

Seattle Sea Kayak Club 2009 Trip List

Date	# days	Description	SK Level	Contact
Sunday, February 22	1	Pool session Kenmore	N/A	
Tuesday, March 10	1	Full-Moon Paddle Meet at 6:00 PM. Launch from Magnuson Park in Seattle.	I+	
Sunday, March 22	1	Pool session Kenmore	N/A	
Saturday, March 28	1	Duwamish River Enjoy an urban paddle in early spring. Pizza after the paddle, of course! 6 miles round trip. Party limit: 8.	II	
Saturday, April 04	1	Washington Water Trails Association Annual Auction & Dinner Seattle	N/A	
Saturday, April 04	1	Sequim Bay Launch from Sequim Bay State Park and paddle around the Bay and spit. About 10 nm.	II	
Thursday, April 09	1	Full-Moon Paddle Meet at 7:00 PM. Launch from Magnuson Park in Seattle	I+	
Friday, April 17	3	Port Angeles Kayak Symposium Port Angeles	N/A	
Sunday, April 19	1	Lake Washington / Ivars Paddle Launch at Enetai Beach on the east side of Lake Washington. Paddle along Mercer Island to Coulon Park for lunch at Ivars. Paddle back along east shoreline. 10 miles round trip.	II	
Sunday, April 26	1	Dabob Bay Oyster Fest Launch at Point Whitney, cross to our secluded oyster beach, gather oysters, slurp them raw or grilled, and tour the bay as we return. 7-10 miles round trip. Special requirements: Wet/dry suit, shellfish license, oyster knife, shucking glove . . . Tabasco sauce!	II	
Saturday, May 02	1	Joemma State Park Will paddle either south, north or west. 10+ miles round trip. 10 maximum. Special requirements: Wet/dry suit, depending upon conditions.	II	
Sunday, May 03	1	Historic boat tour of Port Townsend Paddle with the author of <i>The Year of the Boat</i> . Launch at Old Port Townsend State Park and paddle to the two marinas in Port Townsend, both jammed with fascinating wooden boats. We'll "tour" them from the water with Larry's commentary. \$7 park launch fee at the park, first-come campsites available. 10 nm	I-II	
Friday, May 08	1	Evening on Lake Washington / Full Moon Evening paddle on Lake Washington from Magnuson Park.	III	
Saturday, May 09	1	Stillaguamish River, South Fork Flat water paddle (suitable for sea kayaks) from Granite Falls to River Meadows County Park (near Arlington). River class II (easy rapids), 4 hours. Car shuttle. 11 miles round trip. Party limit: 6.	R-II	
Friday, May 15	5	Discovery Island Explorer Wheel onto the ferry to Sidney, then paddle to Sidney Island (3 nm). Next day to Discovery Island to camp 2 nights (14 nm). Daytrip to Victoria (14 nm). Back north to D'Arcy (11 nm). Ferry home either from Sidney or Friday Harbor (up to 16 nm). Relatively small tides, but very exposed route.	IV	

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Saturday, May 17 (date change)	1	Maury Island Circumnavigate the island. 12 miles round trip. 8 maximum.	II+	
Saturday, May 16	2	Puget Sound Sea Kayak Symposium Tacoma	N/A	
Tuesday, May 19	1	Egdon to Norwegian Point Paddle east side of Kitsap County from Egdon around Point No Point to Norwegian Point and back. 10 miles round trip. 6 boats maximum. Special requirements: Wet/dry suit.	III	
Friday, May 22	5	Ross Lake Car camp at ??? Good hiking in North Cascades National Park. Drive up to Hope, BC (5 hours), paddle down lake as group decides. Mileage up to group. 6 to 8 maximum, no minimum.	II	
Sunday, May 24	1	Chuckanut Bay Low Tide Launch at 10:30 AM at Larrabee State Park Boat Ramp (\$5 launch fee) on Cove Road. Enjoy sea anemones, sea stars, black oystercatchers, harlequin ducks, fossilized palm tree trunks, and great rocks. Could be windy. 10 miles round trip.	I-II	
Saturday, June 13	2	Fidalgo Island Circumnavigation Launch from La Conner and paddle clockwise around Fidalgo Island. Camp at Burrows Island. 35 miles round trip. Party limit: 6. Paddlers must be comfortable in swift currents and crossing eddy lines at Deception Pass.	IV	
Sunday, June 14	1	Fox Island Circumnavigate the island. 12 miles round trip.	II	
Saturday, June 20	1	Henderson Inlet Launch at Boston Harbor; see dozens of seals, herons, and other wildlife on this lovely inlet paddle. Hiking trails at lunch spot add interest. 10 miles round trip.	II+	
Saturday, June 20	3	San Juan Island Loop Launch at Washington Park and paddle south of Lopez to Griffin Bay. Next day paddle out around the west side of San Juan Island and on to Jones Island. Last day back to Washington Park. Paddling days of 16, 23, and 16 nm.	III	
Sunday, June 21	1	Chuckanut Bay Low Tide Launch at 9:45 AM at Larrabee State Park Boat Ramp (\$5 launch fee) on Cove Road. Enjoy sea anemones, sea stars, black oystercatchers, harlequin ducks, fossilized palm tree trunks, and great rocks. Could be windy. 10 miles round trip.	I-II	
Saturday, June 27	2	Lisabeula Overnight Leave Gig Harbor and paddle back the next day. Camp at WWTa site (free). 12 miles round trip. Special requirements: Wet/dry suit.	II	
Monday, June 30 (date change)	1	Dyes Inlet From Tracyton to Silverdale along one side of the Inlet and return along opposite side. 8 miles round trip. 8 boats maximum.	II	
Saturday, July 11	1	Snohomish River Nice, quite leisurely summer paddle. Bring sunglasses and suntan lotion. Limit 12 boats.	II-III	
Saturday, July 18	2	Half-circumnavigation of Whidbey Island Launch at Coupeville and paddle to Langley; overnight at Larry and Patty's new house. Continue around Whidbey's south end to the historic community of Maxwellton on the west side. 18 & 14 nm	II	

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Saturday, August 01	3	Matia Island Launch from Youngs County Park on Guemes Island. Stop at Cypress Island (Pelican Beach) and Clark Island en route to Matia Island. Camp two nights at Matia Island. On Sunday, paddle to Sucia Island. Return early on Monday. 40+ miles round trip. Party limit: 6. Paddlers must be comfortable crossing Rosario Strait in potentially rough conditions.	IV	
Sunday, August 02	1	Forth Annual Rescue & Roll Practice on Beaver Lake We'll put in at our home in Sammamish at 2:00 and paddle for a short distance to the Beaver Lake swimming area. We'll practice our rescues and rolls or just paddle around the lake for a couple of hours. Then back to the homestead for a potluck barbeque. Leisurely and fun. No instruction provided; this is a chance to practice skills you have already learned elsewhere.	I	
Wednesday, August 05	1	Full-Moon Paddle Meet at 7:00 PM. Launch from Golden Gardens Park in Seattle.	II	
Saturday, August 15	1	Hood Canal Exploratory paddle from Belfair into the wetlands and creeks -- optional dinner after.	II	
Sunday, August 16	8	Bowron Lake Circuit Paddle wilderness lakes between mountain ranges a day's drive north in BC. 65 miles, plus 7 miles of portage. Wheels and wetsuit/drysuit required. Because of early reservation fees, the trip is currently closed, but waitlist spots are available.	III+	
Saturday, August 22	1	Mystery Bay Launch at Fort Flagler, following shore to see birds, sand dollars, and possibly seals. Bring binoculars. 10 person maximum.	II	
Saturday, August 29	1	Nisqually Sloughs / McAllister Creek 2:00 PM launch from Luhr Beach. 11 miles round trip.	I	
Tuesday, September 01	1	Evening Ship Canal Paddle A relaxing 2 hour paddle down the ship canal to the locks to see the jumping salmon. 5 miles round trip.	II	
Friday, September 04	1	Full-Moon Paddle Meet at 7:00 PM. Launch from Golden Gardens Park in Seattle.	II	
Friday, September 11	3	16th Annual Fort Flagler Trip Friday night barbeque, Saturday paddle to Wooden Boat Show. Saturday night potluck. Stay in barracks at Fort Flagler on Marrowstone Island. Cost is \$30 per person; pay by September 1.	II+	
Friday, September 11	3	Wooden Boat Festival Port Townsend	N/A	
Saturday, September 19	2	Kachess Lake Come enjoy a fall paddle up in the mountains. Lake Kachess is quiet this time of year, with the water low. Enjoy birding and a relaxing paddle both Saturday and Sunday. Camp overnight in the campground -- optional.	II	
Friday, September 25	3	West Coast Sea Kayak Symposium Port Townsend	N/A	
Saturday, September 26	1	Fall Trip to Everett Sloughs Calm, serene waters. Launch at Langus Riverfront Park and end in Marysville. Short shuttle. Optional dinner in Everett.	I+	

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Saturday, September 26	2	Cypress Island Circumnavigate Cypress Island from Washington Park. Tents and campfires at Pelican Beach. Climb Eagle Cliff -- a beautiful trip to mark the end of summer. 15 miles round trip. 6 tents max. Special requirements: Wet/dry suit. Bring drinking water.	III	
Saturday, September 26	1	Dabob Bay Launch at Point Whitney and paddle up to the end of Dabob Bay. About 14 nm.	III	
Saturday, October 03	1	Circumnavigation of Mercer Island 14 miles round trip. 10 maximum.	II+	
Saturday, October 03	1	Full-Moon Paddle Meet at 6:00 PM. Launch from Magnuson Park in Seattle.	I+	
Saturday, October 10	1	Lincoln Park to Seahurst Park Ride along the bluffs from West Seattle to Burien, enjoy lunch and return. 8 miles round trip. 6 maximum.	II	
Saturday, October 10	1	Squaxin Island Circumnavigation Launch at Boston Harbor and paddle around Squaxin and Hope Islands. About 12 nm.	III	
Saturday, October 17	1	Cutts Island / Horsehead Bay Paddle past Cutts Island into Horsehead Bay. Launch at Kopachuck State Park. 6 car limit.	II	
Saturday, October 24	1	Case Inlet Leaping salmon and vivid fall colors are highlights of this almost annual trip. 10 miles round trip.	II	
Saturday, October 31	1	Lake Whatcom Exploratory paddle of this unusual lake destination near Bellingham. Start at South Bay, and head north for lunch on or near Revelle Island. Then explore the lonely east shore on the way back, including its historic southeast corner. 12 mile loop, with one short crossing.	II	
Sunday, November 01	1	The Narrows Launch at Titlow Beach, look up at the spectacular Narrows Bridge, float by the unique Salmon Beach community and brunch at the Tides Tavern in Gig Harbor. 12 miles round trip. Special requirements: Wet/dry suit.	III	

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Saturday, November 21	10	Costa Rica Come explore the Osa Peninsula and paddle the warm tropical waters. Hike, paddle, snorkel or swim daily, or day trips to explore the local attractions. To see wildlife at its richest, come with me to Corcovado National Park on the Osa Peninsula. This is one of the most biologically intense places on earth -- with 140 different mammals from tapirs to ocelots and sloths, 375 bird species and 850 kinds of trees. Very highly rated by National Geographic and Ann, who did this trip in 2008. Day paddles from Drake Bay, along the western shore of the Osa peninsula. Surf landings possible, but warm, calm condtions otherwise. Kayak in the mangroves, or up river. Group rates on airfare and accomodations. Limit 8. Sign up by Sept. 1 or earlier.	II - III	
Sunday, November 22	1	Filucy Bay and Pitt Passage Explore "one of the most scenic bays of the Pacific Northwest" at the bottom of Key Peninsula. Then continue north through narrow Pitt Passage to South Head. Return with a 2-mile crossing to McNeil Island, closing the loop by paddling along the wild shore of this state prison island. 12 miles round trip.	II	

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