



NCSP NEWS

Volunteering for the National Park Service, providing a shore and boat based safety presence and assisting the users of the Delaware River for over 26 years



JULY 2005

From the Commodore

I hope everyone is enjoying his or her summer. This season has brought us many changes including the loss of Ed Jedele as our secretary, paddling companion and friend that has been difficult for all of us. I would also like to welcome Joel Duffy and thank him for picking up where Ed left off. Our new by-laws were approved at our spring dinner and have taken effect; they are posted on the members section of our website.

Despite last minute location changes, rain and hail, our spring training went off very well. I received a lot of feedback that many of you enjoyed the change of location and would like to use skimmers falls as a training location for some future training weekends. I would like to thank Eric Orr and Rick Landers for accommodating us at such short notice. If you see them be sure to thank them. We have some great new members this year who have really stepped up, in particular Troy, Dee Jay and Mike – great job guys! The patrol weekends have been well attended so far this season, but we still need our veteran members to step up and fulfill their patrol days. Look forward to seeing you all on the river.

Bill Walters

From the Vice-Commodore

Great training weekend! By way of repetition, I want to extend my appreciation to the Training Directors and Instructors for designing and implementing an excellent program in spite of challenging weather! We should feel very good about our collective talent and unselfish contribution to the public at large on the Upper Delaware!

The following quote by *Douglas M. Lawson* best describes what our service as volunteers for the National Park Service and the NCSP is all about! "*Happiness and self-acceptance are difficult to achieve-and even more difficult to sustain. Life is full of disappointments, frustrations, and difficulties with work, family and financial stresses. People become isolated and don't share life's joys easily with one another. As people get older, enthusiasm and satisfaction with life often diminish.*

But there is one kind of experience that delivers emotional and intellectual satisfaction time after time, day after day: helping other people. Volunteer efforts, charitable acts, generosity of spirit, and gestures of compassion all enrich and sustain our lives. Volunteering our resources without thought of gain showers benefits on us we may have never expected. The 'helper's high', as some have called it, can endure long after we are finished and can be recalled over and over again in memory."

Ken Bailey

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From The Secretary

I have been working to organize the NCSP database and files. Please contact me if you are not receiving newsletters, have had a change of e-mail/home address or if you have a newsletter article. We are always on the lookout for articles: river stories, exceptional rescues, etc. Newsletter Deadlines are March 1st, June 15th, and Sept 1st. I am also the keeper of all NCSP Waivers, so if you have not completed a waiver for this season, you MUST do so prior to patrolling.

Joel Duffy

Thanks Box

Special thanks go to Rick Landers and Eric Orr from Landers for their quick response to our desperate training situation. This years Training weekend might not have taken place without their generosity. Please thank them personally if you see them on the river.

NCSP Website

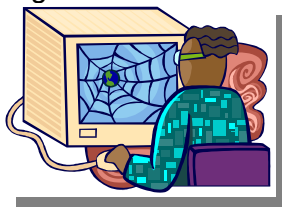
The **NCSPUDC Inc.** website is now up and running and can be reached at: Riversafetypatrol.com, or .net, or .org.

Also at: Nationalcanoesafetypatrol.com or .net, or .org.

The newsletter will also be appearing in the members section of the website. The member section is running and can be accessed by entering the user name and password. If you need this information, contact any board member

However, latest **NCSP** news and other areas are available to anyone.

Again, thanks to Troy and Dee Jay for the enormous amount of time, energy and money donated to the organization.



Sign Up Calendar Now On Website

Our patrol sign-up calendar is now up and running in the member section of www.riversafetypatrol.com. Click on the number on the calendar and sign up when you plan on going on patrol. This also allows you to see who else is on for that weekend. If you have any problems or questions, please contact ncspcommodore@rivergod.com.

Training Information

Well, just in case you actually found Training Weekend to be a bit chilly, here's your chance! The Wilmington Trail Club is inviting all current NCSP members to join them for a training opportunity at the Lambertville, NJ Wing Dam on Saturday, August 6th. There is no camping available in the area, and all training will be completed in one day.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to practice and refine your rescue skills in an ideal spot. Our very own Hal Hughes and Dick Rhodes will run the training. Don't forget the opportunity to play 'victim' without having your breath knocked out of you by 53-degree water. All NCSP members interested must contact Dick Rhodes to reserve a spot ahead of time. Dick will provide directions when you contact him at 302-234-0640 or canoerr@aol.com.

2005 Officers

Commodore-**Bill Walters**
Vice Commodore-**Ken Bailey**
Secretary-**Joel Duffy**
Treasurer-**Greg Temple**

Other board members

Hal Hughes-Training
Megan Duffy-Asst. training

Paddling and Technology

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These days it seems that no two interests could be further apart than the Internet and being on a river in a boat. However when it comes to the National Canoe Safety Patrol, web technology is just as important as the right equipment for the river you may be paddling.

As our membership spreads across the East Coast, communication, coordination and information delivered in a timely, easy to access format, is crucial to fulfilling our mission.

Our NCSP website is an important tool for providing communication among our members. Using our website you can sign-up for patrols, review NCSP procedures, find equipment recommendations, keep up on what other members may be doing and in the very near future you will be able to read the "Rescue Report" written by NCSP members.

The 'Rescue Report' will contain information written and submitted by members who patrolled on a specific date. It will list the date of the patrol, rescue(s) performed, unusual conditions and any other information related to the patrol. It may help members scheduled on a future patrol look for potential hazards or identify situations that other members may have encountered in the past. The 'Rescue Report' will be located in the member's section and we hope to have it implemented prior to the July 4th weekend.

Suggestions for other new features, information and ideas are always welcome.

Goodbye To Bill Sinclair

In July, charter member Bill Sinclair and his wife Rae will move to South Carolina. Bill has been an active and skilled member of NCSP over the last 26 years. Bill and I became partners at the first training session at Skudders Falls and paddled tandem for many years. Many new members, as well as water logged canoeists, were ably assisted by Bill in his caring way.

We wish Bill and Rae all the best in their move.

Mr. Bill, you will be missed, so remember we look forward to paddling with you whenever you are in the area.

Joel Duffy

NCSP Membership List

There have been requests from several members for a list of NCSP members to include name, address, e-mail address and phone number so that they can be contacted.

A complete list will be included in the next newsletter unless a request to remove specific information is received by August 31, 2005.

A reply will be sent confirming your request that specific information not be published.

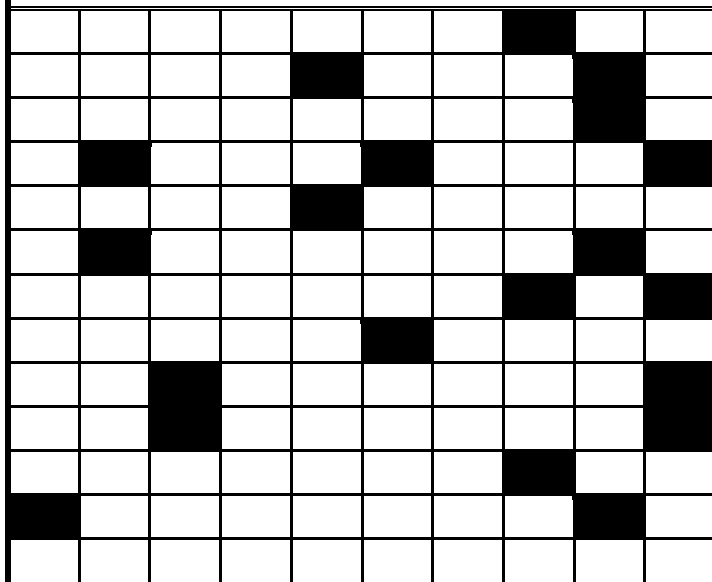
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Art's Puzzle Corner

DROPDOWN

Simply transfer the letters to one of the boxes directly below it to reveal the hidden message. Each letter is only used once.

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ANSWER: Sitting around the campfires at the NPS site almost always provides a never ending supply of either useless or useful information

We Need You

Have you ever considered a leadership position in the NCSP UDC? Have you never been asked?? Consider yourself asked! If interested, please contact any board member no later than August 15th to allow the nominating committee to complete their work by the September 1st Newsletter Deadline.

Bill Walters

Contributions

Contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. It may be a favorite 'war story', a technique that you found that works, suggestions on techniques that we train on (nothing too radical please) or something on the wildlife you have seen on the river. E-mail artkayaker@yahoo.com.

Art Paolini

Ed Jedele – In Memorium

In the last newsletter we bid Ed a fond Farewell when he moved to Florida. Unfortunately, Ed passed away at his mother's home on April 29, 2005.

He was born on June 16, 1956 to Robert and Shirley Jedele, who now reside in Florida. He is also survived by brothers Ray and Tim, sisters Bonny and Tammy, niece Nichole and nephews Jared, Jeremy, Jaykob, Billy and Noah.

In college he excelled in chess, hockey and table tennis. He served in the Air Force where he worked on the Titan missile program. He was also a SCUBA diver and a black belt in karate.

He started paddling on the Delaware Sojourn ten years ago in a Discovery 169, solo, in strong headwinds. Deciding that wasn't the way to go, he bought an Acadia. His first day patrolling for the National Canoe Safety Patrol was a cold, rainy Mothers Day two years later with the river running over nine feet. A very strong eddy line below the center piling of the Shohola Bridge flipped him and he swam almost a mile to the bend above Camp Tel Yehudah. It was an experience that certainly gave him some feeling for the many people he supplied with Delaware River Survival Suites (garbage bags) to prevent or treat hypothermia.

After trying a couple of white water kayaks, he found an ARC. It served him well while volunteering for the National Canoe Safety Patrol and the National Park Service. His name is inscribed on a plaque commemorating over 1000 hours of service in the main office of the Upper Delaware Park Service. He was involved in countless situations with livery customers and private boaters and rafters (many of them life threatening).

He guided river trips and assisted with learn to kayak days for Kitattinny Canoes and had a great love for nature, conservation and animals with a special interest in raptors. He was a passionate Yankee fan, an avid reader and loved NASCAR - his favorite driver was Rusty Wallace.

According to Mike Reuber, he had volunteered 1,252 hours, which is the highest total for the organization since records have been kept.

The campfires at Kitattinny Barryville Campgrounds, site 511, will not be the same without Ed's stories, fire building skills and companionship. He will be missed by many and remembered for a long time with affection for his rescue and people skills.



Ed (center) presenting a Lifetime Achievement Award to Art Paolini. Mike Wilk at right.

National Canoe Safety Patrol Membership Application 2005

Upper Delaware River Chapter

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What is the National Canoe Safety Patrol?

The NCSP was founded more than 25 years ago for the purpose of encouraging and promoting boating safety, including but not limited to the following:

To assist river management agencies, race organizers and other safety and rescue organizations by offering river rescue training orientation to their personnel.

To provide a shore and boat based safety presence in cooperation with river management agencies, race organizers and other safety and rescue organizations.

To provide rescue and recovery assistance upon request of, and in cooperation with, river management agencies and other safety and rescue organizations.

Where does this take place?

Mostly on the Upper Delaware River between Narrowsburg and Port Jervis, although the NCSP is chartered to serve wherever invited by race or event organizers or river management agencies.

How do I get this 'training'?

Formal training is the last weekend of the month every April, on the Upper Delaware, with on the job training ongoing during the paddling season.

How much does it cost?

Training is free to active members with nominal dues of \$15 per year single membership, \$30 family.

What is my obligation after joining?

A minimum of 4 days of service, on weekends between May 1st and July 4th.

Do I need a certain kind of boat?

Most members paddle whitewater canoes or kayaks, though a wide range of crafts are used and all are welcome.

Can I join at any time during the year?

Yes, but it is essential to attend the formal training weekend at the earliest opportunity.

What do I learn at the formal training weekend?

Many and varied topics including in-water mobility, boat and shore rescue, throw bag techniques, boat unpinning, foot entrapment rescues and more.

Do I have to be an 'expert' paddler to join?

While some paddling experience is desired, some members are instructors and will be happy to assist in improving paddling skills.

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Training weekend in-water foot entrapment