



Blazing Paddles

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Ushering in another great year of paddling with Long Island's premiere paddling club.

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Executive Committee 2026

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

President:	Emilio Sosa
Vice President:	Position open
Treasurer:	Lorraine Montana
Secretary:	Position open
Members at Large:	Gina Gruber Fran Ward
Past President:	Fred Hosage

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. 

Committee Coordinators 2026

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 

POST HOLIDAY PARTY RAFFLE

I'm sorry to say, despite asking for donations at the January meeting, there will not be a raffle at the Post Holiday Party this year.

To be quite honest, I'm just not good at putting a raffle together, and I have my hands full with the party itself.

If there is anyone who would like to take on this task in the future, please reach out to me (Pat Tauber – Special Events Coordinator). 

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 

New Club Member Recruiting

The Long Island Paddlers Club is always looking for ways to attract new members. Word-of-mouth, Internet access, and business-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. 

Meetup versus Club Express

Over the past few months, the Club Express Work Group ((Lorraine Montana, Emilio Sosa, Tom Auer, Mike Matty and Chris Fleming) has been investigating the capabilities of the Club Express service.

It was hoped that Club Express would replace Meetup as our club's main vehicle for servicing our Club's needs.

It has been decided that Club Express was not user-friendly enough to justify continued support.

As a result, the club will continue to use the Meetup service 

LIP Announcements

Hospitality

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

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.

Pool Sessions

Pool sessions for 2026 scheduled for April 11 and April 18 from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Pool sessions were held at the Suffolk Community College, Brentwood Campus.

Thanks to our Training and Safety Coordinator Mike Matty for organizing this essential service.

Programs

February: Deborah Horne will discuss her Greenland Kayaking Adventure.

From our Special Events Coordinator Pat Tauber

POST HOLIDAY PARTY:

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

I especially want to thank Emilio for suggesting the venue.

The Tap Room staff were a joy to work with.

COST:

Members \$42, Non-members \$51

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY:

January 23, 2026

****PLEASE SIGN UP ON MEETUP

See more info on our Meetup service.

SAVE THE DATE

From our Special Events Coordinator Pat Tauber

Winter has barely begun, and our Post Holiday Party has yet to take place, but party planning never ends with LI Paddlers.

Please mark your calendars for our annual Spring Picnic, aka The Paul Smith Memorial Picnic, which will be held on June 6, 2026 at Centerport Beach in the Town of Huntington. Lunch will be catered by Carl's Main Street Deli. Several paddles will be held prior to lunch. Details will be posted on Meetup, probably in April or May.

HAVE A GREAT WINTER,
EVERYONE! 

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.

November 2025

November's presentation was given by our own Emilio Sosa who shared his experiences and photos from his 17 day trip to Kenya and Tanzania this past July. The [Great Migration in Africa](#) is an annual movement of over two million wildebeest, zebras, and gazelles across the Serengeti and Maasai Mara ecosystems in Tanzania and Kenya, driven by rainfall to find fresh grazing pastures.



November 2025 Guest Speaker Cont'd



January 2026

Duong Vu from ReWild Long Island will be presenting How to Plan a Pollinator Garden.

The presentation went over the basics of garden designs, tips and tricks for members to apply into their own yard. He gave suggestions on resources that members can look further into and help with plant selection. For members to get the most out of the program, you could bring a picture of your yard and the condition of the site: is it sunny, shady, hot, dry, etc. and we would be able to give suggestions on what plants are best for the area. If we run out of time members are welcome to email me afterwards with questions and pictures and we will get back with suggestions on plants that can work in the area.

Duong Vu is a Rewilder, he started transforming his yard during COVID and I joined the Board of ReWild Long Island in 2023. He currently leads the West Suffolk chapter where we grow organic vegetables at Gateway community garden and maintain a large rain garden at Edgewood preserve. [🌐](#)



Message from the (Past) President



Our club has had another wonderful paddling season. The winter is here but it doesn't stop us from paddling, whether we paddle here in the northern area or the southern area we still paddle, providing that we adjust to the climate most importantly that we all practice safe paddling with the proper attire especially in cold water paddling. Trips will continue to post on Meetup so if you desire to enjoy a little cold by all means.

The executive and the committee members have done excellent in working for the club in resolving issues and taking on challenging tasks with new ideas for our club, I thank the board for your commitment and dedication to the Long Island Paddlers Inc. The long Island Paddlers is comprised of great individuals that share the commons of others both in the paddling world and as friends. That is a wonderful attribute that we all share, and that is what makes our club grow.

The election results were announced in our November meeting which is our last meeting for the year. It's a pleasure to Announce Gina Gruber as members- at- large, and Emilio Sosa as Club President. It was a great pleasure and honor to have serve the long Island Paddlers Inc. as Club President for six years I thank all the members for your support. 🙏

Happy Holidays to all members and enjoy!
Thank you, Edwin Mangual.



From the pen of Jim Dreeben

Hampton Bays is a fitness paradise. There are many ways to make us fit and maybe make us healthy and live longer. It takes a little exercise. Some exercise is low-impact and some is grueling, hard-core, sweat pouring exercise. Low-impact is walking. Two years ago, I started walking around my neighborhood, then I started a 1-mile loop from the train station around Downtown Hampton Bays. Now I walk over the Ponquogue Bridge 5 to 8 times a week. It's all low impact but good for our health.

To get more out of the bridge walk, many of us do 200 steps backwards uphill. We do a 2-or 3-minute plank and 20 squats at the water's edge and a few dozen pushups. These extra exercises might be difficult at first, but they get easier by the day as we get fitter, stronger and increase our stamina.

More low-impact exercise: Southampton Town built a **fitness trail** at 6 Newtown Road with beautiful Shinnecock Canal as a backdrop. It's a walking loop with 7 fitness stations (machines) along the way. The machines are easy to use, including some that are handicap usable. I recommend walking the loop 2 times and using all of the machines. It's like an outside gym with lots of fresh air, but no showers.

There's nothing like summertime in Hampton Bays. Ponquogue and Tiana Beaches, two of the best beaches in the world, are just over the bridge. Swimming in the ocean is exhilarating, fun, healthy and invigorating. Working out on sand adds a new dimension to exercising in the gym. We do pushups, bird dog, bear crawl, jumping jacks, walk backwards, squats, play volleyball, sit-ups and run. Backwards walking on sand and/or uphill strengthens our ankles, glutes, hamstrings, legs, quads and thighs.

Hampton Bays and Riverhead are known for their numerous waterways that are perfect for canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddling. The Peconic River is the most popular with Peconic and Shinnecock Bays close seconds. Serious paddlers might go paddling in the ocean for more excitement, and surfing.

While you're in Riverhead (Calverton), check out the 10-mile-long Riverhead/Grumman Bike Trail. It's fenced in. There are no cars and no traffic lights. For more bike riding with little traffic, ride your bike south of Montauk Highway in Quogue and in Southampton. Biking on weekdays: even less traffic. (Continued on the next page)

From the pen of Jim Dreeben (Cont'd)

Chronological age is your actual age. Biological age is the age that you appear to be based on your physical capabilities. The more you exercise the lower your biological age becomes. This has not been proven but it stands to reason: The difference between chronological and biological ages could be how much longer you will live than if you did not exercise. It's something to think about.

Exercise that I do on occasion that are not mentioned above: whip a battle rope 200 times, bear crawl on soft sand-10 minutes to ½ hour. 5,000 meters on rowing machine. Kayaking, ocean swimming on rough days, stretch band while watching TV, goblet squats. Rope pull-my truck. CrossFit Kryptonite: It's grueling but not painful. 60 minutes of sweat pouring exercise. **Prone board** paddling/swimming is an excellent upper-body workout, the best. It's challenging and fun. It's tiring and wet. Try for 2 hours.

Levels of bridge walking: 1-Beginners - to Dune Road and back. 2-Next level - to the ocean and back. 3-Serious walkers – level 2 plus a 3-minute plank, 20 squats, 50 to 100 pushups, bear crawl sand, walk uphill backwards for 100 to 300 steps. Increase walking speed and do interval walking, 1 to 2 hours.

We will never know for sure, but my expert fitness friends believe that exercise prevents many illnesses. 🌀

Jim Dreeben, Retired CPO of Peconic Paddler, 53 years. 631-834-2525
or jim@longislandpaddling.com.



Santa is also a paddler!



**Santa after
Christmas!**

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 1/23/2026)

- 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. 

Do you recognize this?



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 two current Members-At-Large and they will ensure the matter gets on the Executive Council's agenda:

- Gina Gruber
ginalgruber@gmail.com
 - Fran Ward
frandworkin@gmail.com
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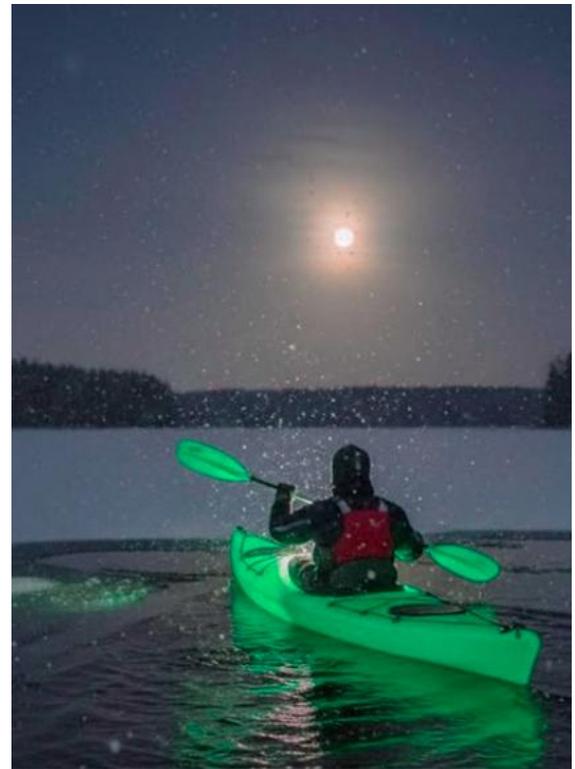
The joy of paddling!

Answer to “Do You Recognize This?”

Sagtikos Manor

This Halloween season was kicked off with the release of *The Conjuring: Last Rites*. The movie tells the story of renowned paranormal investigators Edward and Lorraine Warren, focusing on the unexplained demonic possession of a house in West Pittston, Pennsylvania.

However, you do not have to see the film to explore the unknown or what happens in that final jaunt into the abyss. That random cold spot, the feeling that you are not alone in a room, and maybe the shadow you saw out of the corner of your eye could be part of paranormal activity. Home to some of the oldest landmarks in New York State, the South Shore has had multiple unexplained events witnessed by many naysayers who became believers.



The adventure begins...

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(A) overhand knot



(B) slipknot



(C) square knot



(D) surgeon's knot



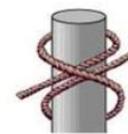
(E) half hitch



(F) Blackwall hitch



(G) cat's-paw



(H) clove hitch



(I) sheet bend



(J) fisherman's bend



(K) sheepshank



(L) bowline

Rope Summary

Towing

Text and illustrations by Chris Fleming – Trips Coordinator

All sea kayakers should be prepared to tow, by wearing a tow belt and knowing how to use it. Most prepared kayakers also carry a contact tow line on the foredeck of their boats for quick, emergency short towing ability.



Towing a sea kayak is relatively easy because its long slim shape makes the boat go in a straight line with very little resistance. Towing a short kayak is a lot more work because it has more drag and will swing from side to side.

Some examples of when a tow situation might arise include:

- A windy day when a less experienced paddler may have boat control problems
- An injured paddler needs help getting back to shore
- An incapacitated paddler is being supported by another paddler and needs to be brought to a safe location
- A paddle is lost or broken, and no spare is available
- A paddler is stuck in a dangerous situation, such as waves crashing by a jetty
- A person is physically or mentally spent

There are many types of tow belts available, and you should look for one that works best for you. Some tow systems are mounted on the kayak, some are attached to a PDF, but most modern tow systems are belts that are worn around the waist by the paddler. A tow belt looks like a fanny pack and is made to wear just below your PFD.

With a few variations, a good tow belt will have the following features:

- A quick-release buckle in front—in case you need to abandon the tow in the event of a capsized
- A wide opening on the pack itself—for speedy access
- A length of rope, coiled neatly inside, with one end attached to the pack (15' – 30')
- A carabiner for clipping onto the other boat
- A float to prevent the carabiner from sinking
- A bungee section to smooth out the tow

When setting up a tow system using a belt or a contact tow line, always make sure to attach the carabiner to the other kayakers bow deck lines, not bungee lines. The perimeter deck lines are attached at various places along the kayak. If one of the mounts breaks, you will still be attached to the deck line. And remember to always clip the carabiner from below onto a deck line – a clip from above can release itself.

Contact Tow

The simplest form of towing is a contact tow (also called the push tow or shunting a kayak). This type of towing is particularly effective in a surf zone or other rough water situation where it may be too risky to attach yourself to another kayak.

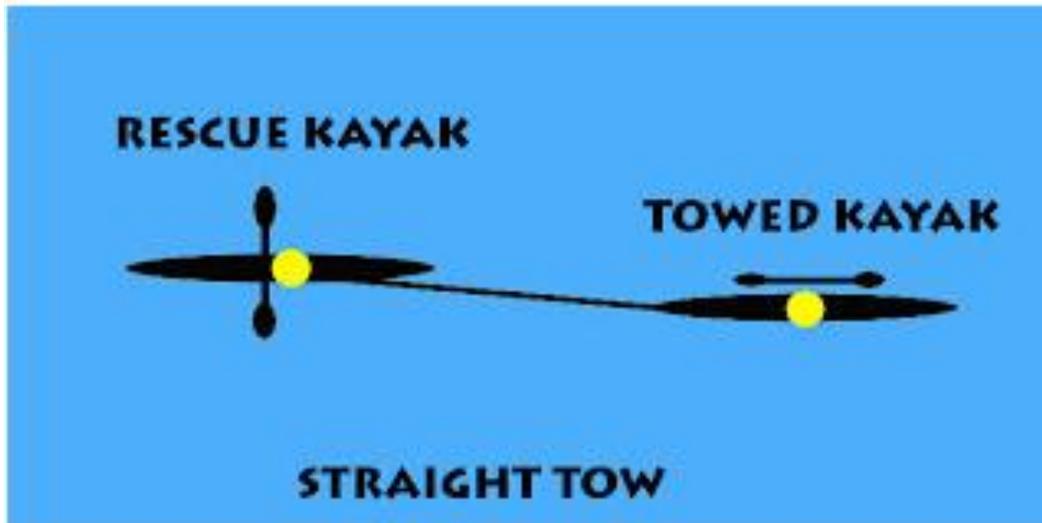


In this arrangement, the kayaker in need of a tow simply grabs hold of the bow of the kayaker providing the tow. Since the paddlers are facing each other, communication is easy. The rescue paddler can either paddle forward or in reverse, depending upon the situation.

A variation on the above uses a short contact tow line. A contact tow line is used when a kayaker is unstable or incapacitated and the best option is to attach the rescuer to provide support. Contact tow lines are typically about 5 feet in length, with a carabiner at both ends. The towline attaches between the deck lines (far side of both) of the two kayakers, with both paddlers facing forward. The rescued paddler can lean on the stern of the rescue kayak for stability.

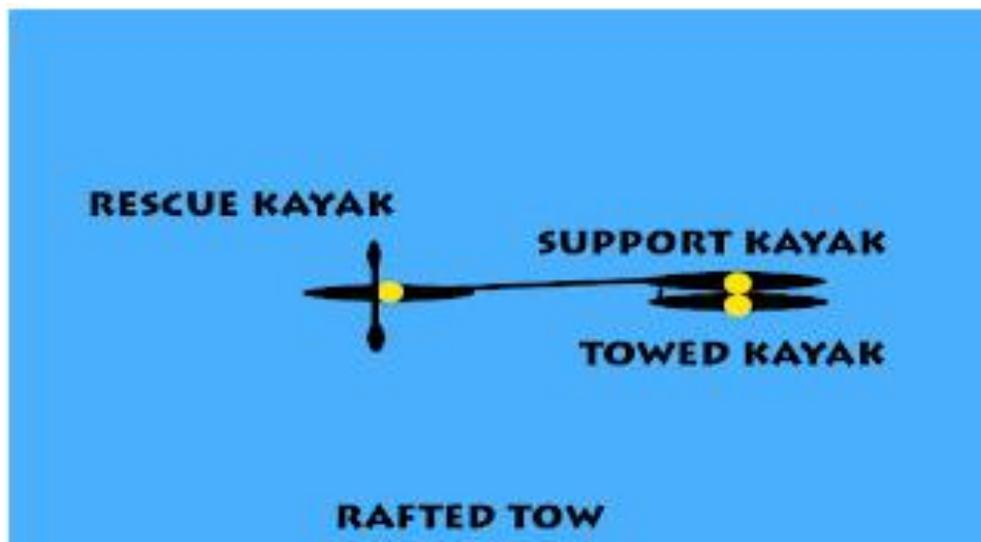
Straight Tow

The straight or standard tow is used for the most common situation, when one kayaker tows another. The main reason for this tow is to help a tired paddler who can't keep up or is having trouble controlling his boat. The person being towed needs to be able to remain upright on his own and, if possible, should continue paddling while being towed.



The towing kayaker simply hooks the towline to the bow deck line of the vessel to be towed and paddles forward, periodically turning around to check on the paddler being towed. If your tow line has variable lengths, 25 feet or more is preferable for a long tow or if there is a following sea. 15 feet of line should be fine if it's a short tow or if kayaking into waves. Most of the better tow belts allow for varying lengths.

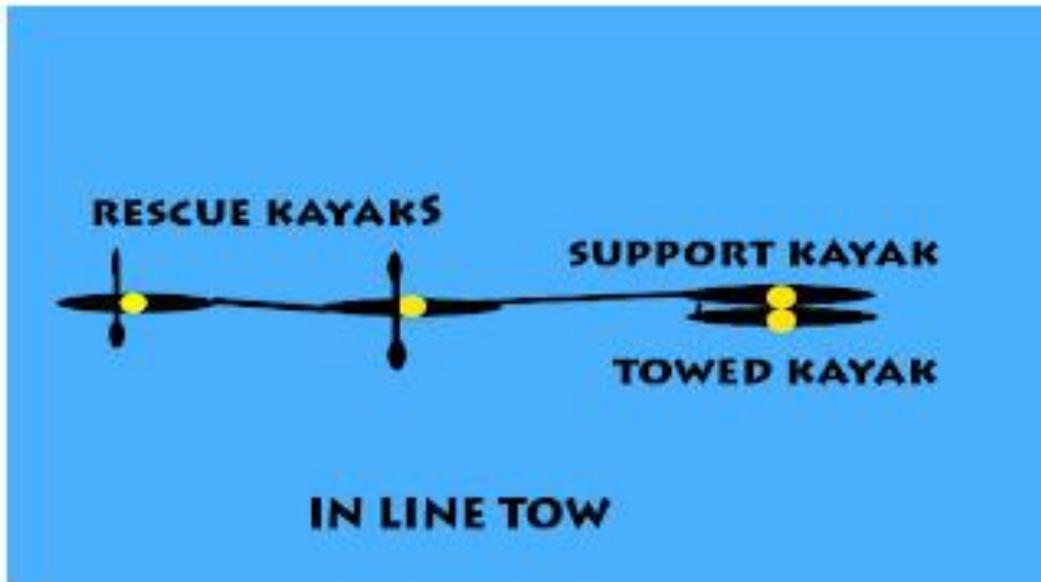
Rafted Tow



With a rafted tow, one or more kayaker's tow two other kayakers who are rafted together. This tow method is necessary if a paddler is incapacitated or cannot keep from capsizing. One paddler can come alongside the distressed paddler and hang onto the boat (raft up) to prevent it from capsizing. The tow line should be connected to the bow deck line of the kayaker in trouble. A variation on this method is for the tow line to be passed through the bow deck line of the support kayak, then attached to the bow of the kayaker in need of assistance. This brings the bows of the two boats together and makes it easier for the rescue kayak. It is possible for one kayaker to do the towing in a rafter tow. However, it's much easier to use an in-line tow.

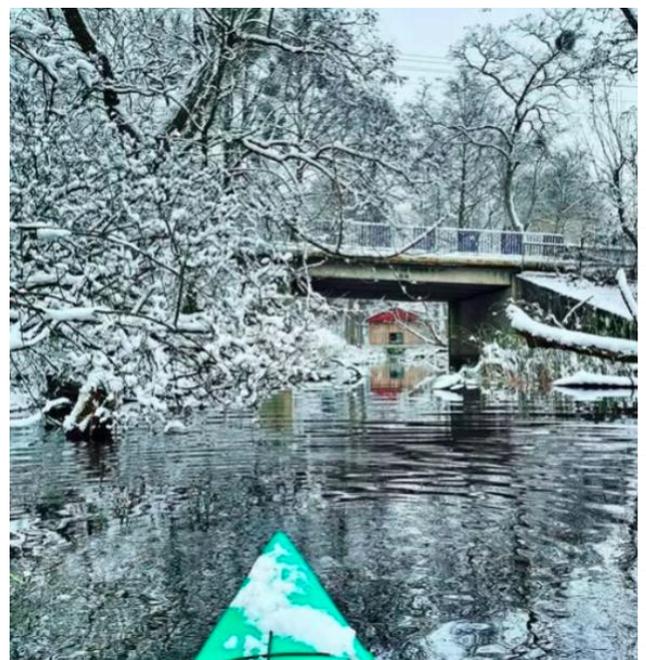
In Line Towing

Sometimes referred to as tandem towing, in line towing has at least three paddlers in line, with the victim positioned last (or in the below illustration, with an additional paddler to support an injured paddler).



In line towing provides significantly more paddling power with the danger of a collision kept to a minimum. Using this method should allow the rescuers to maintain cruising speed with the rest of the group. In any rescue situation, there is likely to be high anxiety. Like a swimming rescue, the person in trouble may become highly irrational. It is important that the rescuer take complete charge of the situation. You are the boss and if necessary, you must let the victim know that you will not tolerate any nonsense. 🗣️

Author's note: There are many ways to perform kayak rescues. The methods described here are the author's views and not necessarily the methods endorsed by the Long Island Paddlers. It is important for sea kayakers to practice the various rescue methods in controlled situations before using them in an emergency.



Aaahh – winter



Photo Gallery

Kayak camping trip to Holland in May with Netherlands Kayak club.

Submitted by Liz Marcellus
Our Conservation Coordinator



My childhood friend Heleen and I waiting for all boats to enter the water.



Taking a rest



Waiting for the lock to open



The Quiet Winter Gathering of Long Island's Starlings

Borrowed from the Long Island Press

On cold winter days, starlings gather by the hundreds, turning Long Island fields and grasslands into communal resting grounds. They are quiet now, feeding and conserving energy, but these same birds are best known for one of nature's most astonishing spectacles.

Starlings are famous for their aerial displays, called murmurations. At dusk, massive flocks rise into the sky and begin to move as one, twisting, folding, and reshaping themselves in perfect harmony. The birds surge and contract like a single living organism, forming undulating black waves that ripple against the evening light.

People stop what they're doing to watch, often in disbelief, as instinct and split-second reactions create patterns more fluid than anything choreographed by human design. Scientists explain the behavior as a defense against predators, but the experience feels far more mystical than mechanical.

The European starling is not native to North America. It was introduced

intentionally in the early 1890s, when a small group was released in New York City by admirers of William Shakespeare who wanted every bird mentioned in his plays to live in the United States. From those few dozen birds, starlings spread rapidly across the continent, thriving in cities, farmland, and coastal regions alike. Long Island, with its mix of open fields, marshes, and relatively mild winters, has become a reliable overwintering area.

For centuries, starlings have carried a rich burden of folklore and superstition. In parts of Europe, they were seen as messengers or omens, their sudden appearances believed to signal change ahead. Some cultures viewed murmurations as warnings of storms or upheaval; others saw them as signs of good fortune and unity. Their dark, speckled feathers and uncanny coordination lent them a reputation as clever, watchful birds.

As they settle in through the winter months, starlings remain a reminder that even the most common birds can carry wonder, history, and a touch of mystery wherever they gather.



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

ALWAYS →





Kokatat Gore-Tex Pro Dry Suit for sale!

It is XL and was probably worn a half dozen times. All the gaskets are in excellent condition. It originally cost \$1,200. Selling for \$400.

Contact: stevenberner7@gmail.com
631-905-8721



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: Trylon 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>

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

718.930.3170

alina@moonkissedmedia.com <mailto:alina@moonkissedmedia.com>



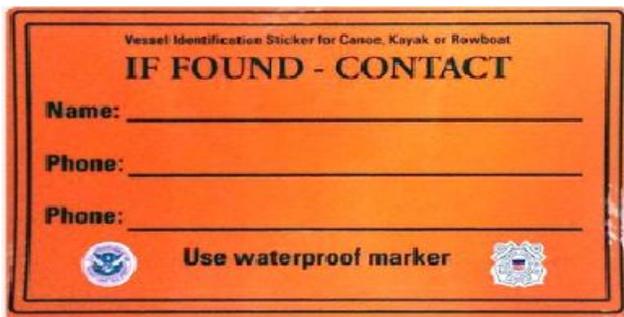
Kayak ID Stickers

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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- Social Kayak Picnics & Annual Holiday Gathering
- Monthly Presentations with Guest Speakers
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- Online Resource Library, Member Forum, Classifieds & much more...

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