



Blazing Paddles

Newsletter of the LI Paddlers

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Message from the President



It seems like yesterday we were having our spring picnic, and now we had our fall picnic which was a great gathering among members friends and family. However, the paddling season is not officially over as long as the weather is still

good, we continue to enjoy. Our executive board and the committee coordinators continue their diligence in working together for the best interest of the club. Most important I thank all members for being a part of this club and for taking the time to attend meetings and events.

The presentation at our monthly meeting have been a great success and very educational to our members, you will always learn something new in the paddling world from conservation to paddling techniques. Great job to the Program coordinator -Diana Price for putting everything together. Paddlers always know your limitations when paddling always wear your PFD and listen to your trip leader when going on trips. Once again thank you and enjoy your fall season!!

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Executive Committee 2025

The Executive Council consists of seven members who are voted into office every November and are listed below:

- President: Ed Mangual
- Vice President: Emilio Sosa
- Treasurer: Lorraine Montana
- Secretary: Position open
- Members at Large: Position open
Fran Ward
- Past President: Fred Hosage

Committee Coordinators 2025

- Membership Tom Auer
- Programs Diana Price
- Trips Chris Fleming
- Training & Safety Mike Matty
- Public Relations Dan and Donna DiGiovanni
- Newsletter Don Gorycki
- Website Website Committee
- Special Events Pat Tauber
- Librarian Fred Hosage
- Conservation Liz Marcellus
- Big Buddy Prog. Judy kislik
- Hospitality Judy Kislik & Lorraine Montana
- Merchandise Gina Gruber
- Photography Alina Wilczynski

Thank-you Bob Hansen

Bob Hansen is vacating his roles as Secretary of the Executive Committee and as the coordinator of the Big Buddy Programs.

Bob has skillfully fulfilled these roles with dedication and dependability for many years.

LIP thanks Bob for his many years of service. 🌊

Thank-you JoAnne Paolino

JoAnne Paolino, a long-time member of our club has made the decision to step down as our Member-at-Large.

JoAnne Paolino has faithfully performed her duties over the years.

This editor, along with the entire LIP membership, gives a hearty thank-you to JoAnne and wishes her well in the future.



Welcome Judy Kislik!

Judy has graciously expanded her LIP role by assuming the responsibilities for the Big Buddy Program.

LIP is confident that she will do a great job in her new role. She already has several members who volunteered as mentors!

Thanks Judy! 🌊

Facebook Page

Did you know you can find Long Island Paddlers on Facebook? Just go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LongIslandPaddlers> and click the "Join" button. You will then be asked to provide information to confirm your identity and to agree to the group rules. Your request will then be reviewed by a group Administrator and, if you are an active member of the club, your request will be approved.

The club's Facebook group is a wonderful place to share photos of club trips and club gatherings. Members also like to share interesting (and sometimes entertaining) articles about the sport that we all enjoy.

Please note that club trips are now managed via the Meetup service and can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.meetup.com/meetup-group-lvwrzpdd/>

If you have any questions, please send an email to Christine Pan at duckfoot70@gmail.com or Michael Pan at m.pandemonium@gmail.com 

Did You Know?

Attending Executive Council Meetings

Any club member can attend Executive Council meetings and witness the council's activities but only as silent observers as stated in the Club's By-Laws (Section III.A.3, Board Operations/Meetings) as follows:

“All Executive Council meetings must be held in a public place and be open to all club members. While club members may attend Board meetings, they are not permitted to participate in Board meetings.” 

Members-at-Large

How does anyone bring subject matters to the Executive Council's attention? That's where the Members-at-Large come into play. They are the liaison between the General Membership and the Executive Council. So, if you have a concern, new idea, a suggested improvement, or anything that affects the Club, just track down any of the current Members-At-Large and they will ensure the matter gets on the Executive Council's agenda:

- Position open
- Fran Ward
frandworkin@gmail.com 

LIP Announcements

Hospitality

Continues to have available a variety of goodies for our members and guests to enjoy...Yum!

Trips

Please visit our Meetup service to see and join our latest trips.

Website

Our new club website is currently being managed by Alina Wilczynski. Our new website contains useful static (read-only) information whereas our Meetup service contains additional dynamic information.

Members of the Website committee:
Emilio Sosa, Fred Hosage, Alina Wilczynski, Mike Matty and Edwin Mangual.

From our Special Events Coordinator Pat Tauber

SAVE THE DATE

The days and weeks leading up to the end-of-year holidays can be busy and stressful. A few years ago it was agreed that we'd have our holiday party when the dust had settled, ie after the holidays. So please SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, February 1, 2026, 2:00-5:00 pm. Join us at the Tap Room, 44-46 East Main Street, Bay Shore, NY, for a buffet dinner, cash bar and Chance Auction. Price and further details TBD. Hope you'll join us :)

We're transitioning to Club Express

Recently the LIP made the decision, after much research, to make the transition from Meetup to Club Express.

A committee was formed to start the transition by starting to set-up the basic framework.

We encourage everyone to go to the Club Express website, clubexpress.com and take a look. The site is chock full of information so please look at it, the brochure, and the introductory video. Be advised that Club express can and is used by giant clubs with needs well beyond our own. Some of the information does not apply to us so don't get bogged down.

All of our current needs; website, trips, membership, directories, trip leader reports, finances, forums and more, will all be in one place on our website.

Just some of the benefits:

All our club's needs would be consolidated in one location, making it more likely that members will visit the website. We can add a link to our Facebook on the website.

We log in directly to our website, no multiple steps.

They have a comprehensive free mobile app.

Trip notifications will bring you right to the trip sign up and information and much more.

[Borrowed from Tom Auer writeup. Stay tuned! 

Long Island Paddlers Volunteer Points Program

The Long Island Paddlers Kayak Club supports many different activities above and beyond formal paddling trips. These activities are accomplished by volunteers who give their time and effort to make these activities successful. As a way of rewarding those who volunteer a system of 'Volunteer Points' have been established in the past and has been recently updated by the Club's executive Council under the guidance of Mike Matty. Here are the latest guidelines for this program.

The following describes the volunteer program for the Long Island Paddlers. To promote volunteerism, volunteer points will be awarded in the following

1. Leading a trip - **5 Points** (submittal of trip report required).
2. Leading a clean-up – **5 points**
3. Leading or helping out at a skill session – **5 points**
4. Submitting an article for the newsletter – **2 points**
- 5. Organizing / helping a club event (i.e. picnic, party etc.). – 5 points**
6. Giving a club presentation – **5 points**
7. Volunteering / participating at an outreach program or community event representing the Long Island Paddlers. *Must be present for a minimum of 3 hours* – **5 points**
8. Active participation in the Big Buddy Program - 5 points for the first face to face mentoring session for each mentee.
9. Serving on a committee - 20 points per year awarded at the beginning of each year

The Volunteer Points program will work as follows:

1. There will be a Volunteer Points Coordinator and a Backup Volunteer Points Coordinator.
2. Volunteer points will be maintained with Google Sheets on a dedicated Google Drive
3. The Volunteer Points Coordinator and a Backup Volunteer Points Coordinator will have Read/Write access to the spreadsheet
4. When a person volunteers and earns points, they shall send an email to either or both Volunteer Points Coordinator and the Backup Volunteer Points Coordinator to update the spreadsheet.
5. When a person uses volunteer points, the organizer of the event (party organizer, store coordinator) shall send an email to either or both Volunteer Points Coordinator and the Backup Volunteer Points Coordinator to update the spreadsheet.
6. One volunteer point is equal to \$1.
7. Volunteer Points may be redeemed at the Long Island Paddlers Store, any Long Island Paddlers event (i.e. picnic, party).

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Long Island Paddlers Volunteer Points Program (Cont'd)

8. The maximum number of points that can be redeemed by any member is **50 points** Annually.
9. Points are carried over from year to year.
10. Points are not transferable.

Chris Scalisi and Mike Matty are the Volunteer Points Coordinators. Our emails are:

Mike.matty@verizon.net & kayakchris@optimum.net

All enquires for points should be made to both of us. Submitted by Mike Matty 🗨️

LIP Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers

One of the main duties of the Programs Committee Coordinator is to research, contact, coordinate and schedule for each month (except December, no general meeting) a guest speaker. These guest speakers present a wealth of diverse and interesting topics.

August 2025

Helen Horton was our guest speaker again for our monthly meeting on Tuesday August 26, 2025.

During her presentation she covered only a portion of the USCG Auxiliary Safe Boating Course class pertaining to kayakers, focusing on different types of channel markers/buoys.



President Mangual introducing Helen



Helen presenting

LIP Monthly Meeting Guest Speakers (Cont'd)**September 2025**

There was no scheduled monthly speaker for September. Instead, September's meeting was devoted to a club social – meet and greet.

October 2025

Our October special Guest was Arthur Kopelman, Ph. D., President of the Coastal Research and Education Society of Long Island

His presentation covered our Long Island wildlife, particularly our local seal population

Dr. Arthur H. ("Artie") Kopelman, is one of the co-founders and president of the Coastal Research and Educational Society of Long Island. He is also CRESLI's senior scientist/naturalist, and web-master.

Dr. Kopelman is a population ecologist whose research interests, since 1987, include the study of finback, humpback, and other and whales of New York and New England; and since 1995, the population dynamics of the seals of NY. Through the use of photo-identification, Dr. Kopelman has been examining the site fidelity of harbor seals at Cupsogue Beach Park in Westhampton Beach, NY, since 2006. In 1982, he received his PhD in Biology from The Graduate School and University Center of CUNY. 🌐

Club Programs Committee

This committee is tasked with finding and scheduling guest speakers on a variety of topics of interest to our club.

Diana Price is our current committee coordinator and is asking for topics that you would like to hear. Also, if you know of a person or organization that would like to make a presentation, please contact Diana so arrangements can be made. 🌐



Arthur Kopelman, Ph. D.,

We Need a Few More Trip Leaders

Submitted by our Trips Coordinator – Chris Fleming



It's a nice feeling when you're packing up after leading a trip, and a fellow paddler says, "Thanks for running the trip – it was really fun."

That's about all you get in return for your efforts as a trip leader. But somehow that makes it worthwhile. The success of our kayaking club depends on our ability to provide a variety of paddles to match the skill levels of our members. To accomplish that goal, we need a full complement of trip leaders.

The Long Island Paddlers relies on volunteers to lead paddling trips, and thankfully, we have many dedicated members who do so.

But we need more. Make this the year you become a trip leader.

The first step in the process is to contact **Chris Fleming, Trip Coordinator** (chrisfleming212@gmail.com) or 917-968-8345.

He will pair you up with an experienced trip leader who will work with you on where and when to lead your first paddle. You then attend a new trip leaders' workshop, where you will learn step by step how to plan and execute a safe and exciting paddle. You will also participate in an on-the-water skills session to learn how to assist in the rescue of a capsized paddler, and how to manage a group when out on the water.

And remember, you don't have to be the world's greatest paddler to lead trips. You just need to be a competent kayaker and can help make decisions for the group.

And you just might get a thank you. 🙏

Updated Ray Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
07/15/2025

“We meet in a spirit of fellowship and to pass on to others the skills and knowledge we’ve gained. We exchange information on safety, education, paddling experiences, and other paddling related subjects.”

I. The Ray Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to honor the memory of Ray Smith, a dedicated kayaker and longtime member of the Long Island Paddlers Inc. Its intent is to foster the development of paddling skills within the club membership and to maintain a significant teaching presence in the community.

II. Eligibility + Qualifications

A. Any individual who is a paid member of the Long Island Paddlers Inc. for at least a full year is eligible for the Scholarship Grant.

B. This Scholarship Grant does not discriminate against members on the basis of race, sex, or national or ethnic origin.

C. The candidate must be at least 18 years old.

D. The candidate must demonstrate basic skill proficiency prior to attending the workshop, program, or certification.

E. A three-member committee will determine eligibility of the member and evaluate the course, workshop, or certification before recommending to the Council for approval of reimbursement.

III. Restrictions

A. The grant will be an amount equal to one-half of the tuition cost of the course, workshop, training, or certification.

B. An individual is limited to \$400 total reimbursement per calendar year. This amount can be used on one or multiple courses, workshops, or certifications.

C. A maximum of \$2,000 will be awarded to individuals each calendar year. The club will not reimburse hourly lessons.

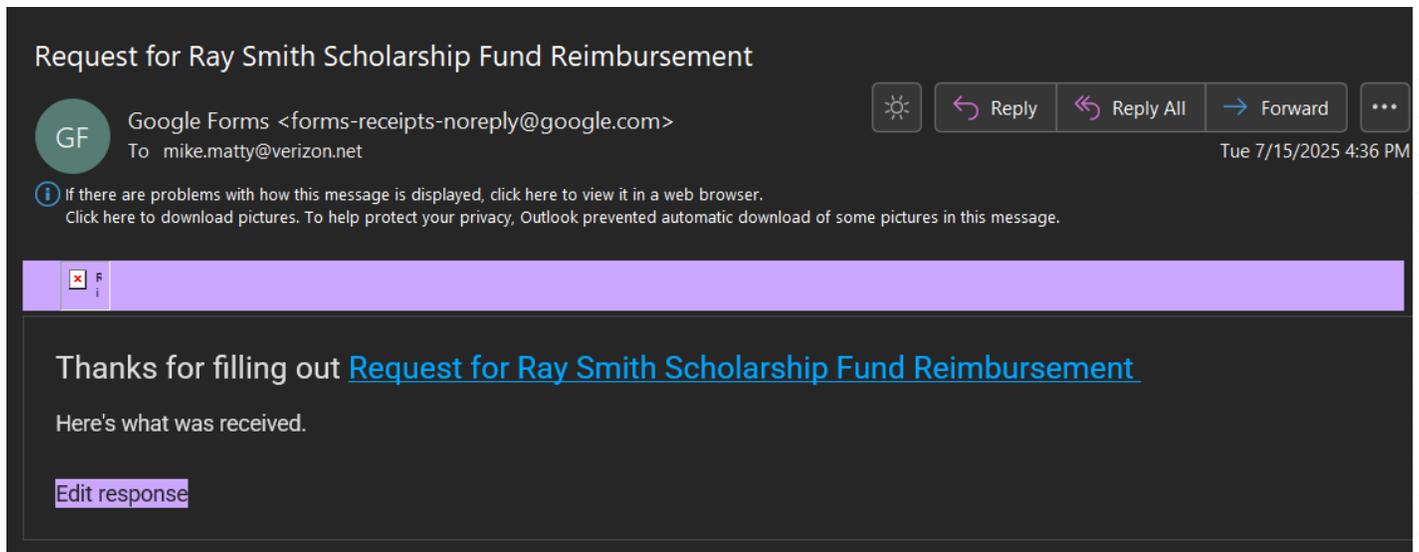
IV. Commitments

The candidate must make a clear commitment to share this knowledge. Examples include but are not limited to giving in skills sessions (minimum of 2 is

recommended), a PowerPoint presentation at a general meeting or a land class. It is recommended that this commitment be fulfilled within a year.

V. Application Procedure

- A. To apply for reimbursement applicants need to access the application at the following link: <https://forms.gle/yK7tvPBqejkSPS8K7>
- B. Fill in the required information electronically and hit “submit” at the bottom of the form. NOTE do not fill in the section reserved for the Ray Smith Scholarship Committee members.
- C. You will receive a confirmation email.



D. Forward the email above to the 4 committee members below.

E. The 4 members of the Ray Smith Scholarship Committee

- Steve Berner - stevenberner7@gmail.com
- Ed McMullin - ed@aemcmullin.com
- Chris Scalisi - kayakchris430@gmail.com
- Mike Matty - Mike.matty@verizon.net (non-voting, administrator) 



FRUITY OATMEAL YOGURT PARFAITS

Recipe courtesy of the American Heart Association

Servings: 4 (1 parfait per serving)

2 cups fresh or frozen sliced, hulled strawberries, thawed and patted dry if frozen

2 cups fresh or frozen blueberries, halved blackberries or both, thawed and patted dry if frozen

1 **tablespoon,**
plus 1 **teaspoon,** honey

2 **teaspoons** ground cinnamon

2 **cups** water

1 **cup** uncooked rolled oats

2 **cups** nonfat plain Greek yogurt

In medium bowl, gently stir strawberries, blueberries, honey and cinnamon.



In medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water and oats to boil. Boil 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

In each parfait glass, layer 1/4 cup oatmeal, 1/4 cup fruit mixture, 1/4 cup yogurt and 1/4 cup fruit mixture. Repeat layers.

Nutritional information per serving: 238 calories; 2 g total fat; 6 mg cholesterol; 47 mg sodium; 42 mg carbohydrates; 6 g fiber; 21 g total sugars; 16 g protein.



Paddle Battle – 2025

Submitted by Don Gorycki

Once again, the LIP supported the 2025 Paddle Battle held in Riverhead on July 26, 2025. Some background:

The New York Marine Rescue Center is a rescue and rehabilitation organization that promotes marine conservation. Its mission is to preserve and protect the marine environment through conservation efforts, including rescue, rehabilitation, education, and research.

The Long Island Aquarium and NY Marine Rescue Center Hosted this fun filled day of

Paddle Battle – 2025 (Cont'd)

races and casual paddle to help raise money for the not-for-profit NY Marine Rescue Center to save the endangered sea turtles in our local waters.

LIP involvement consisted of advertising the many benefits of our club. Donna DiGiovanni, our Public Relations coordinator, set up and operated the LIP table. She was present along with Ralph Fraumeni who promoted our club and answered any and all questions from inquisitive attendees.

Stationed along the race path were Dan DiGiovanni (also a Public Relations coordinator), Jim Gibney, Tim Moran, Don Gorycki and Fred Hosage. These volunteers acted as 'spotters', monitoring the racers and providing help as needed.

The race concluded without any incidents and the grand finale was the award ceremony followed by joyful socializing; everyone had a great time! 🍷



Beautiful day for a race!



The racers assemble



Preparing to launch!



Racers underway!

Nautical Trivia

by *Ginny Hauff*

1. Did you know that some types of seaweed can grow to hundreds of feet to reach near the water's surface, where they can receive needed sunshine.
2. Did you know that many types of seaweed eventually develop into entire colonies or forests, which can grow for miles.
3. Did you know that seaweed that washes up on the shore has broken or died and lost contact with its holding surface.
4. Did you know that seaweed can produce either asexually or sexually.
5. Did you know that smaller types of seaweed use asexual reproduction, creating small spores that swim away from the parent, establish themselves in new locations, and grow into individual organisms.
6. Did you know that other types create male and female cells that join and produce a new organism, similar to the way that moss reproduces.
7. Did you know that the some seaweeds form spores that swim away, anchor themselves and then grow into new plants. Some species develop sex cells that fuse together and then swim off to find a place to anchor.
8. Did you know that seaweed comes in three different varieties: green, red and brown (although blue-green algae is sometimes considered a type of seaweed as well).
9. Did you know that green algae grows only three feet long at the most, and is most useful for sea creatures, who eat and hide in it.

Article taken from 'Boating World', April 2025 

Paddle Battle – 2025 Cont'd)



The race begins!



Here come the racers!



Paddleboard goes by

ANNUAL PAUL GIWOYNA FALL PICNIC

This year's Paul Giwoyna Fall Picnic was once again held at Indian Island County Park on September 20, 2025.

Once again, our Special Events Coordinator, Pat Tauber (along with a bevy of helpers), did a splendid job of orchestrating this event. This includes reserving the picnic area including the pavilion, ordering, transporting, and setting up the food, and end-of-picnic cleanup.

Garden salad with dressing, salads (coleslaw, potato and macaroni salad), heroes and cookies/muffins were all delicious.

The day started out with three club paddle trips:

1. Birch Creek Potpourri – led by Emilio Sosa.
Paddled from Birch Creek to Hubbard Creek where we explored every nook and cranny of the area.
2. Paddle Flanders Bay from the North Shore south fork – led by Helen Horton.
Paddled East or West with creeks to explore.
3. Paddle The River 2025 Picnic Day Paddle – led by Gibney.
Paddled a 6-mile roundtrip paddle on the Peconic River along Riverfront Park.

Special Message from Pat Tauber

The weather was more pleasant this year than last. Alas, the wind made the Birch Creek paddle a bit more challenging than usual.

If you've never been to this picnic, you should consider coming next year. You are not required to do one of the pre-picnic paddles.

I hope everyone who attended the picnic had a great time. So many of you helped with the set up and clean up, and I am grateful for the assistance.

Please consider attending our Post Holiday Party, which will be held at the Tap Room in Bay Shore on Sunday, February 1, 2026, 2:00-5:00 pm.

Details will be posted on Meetup later this year. 

ANNUAL PAUL GIWOYNA FALL PICNIC (Cont'd)



Welcome to the LIP picnic!



Starting to set up the picnic food.



Perfect day for a picnic - all had a great time, eating and socializing!



President Ed Mangual addressing the picnic-goers.

ANNUAL PAUL GIWOYNA FALL PICNIC (Cont'd)



It's election time!

Ed Mangual and Emilio Sosa have exceeded their term limits as president and vice-president respectively and as per club By-Laws are open for elections.

If anyone wants to run for these executive positions, please notify our current VP (Emilio) by October 25, 2025.

If these positions remain open after the election, Ed and Emilio have agreed to remain in their respective positions. Voting will take place at the November general meeting. 

New Club Member Recruiting

The Long Island Paddlers Club is always looking for ways to attract new members. Word-of-mouth, Internet access, and busine ss-type cards are just a few.

Another way of advertising is using a flyer. Attached at the end of this newsletter is a flyer that you can print out and distribute.

So, if you would like to help spread the word, just print out the flyer and post it (with appropriate permission) where people can see it.

With your help we can spread the word about the pleasures and excitement of paddling.



Another way to recruit new members is to distribute our new business cards. 📄



LIP Trip Leaders Lending Library

Our club has in its possession several categories of safety equipment that can be loaned (on a temporary basis) to accredited trip leaders. (Inventory as of 3/21/2025)

- Equipment categories include but not limited to:
- 3 VHF radios
- 4 first aid kits (200 Piece SuccorWare soft pack)
- 2 waist belt tow lines (NRS Basic Kayak Tow Line)
- 2 contact tow lines (North Water Contact Tow)

Please note the following:

- The Trips Coordinator is responsible for the purchase, storage, and tracking of all Club-owned safety equipment intended for loan to trip leaders for use on Club paddles.
- An equipment tracking document is on the Club's Google Drive and is managed by the Trips Coordinator.
- Normal wear and tear of equipment is expected.
- However, if a trip leader loses or badly damages an item borrowed from the Lending Library, they must replace it at their cost.

Please contact our trip coordinator, Chris Fleming for more information. 



← Where's the water?

We Have a New Trip Leader – Robert Sinko

By Chris Fleming

Becoming a Long Island Paddler’s Trip Leader is quite an accomplishment. First off, you must be a pretty good paddler. Then you need to attend in-person workshops and on-the-water training sessions. Then you plan your first trip - along with the assistance of an experienced trip leader.



After much hard work and training throughout the summer, Robert Sinko has become our newest LIP Trip Leader.

For his inaugural paddle on July 28th, 8 kayakers accompanied him on a 9-mile tour of Hewlett Harbor. Hewlett Harbor is on the South Shore in Western Nassau County – a location that is rarely paddled by LIP members.

Robert remarked, “The first co-lead trip I planned was in Hewlett Bay with a launch at the Bay Park Boat Launch in East Rockaway, which is only 15 minutes from my house, and the start point for most of my non-club paddling. Plus, I think it's a bit of an unknown gem. There is relatively little boat traffic, at least midweek, and the paddling routes are not very tide dependent.”

Posting a trip and then waiting to see who signs on can be a little anxiety producing. “I was a bit anxious that no one would sign up for a trip being led by a newbie and starting in a place not used by prior club trips. I was relieved when 8 people registered.” 🌊



Robert is a surprisingly good paddler considering the relatively short time he's been practicing the sport. "I'm a relative newbie to the club and kayaking. I joined LIP in June 2024. I purchased my Oru Coast XT, my first kayak, in August 2022 in search of an outdoor activity to add to my pedaling."



(Robert recently completed a 1,300-mile bike tour – riding from Albuquerque NM to St Louis Mo – mostly on Route 66).

Robert notes, "Paddling is something I enjoyed during brief vacation time experiences; my retirement provided the time to explore it further. I heard about LIP from members of NACK, which I joined when realizing I had a lot to learn. I liked the frequent midweek trips on the LIP calendar and opportunity to meet and paddle with others."



Making the leap from casual paddler to trip leader is something that many club members struggle with. Running a trip involves a lot of planning and preparation.



“Honestly, my initial thought when learning of the trip leader role was that it was way more work than I was interested in. I am definitely getting less ambitious as I get older. That started to change as I got to know people in the club better. I thought it would be nice to invite them along on the solo paddles I was doing. “ I was still a little reluctant when the idea was first pitched to me, but after looking over

the LIP Trip Leaders Planning and Organization Guide, I thought it was something I could do.”



Every trip leader candidate is assigned a mentor – usually a trip leader that lives nearby or paddles in the same bodies of water. “Chris Fleming was my trip mentor. He tuned me in on the important factors to consider when planning a trip, including distance, restroom availability and tides.”



Robert’s first trip was attended mostly by other trip leaders. “Many of the participants had led trips or training classes that I had participated in. We took advantage of the group’s experience level and my familiarity with the area to extend the trip a little, to make it worth the drive as one of the participants noted.”

“Everyone made it back fine and I passed my assessment. Getting to share one of my paddle routes with fellow club members was a satisfying experience that I look forward to repeating.”



Robert notes, “shortly after my assessment I led another trip on a paddle into Jamaica Bay, which offers some novelties like Subway Island and a JFK runway approach.”

Further, “I am also exploring other possible routes in western Nassau for future club paddles. It gives my solo paddles some additional purpose.”



Robert states, “the best part of being a trip leader is getting to share some of your favorite, not very accessible places, with others.”

Thank you, Robert. We look forward to many more paddles with you.





Photo Gallery

Put-ins near me.

Submitted by Don Gorycki

Long Island is a virtual haven for kayakers. With a plethora of put-ins on various types of water (rivers, bays, creeks, Sound, lakes, coastal water, saltwater estuaries), there's no shortage of possibilities.

Living in East Yaphank, I have several choices near me of where to launch my kayaks (Tracer 165 and Carolina 16).

Even though I have paddled these areas many times, no two trips are really the same. What follows is just a sample of put-ins near me.

[Do you have put-ins near you or have a favorite put-in that you especially enjoy? Please take a few minutes and make an article contribution to our newsletter.]

Shirley Beach



Main pavilion

Looking south →



Looking north ←



Put-in here

Photo Gallery Put-ins near me (Cont'd)



Smith Point Marina

Top row:
Parking lot, boat ramp

Middle row:
looking east, looking west

Bottom row:
Put-in for kayaks

Photo Gallery Put-ins near me (Cont'd)



Hart's Cove

Top row:
Kayaks put in here

Middle row:
Boat ramp (Kayaks also)
Parking areas

Bottom row:
Looking south

Photo Gallery Put-ins near me (Cont'd)

Birch Creek Road



Main put-in area – low tide



Main put-in area – high tide



Parking area



Park Rangers patrol this area

Photo Gallery Put-ins near me (Cont'd)

Red Creek Pond



Looking north



Regulations to follow



Kayak storage rack



Dock and launch point

City Island circumnavigation

Submitted by Michael Ach

On a calm day three paddlers left Manorhaven Park for Hart Island and the circumnavigation of City Island, the Bronx.

Crossing Manhasset Bay to the channel across to Great Neck is always to be done with caution. It is one of the busiest harbors on LI with boat traffic. Then we paddled across the LI Sound to Hart Island, where a million people are buried in potter's fields. I had heard NY City was demolishing all the buildings on the island.

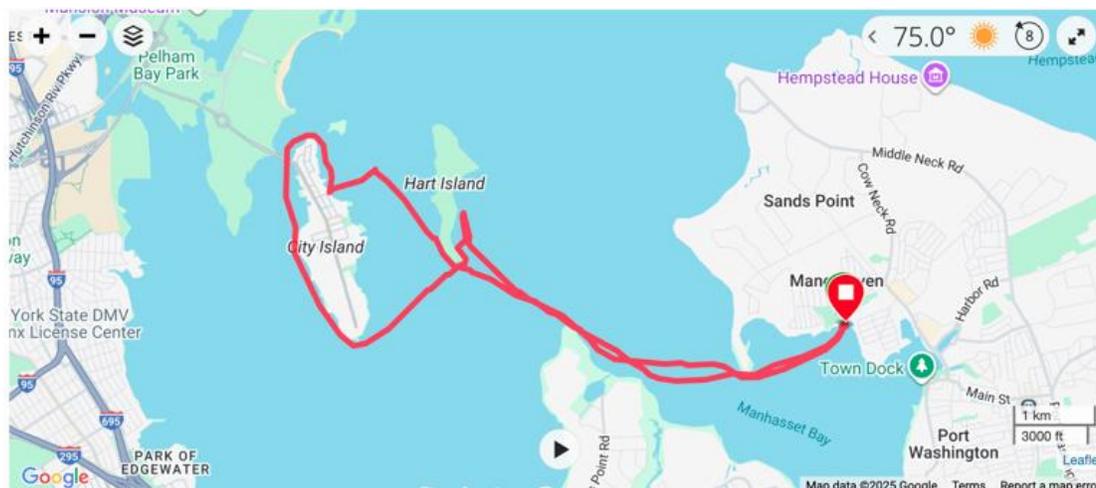
We found just the facade of the original church remaining which was being rebuilt, probably as a prayer memorial, also a piece of the prison. A short crossing to City Island and through the west side, passing some grand houses, docks, and seafood restaurants. Finally stopping at the TKC, Touring Kayak Club, but it was closed for the day. After lunch on the beach, we made our way across a busy LI Sound since it narrows at that point. Total trip was 12 miles. 



West channel City Island Barge



Rat Island



Map of City Island Tour

City Island circumnavigation (Cont'd)



Monarck butterfly rescue



Great egret on fisherman dock



Mike Matty passes prison Hart Island



NYPD Scuba Team



← **Remains of the historic church on Hart Island.**

Trip Leader Paddle and Luncheon – October 11th

Photos and words by Chris Fleming (Trips Coordinator)

17 Trip Leaders made their way to Bellport Marina on a stormy, damp Saturday morning to test their paddling skills and hang with their fellow leaders.

One of the perks of being part of this elite group (ok, maybe only in our eyes) is the socializing events. This year, Chiara took the reins and did all the trip planning and preparation. Well to be honest, she's pretty much done that for the last several years. She's good at it.



We weren't sure if we'd even do a paddle up until the last moment. Winds were steady at 10 plus mph out of the east and expected to increase. Bellport Bay was too open to the wind to be a paddling option. However, Beaver Dam Creek, a cove about a mile to the north, looked promising, and we headed for it.





After some hairy, washing machine like paddling we reached the creek. And what a beautiful, serene spot it was. The calm waters gave us a chance to discuss the trials and tribulations of being a trip leader.

We agreed on a few things that are important regarding preparation. A leader should have some basic knowledge of the area, including likely hazards as well as exit points. Coastal

maps and sea charts are good, but actual experience in the water makes a difference.

The leader checks that paddlers have basic personal safety gear. Boats should be up to scratch with deck lines, front & rear, grab loops and positive buoyancy (i.e. bulkheads and waterproof hatches and/or foam or airbags).

The Leader ensures that group safety equipment is carried. Tow ropes, first aid kit, spare paddles, map and compass, watch, whistle. These are only really needed when you don't have them! These items should be easily accessible for quick use.





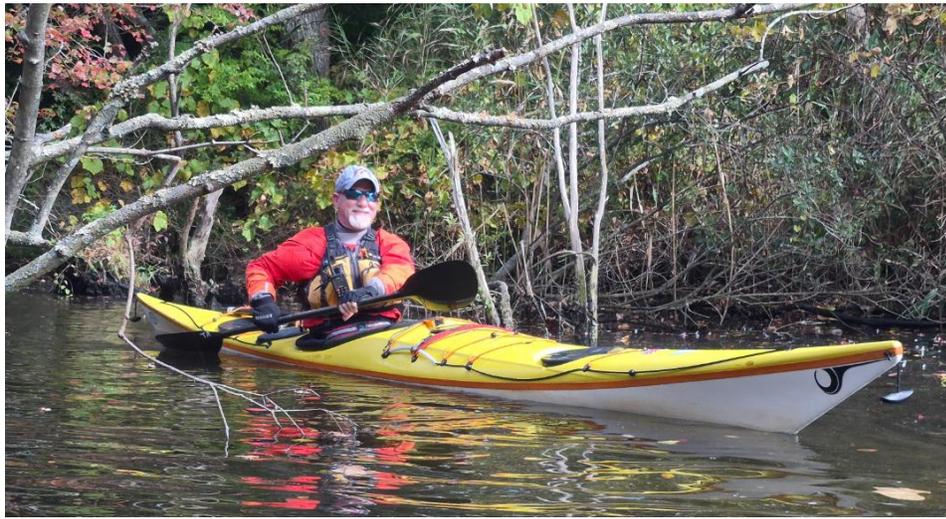
Before getting on the water the leader briefs the paddlers on what to expect on the trip. This is the most important part of trip planning. As the leader, you have done all the above planning and know of problems you are likely to encounter – but no one else in the group knows unless you communicate it to them. Also identify where the safety gear is located, what radio channel we're using and who is the sweep paddler.



Once on the water, the leader takes into account the slowest or least experienced paddler and then sets this pace for the group. Some people may need more time to adjust to the conditions and approach a tossing sea with a degree of trepidation. It is important to allow people to paddle the conditions at their own pace, ensuring they are not pushed into paddling conditions that are bigger than they can handle.

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It can be hard to the faster paddlers with group, but it to be explained “speed demons” that If paddle is advertised as a beginner’s trip, everyone should paddling at beginner’s pace.



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In the rare event that a rescue is necessary, the leader directs this quickly and safely, mobilizing other members of the group into swift action. It is important for rescues to be affected quickly and someone must take charge to ensure everyone knows what they should be doing. Communication is the key.

The mile back to the put in spot was every bit as challenging as the start of the trip. But we made it.



The leader sets the example and helps with moving gear and boats. A helping hand reduces the chances of injury, especially when people are cold and tired. Many hands make light work.



A good time was truly had by all.



Boreal Designs - Alvin w/rudder 17' long 23" wide fiberglass kayak 54 lbs., Excellent condition. Includes: Accent carbon paddle, L/ExL PFD, Boreal Sprayskirt, Rack \$1,000. The Alvik is comfortable, quick, responsive and lightweight. It's designed for intermediate to advanced

paddlers, but is also a good choice for the skillful beginners. The Alvik moves through the water with speed, grace minimum effort from the paddler. The Alvik is a unique kayak, certainly the most rapid in its category. Its long waterline and clean entry provide excellent tracking. A moderate rocker enhances maneuverability when making lean turns. The Alvik's low profile affords minimum resistance to wind.
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Hurricane Tampico

Price: \$700

Length: 13' 2"

Width: 26"

Weight: 45 LBS (20 KG)

Capacity: 300 LBS (136 KG)

Best Use: Touring

Condition: Like new

Includes: Fiberglass paddle & PFD



The Hurricane Tampico 130 is made by thermoforming. In this method, two sides of the kayak are made separately and then welded together. This allows them to create a stiffer and lighter kayak that is not quite as cheap or durable as a rotamolded kayak. The hull is V-shaped, with a keel right down the middle of the kayak, which helps it track and cut a straight line through the water. Not only is the Tampico 130 great at traveling forwards, but it is also very easy to turn. You can easily edge this kayak around or use sweep strokes to effectively turn it. The Tampico 130 does an excellent job of combining stability, maneuverability, and forward speed. Its large cockpit (36" L x 19" W) makes it easy to get in and out of the boat.

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Wilderness Systems Piccolo light touring sea kayak for sale. \$300. Great condition, always garaged. 13'6" L, 20.5" W, 42 lbs. Capacity 175 lbs. Rudder, thigh braces, day hatch, flotation. Ideal for small adult or child/pre-teen. Piccolo review available on paddling.com. Contact violaquintero@gmail.com



BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE KAYAK FOR SALE — HURRICANE TAMPICO 135
Seller is Alina Wilczynski

Brand: Hurricane Kayaks / Model: Tampico 135

CONDITION: Excellent! Garage-kept and cleaned after every excursion. Deck lines, bulkheads and hatches in great shape. Hull has surface scratches from normal use, no cracks or chips. The bungee cords used for holding gear need replacing (\$20 on Amazon). MATERIAL: Tylon ABS plastic is a great in-between material. Lighter and faster than roto-molded plastic. More durable than Kevlar. FAQ about material: <https://hurricaneaquasports.com/pages/faqs>

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Size: 13.5' long
Weight: 43lbs
Max Capacity: 250lbs
Color: Red
Hull Shape: Wide slope for stability
Wide Cockpit Size: 38.2 x 20.9"
Very comfortable adjustable seat
No skeg or rudder

Included Extras:
Harmony Paddle
Cockpit Storage Cover
Paddle Float, Bilge Pump and Sponge
Wheelie Caddie

Reviews on Paddling.com

<https://paddling.com/gear/hurricane-kayaks-tampico-135-1-kayak>

Here's the newest version of this popular model, many of the features are the same:

<https://hurricaneaquasports.com/pages/tampico-130>

Price: \$550 OBO

Perfect starter boat for a Beginner — or — Intermediate upgrade from a sit-on-top

P.S. I might be willing to part with its exact pair :) It's yellow. Ask about price for both.

ADDITIONAL FOR SALE: YAKIMA RACK SYSTEM

1 set of Rack Cradles with tie-downs

The rack set looks like this, though my cross-bar clamps are round:

https://www.etrailer.com/Watersport-Carriers/Yakima/Y04083-04082.html?feed=npn&gad_source=1

1 set of Rack Rollers

<https://yakima.com/products/hullyrollers-1pair>

A great system if you load and unload your boat yourself, like I do!

Price: \$40 OBO

More on the HURRICANE TAMPICO 135 for sale

Let me know if you have any questions. I can send more pix and you're welcome to drop by to see it... and try it! I'm in Rocky Point with easy access to the Sound.

Alina

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Every time you get into your kayak and paddle off...

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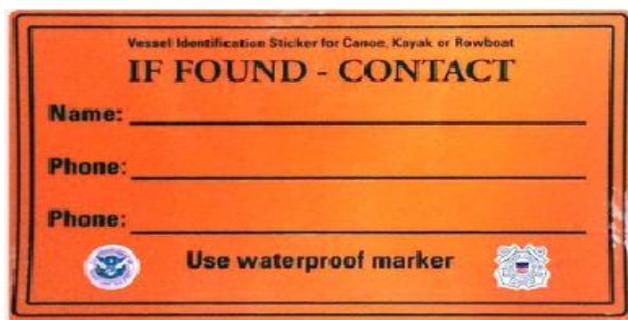


Kayak ID Stickers

Have you ever beached your kayak to enjoy the great outdoors, wander about and then return to find that your kayak is no longer where you left it? Has it been stolen or has the tide captured it?

Every Vessel should be marked with an “IF FOUND – CONTACT” sticker in the event that you lose or are separated from your kayak, canoe or paddleboard. It’s important that you have one both for your safety and to aid the USCG crews or Harbor Patrol who track down unmanned kayaks. It can be placed inside the kayak on a bulkhead.

Pick up a free sticker at the Club Store.





Calling All Paddlers!

There's plenty of room in our next Newsletter for your paddling adventure stories. A new paddling season is starting so why not make a resolution to support our

From personal stories (how you got involved in kayaking or what brought you to the Club) to reviews to recipes. How about a paragraph on a committee that you're serving on?

Have you been on a recent paddling trip? Have a favorite trip? Have any latest info on put-ins? Why not share some photos? Don't forget Member-Matchup and Spotlight-On.

Plus - you can gain 2 Volunteer Points for each article published. It's so easy; just send an email to dgorycki6@gmail.com. A thank-you email is returned as a receipt acknowledgement.

The following list of topics is presented to show you the wide variety of subjects you can add to your newsletter. Questions? Just contact your friendly newsletter editor.

- ☺ Paddle trip stories
- ☺ Favorite put-ins
- ☺ Put-in news
- ☺ Recipes
- ☺ Kayak jokes
- ☺ Kayak puzzles
- ☺ Do you recognize this?
- ☺ Member match-up
- ☺ Spotlight on
- ☺ Honorable mention
- ☺ DIY projects
- ☺ Equipment reviews
- ☺ Upcoming events
- ☺ Announcements
- ☺ Buy/Sell classifieds 

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