whole family, includes traditional and contemporary events. Free and open to the public, on the Lummi Indian reservation near Bellingham. Includes the War Canoe races, and a Sla-hal Bone Game tournament.	n/a
Friday, June 15	3	<b>South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium</b> Family-friendly event held every year at Twanoh State Park (at the end of Hood Canal, near Belfair), featuring instruction and competition in Greenland-style kayaking. For beginner to advanced paddlers and rollers, including a children's track specifically designed to get young kids started kayaking. The skin-on-frame kayaks are "qajaqs", the paddles are "sticks", and a "tuilik" is a full-body spray skirt. No corporate sponsors; just a community of paddlers.	n/a
Saturday, June 16	2	<b>CHUCKANUT BAY / LUMMI STOMMISH CANOE RACES</b> Explore the geological wonders of Chuckanut Bay on Saturday. On Sunday, experience the window into the Lummi culture that is the Lummi Stommish Canoe Race.  8 miles round trip. Limit 6. Requirement: an interest in Native American culture.	II
Saturday, June 16	1	<b>PROTECTION ISLAND</b> Launch at Gardiner and paddle around Protection Island.  About 12 nm.	IV
Tuesday, June 19	1	<b>LAKE UNION / SHIP CANAL Evening Paddle</b> Two hour evening paddle. Launch at Sunnyside boat launch. Paddle ship canal to the locks and back.	I
Friday, June 29	3	<b>POINT DOUGHTY, ORCAS ISLAND</b> Launch from Gooseberry Point (Lummi Island ferry terminal). Camp 2 nights at Point Doughty. Sunday paddle destination TBD.  40+ miles round trip Limit: 6 Paddlers must be comfortable crossing Rosario Strait in potentially rough conditions.	IV
Saturday, June 30	1	<b>HENDERSON INLET</b> Paddle from Boston Harbor to a picnic site in Henderson Inlet. See dozens of harbor seals, as well as herons and cormorants, and lunch at a spot with picnic tables and forest trails. Possible side trip into Fish Trap Inlet.  11 miles round trip. Party size limit: 12. Bring a wet suit or dry suit, in case conditions warrant use.	II

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Wednesday, July 04	6	<p><b>CANADIAN GULF ISLANDS</b> Ferry to Sidney BC, then camp at Sidney Island, Rum Island, South Pender Island, Prevost Island, and Portland Island, then ferry back to Anacortes.</p> <p>Paddling days of 3, 12, 7, 13, 10, and 4 nm.</p>	IV
Sunday, July 15	4	<p><b>SAN JUAN HOLIDAY Tour</b></p> <p>Enjoy mid-week paddling in the San Juan Islands this summer as we paddle the northwest corner of the islands. Drive onto the ferry to get to San Juan Island. Tour to include paddling around Spieden Island, Stuart Island and finally back to Posey Island, starting from Roche Harbor.</p> <p>Must be comfortable in open water crossings, boat wakes and tide rips.</p> <p>Approx. 40 nm over 4 days.</p> <p>Wetsuit or drysuit, and wheels, required.</p>	III+
Saturday, July 21	1	<p><b>ALKI BEACH Evening Paddle</b> Pizza after...optional...so bring money. We will be out 2 to 3 hours so bring lights.</p>	II
Friday, July 27	3	<p><b>BLIND ISLAND &amp; WEST SOUND</b> Launch from Washington Park. Camp 2 nights at Blind Island. Sunday explore West Sound along Orcas Island.</p> <p>~40 miles round trip Limit: 6 Paddlers must be comfortable crossing Rosario Strait in potentially rough conditions.</p>	IV
Sunday, July 29	9	<p><b>Paddle to Squaxin 2012</b> Over 100 canoes will travel to the Squaxin Island Reservation, from the northwest and beyond. This annual event begins with a canoe landing in Olympia, followed by a week-long potlatch on the reservation, which is located off Highway 101 between Olympia and Shelton. "Join us for traditional welcoming ceremonies, dancing, storytelling, food, crafts, vendors, and much more during this week long event. Thousands of people are expected to attend." Different tribes host this event each year; its first year it was called Paddle to Seattle.</p>	n/a
Wednesday, August 01	1	<p><b>FULL-MOON, LAKE WASHINGTON</b> Full moon evening paddle on Lake Washington, Magnuson Park. About two hours; time and route weather dependent.</p> <p>Limit 8.</p>	II
Saturday, August 04	9-12	<p><b>JEDEDIAH ISLAND MARINE PARK, BC (Straight of Georgia, west of south tip of Texada Island)</b></p> <p>Open on # of days -- we can leave when it seems appropriate.</p> <p>Drive north on Sunshine Coast to Powell River (2 ferries), then ferry to Blubber Bay north end of Texada Island. Drive down west side to Shingle Beach Park, then 7 nm paddle south along coast and across Sabine channel to east side of Jedediah Island. Camp in Home Bay on grass under trees. Bay has clams and oysters. Hikes on this large island's pastures / trails.</p> <p>Quote -- (from south tip of Texada): "Across Sabine Channel you'll find a cluster of islands. The first are huge granite peaks punching out of the water -- followed by Jedediah Island the largest of the group." Many day paddles through this archipelago, maybe even to Squitty Bay. "Had one day of 40-50 mph SE wind all the way from the San Juans! Didn't paddle; we hiked."</p> <p>Requirements: ability to maintain / abide by group cohesion -- don't paddle way ahead / fall behind</p>	II+

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Saturday, August 11	2	<p><b>TULALIP BAY SSKC KAYAK CAMP</b> My forward stroke guru Steve Bennett (see January 2012 SSKC newsletter) has agreed to host a weekend campout on the lawn at his cabin on Tulalip Bay (Marysville). He'll be available to work with people on their stroke and will have some interesting boats for people to try, maybe even the prototype of a new sea kayak design.</p> <p>Tulalip Bay itself offers a great short (3-5 miles) sheltered exploratory paddle. There are several longer trip possibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- Camano Head, 8 mile paddle plus 5 miles of pristine beach to walk;</li> <li>-- Hat (Gedney) Island, 12 mile circumnavigation, or 8 mile paddle plus 4 mile walk-around;</li> <li>-- Priest Point and Quilceda Creek, 13 mile paddle;</li> <li>-- Priest Point and Everett's Jetty Island, 12 mile circumnavigation, or 8 mile paddle plus about 4 miles walk;</li> </ul>	I+
Friday, August 24	3	<p><b>JAMES, DECATUR AND BLAKELY ISLANDS</b> Launch from Washington Park. Camp at James Island in the San Juans.</p> <p>Friday, paddle to James Island, set up camp, and circumnavigate Decatur Island. Saturday, circumnavigate Blakely Island. Sunday return.</p> <p>30-35 miles round trip. Limit: 6 Paddlers must be comfortable crossing Rosario Strait in potentially rough conditions.</p>	IV
Friday, August 31	1	<p><b>LINCOLN PARK - SEAHURST</b> Launch at Lincoln Park, paddle back with the sunset.</p> <p>6nm. Limit: 8 people</p>	II
Saturday, September 08	2	<p><b>FORT FLAGLER Overnight</b> Launch at Salsbury Point and paddle to Fort Flagler State Park.</p> <p>About 17 nm each day.</p>	IV
Saturday, September 15	1	<p><b>EVERETT SLOUGH</b> From Langus Riverfront Park to Marysville, with car shuttle. A 3-hour paddle in early afternoon, through the back channels of north Everett. Dinner after (optional).</p>	II
Saturday, September 29	1	<p><b>LAKE UNION</b> Paddle towards the locks and back.</p>	I
Saturday, October 06	1	<p><b>SQUAXIN ISLAND</b> Launch from Boston Harbor and paddle around Squaxin Island.</p> <p>About 12 nm.</p>	II
Thursday, October 18	4	<p><b>Greenland Week Kayak Festival and Race 2012</b> Annual event at Lake Sammamish State Park, includes instruction in Greenland-style paddling for all skill levels. Saturday's events include the Greenland Kayaking Clinic, a kayak race hosted by Sound Rowers, a Harpoon Throwing clinic, the Competition Rolling Demo, a dinner at the park and an evening presentation. Spectators are welcome; viewing of events and the evening presentation is free to the public.</p>	n/a

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Saturday, October 20	1	<p><b>CASE INLET</b> See leaping salmon (if good fortune is with us), assorted water birds and lovely fall colors as we follow the shoreline north to the top of Case Inlet and then south to Stretch Island on this paddle that's become an autumn tradition.</p> <p>11-12 miles round trip. Party size limit: 12 Bring wet or dry suit, in case conditions warrant use.</p>	II
Sunday, October 28	1	<p><b>BREMERTON TO BROWNSVILLE</b> Last year we learned about the great new kayak launch at the Bremerton ferry, so we'll use it again! This time we'll take the 8:30 AM ferry all the way to Bremerton. Keeping to the north shore, we'll pass Washington Narrows and Dyes Inlet, and continue alongside small houses and cabins to a break spot at Illahee State Park.</p> <p>Continuing north we'll reach our lunch destination at the cute community of Brownsville, which has a beach, a marina, a deli, and perhaps the "plushiest" WWTa site (and one of the least-visited). "The campsites are in a charming park which is frequently the setting for wedding ceremonies . . . showers, laundry and a deli just steps away at the Port facility."</p> <p>14 miles round trip. We'll plan to catch the 5:30 PM ferry back to Seattle.</p> <p>Must have kayak wheels for the ferries. Parking will be free in downtown Seattle on a Sunday.</p>	II
Sunday, November 04	1	<p><b>LAKE WASHINGTON IVAR'S PADDLE</b> Launch at Enetai Beach. Paddle along Mercer Island. Cross over to Coulon Park for a warm lunch at Ivar's. Paddle back along the eastern lakeshore.</p> <p>10nm.</p>	II
Sunday, November 18	1	<p><b>SAMISH ISLAND</b> Exploratory trip to this former island (now a peninsula) located east of Guemes Island and north of Padilla Bay. We'll follow the north shore of the peninsula to its end, and later paddle around the Samish River estuary and maybe a bit up the Samish River. Wind could make this an exciting day! We may then dine on oysters at one of the restaurants on nearby Chuckanut Drive.</p> <p>12 miles round trip.</p>	III
Saturday, February 16, 2013	9	<p><b>SAN BLAS ISLANDS, PANAMA</b> 9 days in Panama, February 16 - 24, 2013. \$2295.00. Reservations need to be made, early commitment appreciated. Deposits due 4/30/2012.</p> <p>Quote from a sailing friend: "Most fascinating place I have ever been."</p> <p>Panama tourist information: "The San Blas archipelago is ideal for kayaking due to the calm seas and endless islands to visit."</p> <p>Trip includes all in-country airfare, accommodations, tours, kayaking and camping gear. Rain forest walk, visit a Kuna village, 5 days paddling, visit the Panama Canal. The Kuna are famous for their reverse appliqué molas.</p>	n/a

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