



# NCSP

NEWS

Upper Delaware  
River Chapter

January 2008

## “Commodore’s Corner”

As I sit watching the Packers play the Giants in single digit weather I look out my window to see its 10 degrees on the thermometer. It hits me paddling season is just around the corner. Now it the time to check dry suit gaskets, fix holes in wet suits, and check our ropes and rescue gear. I am also looking forward to another outstanding year for the NCSP. We have an exciting training weekend developing, thanks Megan. We also are going to have skill building weekends through out the season. We are also asking members for input with material for our website, if you have any good paddling stories, new techniques, or photo's please send them to me. See you all soon.

Bill Walters  
Commodore

## Delaware River Sojourn

The Delaware River Sojourn will be the last week in June (7 days Sun-Sat). With Day 1 & 2 running from Calicoon to Narrowsburg and N'burg to Minisink Ford. Camping will be at Lander's Narrowsburg base. For 2008, the Sojourn will have 6 safety escorts / day...and wants NCSP trained paddlers. Interested members should contact Dick Rhodes at [CANOERRR@aol.com](mailto:CANOERRR@aol.com) or phone 570-685-1320

## 2008 UNIS Trip

Once again, the United Nations International School has asked me to head up the safety/instructional team. I am looking for qualified NCSP people to participate with the 2008 trip. This year's trip will take place May 20, 21, and 22nd. If you're a veteran of this trip or a new person interested and want more details, please e-mail me at [www.riverratbilly@yahoo.com](mailto:www.riverratbilly@yahoo.com).

Bill Walters

## Training Weekend 2008

Howdy, campers! Training is upon us – well, not yet, but it will be before you know it! **SAVE THE DATES: April 25-27, 2008!** The weather will be at least in the mid-sixties, the water temp will be in the 70's... oh, and the Roebling Bridge is for sale. Just \$5! Now that I have your attention, there is one item to remember. NCSP by-laws require that ALL members maintain current certification in CPR and First Aid. We need EVERYONE to bring their updated cards WITH THEM to present before they obtain their NCSP ID badges. Let this serve as a reminder to register for classes now if your certification is about to expire! These skills are crucial to your role as a rescuer. See you in April!

Megan Duffy  
Training Director



2007 Training Photo courtesy of Megan Duffy.

## Articles and Photos

We are always looking for articles and Photos; please submit directly to [newsletter@rivergod.com](mailto:newsletter@rivergod.com). As always, the NCSP may or may not publish a contribution.

## NPS - Changing of the Guard

Both Mike Reuber and Dave Forney are now retired. We will miss their personal dedication and certainly their unwavering support of NCSP. In 2008, we also expect additional NPS staff changes. These outstanding NPS staff members have teamed with us for a great many years. They each have our deep gratitude for all their fine efforts and accomplishments.

In February, 2008 Vidal Martinez is expected to become the new superintendent for the Upper Delaware S & R River. He has 32 years of federal experience including the U S Fish & Wildlife Service and as superintendent of National Parks in Virginia and Maryland. Martinez worked to establish a new visitor center at Thomas Stone in Maryland and recently developed an international "sister" park relationship between George Washington Birthplace Monument, Virginia and Sulgrave Manor, the Washington family's ancestral home in England.

A native New Yorker, Martinez and his wife Zoraida have 4 children, ages 22, 21, 10 and four. We extend a warm welcome to Vidal and his family and look forward to a continued strong working relationship between NPS and NCSP. (Contributed by Dick Rhodes)

## January News Brief

Thanks to Vice Commodore DeJay Branch's arrangements, the NCSP Fall Dinner was a big success with more than 50 attending. Food, timing and location—all worked well. Per Chapter by-laws, the officer elections were held. The outcome is as follows:

Commodore –	Bill Walters
Vice Commodore –	DeJay Branch
Secretary –	Mark Szupillo
Treasurer –	Donna Ford

Megan Duffy has been re-appointed by the Board of Directors to be Training Director for the 2008 Season. We all wish her well in this endeavor.

Mark Szupillo, Secretary

## Membership Dues

Please be reminded that yearly dues are \$20 per person or \$40 per family. Part of this cost will provide for a lunch on Saturday during training weekend. Payments may be mailed to NCSP Treasurer, P.O.Box 91, Lackawaxen, PA 18435.

## New sign-in Procedures for 2008

Absent Mike Reuber's unfailing assistance, we are implementing a new sign-in procedure with NPS for 2008. This procedure will be used on weekends and holidays to decide patrol locations and to secure and return NPS radios and drybags.

NCSP volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. (not 8 a.m.) at the NPS Zane Grey office in Lackawaxen, PA. Folks are to be "river ready"; that is, fed and geared to patrol. Our NPS contact will be Ingrid Peterec, Intern Supervisor. This procedure gives us the capability to better coordinate the activities of NCSP members and NPS interns. NPS will be responsible for supplying needed radios, batteries and drybags each morning and receiving same at the end of the patrols. Each NCSP member will be signed in at that time for a given patrol.

The Ingrid's NPS office is on the 2nd floor of the Zane Grey museum in Lackawaxen on the PA side of the Roebeling Bridge. We will no longer meet at campsites. This procedure will be in effect from May 1 thru October of each year. (Contributed by Dick Rhodes)

## NCSP Contact Information

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## 2008 LVCC Film Festival

**Lehigh Valley Canoe Club**  
Presents its 6<sup>th</sup> annual

# Paddle Film Fest

Sat. February 9th, 2008 12-6 pm  
Saucon Valley High School  
Hellertown, PA

Admission: \$10 at the door  
(Children under 16 free with parent)

Five hours of paddling films  
Silent auction and door prizes  
Pool demos - whitewater,  
boating safety, kayak fishing  
Vendors, info booths  
Boat swap




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The NCSP is participating with the LVCC 2008 Paddle Film Fest. We need members to help with the manning the NCSP booth and helping with the boating safety pool session. If you are interested please contact Bill Walters ASAP at 570-587-2446, no call after 8pm.

## LEHIGH RIVER SOJOURN

The Lehigh River Sojourn, a well run event; this year will be on the river for 5 days starting Saturday June 21, 2008. Although it is not an official NCSP function, we are soliciting NCSP trained people to participate on the safety team. If interested please contact Bill Walters at 570-587-2446 (no calls after 8pm please).

## NCSP Action Awards

Joe Bennet, Jr. & Katherine Szupillo  
Win The Golden Carabiner Award



## NCSP In Action



D. Rhodes & T. Bystrom

(Contributed by DeJay Branch; Photos: DeJay Branch)

## 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 listed earlier in 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  
NCSP  
PO Box 91,  
Lackawaxen, PA 18435

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.