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To further the enjoyment, knowledge and safety of kayaking by providing training and a wide variety of trips and social events to our members and the general public

WAKE Newsletter

November 2011

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**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP NOW
FOR 2012!**

Renewing your
membership now
for 2012 is a good
thing,

Go to
www.wakekayak.org

Click on "Join Us"

Fill out the
Membership Form
(renewal form) and
mail with a check
made out to WAKE.

WAKE, P.O. Box 1952,
Bellingham, WA
98227.

Membership is still \$25
per household!

**Club Meeting Tuesday November 15th
At the Bellingham Library
7:00pm Social time w/snacks and beverages
7:30pm Presentation begins**

**History and Culture of Arctic Kayaks
by Corey Freedman**





Seal skin kayak (model) made by Inuk Artist in Bathurst Inlet,
Northwest Territories, Canada

Corey Freedman is one of the foremost proponents of traditional native skin boat construction. He has diligently researched the literature and museum sources for the specifications and construction methods of these craft and has actively shared this material as an instructor and lecturer.

Over the last 20 years he has overseen the building of over 1500 skin boats. He has been an avid paddler for over 30 years and is an experienced sea kayaking instructor. He is also the founder of Spirit Line Kayaks, The Skin Boat School.

History of the Kayak, 2000 bc to present.

Corey will be speaking about the history and culture of Arctic Kayaks. You will explore with him the building, hunting techniques and travel habits and how they determined the form and function of their kayaks.

With this said you will discover how the old techniques are applicable today. And why your boat and paddles are shaped the way they are. He will explain how arctic boats are applicable today and why there is a huge revival around the world rejuvenating this lost art.

Board Nominating Committee is Set

Board Nominating Committee is made up of Dave Pebbles, Ray Bailey and Jill Mitchell. The purpose of this committee is to find potential board members from the membership. Positions to be filled are the President, Treasurer and Secretary. The WAKE board should be made up of at least one new WAKE member.

The basic criteria for the WAKE board nominees will include:

1. Willingness to serve
2. Believe in the Mission Statement.
3. Willingness to discuss a wide variety of issues and be tolerant of opinions of others.
4. Available to participate in planning and implementing WAKE events, such as; Demo Day/Gear Swap and Symposium.

Jill will address the membership at the next club meeting to see if there are any volunteers from the membership who may be interested in one of these open positions. Jill will also make a post on the club Facebook page the open board positions.

2011 - CHRISTMAS PARTY
Friday, December 2nd, 6 -9 pm

The WAKE Holiday Party will be held on December 2nd, at the Squalicum Yacht Clubhouse 6-9pm. (Directions are below)

WAKE Annual Meeting

The Holiday Party is also the Annual Meeting at which the membership nominates and votes for the WAKE Board of Directors. Please consider becoming more involved in your club and be a member of the board!

Silent Auction

The silent auction items are being collected and once again wonderful items will be offered for you to bid on. Here's another idea for auction items: **If anyone has any gear they would like to get rid of, you could donate it to the silent action. Let us know if you have anything to donate!

Found Objects Gift Exchange

Last year we had a very successful "I Found it While Paddling" gift exchange. And so we are doing it again this year. Just wrap up one or two of the amazing treasures you found along your travels while paddling and exchange it with another partier. The more obscure the better! It's amazing what people come across out there and the beaches will be somewhat cleaner too!

Potluck Dinner

WAKE will provide a turkey and ham to the potluck dinner. Soft drinks and water will also be offered. Feel free to bring your own beverages of your choice if you wish. All plates, plastic ware, cups and napkins will be provided.

Additional potluck menu items are assigned to members as follows:

Last names beginning with:

A - F: Salad

G - M: Side Dish

O - W: Dessert

Directions to Squalicum Yacht Clubhouse:

Squalicum Yacht Club
2633 S. Harbor Loop Dr.
Bellingham, WA 98225

- From I-5 take Meridian Street, Highway 539, Exit 256.
- Turn South on Meridian to Squalicum Parkway which is just after the railroad tracks.
- Turn right onto the parkway and follow it to the waterfront.
- The parkway becomes Roeder Ave. Follow that a short distance and turn right onto Coho Way just after the railroad tracks.
- The Clubhouse is in the corner of the parking lot between the Bellingham Yacht Club and the Seaview North Boat Yard right on the bulkhead above the harbor.

Look for the string of Christmas lights leading the way to the door.....



WAKE is on Facebook

Check it out! We are up and running on Facebook. This is where you can share photos, videos and make plans for paddling together. Already there are videos from Members Helping Members session and photos from recent club paddles.

Facebook is a great way to communicate with the local kayak community!

Like us on Facebook and get involved in the conversation!
Click on the link to our page below!

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Calendar of Events

Friday, November 18th - 7pm

Presentation by Susan Conrad. Her 1,100-mile Solo Inside Passage Sea Kayaking Voyage. Held at the Firehouse Performing Arts Center, 1314 Harris Ave. in Fairhaven. More information below!

Saturday, Nov 20th - Members Helping Members 1pm to 4pm

Due to water temperatures, this session may be moved to B'ham Bay at Marine Park or the Community Boat Center boat launch area. Details will be provided at a later date.
Contact: Ray Bailey, 384.4901, baileyray@msn.com



**Thanksgiving Saturday,
November 26th - Portage Island
Launch at 10:00am**

A mellow paddle around Portage Island from either traditional Gooseberry Point (10 miles) or Lummi point opposite island (7.5 miles) on a soft tide (+6.2 ft. low tide at 11:25 am). Lunch stop on SW beach. A southerly wind can quickly generate big waves on the east side. Always cold water, dress for immersion. Suitable for Intermediate. Contact trip leader: Dave Church, 371.7574, davec@wakekayak.org

Friday, December 2nd - WAKE Holiday Party/Silent Auction
Squalicum Yacht Club 6-9pm - Much more information above!

Sunday, 12/4: Members Helping Members, 1 to 4pm
Meet at Marine park to work on skills and/or get a good paddling workout in. Drop in session, no need to sign up to attend.
Contact person: Ray Bailey 384-4901 Baileyray@msn.com

Saturday, 12/10: Full Moon Paddle, 4pm to 6pm:
Let's paddle our boats around Bellingham Bay and catch the sunset, and we'll watch the full moon rise and the stars twinkle. What a wonderful opportunity to be on the water when the moon is rising and enjoy the bay at night.

Saturday, 12/17: Members Helping Members, 1 to 4pm
Meet at Marine Park to work on skills and/or get a good paddling workout in. Drop in session. No need to sign up. Contact person: Ray Bailey 384-4901, Baileyray@msn.com

Saturday - Sunday, 12/17 - 12/18: Overnight Trip to Lummi
Paddle to the DNR campsite on Lummi island and spend the night!
More information on our website.

Sunday, 1/1: New Years Day Paddle in Bellingham Bay
Launch at Community Boat Center boat launch. Paddle the shoreline of the bay to the BaySide Cafe` for brunch! A perfect way to get in your first paddle of the new year and a very fun way bring in the new year!
(We need a contact person and trip leader for this one! Anyone interested?)

For more information on any of these paddles,
go to our website:
www.wakekayak.org

Kayaker to recount 1,100-mile solo Inside Passage voyage

**Oceans of Uncertainty to A Sea of Revelations
One Woman's Solo Odyssey on the Inside Passage**



Friday, November 18, 7 p.m.
Firehouse Performing Arts Center
1314 Harris Avenue in Fairhaven

**Free with a suggested \$10 donation - proceeds support Educational Programs and Youth Scholarships at the Community Boating Center!
What a deal!**

Susan Conrad will present a 90-minute slideshow recapping the highlights of her Inside Passage sea kayak expedition. Relive the trip with Susan as she shares photographs and experiences of living indefinitely in a wetsuit before her next shower, paddling a marathon for days on end, forging friendships with amazing people in remote locations, pretending not to be intimidated by 700 pound grizzly bears and 40 ton whales, and living her dream.

**Believe that you can do anything you set your mind to.
Your passion should be your path and your path should be your passion**

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