



NCSP NEWS

Upper Delaware River Chapter

28 Years on the River

April 2007 – Training Edition

Commodore's Corner

I would like to first thank you all and express how honored I am to once again be the Commodore of the NCSP. The NCSP has continued to grow in both function and numbers and 2007 looks no different. Much of what the NCSP does takes place through our board of directors; training, website, social events, and expansion. We are always looking to the membership to help us with the further development and improvement of the NCSP. Areas which need additional help would include: updating and providing fresh content for the website, help in constructing a boating safety guide on the website, and developing promotional literature for the NCSP. We are also looking for people to head up a committee to investigate A.C.A. certification of our training program and look into the possibilities of getting some of our instructors certified in swiftwater rescue. We have an ongoing mentorship program and need veteran members to help new members learn the ropes. If you are interested in helping with any of the multiple tasks it takes for the organization to run smoothly and grow, please let me know.

I would like to welcome two new officers to the NCSP board. DeJay Branch is our new Vice Commodore and Donna Ford has returned to the board as our new treasurer, I look forward to working with them both. I would also like to thank the departing officers for their service. Ken Bailey excelled as a Vice Commodore and did a great job of keeping me in check, and Greg Temple has served in multiple roles in the NCSP over the past 25 years.

Bill Walters
Commodore

Officer Elections

Per the NCSP Bylaws, officer elections were held at the Fall Dinner, the results are as follows

- Commodore – Bill Walters
- Vice Commodore – DeJay Branch
- Treasurer – Donna Ford
- Secretary – Joel Duffy

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Training Weekend 2007

Mark your calendar, Friday April, 27 – Sunday April, 29th are the dates for the 2007 NCSP training weekend. It's time to pull out your gear. Air out those tents, hang up the sleeping bags, pull out PFD's and wetsuits. We won't even discuss the smelly booties..... You won't need to bring any boats this year as we are concentrating on other skills. Boating skills will be practiced on the river after training. See more info on the following pages.

Directions to Training

Option 1:

From I-84

1. NY Exit 1 Port Jervis US-6 West
2. Follow US – 6 West for almost 2 miles
3. Stay STRAIGHT onto NY-97 for approximately 20 miles to Barryville
4. Stay on NY-97, once you pass through Barryville (Don't blink!) Kittatinny Campground will be another 2.5 miles on the right. Lukes Landing, where we will be camping, is across the street from the Kittatinny. (Driving you must take a left from the Kittatinny camp store then an immediate Right into Lukes.)

Option 2: check out any mapping web site and follow it to the center of Barryville, NY. Then follow 97 W for another 2.5 miles

Option 3: Check out www.kittatinny.com click on information, click on directions, follow directions to Barryville Base.

Membership Dues

We have had no change in dues this year. The fees are \$20 per person or \$40 per family. All dues must be paid in full prior to camping training weekend.

Spring Dinner

The Dinner committee of DeJay & Mary K Rhodes has prepared the following:

Saturday Dinner starting at 18:30 hosted by DeJay/Troy at the School House. We will provide directions from camp at the Command Post. The dinner will be catered by the Carriage House restaurant as a buffet. Cost \$25/person

Please RSVP to DeJay Branch at ncspvicecommodore@rivergod.com or 570-685-1824

All dinner fees and dues will be paid at the command post at check in.

Saturday Lunch!

Lunch will be 12:30 – 13:30 and catered by Jill's Kitchen at no additional cost to members. It will be half a wrap (chicken, beef or veggie), salad, hot soup, and drinks.

MmmmmMmmmm Good.

Badges, we don't need no stinkin badges!

Please bring your ID badges with you from last year. We will update the valid dates on each badge rather than reprinting all new badges. So.... The lovely photo we had of you last year will be the same one you'll carry this year! New members will be photographed and receive new badges, although we may mail them rather than trying to create them on-site.

UNIS Trip: Volunteers Needed

UNIS 2007

Once again I have been asked to head up the safety/instructional team for the United Nations International School annual canoe/camping trip for 2007. For those of you who don't know, it is a 3 day canoe camping trip which begins at Dingmans Ferry and ends in Portland, PA. The entire freshmen class of the school goes on the trip, usually over 100 students and teachers. This year's UNIS trip is scheduled for May 22-24 (Tues.-Thurs.). I am always looking for additional qualified staff. If you are interested, email me at riverratbilly@yahoo.com or call at (570) 587-2446 before 8pm.

Thank You,
Bill Walters

Training Weekend Details

A reminder to all: Training Weekend will be April 27-29, 2007, rain or shine, cold or hot, snowing, sleet, foggy, or balmy... However, we all know the odds are not in our favor, but we will be there anyway!!!

This year, we will be at Luke's Landing again! For those of you who heard that we'd be at Skinner's, it just didn't work out this year. Perhaps next year... As in the past, come and find the command tent to check in. (It is white and will have a big NCSP flag out front). We will be "open" on Friday from 1600 to 2300, and again on Saturday morning at 0730. You will want to check in as quickly as possible, because some courses you sign up for will be on a first come, first get in basis. In an effort to keep class sizes down (perhaps the biggest concern from last year) we are putting enrollment caps on classes. All the choices are good, though, but if you actually want to make a "choice" you need to get there early.

Friday evening (April 27) there will be a special "Train the Trainers" session starting at 1930. All instructors and co-instructors are expected to attend this training, and former instructors are encouraged to attend. This year we will be covering how to conduct a post instruction debriefing.

We will continue with making photo ID's for our members (again, reminder: you MUST have a current CPR and First Aid certification – or better – to receive your ID). If we took your picture last year, you won't have to smile pretty for the camera again this year. If we missed you last year, be prepared for the mug shot!

Briefing for all participants begins promptly at 0815 on the center field on Saturday morning. Sunday begins with a briefing for all participants at 0830.

We are NOT doing a boat-based rescue station this year. If you MUST bring your boat

just because it is screaming out in river-deprivation, you are welcome to strap it on your vehicle. We might even put you to work! Instead we are going to focus on teamwork (no, no group hugs!). On Sunday we are going to mix our veteran and new members together to work on simulated river problems. Since so much of our work really relies on communication and division of labor, and since we often don't take the time in real life to discuss whether we are doing that well, this will be our chance.

As in past years, we will be following the Incident Command structure for running training weekend. This not only makes a great deal of sense, across the country every police department, fire department, utility company, public works company, etc. is trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS). It is helpful for us, as a volunteer rescue organization, to be familiar with this structure. If you would like to learn more about the terminology and how Incident Command works, visit www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/crslist.asp and scroll down to the course entitled IS 100 Introduction to Incident Command System.

Be prepared to get wet!

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Megan Duffy
Training Director/Incident Commander



Required Gear for Training (New Members)

Veteran members will bring trucks full of gear. For new members the list is a bit lighter. You are expected to have the following:

3 *locking* D carabineers

1 Throw Bag

Good quality PFD (rescue version NOT req.)

Boat (Canoe or Kayak) [not required for training weekend]

Wet/Dry suit (can be rented at KC if necessary)

1 good helmet

1 pair of river shoes/booties (we recommend felt sole if you can find them)

This is NOT all inclusive, if you have more that you normally paddle with, bring it. Also, you will be provided with a more complete list of patrol gear at check-in.

Camping

Please remember, Kittatinny donates Lukes Landing for our use during training weekend. We are their guests and should act appropriately. The campground will be patrolled for litter prior to our departure on Sunday. All campsites should be left as you found them.

No glass bottles are allowed in the campground. RV's are permitted but it is primitive camping. No hookups except water, which may be shared with other campers. Picnic tables and fire circles are provided. There are hot showers available across the street at the main section of the campground.

Articles and Photos

Do you have a favorite "war story", a technique that you accidentally found that works, suggestions on techniques that we train on? We are always looking for articles and Photos; please submit directly to ncspsecretary@rivergod.com. As always, the NCSP may or may not publish a contribution.

New Membership Information and Initial Application

The NCSP was founded in 1978 for the purpose of encouraging and promoting boating safety, including, but not limited to:

- To provide a shore and boat based safety presence in cooperation with river management agencies, race organizers and other safety and rescue organizations.
- To provide rescue and recovery assistance upon request of, and in cooperation with, river management agencies and other safety and rescue organizations.

Most rescue patrols are on the Delaware River between Narrowsburg and Port Jervis

Each member is obligated to provide a minimum of 4 full days of service on the river each season.

Interested in Joining or have further questions? Please contact one of the officers on the front page of this newsletter and/or attend training weekend. You may join and pay dues on arrival. If you have missed training and plan on attending the first available training, usually the last *full* weekend in April. Please mail dues of \$20 per individual for \$40 per family to: Treasurer, Donna Ford, 613 Hanken Road, Bound Brook, NJ 08805, please include the following information.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Note, you will be required to sign a waiver prior to any patrols, *and* you must have the use of a canoe or kayak.