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Welcome to the
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NATIONAL PADDLESPTS CONFERENCE

BEND, OR

That's right the ACA National Paddlesports Conference will be held in Bend, OR for 2013. Join us September 27-29 for education, stewardship, recreation and competition. For more information as it is available please visit www.americancanoe.org/NPC



2012 NPC—Courtesy of Bryan Mangum



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National Paddlesports Conference & SUP Summit Call for Presenters

The ACA is now accepting presentation proposals for the 2013 ACA National Paddlesports Conference and SUP Summit in Bend, OR. The conference will take place September 27th—29th, 2013. We are seeking proposals from individuals, paddling clubs and organizations to present high quality educational sessions on a range of paddlesports topics in canoe, kayak, SUP, rafting, rescue and adaptive paddling.

Session types include:

- Conference Educational Sessions (classroom)
- On-water Skills Courses
- Instructor Certification Courses
- Instructor Updates
- Instructor Trainer Updates
- Pre- and Post- Conference Courses



For more information or submit a proposal visit www.americancanoe.org/call_for_presenters. The proposal deadline is February 15, 2013.



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PRO SCHOOL

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Cutter Aquatics is a premiere educational resource for kayakers and canoeists and has been delivering water safety education programs in Texas since 1996. Cutter Aquatics teaches high-level technical paddling skills in an encouraging atmosphere and helps candidates for ACA Instructor and Instructor Trainer certifications discover and enrich their program organizational skills and personal coaching strengths. Cutter Aquatics has a legacy of quality, safety and fun in paddling instruction and our trademark guided trips – adventure vacations close to home and around the world. With our resolute dependability and devoted customer service we have been the premier provider of kayaking and canoeing instruction in Texas. Learn more about Cutter Aquatics at www.cutteraquatics.com or www.americancanoe.org/proschools

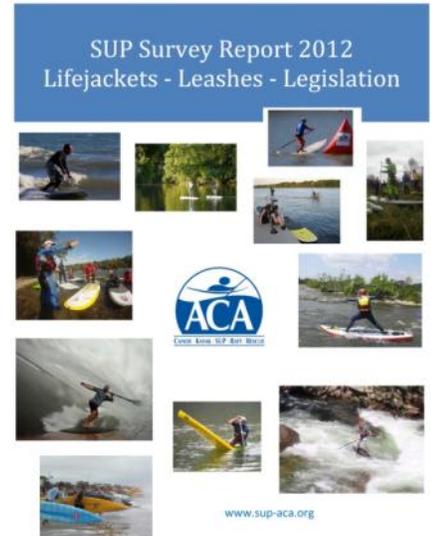


SEI Department Update SUP Survey Report

As part of the ACA's role in the paddlesport and board-sport communities, the ACA conducted a SUP survey in the fall of 2012. The survey focused on the following as it pertains to SUP:

- Lifejackets
- Leashes
- Legislation

Anyone was eligible to participate in this survey and over 550 people participated. The results of this survey can be found at www.americancanoe.org/sup-survey



Kokatat Instructor of the Month

Jose Gonzalez—February

The SEI Department was able to catch up with Jose recently and here is what we learned about this ACA Instructor Trainer.

How long have you been in paddlesports? For over 25 years.

What is your favorite paddlesport? Currently, stand up paddleboarding but I also enjoy sea kayaking.

How did you get into paddling? I was introduced to canoeing in a Boy Scout summer camp when I was 13. Following this I became a trip leader for various camps in Puerto Rico and New Hampshire to share what I had learned and enjoyed so much.



What is your favorite board and paddle?

What makes them your favorite? My favorite board for cruising and long distance is the Amundsun 12'6" TR. This board offers a good combination of tracking and stability, plus I

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SEI RESOURCES

LEVEL 3: WHITewater SUP INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The ACA National Office is excited to host a Level 3: Whitewater SUP Instructor Certification Course. This course will start on flat-water locally in Frederickburg and move on to local whitewater. If you are looking to up your SUP instructor abilities to the next level this is the course for you.

Course Dates: April 7-11,

Times: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Cost: \$385

For more info or to register click [here](#).



can put my gear on the deck when I am teaching SUP classes. My favorite paddle for SUP surfing is the Werner Spanker because of the wide blade and it's light weight. I can catch waves very easy with fewer strokes!



Tell me about one of your favorite places to paddle? One of my favorite places to paddle is near an island off the east coast of Puerto Rico called Culbera. Long stretches of Caribbean clear water and seas turtles popping up to say hello. The south coast of Puerto Rico, dotted with mangrove keys, deserted islands, and flat clear water is another favorite of my favorite

places to paddle and explore. Since I live in California now, my favorite place to paddle is Cardiff beach for surfing and Cardiff beach to Moonlight beach for long distance paddling and training.

What drew you to become and ACA instructor? I have chosen a career in outdoor education and ACA is the leading organization when it comes to paddlesports. As a professional, knowing that I am part of an organization that has devoted many hours to creating rigorous curriculum and national standards, allows me to spend more time implementing and sharing my passion for paddlesports with others.

What do you consider your hometown paddle? Besides the 5 mile paddle from Cardiff beach to Moonlight beach, the 2 mile loop at Aqua Hedionda lagoon is another of my favorites



What is one place you still aspire to paddle? I recently started racing SUP in California. My goal would be to qualify for the 32 miles across the 2,300 feet deep channel, Molokai to Oahu race in the next few years. If that means a few training trips to Hawaii, I surely wouldn't mind!

Click [here](#) to see past winners of the Kokatat-ACA Instructor of the Month.



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LEVEL 2: ESSENTIALS OF SUP & KAYAK INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP

The ACA and the International Boating & Water Safety Summit are hosting a Level 2: Essentials of Kayak Touring Instructor Certification Workshop and a Level 2: Essentials of SUP Instructor Certification Workshop March 21—23, 2013 in conjunction with the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in San Antonio, TX

Course Dates: March 21-23,

Times: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Cost: \$350

For more info or to register

www.americancanoe.org/ibwss/2013/sup

or

www.americancanoe.org/ibwss/2013/kayak

ACA Pro Schools

ACA Pro Schools are some of the best organizations from across the country to find top quality ACA certified instruction. Each of these organizations and businesses offer discounts on certain instructional programs to ACA members. To learn more about the ACA Pro Schools please visit www.americancanoe.org/proschools.

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ADAPTIVE PADDLING WORKSHOP

The ACA Adaptive Paddling Workshops are designed to provide instructors, outfitters, recreation program providers, and rehabilitation professionals with the information they need to integrate paddlers with disabilities into their programs. The ACA and the [Team River Runner Virginia Beach Chapter](#) have partnered to bring an Adaptive Paddling Workshop to Virginia Beach. This course will be offered at a great discount thanks to grant funding. Grant funding for this program is awarded by U.S. Paralympics, a division of the U.S. Olympic Committee, through funding provided by Veterans Affairs. The grants are provided to facilitate the growth of Paralympic-sport programming for disabled veterans and disabled members of the armed forces.

For more info or to register click [here](#).

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First Aid & CPR Requirement

As the ACA prepares for another busy paddling season we want to remind all certified instructors about the First Aid and CPR requirement for ACA instructor certification. When requesting insurance for any and all courses please remember to submit proof of current First Aid and CPR certification with the request. Please make sure that the First Aid and CPR certification is from a class that is in accordance with the current [Safety, Education and Instruction Policy Manual](#). For more information visit the [First Aid and CPR page](#) of the ACA website.

Rescue for River Runners

The ACA and ACA Swiftwater Rescue Instructor, Jim Coffey bring you the [Rescue for River Runners Episode 8](#). This episode covers some of the basics of mechanical advantage. Visit and subscribe to the [ACA YouTube Channel](#) to be notified of each new episode as they are released. You can also visit the Rescue for River Runners page on the ACA website at www.americancanoe.org/R3. Recently the Rescue for River Runners video series was nominated for a [Higgins and Langley Memorial Award](#) in Swiftwater Rescue.



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PRO DEALS

The ACA now has over 6,300 certified instructors and each one has their own reasons for becoming an instructor. One of the great benefits that ACA certified instructors receive are discounts on a range of products from a diverse group of paddlesports businesses. Many of these discounts are pro purchase pricing for eligible ACA instructors. One of the most popular pro deals is Promotive. The ACA Promotive team has access to 250 top name brands. If you want to learn more about how you, as an ACA certified instructor, can take advantage of this great benefit contact the SEI department at sei@americancanoe.org.

[Instructor Pro Deals Promotive](#)



ACA Members Only Excursions Western North Carolina SUP

Bryson City, NC – Stand Up Paddleboarding

Dates: July 8-13, 2013

Cost: \$850

Hosts: ACA Instructor Trainer Educator [Chris Stec](#) and [Black Dog Paddle](#)



ACA staff, Chris Stec and Trey Knight will be joined by Black Dog Paddle owner Bryan Smith to lead this one of a kind stand up paddleboarding adventure. Join us as we explore the beautiful Lake Fontana and paddle classic southeast whitewater. You will learn from some of the best in the business when it comes to SUP and paddlesports education. Great fun, great food and new friends await!

On Day 1 we'll conduct a stroke and skills clinic to make sure everyone is on the same page. That evening, we'll pack our gear in drybags as we'll stand up paddleboard camp on Day 2 and 3 at the beautiful Lake Fontana. Day 4 and 5 will be spent learning the art of whitewater SUP on the Tuckaseegee River and other rivers. SUP equipment can be provided for an additional fee or you can bring your own. Pick up and drop off for flights will be at the Asheville Regional Airport. More information about cost, equipment provided or to register can be found at www.americancanoe.org/WNC_SUP



For complete information about all of the 2013 ACA Members Only Backcountry Paddling Excursions to Honduras, western North Carolina, Greece, Alaska, Costa Rica, and the Rio Grande River, please visit:

www.americancanoe.org/excursions



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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.

- Island of Rotan, Honduras
- Western North Carolina
- Island of Poros, Greece
- Resurrection Bay, AK
- Costa Rica
- Rio Grande River

For complete information on the 2013 Members Only Excursions visit

www.americancanoe.org/excursions



Upcoming Outreach 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!](#)

American Camp Association National Conference—Dallas, TX

The American Camp Association National Conference features more than 150 sessions on topics like: staff training and leadership; innovative programs and activities; youth development and behavior. The ACA is both an exhibitor and presenter at the 2013 National Conference; so drop by the ACA booth or attend out Nightcap session on Tuesday evening. This conference is an important partnership as the ACA continues to expand its outreach and continues to help educate and inform other organizations, their members and industries on best practices for recreational paddling safety.



International Boating & Water Safety Summit—San Antonio, TX

The International Boating & Water Safety Summit is the premier event for training, awareness, meeting and networking for anyone involved in boating and water safety. General sessions cover a broad spectrum of national and international concerns with a focus on The Strategic Plan of the National Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Program and implementation opportunities. Breakout sessions allow the individual to attend classes geared toward their profession including Education, Risk Management, Law Enforcement, Communication and Outreach. Make sure to see the ACA staff presentations or stop by the booth in the exhibit hall.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Important Dates to add to your Calendar!

March 15: SEIC Meeting
(Fredericksburg, VA)

March 30-31: [Collegiate Race Series National Championship](#)
(Dillsboro, NC)

September 27-29
[National Paddlesports Conference](#) (Bend, OR)

Canoecopia—Madison, Wi

Canoecopia is one of the largest paddlesport expositions in the world. At this annual event attendees will find education & inspiration; exposure to guides, outfitters & schools; charitable giving; and access to great gear at great prices. Be sure to stop by the ACA presentations and booth in the exhibit hall to learn more about how the ACA can help you enhance your paddlesports experience.



East Coast Paddlesport & Outdoor Festival—Charleston, SC

Join fellow paddlers at James Island County Park to immerse yourself in a full weekend of the history, technique, hands-on experience, and fun of paddlesports and outdoor adventure! The East Coast Paddlesports & Outdoor Festival includes lectures, on-water classes, and demonstrations directed to the novice and the experienced paddler. The heart of the festival is four classrooms that run simultaneously throughout the three-day event. Refine your skills in a master class presented by many of the leading experts in the paddling



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world. East Coast Paddlesports & Outdoor Festival remains one of the premier paddlesports events on the Atlantic Coast, but will also be expanding to feature other recreation-related activities like mountain biking, archery, skateboarding, climbing, and disc golf. The [Gibbon Slackline Team](#) will also be on-hand with awe-inspiring slack line demos. For more information visit www.ccprc.com.





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