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NATIONAL PADDLESPORTS CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2013

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- ◆ New Forms for Instructor Trainers and Educators
- ◆ ACA Job Openings
- ◆ Online Waivers now available!

Registration opens at the end of July. Space is limited, so please visit www.americancanoe.org/NPC to view a schedule of events, educational sessions, partners, exhibits, and local travel and lodging options.



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SEI RESOURCES

Tom Lindblade's
River in a Box

Tom's invention, River
in a Box, is used to
teach basic river
hydrology



Check out the video on
the ACA [youtube](#)
channel.



Tom is a long time ACA
Canoe Instructor from
Rockford, IL.

Kokatat Instructor of the Month

July—Nancy Uschold

Nancy has always loved the water. She first visited the shores of Lake Superior working at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, MI in 1988. On a day off, she hiked along Pictured Rocks and saw sea kayaks playing in the water below the cliffs. She knew immediately that was where she wanted to be! In 1993, when she settled in Marquette, MI, the first thing she did was buy a sea kayak. Coincidentally, that was the same year that her camp director met Janet Zeller, then president of the ACA and one of the founders of the Adaptive Paddling Workshop and author of Canoeing and Kayaking for Persons with Disabilities. Her background as a physical therapist and her new found passion for kayaking started merging immediately. Nancy's favorite places to paddle are just about anywhere on the Canadian North Shore of Lake Superior. Nancy started her ACA certification process with adaptive paddling and coastal kayaking certifications: she found that teaching made her a better paddler, and being a better paddler made her a better instructor.

Learn more about past winners [here](#).

Awards Nominations

Each year, as part of the banquet at the ACA National Paddlesports Conference, a series of prestigious national awards are presented to individuals and organizations who have illustrated exemplary leadership, service, and dedication to various aspects of paddlesport.

- Legends of Paddling
- Excellence in Instruction
- Sanctioned Event of the Year
- Green Paddle for Waterway Conservation
- Joe Pina Volunteer of the Year
- Stroke of Achievement
- J. Henry Rushton
- President's Award

2013 Award Nominations are being accepted until July 22, 2013 ([online](#))

Award Recipients will be announced at the ACA Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony at the upcoming [National Paddlesports Conference](#)

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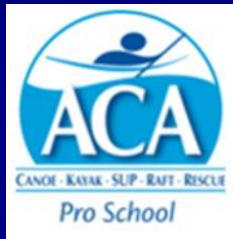


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PRO SCHOOLS



ACA Pro Schools are some of the best organizations across the country to find top quality ACA certified instruction.

[Cutter Aquatics](#)

[CKAPCO](#)

[CCPRC](#)

[Geneva Kayak Center](#)

[NaturPur](#)

[Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures](#)

[Cascade Canoe & Kayak](#)

[Raff Taff](#)

[REI Outdoor Schools](#)

[The River Connection](#)

[University of Minnesota—
Duluth](#)

[Wet Planet Whitewater](#)

[www.americancanoe.org/
proschools](http://www.americancanoe.org/proschools)

ACA Swiftwater Rescue Conference

Registration has commenced, and less than half of the spots for the Swiftwater Rescue Conference remain! Sign up today on the [ACA website](#).

Save the Date
SWIFTWATER RESCUE CONFERENCE
Date: October 25-27, 2013
Location: Dillsboro, NC
Venue: Tuckaseegee River
More Information Visit:
www.americancanoe.org/SWR_Conference

Conference Partners:

The image contains logos for ACA (American Canoe Association), Duke Energy, Whitewater Rescue, medwest (Cleveland HealthCare System), Landmark Learning, and Dillsboro River Company.

Photo Courtesy of ACA Partner—Landmark Learning

Highlights

- Challenging on-water sessions for paddlers of all experience levels
- Learn from a list of who's who in swiftwater rescue
- Educational sessions for fire and rescue personnel
- High quality land and water educational sessions
- ACA Safety & Rescue Instructor Updates
- All conveniently located in Dillsboro, NC
- and much more...see it all at www.americancanoe.org/SWR_Conference



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EXCURSIONS

2013

That's right, if you're an ACA member, you can join the ACA and high quality outfitters on an incredible paddling excursion in 2013. In cooperation with the host organizations, you will be able to have a unique backcountry paddling experience in one of the following amazing locations.

- Resurrection Bay, Alaska
- Costa Rica

For complete information on the 2013 Members Only Excursions visit www.americancanoe.org/excursions



Upcoming International Events

This section of the Journal of Paddlesport Education will bring to you outreach events that include conferences, festivals, symposiums and more. Check out these great events that may be in your area and consider attending. For more events check out the [ACA Paddlesports Event Calendar!](#)

European National Paddlesports Conference

- Dates: October 4-6, 2013
- Location: Wädenswil (close to Zurich) Switzerland
- Host: [Patrick Frehner](#) & ACA [Kanuschule Schweiz](#)
- Schedule: Now available at www.aca-europe.org
- Pre Conference - [PaddleExpo](#) & [International Whitewater Hall of Fame Ceremony](#)
- Post Conference - Level 3: Whitewater SUP IDW/ICE, Level 4: Whitewater Kayaking IDW/ICE & Update, Level 4: Whitewater Canoe IDW/ICE & Update
- Europe Division [webpage](#)



South American Paddlesports Conference

- Dates: October 18-20, 2013
- Location: Viña del Mar, Chile
- Hosts: [Rockside Expediciones](#), [Universal Kayak](#) & [Kayak Australis](#)
- Contacts: [Chris Stec](#) & [Sergio Acevedo](#)
- Schedule: TBD
- Post Conference- Level 2: Essentials of SUP IDW/ICE and Level 3: Coastal Kayaking IDW/ICE



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SOMETHING NEW IN THE ACA eSTORE!

Looking for a unique paddling gift for a friend or loved one? Check out our 'Custom Artwork' section of the eStore to find the perfect addition to a paddler's collection!



Have specific questions about our merchandise?

Please contact our [membership and merchandise department!](#)



Sea Kayak Georgia—ACA Paddlesports Week

Please join us for the FIRST annual Sea Kayak Georgia ACA Paddlesport Week, held September 11-15, on Tybee Island, Georgia. We invite you to come enjoy the Atlantic ocean and estuary venue that we treasure. We are pleased to offer American Canoe Association courses and specialized skills training courses. You may choose to follow skills development courses from flatwater to rough water and surf, or you may take instructor development workshops and/or exams. ACA Instructor Update courses will also be offered. Sea Kayak, Surf Kayak, Canoe and SUP disciplines will all be offered. Our focus is to deliver world class training, assessment and paddlesport opportunity for all students attending.

For more information, please visit our [website](#).



Two Harbors Kayak Festival

August 2-4, 2013

Duluth, MN

The Two Harbors Kayak Festival is a great opportunity to get the whole family involved in paddling on the world's largest body of fresh water—Lake Superior! There will be four separate kayak and SUP races, local exhibitors, kayak and SUP demos, beginner level instruction and tours, live music, food, fun, and more! The festival has opportunities for everyone, from those who have never set foot in a kayak (or on a SUP) to seasoned paddlers.

Find registration information on the [Two Harbors Kayak Festival website](#).



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Attention Instructor Trainers and Educators!

Do you want to prepare your Instructor Candidates before their certification course? Would you like to save some time in your own pre-course prep work?

The latest resource from the [ACA eStore](#) – Instructor Candidate Packets

Each Instructor Candidate Packet contains:

- ACA imprinted folder
- ACA National Paddlesports Instruction Program Overview
- Instructor FAQ sheet
- Adult Waiver
- Course Evaluation Form
- Who can Teach What? Document
- Essential Eligibility Criteria (EEC)
- Skills Course Registration & Report Forms
- Assessment Course Registration & Report Forms
- Benefits of ACA Membership flyer
- ACA stickers
- Multiple brochures

Alzar School's Camp Cup Challenge

July 15-16, 2013

Nantahala Outdoor Center, Bryson City, NC

The ACA and the Nantahala Outdoor Center (NOC) are proud to support the Camp Cup Challenge, a whitewater paddling event which brings campers together on the Nantahala for two days of canoeing, kayaking, group activities, and community building. The event is an opportunity for young paddlers to meet and develop friendships with like-minded youths, and gives kids a venue in which to build a community of active, engaged, and enthusiastic peers. Event highlights include a beginner-friendly slalom race on the Nantahala Bridge Gates as well as a downriver race through Nantahala Falls. Over 120 young paddlers participated in the 2012 Camp Cup Challenge.

For more information, please visit the [ACA website](#).



WNC River Rescue Rodeo

September 29, 2013

10 Teams of 5 members with either canoes or decked boats compete in river rescue events for over \$1000 worth of prizes on the Tuckaseegee River in Dillsboro, NC. Teams compete in all events for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as overall prizes. This event is coordinated by [Landmark Learning](#), located in Cullowhee, NC.

Event to be held at Dillsboro River Company at the put-in to the Tuckaseegee Gorge – Dillsboro, NC. For more information, please visit the [ACA Event Calendar](#).



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SEI RESOURCES

Attention

Instructor Trainers and Educators!

The SEI Department would like to announce our revised Certification Workshop Evaluation forms, Instructor Candidate Evaluation forms, and Instructor Candidate Continuation forms. A critical part of your certification course reports, please find these new forms in the [Instructor Trainer resources](#) page on our website.



SEI Department Update Online Waivers now available!

As a service to our members, Paddle America Clubs and event organizers, the ACA now has an online waiver system.

Hard copy waivers are still available to print from the [ACA website](#).

If you would like for your event to use online waivers, please contact the ACA's [Insurance Coordinator](#) for details.



Online waivers are only one facet of our insurance program—check out our [website](#) for more information, and to see how ACA insurance can benefit your club, program, or individual paddling needs.

Work on behalf of Paddlesports!

The ACA is looking for enthusiastic, hard working, personable individuals to join the team at the National Office (*you must like to paddle canoes, kayaks, SUPs and rafts as part of your job!*).

We are looking for:

- Competition Coordinator
- Paddlesports Training Grant Coordinator



Application deadline is [Friday, July 26th](#)

Apply online at:

www.americancanoe.org/employment



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To learn more about the VIP Program visit: www.americancanoe.org/VIP



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