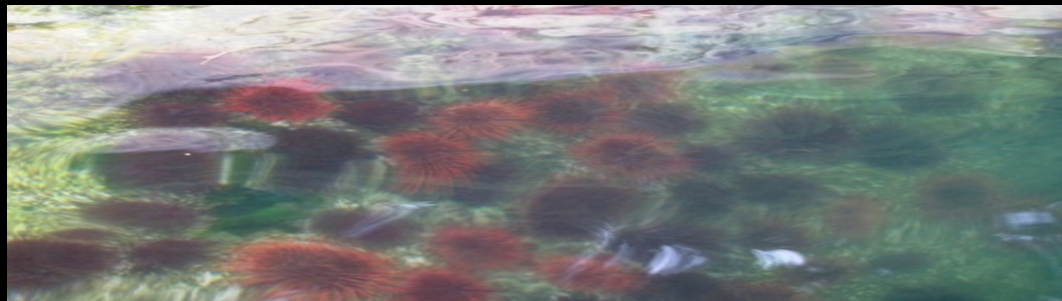


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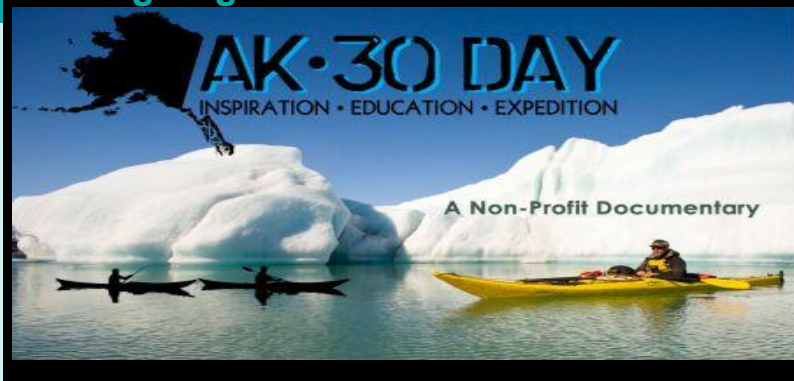
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
At The Bellingham Library
Doors Open at 7 pm
Meeting Begins at 7:30



Best of Bellingham!

Bellingham made the cover of the Fall Issue of Coast and Kayak!

John Kimantas, editor and owner of Coast & Kayak, joined members of WAKE on a circumnavigation of Lummi Island.

Come to the meeting on the 20th to pick up your copy!

Don Cheyette will present a fascinating presentation on a 30 day educational trip to Prince William Sound, AK teaching kayaking and survival skills to a group that had never met, and where everyone brought something different to the table. Check out their website if you want more information:

www.goyakin.org

YAKiN is dedicated to inspiring youth to connect with nature in order to gain health, develop essential life skills, better understand themselves and the world we live in.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As many of you know by now, Ted Wang has resigned as the President of WAKE. While this change was unexpected, we believe our club will make the necessary adjustments and move through this transition smoothly. We invited a small counsel of members to discuss the best way forward. The consensus was to ask the members, YOU, to become involved in the discussion. At our next Club meeting on September 20th, we will begin the meeting by discussing this, we will limit it to 15 minutes. While this will be an ongoing conversation with opportunities to contribute your ideas and questions, we do not want to take away from the scheduled program for this evening. We will provide ways for you to be involved in the conversation through emailing board members (email address listed are on the WAKE website: www.wakekayak.org) and we will also provide the option for you to write your comments down at the meeting as well as voice your concerns during the beginning of the meeting.

At this time we are seeking 3 interim-board members to assist in WAKE operations and transition through this period. We will hold elections for new board members in December. If you ever wanted to get involved, now is a great opportunity to really dig in!

The calendar may say September, but weather is screaming August! It appears we have many great paddling days ahead of us. If you still want to hone your skills before sunny warm days are few and far between, take in a Members Helping Members session at Lake Padden. Ray Bailey will be running these session until the end of September. Members Helping Members meet on Thursdays at 5pm at Lake Padden, by the tennis courts at the north west end of the lake. This is a great opportunity to work on strokes, wet exists, rescues and rolls and have fun doing it!

We hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday the 20th!

Dave Church and Barb Francis
WAKE Board Members

A BIG THANK YOU TO TED

On behalf of the entire WAKE community, we would like to extend our thanks to you, Ted, for nearly two years of excellent administration of WAKE's needs as President of the board. Your ability to take on many roles and responsibilities went far beyond the job description. You were devoted and put in long hours and hard work into

WAKE.

Because of you, now a simple signature on the membership forms/annual dues is all that is needed to easily cover waiver requirements. You did this with good research and legal counsel and as a result it reduced our insurance premiums in the process.

Also, with the loss of our Webmaster, Dan Barrett, you negotiated for a commercial web service while preserving Dan's "Map Thing" on which we all depend for quick weather and tide data. In addition, you quietly handled all the email coming into our website and took over as treasurer more than a year ago when the treasurer position became vacant.

Your accomplishments within the club have benefited the organization and will be carried forward. Thank you Ted, for all that you have given WAKE. We truly appreciate it!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 15/22/29 - Members Helping Members
5pm at Lake Padden
by the tennis courts

September 24th - Show Up @ Starbucks - Day Paddle
Meet at 9am at Sehome Village Starbucks

September 24th - Quad Club Picnic - Bowman Bay Picnic
Area
At Deception Pass State Park

For more information visit our website!
www.wakekayak.org

Up Coming Events:

October 4th - WAKE Business Meeting

October 18th - WAKE Club Meeting

October 26 - 30 - Greenland Week Kayak Festival
Lake Sammamish, Issaquah, WA
learn more at: www.kayakacademy.com

Mark Your Calendar:

December 2nd - WAKE Holiday Party/Silent Auction
Squalicum Yacht Club

2011 Quad Club Picnic - Saturday, September 24th

Hole in the Wall Paddle Club from Anacortes hosts the Quad Club Picnic. The other clubs involved are the North Sound Sea Kayak Association based in Everett, Whidbey Island Sea Kayak Club (WISK) and WAKE.

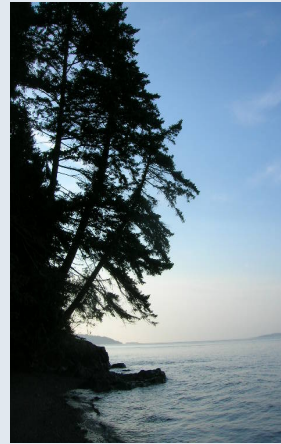
The festivities begin at 9 am and take place at the Bowman Bay Picnic Area at Deception State Park

All day demos with boats & traditional Greenland style paddles

It's a day of fun kayaking games, demonstrations, paddling, door prizes, raffle, gear swap, and general good times with members from 4 regional kayaking clubs. Bring something to share for the pot luck dinner!

Come early, play all day, stay late or camp over night!

CYPRESS ISLAND UPDATE



North end of Pelican Beach

Toni Droscher from the DNR has informed us overnight camping at Cypress Head and Pelican Beach campgrounds on Cypress Island is now closed for the season. Folks may still visit the island for day use, and the bathrooms are still open.

DISCUSSION SITE FOR KAYAKERS NOW AVAILABLE

Thanks to the Community Boating Center, the much requested "list serve," or discussion group site for kayakers is again available. This venue will allow paddlers to chat about topics of interest, as well as post information about last minute paddling opportunities. To become a part of the group, simply go www.boatingcenter.org, and click on the Boater Forum button on the left side of the home page. Of course, you'll need to register as a user if you wish to contribute.

This is not a WAKE amenity and can reach a broader audience than just WAKE members.

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