



# FLOWlines



Finger Lakes-Ontario Watershed Paddlers' Club Newsletter  
Rochester NY

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## September General Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 19  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Place: Mendon Ponds Boat Launch (See Map)

### *FLOW Roll Clinic*

Roll, roll, roll your boat...Before you put your gear away, come on out for a beautiful fall evening at Mendon Ponds. This will be a free, casual roll clinic. If fellow paddlers are willing, this might be a good opportunity to exchange equipment long enough to try a roll in a different boat or with a different paddle. Harry Weidman's Greenland paddle will be available for anyone to try. See you there.

## Free Safety Clinic

FLOW and GWC will offer a special 2-hour introductory river safety clinic for FLOW members on Wednesday, September 18 from 6pm to 8pm at Lock 32 Whitewater Park. The goal is prevent you from becoming a statistic. The GWC instructional staff will present basic hand signals, water dynamics, swimming /wading in moving water, preparation, prevention, safety and rescue skills. If you paddle on or around moving water you need these skills and you have the prerequisites. The course is free to FLOW members and no pre-registration is required.

## Shoreline Cleanup

Volunteers are still needed for the coastal cleanup event taking place on Saturday September 21 from 9:00am - Noon. Last year they picked up over 4000 lbs. of trash from the shores of Lake Ontario and the Genesee river (see details in last month's FLOWlines).

To register, see [www.thewec.org](http://www.thewec.org) or contact Noreen Mazurowski (271-4552 ext. 324 or [noreen\\_mazurowski@rmsc.org](mailto:noreen_mazurowski@rmsc.org)).

## Ohiopyle Falls Race and Freestyle

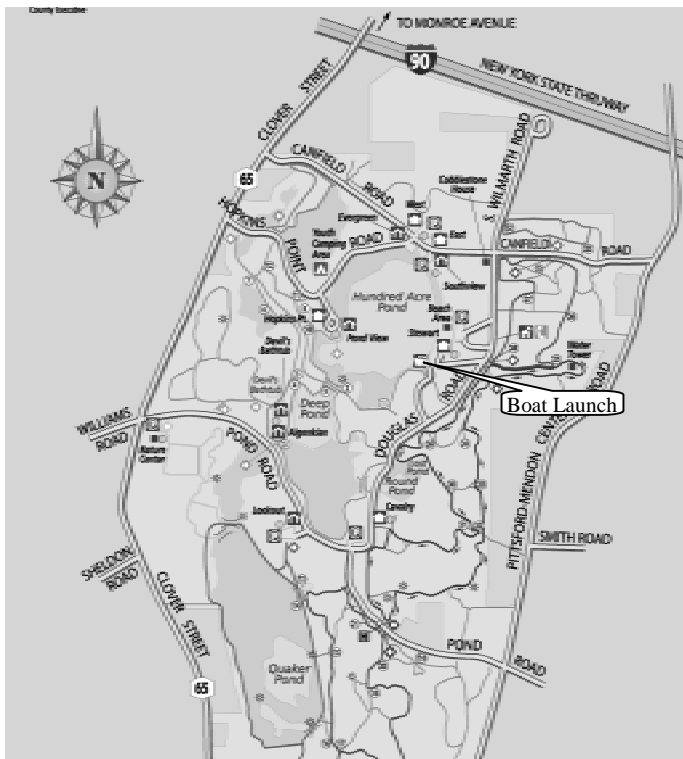
The races will be on Saturday, September 28. The awards ceremony will follow, kicking off the town party. Practice all day Sunday for next year. Safety volunteers are needed too! Additional information and entry forms are available on the web site at [www.americanwhitewater.org/~matt/OhiopyleFalls](http://www.americanwhitewater.org/~matt/OhiopyleFalls)

## Salmon River Hatchery Open House

*Submitted by Jerry Hargrave*

The National Hunting and Fishing Day Open House at the Salmon River Hatchery is Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002 from 9 AM. to 4 PM. The DEC wants to have someone from the whitewater community to set up a display and possibly perform kayak demonstrations (paddling, rolling, demo boats) at the Lower Reservoir.

This is a good way to familiarize other Salmon River users, and area people to the sport of whitewater boating. If you can show up and help, or better yet help DEC organize the event, please contact Fran Verdoliva at [FJVERDOL@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:FJVERDOL@gw.dec.state.ny.us).



## Take The 3 Wave Survey

Should the Wave at Route 3 on the Black River be modified? What's your opinion? You've been seeing lots of discussion of this topic over the past year; finally you have a chance to "vote." The survey has been prepared jointly by Steve Kittelberger and PaddleHut Inc., with input from American Whitewater and is available on line at [www.paddlehut.com/survey/rt3.php](http://www.paddlehut.com/survey/rt3.php)

## FLOW Organization

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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 newsletter@flowpaddlers.org. If you do not have e-mail, send items to:

Simon Barnett  
72 Maple Park Heights  
Rochester, NY 14625

The newsletter deadline is the next-to-last Thursday of the month.

## Membership / Address Changes

To join FLOW, download the membership form from the "How To Join" page on 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 or 621-2721. Send address changes to Hoppy too.

## Upcoming trips/events

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

## Local River Gauges

Genesee River (Letchworth) .....	468-2303
Catteragus Creek.....	532-0626
Black Cr. at Churchville .....	(800) 452-1742 #361131
Salmon River .....	(800) 452-1742 #365123
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<i>Ardie Shaffer</i> .....	334-4487
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<i>Art Miller</i> .....	377-1994
ACA WW instruction & USACK certified WW slalom instruction artm@rochester.rr.com	
<i>Genesee Waterways Center &amp; Lock 32</i> .....	381-3418
Promoting the use of human powered watercraft www.geneseewaterways.com	
<i>George Scherer of Sea Kayak Rochester</i> ...	381-2104
ACA certified open water coastal kayak instructor george.scherer@kodak.com	
<i>Hemlock Canoe Works</i> .....	367-3040
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<i>Talic Sport Hammocks</i> .....	271-3150
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### National Organizations

American Canoe Association .....	www.acanet.org
American Whitewater .....	www.americanwhitewater.org
Adirondack Mountain Club .....	www.adk.org

Please send any additions, corrections, or deletions to  
newsletter@flowpaddlers.org

## 2002 FLOW Whitewater Trip Schedule

Whitewater paddling, like all adventure sports, entails an element of risk. FLOW members assume this risk, and share the risk and responsibility for assisting others in need, as a condition of joining any of the listed trips below. Each participant will be asked to sign a release to this effect before putting onto the water. **We CAN NOT take non ACA/FLOW members on the trips.** To add trips, or change existing trip listings for the monthly update, call Ivan Rezanka, 381-7475.

Date	Level	Trip Description	Coordinator	Phone
Sept. 1	Intermediate	Salmon River, Pulaski, NY. A scheduled 750 cfs release. Class III	Richard Mauser	585-473-2162
Sept. 7-14	Advanced	Southern trip. Ocoee River in Tennessee and other rivers in North Carolina. Class IV	Bill Kuipers	585-322-7742
Sept. 14	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Dave Meyer	716-367-2056
Sept. 20-22	Intermediate	West River, Vermont, Class III+	Ben Bramlage	518-792-3277
Oct. 5	Beginner	Genesee River in Letchworth. Class II	Doug & Dorothy Caine	585-544-9725
Oct. 19	Intermediate	Upper Moose River (from Singing Waters to Tannery) Class III	Dave Meyer	716-367-2056
Oct. 19, 20	Advanced	Lower Moose River (Moose Fest weekend). Class IV	Mike Shafer	585-227-9291
Nov. 2, 3	Intermediate	Tohickon Creek, PA Class III to III+. Camp nearby.	Steve Kittelberger	585-442-6138

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## 2002 Open Water Trip Schedule

Trip Leaders Wanted - Contact Jim Hopkins ✂ 607-281-2337 work ✂ 607-330-5649 evenings ✂  
 hoppyski@yahoo.com

Date	Time	Where	Trip Coordinator	Phone	Email/Web Site
Any Day	Msg Board	When Surfs Up @ Durand Beach/ Irondequoit Bay Outlet/Long Pond	Whoever posts		www.flowpaddlers.org
Thurs, 9/5	7:00 PM	West River, Woodville state boat launch	George Scherer	585-381-2104	www.seakayakrochester.com
Thurs, 9/19	6:30 PM	Roll Clinic #3 Mendon Ponds Boat Launch	Cathy Rague	315-926-7890	edncathy@rochester.rr.com

## Nominating Committee Forming To Seek New FLOW Officers

According to the FLOW constitution, the following club officers must be elected this year:

- President
- Open Water Vice President
- Whitewater Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Mike Shafer (current president) and Ed Boggs (current treasurer) have announced that they will not seek reelection. The position of Secretary is currently vacant.

We are in the process of putting together a nominating committee to seek out willing candidates for these positions. If you have a nomination or want to be part of the nominating process, send email to [steering\\_committee@flowpaddlers.org](mailto:steering_committee@flowpaddlers.org) (that's an

underscore, not a space between steering and committee) or call Simon at 899-6803.

A full slate of candidates will be presented at the October general meeting. Additional nominations for office may be made from the floor at the October and November meetings. The final vote will be made at the January meeting.

In addition to the above positions, Hoppy is looking to pass membership on to someone else. This is not an elected position, but it requires knowledge of MS Excel or Access. If you are interested in taking over this activity, please talk to Hoppy.

In order for the club to remain a functioning entity, we need to fill these positions! If you have any interest or questions, please talk to the current officer for a better understanding of what the position entails.

## Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2002

- I. Newsletter
  - A. Contributions are welcome.
  - B. Deadline is the fourth Thurs. of each month.
  - C. Simon will write a reminder in the newsletter for anyone who has changes regarding Page Two to contact him.
- II. ACA
  - A. Last batch of checks sent 6/12/02.
  - B. Next batch of membership checks will be sent to ACA by the end of August.
- III. Picnic at The Salmon
  - A. Dave and Tom will be paid at the picnic for expenses to avoid prolonged bookkeeping.
  - B. FLOW will, as in the past, continue to provide drinks, as well as the food.
  - C. Tom will provide his unusually usual food miracles at the campsite.
  - D. Dave will increase his garbage can turkey production to three birds this year.
  - E. Steve Kittelberger will again provide the corn.
  - F. Ed, Mike, Dan and Cathy will buy the drinks and ice at the new P & C in Pulaski after paddling on Sat.
  - G. Don Shaw agreed to collect \$5 from each camper & facilitate getting money to Stony.
  - H. It was also agreed to leave a coffee can on the food table for guests of FLOW members to pay \$5 for the dinner.
- IV. American Whitewater
 

Donation discussed. FLOW sent AW \$100 in April, 2002. It was agreed to send \$100 to AW next year also.
- V. Trip Waivers
 

Don Shaw has agreed to contact ACA to confirm policy on trip waivers and to archive these waivers for FLOW.
- VI. Elections
  - A. A Nominating Committee will be formed. Anyone who is interested should contact Mike Shafer.
  - B. Elections for FLOW President and Treasurer will be held in January, 2003.
- VII. Commercial Memberships - Discussed ads.
- VIII. Hot line - Due to lack of usage, it has been cancelled. Remove hot line info from newsletter.
- IX. Web Site - Simon to include answers to frequently asked questions regarding boating.
- X. General Meetings
  - A. Sept: Roll Clinic
  - B. Oct: Boat Building Seminar
  - C. Nov: Formal Business Meeting
- XI. Route Three Wave
 

Project remains in question, but decision makers are still pursuing plans for the area. Anyone interested in what's happening should contact Steve Kittelberger.

## Kayaker Drowns On Esopus Creek

*Submitted by Jerry Hargrave*

*This message is forwarded for two reasons. First, to ask to help this family recover from their tragic loss and second, to warn of the strainer danger.*

As many of you already know KCCNY member Larry Kerwin lost his life on Saturday morning, July 20'th after falling into a strainer on the upper Esopus Creek while paddling with the AMC. Other NY/North Jersey AMC paddlers on the trip report that Larry made no apparent effort to paddle away from the strainer as he approached it. His kayak flipped and he went under rapidly.

For those unfamiliar with this "feature", it was a mass of tangled trees and debris river-right on the outside of a bend not far from the portal put-in. It was generally considered easily avoidable by most paddlers, but regrettably, was not for Larry, nor for Nicole Coppelino, the girl who lost her life in the same strainer about a month earlier while tubing.

A few strong and capable AMC members bravely struggled for 10 minutes Saturday morning to extricate Larry from the strainer and promptly initiated CPR. Soon after, local EMTs arrived and took over, but it was too late.

Larry is survived by a wife and three children. Mourning his loss, KCCNY has set up a fund for Larry's family. Please consider sending a donation, what ever the amount, to help this young family. Kayakers are a close knit group, now is the time for us to come together to help this family recover from their tragic loss.

Please send a check, payable to KCCNY, to:  
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## Open Letter To FLOW from Steve Bergere

You enter the water, you enter the food chain, and not always at the top.

I was invited to Stoneys Campgrounds by a couple of kayaker friends of mine on August 10, 2002. I arrived early, about 12:30 in the afternoon, met Mike Stone, and he directed me to the spot where my friends would most likely be, around site # 48. "Just follow the FLOW signs and you'll find them."

The site was easy enough to find, however my friends were nowhere to be seen. Just as well, they were probably out on the river risking life and limb and having a blast. I set up a couple of folding chairs, a little table, two small coolers and draped a weathered American Flag over the window of my car, all underneath a small shade tree. I settled down into a MossyOak chair, kicked my boots off, propped my feet up, and looked around.

Behind me was a nice, very well shaded camp site with a sign taped to a tree which read "Reserved for Kathy". To the right of her site were a couple of tents, including a very large tent (I found out later that this was Mike's tent) and a whole bunch of tube aluminum folding chairs. (similar to Coleman or MossyOak stuff). I smiled as I thought that, all that was needed was a "For Sale" sign.

As the day wore on and people (kayakers) started to arrive back at their sites, I had the sinking feeling that I might be in the wrong place, that I might be intruding. The feeling quickly left as Mike, Don and Dave (the Turkey cook) introduced themselves. I explained that I was looking for a couple of friends, and that Stoney said that they would be around site # 48. I was no longer sure that I was in the right place. Mike said no problem, that if I did not find my friends, I was welcome to stay and party with them.

Steve Kittleberger came by and introduced himself, as I did likewise, and I explained what was going on. I realized by this time that I was in the wrong area and I should probably leave, not meaning to intrude, as an uninvited guest. Steve would hear nothing of it and suggested that I stay, perhaps my friends would wander by.

I met Lori, Jerry, Mike, Don, Steve, Kathy, Dave and a host of others whose names have been filed away in the deep, dark recesses of what used to be my mind. (yes, I spent 4 years as a college student)

I was asked, time and again, to come down to the cooking area and have some dinner, but being somewhat shy and nervous, I politely declined.

The world should take lessons from Kathy and Jerry and Lori and Mike and all the rest of you, in friendship, hospitality and making a stranger feel welcome and at ease.

I would like to see you all again, next time, if I live long enough. I would like to sample Dave's turkey and have one of Mike's lime flavored beers.

By the way, it turns out that my friends were there, and had a tent set up 50 or so yards to the left of Kathy's reserved site. They were late getting off of the river, had break problems with the RV and were late getting back to the camp grounds. My friend (Mike Kelley), who I was to meet, said that I should have mentioned that I was looking for the "guys who rented and set up a hot tub" a while back.

I missed them by moments at the bonfire, and as I walked back to my car, flashlight in hand, I passed two people in the dark on the road, who were late getting to the fire.

I was inches from them and never saw them.

Thank You All.

Steve Bergere,  
acodeman1@juno.com



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### Cross Over to the Dark Side

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## Classified Ads / Lost & Found

I need four Y-30 clips to attach a Yakima rack to a gutterless, aero-style roof on a 4-door 1992 Honda Accord LX. If you have some, please call Emily at (585) 346-5597 or email her at epleger@hotmail.com.

**Perception Ultra Clean**, green/blue fade, \$350. Contact Phil at PMenard@entrecs.com or 281-4903.

**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.

**Perception AMP** for sale. It's well outfitted and in excellent condition. This boat is good for river running, surfing, spinning and cartwheeling. \$525. Contact Pam at (518)766-0621 or Wwsurfergirl@aol.com

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

**Riot Slice** (red) \$300. **Riot Kix** creek boat \$300. **Pyranha Micro 240** \$400. Lets make a deal. Jim Albano. (585)202-3899

**Riot Trickster** (color blast) for sale. This boat is new (\$1089.99) and has never seen the water. Nice 3d seat. I will throw in a Harmony skirt (\$129) and a black Riot Helmet and Paddle. Pick up in Rochester NY. All for \$650. email paddldude@hotmail.com

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**Pyranha Prozone 235** for sale, used less than one season. Great colors, back band adjusted at thigh braces! \$400 (not the cartwheeling fool I thought I was) Trade for EZ or ACE? Doug Caine at (585) 544-9725.

**Dagger Outburst**, blue with red and yellow swirls - \$475. Small **Perception Spray Skirt**, LC-1 EZ, like new - \$65. Medium farmer john **wet suit** - \$75. Contact Karen at wave@rochester.rr.com or call (585) 461-1513\*1

17" Wood and canvas Chestnut Cruiser, by Don Frasier who purchased the original Chestnut molds. Perfect, like new condition. Call Jerry at 387-9271.

Looking for a used canoe (aluminum or fiberglass), lifejackets, and paddles. Cosmetics don't matter, just needs to float. I'd like to spend less than \$300, if possible! Evan M. Lowenstein, Rochester Area Community Foundation 271-4271 x4311 elowenstein@racf.org

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