

Special NPC Focus – 2011 National Paddlesports Conference: Louisville, KY

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American Canoe Association's National Paddlesports Conference Louisville, September 30 – October 2, 2011

Make plans to dip your paddles into all that Louisville has to offer as Possibility City hosts the American Canoe Association's Paddlesports Conference this September. Canoers, kayakers, rafters and paddleboarders gather on the banks of the Ohio to experience a city of parks and waterways, including a new six-mile water trail. Make plans to attend and learn more at AmericanCanoe.org/NationalPaddleSportsConference. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/2011.ACA.NPC](https://www.facebook.com/2011.ACA.NPC).

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Join the paddlesports community in Louisville, KY this fall for the annual National Paddlesports Conference and SUP Summit!

National Paddlesports Conference Highlights:

- Exciting events for paddlers of all experience levels
- Family Opportunities
- High Quality Educational Sessions
- Instructor Updates
- Reel Paddling Film Festival
- SUP Summit
- Whitewater Courses & Parks Workshop
- Flatwater & Whitewater paddling opportunities literally from the hotel parking lot!
- Annual Membership Meetings and Banquet
- Awards Ceremony
- and much more...

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National Paddlesports Conference Registration Now Available!

National Paddlesports Conference and SUP Summit Registration is now available [online!](#)



NPC & SUP Summit Logistics and Accommodations

The 2011 National Paddlesports Conference will take place at The Galt House in Louisville, KY.

- Phone: 1-800-843-4258
- Address: 140 North 4th St. Louisville, KY 40202
- The Galt House
- Rate: [Special ACA Discount](#)

Staying at the conference facility allows convenient access for all conference functions and events including on site access to both the flatwater and whitewater sections of the Ohio River. The historic riverfront Galt House Hotel is centrally located along the popular I-65 corridor between Indianapolis and Nashville in the Mid-West.

Boat Rentals and Gear Available for the NPC

Flying, driving a long distance, or taking a train to the ACA National Paddlesports Conference? Our partners at River City Canoe & Kayak will have a range of canoes, kayaks and paddles available for a nominal rental fee! *Reservations must be made prior to the conference.

- [River City Canoe & Kayak](#) (502-384-3737) or Info@RCCKonline.com

Please let them know what type of boat you need, (aka flatwater canoe, whitewater kayak) as well as any accessories (skirts, paddle, etc). Arrange for a Friday pick up time at the conference as most on water events start early Saturday morning.

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ACA Instructor Audit Information

Calling all Instructor Trainer Educators, Instructor Trainers, and Instructors! If your current certification is set to expire this year- you might want to ensure that you have met the re-certification requirements:

All: Maintain your ACA Membership and SEIC Registration

Instructors:

1. Successfully complete an appropriate Instructor update during your 4-year certification period.
2. Teach and properly report two courses during this 4-year certification period: At least one being at your level of certification

Instructor Trainers:

1. Successfully complete an appropriate Instructor Trainer update during your 4-year certification period.
2. Teach and properly report four courses during this 4-year certification period. Courses must include at least one IDW/ICE at your level of certification, one Update, and one skills or assessment course

Instructor Trainer Educators:

1. Complete the ITE renewal documents available on the ACA website. Find it [here](#).
2. Teach and properly report at least six courses during your 4-year certification period. One must be a skills or assessment course, one must be an Instructor Update, and one must be an IDW/ICE at your highest level of certification. Evaluations from these courses must be submitted for review. Lastly, each ITE must teach at least one course with another IT or ITE in their discipline.

If you do not foresee that you will be able to complete these recertification requirements this year, please consider completing an [extension form](#)- the SEI Department will grant extensions on a case by case basis. Extensions allow an additional year to complete the above recertification requirements.

If you do not meet the recertification requirements, you will be sent a notification of your pending certification status and certification expiration date of 12/31/2011.

If you have taught courses and/or participated in an update: make sure it has been properly reported! See below for a list of our new easy, online report forms.

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New ACA Online Forms Available for Instructors!

No paper, no envelope, no stamp...no problem. Utilizing online forms allows our staff to process your request significantly faster! Additional online forms are now available for Instructors and Trainer. [Online Forms – Fast & Easy](#)

- (New) Skills Course Report
 - o Now you can report your ACA Skills Course with insurance coverage online!
- (New) Assessment Course Report
- (New) Certification Course Report
- (New) Instructor Upgrade/Removal of Continuation Certification Report

Welcome Cate Huxtable

The ACA is excited to announce the newest member of the ACA National Office Staff. Cate Huxtable joins the team as the new Stewardship Coordinator. Cate will have primary oversight of the ACA's stewardship program and initiatives, while also providing assistance to paddling clubs and organizations to help protect their local waterways.



A Fredericksburg native, Cate graduated from the University of Mary Washington with a Bachelor's Degree of Science in environmental science and psychology. After graduating, she served as the Volunteer Coordinator with Friends of a Rappahannock, a grassroots conservation organization, through the AmeriCorps*VISTA program. As an avid lover of nature and a recreational kayaker, Cate is passionate about the health of our waters and working as an agent for stewardship and positive social change. She is excited to become a part of the ACA and to work with such a passionate group of individuals to preserve and protect paddling environments. [Contact Cate](#)

"If there is magic on this planet, it is contained in water."

--Loren Eiseley

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ACA Pro Deal Discount Program welcomes Nighthawk Canoes

Have you been looking for a new lightweight Kevlar canoe for your next adventure? ACA Members and Instructors look no further, Nighthawk Canoes has now offered a special ACA member and instructor discount on their canoes and products. Contact your SEI Department for details on how to obtain discounts through Nighthawk Canoes, sei@americancanoe.org!

About Nighthawk Canoes:

“Nighthawk Canoes are light, strong and beautiful. They are handmade, American-made, and assembled one-at-a-time at a small, specialized shop in Minnesota. Nighthawk Canoes are fully customizable with respect to weight, finish, trim, seating and more. Our stock canoes are as light as any kevlar® canoes on the market, while being considerably more durable. Our ultra-lightweight option yields the lightest weight kevlar® canoes available. The canoes are outstanding flat-water canoes: fast, but amazingly stable, comfortable, and easy to handle. Many of our optional finishes and upgrades are available nowhere else.”

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page!

The ACA Website now has a convenient [FAQ](#) link available at the bottom of each ACA Webpage!

Have an idea or suggestion for questions you would like to see on the FAQ Page?
Let the SEI Department know, sei@americancanoe.org!

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Important Dates

September 28 - [Intro to Paddling Committee & River Canoe Committee Meeting](#)

September 29 – SUP Committee Meeting

September 29 - [SEIC Meeting](#)

September 30 - October 2 - [National Paddlesports Conference](#)

September 30 - October 2 - [SUP Summit](#)

October 1 – [ACA Annual Membership Meeting](#)

October 2 – SUP Committee Meeting

March 9, 2012 – SEIC Meeting

November 2-4, 2012 – National Paddlesports Conference (Location: TBA!)

Paddle Safe & Paddle Often!



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