



# FLOWlines



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## FLOW Winter Party Date and Location Change

There was a fire at McGinnity's a few weeks ago and the repairs will not be finished in time for our party, so the date and location has changed:

Date: **Tuesday, January 29**

Time: 6:00 P.M. until ???

Place: Johnny's Smoke Free Bar, 1382 Culver Rd  
Just south of Merchants and Bay St.

Bring a paddling video (homegrown or commercial), and any pictures and stories that you have to share from the 2001 paddling season. If you have .jpg files to include in the slide show, email them to mshafer@rochester.rr.com. Food and beverage provided...just watch out for paddle snakes!

## February General Meeting

*The meeting is on the third Thursday of the month since the second Thursday is Valentine's Day.*

Date: Thursday, February 21

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Brighton Town Hall,  
2300 Elmwood Avenue

Bob Pierson will present a program on the Clearwater River. As one of Saskatchewan's most outstanding wild rivers, it rises in far North Central Saskatchewan and flows south and west past the Northern end of historic Methye Portage into Alberta. The lower Clearwater River was a vital link in historic exploration and was the fur trade voyageur route to the Athabasca country. The upper Clearwater River, rising from Lloyd Lake, was rarely traversed until 1972. The river is now a Canadian Heritage River.

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## FLOW Pool Practice Schedule

Once again FLOW is sponsoring two locations. Admission to pool practice is \$2 for FLOW members and \$5 for the general public.

Place	Pittsford Middle School 75 Barker Road, Pittsford
Time	Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 PM
Dates	February 13, 27 March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 3, 10

**All Boats Must Be Clean!**

**\$75 fine for each dead fish found in the pool!**

Place	Wheatland-Chili High School Corner of North Rd. and Rt. 386, Scottsville
Time	Mondays, 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Dates	February 25 March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1



Steve demonstrates the importance of pool practice

## FLOW Organization

President.....	Mike Shafer .....	227-9291
Vice Presidents.....	Cathy Rague . (315) 926-7890	
	.....James Hopkins .....	621-2721
Secretary.....	Dorothy Caine.....	544-9725
Treasurer .....	Ed Boggs .....	(315) 926-7890
Facilities Development	Rick Williams.....	381-3418
Membership .....	James Hopkins .....	621-2721
Trips & Events .....	Ivan Rezanka .....	381-7475
Newsletter .....	Simon Barnett .....	899-6803
Education/Instruction	Ardie Shaffer.....	334-4487
Public Relations .....	Steve Kittelberger...	442-6138
Conservation/Access.	Jerry Hargrave .....	663-3888

## Newsletter Submissions

Send us trip reports, articles, letters to the editor, rants, photographs, ads for our classified section, or anything else that you would like to see in FLOWlines. Send items to [barnett@bluefrognet.net](mailto:barnett@bluefrognet.net). If you do not have e-mail, send items to:

Simon Barnett  
72 Maple Park Heights  
Rochester, NY 14625

## Membership / Address Changes

To join FLOW, download the membership form from the "How To Join" page on [www.flowpaddlers.org](http://www.flowpaddlers.org), fill it out and send it with \$30 (\$35 family rate) to:

FLOW Paddlers' Club C/O James "Hoppy" Hopkins  
43 Whelehan Drive  
Rochester, NY 14616

If you don't have access to the web, contact Hoppy at the above address, [hoppyski@yahoo.com](mailto:hoppyski@yahoo.com) or 621-2721. Send address changes to Hoppy too.

## FLOW Hot Line: 234-3893

To access the FLOW Hot Line:

1. Dial 234-3893 from a touch-tone phone.
2. To listen to messages left by other paddlers, press the remote access code any time during the greeting.  
After entering the remote access code, listen to instructions for how to access messages.
3. To leave a message for other paddlers, listen to the greeting and leave a brief message after the tone.

The FLOW hotline is sponsored by FLOW Paddlers' Club for FLOW members. The FLOW hotline is hosted by Bay Creek Paddling Center.

## Upcoming trips/events

Whitewater Trips: Contact Ivan Rezanka 381-7475.  
Flatwater Trips: Contact James Hopkins 621-2721.

## Paddling Contacts

### FLOW Corporate Sponsors

<i>BayCreek Paddling Center</i> .....	288-2830
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<i>Snow Country</i> .....	586-6460
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### Businesses Offering FLOW Discounts

<i>Colorado Kayak Supply</i> ( <a href="http://www.coloradokayak.com">www.coloradokayak.com</a> )	15% off accessories (Must Supply AWA Number)
<i>Nantahala Outdoor Center</i> ( <a href="http://www.noc.com">www.noc.com</a> )	10% off all goods
<i>Northern Outfitters</i> ( <a href="http://www.noh20.com">www.noh20.com</a> )	10% off all retail items
<i>Zoar Outdoor</i> ( <a href="http://www.zoaroutdoor.com">www.zoaroutdoor.com</a> )	10% off accessories and \$50 off boat prices

### Local Businesses & Instruction

<i>Adventure Calls</i> .....	(888) 270-2410
Whitewater rafting and boat shuttle in Letchworth State Park <a href="http://www.adventure-calls.com">www.adventure-calls.com</a>	
<i>Ardie Shaffer</i> .....	334-4487
ACA certified whitewater instruction & instructor training <a href="mailto:ardie@rochester.rr.com">ardie@rochester.rr.com</a>	
<i>Art Miller</i> .....	377-1994
ACA WW instruction & USACK certified WW slalom instruction <a href="mailto:ArtMiller@worldnet.att.net">ArtMiller@worldnet.att.net</a>	
<i>Hemlock Canoe Works</i> .....	367-3040
Hand crafted lightweight canoe manufacturer <a href="http://www.hemlockcanoe.com">www.hemlockcanoe.com</a>	
<i>Lock 32 Whitewater Park</i> .....	328-3960
Flat and moving water ACA certified instruction	
<i>Pack, Paddle, Ski</i> .....	346-5597
Flatwater, whitewater, canoe, kayak, & sea kayak instruction <a href="http://www.packpaddleski.com">www.packpaddleski.com</a>	
<i>Seayaker Outfitters</i> .....	(315) 524-9295
ACA certified Coastal Sea Kayak instructor / courses & tours <a href="http://www.seayaker.com">www.seayaker.com</a>	
<i>Talic Sport Hammocks</i> .....	271-3150
Wooden canoe and kayak stand manufacturer <a href="http://www.talic.com">www.talic.com</a>	

### Regional & National Organizations

<i>American Canoe Association</i> .....	<a href="http://www.acanet.org">www.acanet.org</a>
<i>American Whitewater</i> .....	<a href="http://www.americanwhitewater.org">www.americanwhitewater.org</a>
<i>Adirondack Mountain Club</i> .....	<a href="http://www.adk.org">www.adk.org</a>
<i>Genesee Waterways Center</i> .	<a href="http://www.geneseewaterways.com">www.geneseewaterways.com</a>

### River Gauges

<i>Genesee River (Letchworth)</i> .....	468-2303
<i>Catteragus Creek</i> .....	532-0626
<i>Black Cr. at Churchville</i> .....	(800) 452-1742 #361131
<i>Salmon River</i> .....	(800) 452-1742 #365123
<i>Waterline Site Codes</i> .....	<a href="http://www.h2oline.com">www.h2oline.com</a>

All phone numbers are in the 585 area code unless otherwise noted.

## FLOW Deliberates Merging with GWC

by Rob Blake and Steve Kittelberger

For several months the leaders of the Genesee Waterways Center (GWC) and FLOW have been discussing combining forces for the mutual benefit of the two organizations. FLOW originally started as a spin-off of the GWC in 1996. GWC's mission is to introduce and promote human-powered watercraft - canoeing, kayaking, and rowing - to the people of Monroe County. The GWC has renovated and operates two boathouses in Genesee Valley Park. GWC operates the Lock 32 Whitewater Park and offers instructional programs for youth, adults and disabled people. GWC is a registered 501c-3 not-for-profit organization. We have attempted to summarize here the advantages and potential disadvantages of the association in order to broaden the discussion and expand the public discourse.

Under the merger, the GWC could provide FLOW members (1) free access to the GWC boathouse, restrooms and docks, a meeting site year-round, and winter boat storage at minimal cost; (2) GWC Outrigger Canoe, Kayak, Rowing program discounts (3) expanded \$5 FLOW days at Lock 32; (4) a single membership to both organizations; today this costs \$55, and the combined membership is expected to cost \$35; (5) a legal 501c-3, tax deduction for membership and other contributions to the association; (6) a more comprehensive insurance policy than offered through ACA; (7) extensive educational programs for novice paddlers, providing an entry point for new and younger paddlers in the area; (8) programs and facilities for open-water boaters at Lock 32 and Genesee Valley Park; (9) extensive education, safety, conservation and certification programs for novice to advanced paddlers, providing a platform for significant membership growth. The structure and leadership of FLOW would remain autonomous, although we would probably add an officer called "GWC Representative" to the Steering Committee. FLOW would probably need to allocate separate funds for insurance and Paddler Magazine. It is anticipated that the combined organization would retain an affiliation with ACA, the details of which have not been worked out. FLOWLINES would add pages to report outrigger canoe and rowing news.

The merger of the two organizations is still at the discussion stage. This article is meant to spur discussion and debate so that both organizations make the right decision. Members are encouraged to add your opinions to the discussion. A survey or poll could be taken at the Winter Party in late January.

## Lehigh River Dam Modification

Submitted by Mike Shafer

*A while back we circulated a request to our membership asking for letters to be written to help advocate for this. The following note is proof that firing off letters **does** have an effect. This could lead to more releases on the Lehigh, where many have been cancelled in the past because of lack of water behind the dam.*

A few months ago the American Canoe Association and American Whitewater supported PA State Senator Stu Greenleaf's proposal to move a road that runs across the upstream face of the Francis E. Walter Dam on the Lehigh River to the top of the dam. This dam, near White Haven, PA, releases water into the popular Class II-III Lehigh River Gorge. Currently, using the full capacity of three dam floods the road. Moving the road will allow more water to be stored at this facility and make whitewater releases more reliable and frequent.

Senator Greenleaf called me today to announce that he was successful in getting an appropriation for a feasibility study of this project. He is on line to obtain funding for the improvement in 2003. He would like to thank American Canoe Association and American Whitewater for their help; their letters were useful when dealing with PA Senator Spector's office. We may need paddler support in the future, and we will keep you informed as things develop.

Stu is a long time friend of the whitewater paddler. I worked with him to set up the Tohickon whitewater releases way back in 1977, and he was instrumental in helping the Philadelphia Canoe Club in their efforts to keep the running of Flat Rock Dam legal. He is an avid kayaker, and although his responsibilities keep him off the water more than he'd like, his sons Stu, Chris, and Ryan all paddle Class IV-V Whitewater.

Charlie Walbridge  
American Whitewater Board  
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**Large Float Bag** for sale - EPI 21" x 37". **Wanted:** Large spray skirt. Willing to pay squat. Call me, we'll do business. Richard (585) 473-2162.

Purple and white **New Wave Cruise Control** for sale \$250 OBO. Contact Simon at (585) 899-6803 or barnett@bluefrognet.net.

**Perception Mr. Clean** play boat and **RIOT KIX** creek boat 450.00 each. Contact Jim at (585) 436-9902 or (585) 370-9585 cell.

White **Perception Mirage** with flotation, medium ExtraSport PFD., skirt, and Mohawk paddle. Very retro. \$300 Don Valerio donval@frontiernet.net (585) 526-5561

For Sale: great condition **Dagger Ultrafuge**, blue and black, Bomber backband, \$490 Contact Randy French at Scodese@juno.com.

**Riot Slice** \$325, 1½ years old, Super Surfer, Carves and Squirts like the devil. A great price to try an awesome hard chined playboat. **Thule Model 1050/33** Ski Racks (Mount on Thule Cross bars), 2 sets, each holds 3 pairs of skis. \$12 per set. Call Doug at 734-9026.

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## GWC Winter Classes

The Genesee Waterways Center has created the following programs for paddlers in conjunction with the MCC/Maverick and Pittsford pools. For more information see [www.genesee-waterways.com](http://www.genesee-waterways.com) or call Rob Blake at (585) 315-3000.

Program	Length	Dates Offered	Contact
Quickstart	2 hrs.	Jan 7 & 8, Feb 11 & 25, April 28	Rob Blake
Intro to Kayaking	4 hrs.	Jan 6 & 20, Feb 3, 10 & 24, Mar 3 & 17, April 14, 21, May 5, 7, 19, 21	Rob Blake
Advanced Kayaking	12 hrs.	Jan 15 & 29, Feb 12 & 26, Mar 12 & 26	Art Miller
Open Paddle	2 hrs.	April 2, 16 & 30, May 14 & 28	Rob Blake
Junior Club	16 hrs.	Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24, Mar 10, 24, Apr 7	Art Miller
Kayak Polo	16 hrs.	Jan 13, 27, Feb 3, 10, 19, Mar 3	Rob & Dan
Roll Clinic	2 hrs.	Jan 8, 22 & 28, Feb 4 & 5 Mar 4 & 11	Ardie Shafer
Kayak Cert.	Variable	Jan 20 - Mar 30	Ardie Shafer



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