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Welcome to the
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PUBLIC POLICY

SUP SURVEY

As part of the ACA's role in the paddle and boardsport communities, we are routinely asked specific questions about Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP). These questions range from venue selection for instruction, to curriculum development, to best practices, to the intricacies of public policy from regulatory agencies and U.S. Senators as it relates to lifejacket and leash wear.

[SUP Survey](#)

We thank you in advance for your time and opinions .



ACA SUP Instructor at the Mickey Munoz Mongoose Cup in Dana Point, CA



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The Progressive Vector Pull (a.k.a. "Swigging")

By Walter Felton

How many times have you been in a situation with a pinned boat and no one could remember how to set up a Z-Drag mechanical advantage system or you did not have all the right equipment? Here is a possible, easy solution to that problem.

"Swigging" is a nautical term referring to a process used to take the slack out of a haul yard, anchor or dock line. As it applies to dock lines the process simply involves attaching two lines to the boat, then wrapping those lines around a stationary point. Force is applied to the center of line (1) making a V (Vector) in the line, thus shortening the line and drawing the boat closer to the dock. This action causes line (2) to become slack. Before the vector force is released on line (1), the slack was removed from line (2), thus capturing the progress achieved from pulling on line (1).

Let's apply these techniques to swiftwater rescue and our understanding of vector forces as they apply to the rope systems used in rescue situations. In most discussions about mechanical advantage systems



there will be a demonstration of a vector pull on the center of a haul line if just a little more force is needed. For the first few inches, up to about 150 degrees (180 degrees represents the straight, tight line), the force applied to the center of the line is at least doubled at the anchor points or the ends of the line.

The progressive vector is the swiftwater rescue version of swigging that allows the rescuer to capture the progress achieved by a vector pull on one line simply by taking up the slack in a second line. This method can be used to unpin a boat or right a flipped raft using just two throw ropes. Here is how it works: Attach two



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PADDLE AMERICA CLUBS

The ACA would like to remind all Paddle America Clubs and their members of the ACA waiver policy stated on your PAC contract. All adult and minor members will need to sign and return a **2013 waiver** in order to be in compliance with the insurance. The 2013 waivers have been issued to each PAC. Going forward, **only current versions of the waivers will be accepted by the ACA**. If a club or member submits an old version of the waiver, the waiver will be returned to the club and asked to submit a current waiver.

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lines to the craft in need of help. Set both lines around a tree with a tensionless wrap. The number of wraps necessary will be determined by the diameter of the tree and the type of bark on the tree. Pull both lines as tight as possible and hold tension around the tree (tip: this works best with low stretch or static ropes). Apply force to the center of one of the lines and take up the slack that is created in the other line. You have just captured the progress generated by the vector pull by tightening the second line. Release the vector force on the first line and it will become slack because the second line is holding the load. Repeat the process. Each time, a little progress is made toward unpinning the boat.

Some of the advantages of this system include: low tech, fast, low manpower necessary, limited gear, removal of the weak point in many mechanical advantage systems (prusik connection), no loss of force to friction, limited knots necessary (boat connection point only) which are weak points.

This technique does apply tremendous force

to the ropes that you are using so you should use the same safety precautions that are used when employing any mechanical advantage system like dampers on the lines, staying out of the line of pull, wearing all of your protective gear (helmet and PFD) and turning your back to the line of pull.

This is a simple low-tech method for unpinning a boat. It requires a limited amount of equipment and is fast to set up. The system can be modified by using a Munter hitch or Prusik hitch and anchor system for progress capture if a tree is not available for the tensionless wrap. If you use one of these alternate systems it will be necessary to use separate anchor webbing for each of the two lines. If you attempt to use one piece of webbing for both lines when you apply the vector force to the first line it will pull the webbing in the direction of the force thus taking up some of the slack that would have been generated in the second line.

The most important tool for swift water rescue is your knowledge and creativity. This is just another tool in your arsenal for boat recovery.

Walter Felton is an ACA L5 Safety and Rescue ITE, L4 River Canoe IT and L5 River Canoe Instructor.

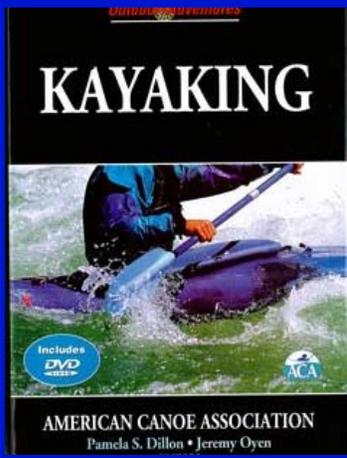




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KAYAKING BOOK

In an effort to provide a resource to all outdoor enthusiasts, Kayaking has been developed by the ACA for all current and future paddlers, including recreational paddlers who want to be safe on local ponds or streams, and adventure seekers looking to move on to whitewater or coastal waters. The book also serves as a text for introductory kayaking courses taught at the university level. It is now available for the iPad [here](#) and the print version on in the ACA [eStore](#).



SEI Department Update

REI Outdoor School—New ACA Pro School

Are you looking to gain a new perspective of the outdoors from the deck of a kayak? Or, are you interested in learning about the great total body workout you get on a Stand Up Paddleboard? Then check out the REI Outdoor School, now an ACA Pro School. REI's professional instructors are ACA trained and will teach you how to paddle, self-rescue, and navigate a variety of water bodies.

REI Outdoor School paddling courses are available in 13 cities across the United States, including:

- Atlanta, GA
- Boston, MA
- Chicago, IL
- Denver, CO
- Los Angeles, CA
- Washington D.C./Virginia/Maryland
- Minneapolis/St Paul, MN
- New York - Tri State
- Portland, OR
- San Diego, CA
- San Francisco Bay, CA - North & South
- Seattle, WA - Puget Sound
- Sacramento, CA - Reno (Sierra), NV



OUTDOOR SCHOOL



REI Outdoor School Stand Up Paddleboard Class

REI Outdoor School strives to provide the best outdoor education programs possible and have a 100% satisfaction guarantee that their classes and outings will meet your standards. Their commitment to outdoor education is why the REI Outdoor School is 1 of only 12 ACA Pro School across the nation.

For more information about the REI Outdoor school, [click here](#).



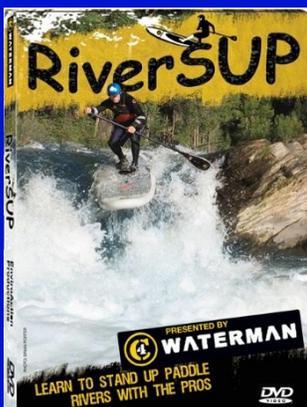
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RIVER SUP DVD

[River SUP Volume One](#) is an equal parts instruction video and action/adventure film. Concise clips and articulate explanations usher the aspiring SUP river paddler through the ins-and-outs of all sorts of river paddling, from coasting down mellow streams to the advanced techniques involved in paddling Class II & III rapids. Hosted by whitewater Yoda and ACA SUP Instructor Trainer, Charlie MacArthur.



Kokatat Instructor of the Month—Beth Wiegandt

The September Kokatat Instructor of the Month, Beth Wiegandt, is an ACA Level 4: Whitewater Canoeing Instructor Trainer, a Level 2: Essentials of River Kayaking Instructor and serves as the secretary on both the Introduction to Paddling Committee and River Canoe Committee. ACA staffer Kelsey Bracewell caught up with Beth in between courses and had the following conversation:

How long have you been in paddlesports?

I have been paddling, teaching, and leading trips on the water for 24 years. I was intrigued by the sport when I was a camp counselor, hearing about all the fun and excitement the week-long adventure paddlers had on the river. That program pulled me in and I haven't looked back!



What is your favorite paddlesports? River Canoeing is definitely my passion. Traveling down river and navigating rapids is my favorite way to spend a day (or 2 or 3). I am expanding my horizons by recently adding river kayak instructing and looking forward to exploring the SUP discipline to paddle when I spend time on the coast.

What is your favorite boat? What about the boat made it your favorite? Currently, my boat is the Esquif Zephyr. The flat hull design has made me able to work more on playing waves and holes to keep up with my family of paddlers. It helps too that the super light weight lets me carry my own boat with ease!

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NEW INSTRUCTOR TRAINERS

The ACA instructor corps has now exceeded 6,300 certified instructors in over 20 countries. This amazing resource for paddlesports could not be possible without all the instructor trainers teaching certification workshops. The ACA would like to announce the following new instructor trainers:

John Clark—Level 4:
Whitewater Kayaking

David Evans—Level 4:
Whitewater Kayaking

Dave Holl—Level 4:
Whitewater Kayaking

Chris Raab—Level 2: Es-
sentials of Canoe Touring

Mike Sharp—Level 4:
Swiftwater Rescue



Tell me a little about one of your favorite places to paddle? I have 2 favorite day trip paddles close to Botetourt: The Balcony Falls section of the James River and the Ripplemead to Bluff City stretch on the New River. Both runs have plenty of features to work and play, great scenery, and a good chance to see bald eagles and river otters (my favorite wildlife sightings).

Who has influenced you most in your paddling career? My husband Steve, also a canoe and kayak instructor, and his family taught me to paddle. There have been many mentors along the way, but having his support has enabled me to grow in skills and now be inspired by our daughters as they work more and more technical rivers with us.

What drew you to become an ACA Instructor? I originally became an ACA Instructor to make sure my River Adventure Camp was as safe and technically sound as it could be. I found the standards, practices, and goals of the ACA were ones that I wanted to be a part of and promote to the public. I now truly enjoy seeing the results of these methods in practice with my students and participants.

What is one place you still aspire to paddle? With our kids being able to paddle more difficult water, my goal is to expand our repertoire to include other rivers. We have so many great choices around us to scout and run. Long term, I would really love to paddle out west. I am a geology geek as well and travelling through canyons on the water would put it all together – maybe an ACA member excursion is in my future...

Upcoming SEIC & Discipline Committee Meetings

The Safety, Education and Instruction Council and several discipline committees have scheduled meeting before the National Paddlesports Conference, taking place at the conference site. For more information on times and locations, [click here](#) for the National Paddlesports Conference schedule. In addition to the SEIC meeting the following committee meetings are scheduled: Introduction to Paddling, River Canoe, River Kayak, Coastal Kayak, SUP, and Surf Kayak.



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PROMOTIVE

The ACA now has over 6,300 certified instructors and each one has their own reasons for becoming an instructor. However, many people may have been influenced by the great [pro deals](#) the ACA works to offers it's certified instructors. One of these great pro deals is ProMotive. If you are unfamiliar with ProMotive head on over to their [website](#) to learn more. If you want to learn how you, as an ACA certified instructor can take advantage of this and other great pro deals, contact the SEI Department at 540-907-4460 ext. 203 or email at sei@americancanoe.org.



National Paddlesports Conference Update

Early Bird—Online Registration Open

Registration for the 2012 National Paddlesports Conference is now open. Early bird registration is available now so don't wait. To learn more about the ACA National Conference or to view our video invitation visit www.americancanoe.org/NPC/registration.

Online registration is available for:

- National Paddlesports Conference
- SUP Summit
- Pre—Conference Courses
- Post—Conference Courses



Pre—Conference Workshops

There are numerous pre—conference courses to help you make more of you time in sunny Charleston, SC before the National Paddlesports Conference and SUP Summit. You can register for any of the following course online at the [Pre—Conference Course registration page](#).

- Level 2: Essentials of SUP—Instructor Certification Workshop
- Level 2: Essentials of Canoe Touring—Instructor Certification Workshop
- Level 2: Essentials of Kayak Touring—Instructor Certification Workshop
- Level 2: Essentials of Sit-on-Top Surf Kayaking—Instructor Certification Workshop
- Level 3: Essentials of Surf Kayaking—Instructor Certification Workshop
- Level 4 : Surf Kayaking—Instructor Certification Workshop



The following course are available but will take place in Hot Springs, NC

- Level 4: Whitewater Canoe—Instructor Update
- Level 4: Whitewater Kayak—Instructor Update
- Level 4: Swiftwater Rescue—Instructor Update
- Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Kayak—Instructor Update
- Level 5: Advanced Swiftwater Rescue—Instructor Update



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PADDLE GREEN

SHEM CREEK

CLEAN-UP

The ACA would like to let you all know about a great paddle green opportunity during the upcoming National Paddlesports Conference. On November 3, as one of the many on-water options for the conference, attendees will have the chance to help clean up the race course for the [Half-Moon Outfitters Golden Nugget](#) on Shem Creek the day before the race. To learn more about this and other Paddle Green opportunities visit the [National Paddlesports Conference section of the ACA website](#).



Post—Conference Workshops

For those who are looking to round out a fantastic National Paddlesports Conference with a few courses and events later in the weekend and after the conference, there are some great opportunities for you. The following courses and events will follow the 2012 National Paddlesports Conference and SUP Summit:

- Golden Nugget SUP Race
 - ◇ Sunday November 4
 - ◇ Mt. Pleasant, SC—Shem Creek
 - ◇ In partnership with [Half-Moon Outfitters](#)
 - ◇ Registration [online](#)
- Level 3: Ocean Surf SUP—Instructor Certification Workshop
 - ◇ Sunday evening November 4—Tuesday November 6
 - ◇ Folly Beach, SC
 - ◇ In partnership with [Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission](#)
 - ◇ Taught by [Jimmy Blakeney](#), [Charlie MacArthur](#) & [Keith Keller](#)
 - ◇ Registration [online](#)
- Adaptive Paddling Workshop
 - ◇ Sunday November 4—Monday November 5
 - ◇ James Island County Park, SC
 - ◇ In partnership with [Charleston County Parks & Recreation Commission](#) & [REI Outdoor Schools](#)
 - ◇ Registration [online](#)
- Level 4: Open Water Coastal Kayaking—Instructor Certification Workshop
 - ◇ November 5-10
 - ◇ Folly Beach, SC
 - ◇ In partnership with [Sea Kayak Carolina](#)
 - ◇ Taught by [Gordon Brown](#) and [Dale Williams](#)
- Level 5: Advanced Whitewater Canoeing—Instructor Development Workshop
 - ◇ November 10-11
 - ◇ Hendersonville, NC
 - ◇ In partnership with volunteers of the ACA Dixie Division
 - ◇ Taught by [Fritz Orr](#)
 - ◇ [Instructor Certification Workshop Registration](#)
 - ◇ [Instructor Update Registration](#)



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INSURANCE

One of the many benefits of being affiliated with the ACA is our ability to provide liability insurance for on-water events. Obtaining insurance for on-water activities can be difficult and expensive. That's why the ACA provides this valuable service to the paddling community. It can be used for paddling in most classes of water, and is available at affordable rates that are competitive with, if not better, than any other event sanctioning organization. Learn more about the ACA's Insurance Program from ACA Insurance Coordinator, Candy Patten, on the [ACA YouTube Channel](#); [Insurance Playlist](#).



Rescue for River Runners



The ACA and [Five2Nine](#) Productions brings you the Rescue for River Runners: [Episode 3](#). This episode focuses on Group Dynamics and the role they play in staying safe while on the river. Check out and subscribe to the [ACA YouTube Channel](#) to see each new episode. You can also visit the R3 page on the ACA website at www.americancanoe.org/R3.



Courtesy of Landmark Learning

To learn more about the ACA Swiftwater Rescue curriculum or to find instructors and courses visit:

- Swiftwater Rescue—[Skills Course Curriculum](#) / [Instructor Criteria](#)
- Swiftwater Rescue—[Courses](#) / [Instructors](#)

Stand Up Paddling: An Essential Guide DVD

Jimmy Blakeney of [BIC Sport Paddle Surf](#) teamed up with the ACA and Ken Whiting of [Heliconia Press](#) to produce a high quality DVD geared for the beginner to the experienced rider. Jimmy has been teaching paddlesports professionally for 20 years and is a certified ACA SUP Instructor Trainer.

- [Purchase Your Copy Today](#)



To learn more about the ACA SUP curriculum or to find instructors and courses visit:

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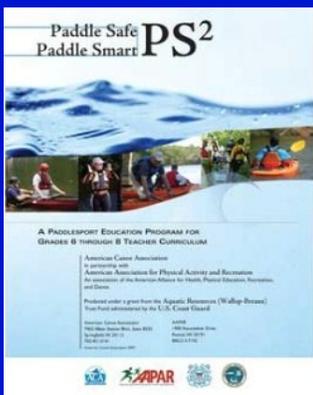
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PADDLE SAFE, PADDLE SMART

[Paddle Safe - Paddle Smart](#) is a national research based curriculum designed to introduce elementary, middle and high-school age youth to the joys and skills of paddling a canoe and/or kayak. This curriculum is designed for teachers, outdoor educators, adult leaders, summer camp staff, and anyone else who has the opportunity to teach canoeing or kayaking



You can get this and more in the ACA eStore.

www.americancanoe.org/estore

SEI Department Spotlight

Skills Assessments

The ACA National Paddlesports Instruction Program has been acknowledged as the "Gold Standard" of paddlesports education throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

As an ACA Certified Instructor, you are authorized to teach not only skills courses, but skills assessments as well. You might ask, what is the difference?

A student in a skills assessment class must have prior knowledge and paddling skills, and will need to complete a checklist of skills in order to 'pass' the course. If the student is an ACA member, they will receive official printed documentation of their skill set from the ACA National Office. This is a valuable accomplishment! A skills documentation card has value in the recreational community, the watersport job market, and with insurance and risk management companies.



ACA SEI Staff showing off their skills!

If you have any questions about assessment course content, registration, or reporting, please contact the SEI Department at 540-907-4460 x 203 or sei@americancanoe.org

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 great events and goings on check out the [ACA Paddlesports Event Calendar!](#)

Gauley Fest—Summerville, WV

All proceeds from the festival support American Whitewater's river conservation and access works throughout the nation. Started in 1983

to celebrate the derailment of a hydro-electric project that would have disrupted the flows on the [Gauley River](#), Gauley Fest has grown to become one the largest paddling festival in the world. Make sure to stop by the ACA booth at this year's Gauley Fest September 14-16. More information about Gauley Fest [here](#).



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COMPETITION

COLLEGIATE RACE SERIES

The ACA and college students in Virginia and throughout the Southeast are gearing up for a busy Fall paddling season. The ACA Collegiate Race Series will have two events later this fall in Dillsboro, NC and Fredericksburg, VA. If you are a collegiate paddler or program and want to match your program against other paddlers from nearby colleges this is the race series for YOU. For more information on the Fall Races:

- [Southeast Downriver](#)
- [Virginia Downriver](#)



ACA Open Canoe Slalom National Championships—Wesser, NC

The ACA Open Canoe Slalom National Championships will take place on the Nantahala River in 2012. This event is one of six amateur national championships put on by the ACA. This year's event is October 5-7 and more information can be found at http://www.americancanoe.org/?page=Canoe_Slalom. The ACA also wants to thank the NOC for their support of the event, you can read more about it [here](#).



Midwest Outdoor Experience—Dayton, OH



Midwest Outdoor Experience has grown beyond just gear and exploded into a multi-day event, featuring camping, competitions, regional music acts, exciting demos, a Friday and Saturday night beer gar-



den and much more! Midwest Outdoor Experience offers something for the budding weekend warrior to the hardcore outdoor enthusiast. With over 12,000 visitors during the 2011 event, Midwest Outdoor Experience is one of the largest festivals celebrating the outdoor lifestyle in the Midwest. The ACA is proud to be a sponsor of this great event. Make sure to stop by the ACA booth and check out the ACA Subaru in the Subaru Village. Visit <http://www.metroparks.org/outdoorx/> to learn more.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Upcoming Important Dates to add to your Calendar!

Sept. 16-20: [Level 3: River SUP ICW](#) (Charlotte, NC)

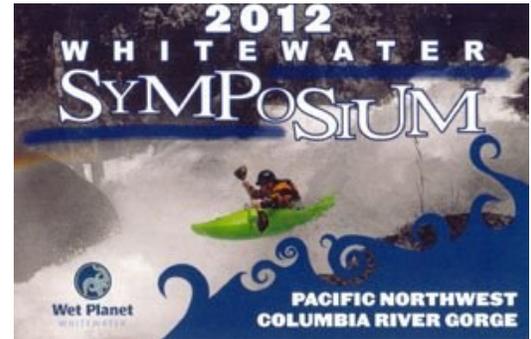
November 1: SEIC Meeting (Charleston, SC)

November 2-4: [National Paddlesports Conference](#) (Charleston, SC)



Whitewater Symposium—Hulum, WA

The Whitewater Symposium is an annual event, which brings paddlesport industry stakeholders and enthusiasts together to advance the spirit of whitewater paddling. In this environment ideas are shared, conversations are exchanged and decisions are made that will lead to future growth of the industry. This year the event is being held in the Pacific Northwest for the first time and hosted by Wet Planet Whitewater Headquarters in Husum, WA along the White Salmon River. ACA instructors: Janet Burnett Cowie, Bob Campbell, Sam Drevo, Heather Herbeck, Chris Stec and more will be present to contribute to the symposium content. Janet and Heather will be teaching an ACA instructor certification course pre-symposium (October 6-10) at Wet Planet Whitewater, which promises to be both fun and educational. The 2012 symposium will “knock your socks off”. The combination of bringing in professional facilitators to lead sessions for manufacturers & retailers; great networking opportunities throughout the day and evening; on and off water presentations on the latest & greatest techniques and methods; to paddling a newly free-flowing river . . . ALL of these are contributing factors to a memorable weekend and motivation to continue doing what we can to play our part in paddlesport industry success. For more information



The Beautiful Columbia River Gorge

For more information

ICF Freestyle World CUP—Wesser, NC

The ICF World Cup is held every two years, and the final event in this series is traditionally held at the site of the following year’s World Championships. The World Cup is sanctioned by the [International Canoe Federation](#) (ICF), the governing body of Olympic paddlesports. The last World Cup event is being held on the 2013 wave on the Nantahala River in Wesser, NC. For more infoation about this exciting international paddlesport completion visit www.freestylekayaing2013.com/world-cup.html.

Make sure to stop by the ACA booth at in the Nantahala George **September 7-9** at the ICF World Cup Finale.



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EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Have you ever been to an event and seen brochures, pamphlets, book and other such items at an ACA booth and thought how great it would be to have access to these for free? Whether you have seen these great resources or not, it's no matter, because they are all on the ACA's website. That's right, the ACA's Educational Resources page has all the great material the ACA and our partners have to offer all in one great place. For more information on items such as Videos, Pamphlets, Posters, Brochures and More check out the [ACA Educational Resources page!](#)



Battle of the Paddle—Dana Point, CA

The stand-up paddle phenomenon that is known as the Rainbow Sandals Gerry Lopez "Battle of the Paddle" first ignited back in 2008. Since then, the ingenious formula of high-energy races and stand-up paddle (SUP)



exposition has become the heartbeat of an industry and the pulse of a global lifestyle. The fifth annual Battle of the Paddle 2012 returns September 29-30, and by all accounts will be the greatest battle yet. The 2011 Battle of the Paddle, Southern California took center stage with close to 1,000 entries to do battle for the \$25,000 purse – the largest offer in SUP. The Rainbow Sandals Gerry Lopez Battle of the Paddle is an



SUP festival and lifestyle exposition that includes races and demonstrations for all ages and skill levels. From beginners, to family and company relay teams, to high intensity elite competition, Battle of the Paddle is the showcase for the world's fastest growing water sport.

<http://www.battleofthepaddle.com/>

AORE National Conference—Snowbird, Utah

The Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education provides industry professionals with access to resources and connections which support their career development in the outdoor field. For the past 25 years, the AORE has hosted the premier educational conference on the outdoor industry where professionals, students, organizations and vendors gather to share information and experience. Join them in Snowbird, Utah November 7-10 for the 2012 AORE National Conference! This weekend of education, networking, career-building and mountain recreation could be the experience of a lifetime. Visit www.aore.org to learn more.

The AORE and the ACA have developed a partnership that allows current members of the ACA to attend the conference at a 10% discount off of non-member rates. Please visit aore.org for more information on how ACA members can receive their discount.



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MEDIA RESOURCES

The ACA is one of the most recognized brands in the paddlesports world. To help you show and teach others what the ACA means and represents we have a few resources to help you out. The ACA has just updated it's [Media Resources](#) page on the ACA website. On this page you will find videos to help promote and explain the ACA and all it has to offer. Check out these videos and make sure to subscribe to the ACA YouTube Channel to stay up to date on new videos!

[What is the ACA](#)

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Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival—Ft. Myers, Florida

Calusa Blueway



www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com

Paddling Festival

The Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival, an eco-paddling event on Southwest Florida's Gulf Coast, is a perfect way to blend two things on everyone's minds today – how to take an environmentally friendly vacation that doesn't break the budget.

The festival is designed for novice and experienced paddlers alike. It spans four days with events Nov. 1-4 in Fort Myers-Sanibel Island and Matlacha-Pine Island at sites along the Great Calusa Blueway

Paddling Trail. The user-friendly trail helps people experience the natural magic of the area's scenic waterways, with leggy mangrove forests, more than 300 species of birds and sugar-sand beaches.

Learn more about the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival at www.calusabluewaypaddlingfestival.com



Eli Crispell—ACA Staff

Friday, September 14th is ACA Staff member [Eli Crispell's](#) final day at the ACA National Office. Over the past year, Eli has worked diligently on the [Advanced Boating: On-Water Safety Training Grant](#) from the U.S. Coast Guard organizing a range of courses from coast to coast. Upon his successful completion of this grant program, he has taken a position as the Outdoor Adventures Coordinator at Boston College.

We truly appreciate all he has done for the ACA and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. [Contact Eli.](#)



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SUBARU EVENTS

Interested in checking out the ACA branded 2012 Subaru's? The ACA and the Subaru's will be at the following events:

[ICF Freestyle World Cup:](#)
Sept. 7-9 (Bryson City, NC)

[Gauley Fest:](#) Sept. 15-16
(Summerville, WV)

[Midwest Outdoor Experience:](#) Oct. 5-7 (Dayton, OH)

[Collegiate Race Series Southeast Championship:](#) Oct. 6-7 (Dillsboro, NC)

[Virginia Championships:](#)
Oct. 13-14

(Fredericksburg, VA)

[ACA Open Canoe Slalom National Championship:](#)
Oct. 5-7 (Wesser, NC)

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