

Drumchapel & Clydebank Kayak Club

Newsletter

November/December 2010

Yes, winter is on its way and it will soon be coming up for Christmas again, and another year will have passed. Well the good news is we still got a few trips left for this year and there might just be a few interesting trips to look forward to next year!

Hopefully we might get some better weather for the remainder of the year and actually get out and do some more paddling, remember it's your club, so let's see you out on the water.

AGM

The Club's had its AGM on Monday the 11th of October and just fourteen people turned up for the meeting. A quick coverage of the main committee posts are as follows, Colin is still the Chairperson, and we now welcome Phil Hyde to the position of the new Club Secretary. Shona now takes over the position of the Treasurer, which was formally held by Donald, and Janice is now officially the Social Secretary.

Rab also mentioned that he will no longer be running as many trips per year for the Club in the region of about just one per month. (For the year 2010, I have planned just over 30 trips for the Club!) And suggested that if everyone in the Club that currently leads a trip was to just plan and run two trips per year for the Club Dairy that would certainly boost the trip list for next year. So if members would like to plan and run a few trips for next year I can put them in the Clubs Yearly Trip Planner. If you would like to run a few trips, either Loch Lomond or out on the sea could you give me the dates by MID- DECEMBER at the latest.

Remember this is your Club, the more that you put in the more that you will get out of it.

Newsletter Deadline

Any information such as trip reports or items for sale that is due for the next Newsletter must either be sent to Rab or Phil by the 20th of December for the January/February issue.

Committee meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held on the 13th of December and meeting at 7.30 in the Playdrome. As always everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Trips

River Tweed: On Saturday the 2nd of October just three members turned up for this paddle, and what an excellent paddle this was. Starting in Peebles town centre and finishing at Innerleithen we paddled a total distance of 16 km, with lovely rolling boarder hills all around and very fast moving Grade 1 water.

Ailsa Craig: The next sea paddle was planned for the Sound of Luing area over the weekend of 16/17 of October. However the weather for the Saturday was looking great and Sunday to say the least was not. Therefore Plan "B" came into operation, looking through some of the previous planned trips that did not come off due to bad weather, was the Ailsa Craig and Pladda and then on to Arran trip. This trip suited the bill exactly; a calm day for two big open crossings and a sheltered trip on the East coast of Arran for the stormy weather that was forecasted for Sunday.

Seven members turned up for this trip and it was a very quick crossing over to Ailsa Craig. After a quick bite to eat and some sun bathing we turned our attentions to Pladda and the sea conditions were just fantastic with a gentle Force 2 in our faces as we head north and into the darkness, well it was a Rab paddle after all! We landed on Pladda around 8pm and quickly got the tents up and fed, Ron as usual managed to produce an excellent fire that night for every to enjoy.

The following morning was not so excellent, a planned paddle around Pladda was scrubbed due to the sea conditions, and we therefore scurried across to the safety of the east coast of Arran and on to Brodick to catch the ferry back to the mainland.

Paddle's to look forward to.

3* Sea Assessment: Due to my various baby sitter problems! The 3* sea assessment will now take place on Saturday the 30th of October. Meeting time is 8.30am at the stores; again please make sure you know the syllabus and have all the correct equipment.

River Earn: The last trip for October is on the 31st and it is a trip on the River Earn which again is a Grade 1-2. This river trip is suitable for both Open Canoes and Kayaks. Departing from Comrie and heading to Crieff, a distance of some 10km. Meeting time at the store is 8am.

River Cononish: Just into November and we have another River trip, this time it is on the River Cononish which starts at Crianlarich and the get out is at Loch Dochart a distance of some 5km. This is a short trip but a well worth while trip. This is a Grade 1 river and flows into a small beautiful Loch. The meeting time is 8.30am at the stores or 10am at Crianlarich.

Firth of Clyde: On the 28th of November we have a gentle paddle on the Clyde, where we will go will depend on the weather and peoples interests. Meeting time is 8.30 at the stores. A Plan "B" trip will be in Loch Lomond.

Forth and Clyde Canal: Just for something different we will have a short trip on the Forth and Clyde Canal on Saturday the 4th of December. Members can use what ever type of craft they wish for this trip. The start point for this trip is Falkirk and we will then head west to Bonnybridge a distance of some 6km before returning to the days start point. Meeting time is 8.30am at the stores.

Firth of Forth: This trip will be out to some of the various islands in the Firth of Forth. Where we go will depend on the weather. Again meeting time will be 8.30am at the stores.

Loch Lomond Night paddle: Just to finish of the year we have another short paddle this time it is on Loch Lomond at night! Meeting at the stores for 6.30pm and paddling from Balmaha we will take in some of the Lochs islands by moonlight! We plan to be of the water by 10.00pm.

Lake of Menteith: Into January and the first planned paddle is on Sunday the 10 of January and it is to the Lake of Menteith near Aberfoyle. We plan to meet at the stores for 9.30am. This is a short paddle; around 8km and members can use what ever type of boat they wish.

Remember, if you have any questions on any aspect of the trips or information given, please ask the respective organiser of that trip.

There may be further trips planned over the period of November and December, but at the moment I do not have any further information on these, so please check at the Poolside for the latest information.

So hopefully the above information is enough to "WET" your appetite for a paddle and we will hopefully see you out on the water

Diary

Date	Location	Grade	Contact
October			
30 Sat	3 Star Assessment		Rab 01877 382141
31 Sun	River Earn	Grade 1-2	Rab
November			
6 Sat	River Cononish	Grade 1	Rab
28 Sun	Firth of Clyde	A	Rab
December			
4 Sat	Forth and Clyde Canal	A	Rab
7 Tuesday	Last Pool Night		
13	Committee meeting	All	Colin
18 Sat	Firth of Forth	A	Rab
21 Tuesday	Loch Lomond - Night Paddle	A	Rab
January			
10 Sun	Lake of Menteith	A	Rab

NOTE:

Please look at the grading of the trip, if unsure about the grading system, either ask or check the web site for further details.

Please remember to phone up the night before a sea trip to check up for the trip status. (Between 7pm-9pm) If you require equipment or a lift, could you please contact the trip organiser at least a week prior to the trip?

Remember to print and pin this list up, or mark the dates into your Diary.

Thanks Rab Burns

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