

Seattle Sea Kayak Club 2015 Trip List				
Date	# days	Description	SK Level	
Saturday, March 07	1	BOSTON HARBOR to JOEMMA STATE PARK Launch at Boston Harbor near Olympia; paddle to Devils Head on Key Peninsula, and then up to the state park; return along Hartstene island for a loop trip. About 16 round trip	II	
Sunday, March 22	1	POOL SESSION Held at Covington Aquatic Center (next to Tahoma High School and Tahoma National Cemetery) 18230 SE 240th, Covington, WA. Come practice self rescue, buddy rescue, test new equipment, assist others. 2 hours (3-5 PM); optional dinner afterward. 15 boats maximum (can share time in pool) Clean boat required; hose available outside Cost: \$15 per person	n/a	
Saturday, March 28	1	COMMENCEMENT BAY Paddle around Commencement Bay and the Port of Tacoma. About 15 round trip	II	
Saturday, April 11	1	GRIFFIN BAY, San Juan Island Day trip from Pear Point (near Friday Harbor, below Turn Island) to Griffin Bay WTA campsite for lunch, and return. 13 miles round trip	II+	
Saturday, April 11	2	4th Annual Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup & Expo Races, and gear expo, over 2 days at Skansie Brothers Park in scenic downtown Gig Harbor.	n/a	
Saturday, April 18	1-2	DABOB BAY Oyster Fest & Hike Saturday: 4 mile round trip, steep hike up Mt Walker for spectacular views of Hood Canal and Puget Sound. Native orchids are blooming in April. Overnight at a family cabin in Quilcene. Potluck and games. Sunday: Launch from Point Whitney Shellfish lab near Quilcene, cross Dabob Bay, gather oysters then prepare to slurp raw or grilled. Minus 1.3 tide. 7 to 10 miles round trip	II+	

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Saturday, April 18	1	<p>WETA Auctions and Dinner Annual auctions to support Washington Water Trails Association's ongoing efforts to create and manage more watertrail sites. The online auction will run from April 1 to April 16, with the live auction (including a sumptuous catered dinner) taking place on April 18. The location is the Elks Club in Ballard, with a wonderful view of Puget Sound. You can also support the mission and goals of WETA by donating items or services to be auctioned.</p>	n/a	
Saturday, April 18	2	<p>Port Angeles Kayak & Film Festival Two days of classes including on-water instruction for novices to experts in all genres of kayaking and SUP, in Port Angeles and at Crescent Beach.</p> <p>Also: guided kayak tour in Port Angeles harbor on Sunday morning, demo beach both days, and Saturday keynote presentation by Ken Campbell (Ikksatsu Project 3rd film, of his awareness-raising 150 mile journey in a kayak constructed out of discarded single-use plastic bottles).</p> <p>Early registration recommended, as some classes fill up (no all-inclusive pass; most classes have fees, from \$5 to \$35).</p> <p>\$10 demo-beach pass; it is included free with registration for an on-water course.</p>	n/a	
Saturday, April 18	1	<p>Duwamish Alive! River Restoration Family-friendly work parties happen 10 AM - 2 PM. Hundreds of volunteers at 12 different sites clean up the Duwamish River, Seattle's only river. Kayaks launch from Duwamish Waterway Park in South Park. Snacks and beverages, instruction and tools provided. Volunteers in past years have found trash, old tires, rusted motors, even a kitchen sink (really)!</p>	I	
Sunday, April 26	1	<p>LAKE WASHINGTON Ivar's Paddle Launch at Enetai Beach. Paddle along Mercer Island and cross over to Coulon Park for a warm lunch at Ivar's, before paddling back along the eastern shore of the lake.</p> <p>10 nm round trip</p>	I	

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Friday, May 01	3	<p>YELLOW ISLAND, JONES ISLAND and TURN ISLAND</p> <p>Day 1: From Kansas Cove on San Juan Island (short drive from Friday Harbor, to near Turn Island), paddle to Yellow Island and view its abundance of wild flowers, and then on to Jones Island.</p> <p>Day 2: Jones Island to Turn Island.</p> <p>Day 3: Return to Kansas Cove.</p> <p>About 16 miles total Party size limit: 10</p>	III	
Saturday, May 02	1	<p>DASH POINT PARK to REDONDO</p> <p>Launch at Dash Point Park (the small Metro Parks Tacoma park, which is west of Dash Point State Park). Paddle to Redondo, lunch on the beach, and paddle back.</p> <p>Approx. 11 miles round trip Party size limit: 12</p>	II	
Sunday, May 03	1	<p>LAKE WASHINGTON Full Moon Paddle</p> <p>Launch in evening. Paddle northwest to see the sunset, then back while watching the full moon. Must have proper safety gear and a good light on boat and/or person.</p>	I+	
Wednesday, May 06	1	<p>LAKE WASHINGTON Evening Paddle</p> <p>Launch from Mt. Baker Beach. Whether for relaxation, exercise, or camaraderie, join us for this two-hour paddle.</p> <p>6 miles round trip</p>	II	
Friday, May 08	2	<p>Northwest Paddling Festival</p> <p>A local sea kayak symposium, Friday 2PM-7PM, Saturday 9AM-5PM, Sunset Beach at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah. Free with Discover Pass (otherwise \$10 to park). \$7 to demo boats; "more than 60 paddle sports businesses offering canoes, kayaks, stand up paddleboards, paddling equipment, accessories and gear". Spectator-friendly races of 6 miles and 2 miles on Saturday, in laps along shores of the lake (\$35 to enter). Free 1/2 hour sea kayak tours, free first-time SUP classes, and more.</p>	n/a	
Saturday, May 09	1	<p>Circumnavigate LAKE SAMMAMISH</p> <p>Start getting in shape for the season! We will meet at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah. We'll have lunch at one of the parks on the north end of the lake. This is an easy trip suitable for all levels.</p> <p>14 miles round trip</p>	I	

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Wednesday, May 13	1	LAKE WASHINGTON to Medina Launch from Enetai Beach. Paddle north shore of Mercer Island before crossing to Medina Beach Park for lunch. Return along Bellevue lakeshore. 6 miles round trip	II	
Sunday, May 17	1	LAKE ROESIGER A quiet paddle around Lake Roesiger, 12 miles north of Monroe. Meet at State Game launch at south end of the lake. Lunch at Benjarong Thai Restaurant afterward (optional). 5.1 miles round trip Discover Pass required for parking	I	
Wednesday, May 20	1	LAKE WASHINGTON Evening Paddle Launch from Enetai Beach Park. Whether for relaxation, exercise, or camaraderie, join us for this two-hour paddle. 6 miles round trip	II	
Friday, May 22	6	SOUTHERNMOST CANADIAN GULF ISLANDS Wheel on Anacortes ferry to Sidney B.C. and paddle to Sidney Island to camp. Next day to Discovery Island Marine Provincial Park to camp 2 nights. Third day explore Victoria area. Fourth day paddle to D'Arcy Island. Fifth day paddle across Haro Strait to Jones Island. Last day paddle to Washington Park near Anacortes. Paddling days of 3, 16, 16, 14, 11, and 16 nm.	IV	
Saturday, May 23	3	POSEY ISLAND Pirate Paddle (in the San Juans) We will search the Roche Harbor area for hidden treasures (in the water or above including eagles, herons, seals, starfish, etc.), plus make our way to the Westcott Bay oyster farm for the treasured "San Juan local oysters". Sit around the campfire and tell pirate stories, or stories of your kayak adventures. Please bring your pirate booty to share at the Saturday night feast. Camping at Posey Island. Paddling days of 5 miles, 9 miles, and 5 miles Party size limit: 8 Special requirement: wet/dry suit	II+	

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Saturday, May 30	1	<p>FOX ISLAND Circumnavigation Circumnavigation of Fox Island (across the Tacoma Narrows bridge, south of Gig Harbor). Limited parking, so carpooling suggested.</p> <p>12 nm round trip Party size limit: 6 cars, due to limited parking</p>	II	
Saturday, June 06	1	<p>LUMMI to VENDOVI in the San Juans Take Gooseberry Point ferry (drive past Bellingham) to Lummi Island. Put in at a boat launch on the east shore of Lummi. Paddle south along the Lummi shore, then a 1.3 mile crossing to Vendovi Island. Lunch on Vendovi, then return to boat launch.</p> <p>Vendovi was a privately-owned island until its purchase by the San Juan Preservation Trust in 2010.</p> <p>9.6 nm round trip Party size limit: 6</p>	III	
Sunday, June 07	1	<p>HENDERSON INLET Paddle from Boston Harbor (near Olympia) into Henderson Inlet and back. See lots of seals and water birds and arrive at a perfect lunch stop with picnic tables.</p> <p>12 miles round trip Party size limit: 12 Bring wet or dry suit, in case conditions warrant use</p>	II	
Wednesday, June 10	1	<p>SHIP CANAL and LAKE UNION Launch in Ballard, head to a pocket beach near Gas Works Park for a lunch stop, then return. This is a mid-day trip.</p>	I	
Thursday, June 11	4	<p>Lummi Stommish Water Festival Coast Salish annual gathering for the whole family, includes traditional and contemporary events. Free and open to the public, on the Lummi Indian reservation near Bellingham. Includes the War Canoe races, and a Sla-hal Bone Game tournament.</p>	n/a	

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Friday, June 12	3	<p>South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium Family-friendly event at Twanoh State Park (at the end of Hood Canal, near Belfair), featuring instruction and competition in Greenland-style kayaking and rolling. For beginner to advanced paddlers and rollers, including a children's track specifically designed to get young kids started kayaking. The skin-on-frame kayaks are "qajaqs", the paddles are "sticks", and a "tuilik" is a full-body spray skirt. No corporate sponsors; just a community of paddlers. Games, social activities and several lunches included. Group campsite option near the beach, or can reserve a campsite at the state park.</p> <p>Registration required</p>	n/a	
Saturday, June 13	1	<p>SKAGIT BAY Launch at Utsalady Beach near the top of Camano Island. Tour southern Skagit Bay.</p> <p>12 nm round trip Party size limit: 6</p>	II	
Saturday, June 20	1	<p>CYPRESS ISLAND Circumnavigation Launch from Young's County Park on the north shore of Guemes Island. Circumnavigate Cypress Island clockwise, with lunch break at Strawberry Island, and break at Pelican Beach.</p> <p>16 miles round trip Party size limit: 6</p>	III	
Saturday, June 20	1	<p>US Open Championship at CHAMBERS BAY Launch at Luhr Beach (near Nisqually Wildlife Refuge, just north of Olympia) and paddle past the Chambers Bay golf course (near Tacoma) during the U.S. Open Championship.</p> <p>About 20 nm round trip</p>	II	
Saturday, June 27	1	<p>EDMONDS to AGATE PASSAGE Launch from Edmonds Marina Beach Park, cross the Sound to Kingston, then south along the Kitsap shore to Old Man House near Agate Passage, and return. Dinner afterward at beach cafe.</p> <p>Two major crossings. Round trip estimated at 15 miles.</p>	III	

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Monday, July 06	10 inc'lg travel	KYUQUOT SOUND, B.C. West cost of Vancouver Island: Rugged Point, the Mission Group, and maybe the Bunsbys, weather permitting Party size limit: 10	IV	
Saturday, July 11	1	MARROWSTONE ISLAND Paddle from Fort Flagler along the eastern shoreline of Marrowstone (near Port Townsend) to the bottom of the island, where we will have an easy car shuttle back to Fort Flagler. If you want to make this a weekend camping trip, make camping reservations ASAP! 11.5 nm total	II	
Friday, July 17	3	Tribal Canoe Journey The 2015 Tribal Canoe Journey will consist of several regional gatherings. Starting with the 1989 Paddle to Seattle, a different tribe had been hosting the event each year. Visiting tribes paddled in ocean going canoes for up to 3 weeks to reach the destination, and a final week-long potlatch. Thousands participated. The public was invited to these celebrations of culture. This year, the Lower Elwha Klallam tribe near Port Angeles will host a celebration of the removal of the dams on the Elwha River, likely over July 17-19. (The Nisqually Tribe is already scheduled to host the 2016 Canoe Journey. The Sliammon First Nation of Powell River, B.C. is scheduled to host in 2017.)	n/a	
Saturday, July 25	1	MAURY ISLAND Circumnavigation Take ferry to Vashon Island, drive to launch at Dockton County Park on Quartermaster Harbor at the south end of Maury Island. Circle Maury Island clockwise, with portage across the isthmus. 16 miles round trip Party size limit: 10	III	

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Saturday, August 1	3	<p>West Coast Wooden Kayak Rendezvous This annual festival is held on the beach at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. It is free and open to the public. Bring your home-made kayak or canoe or just come and enjoy the people, boats, and activities. Expect to see strip-built and stitch-and-glue constructed boats as well as traditional skin-on-frame and folding kayaks.</p> <p>Activities begin Friday afternoon and end Sunday with plenty of time between events to talk and try other people's boats. Demonstrations will cover some of the basic processes of kayak construction. There will be a group dinner at the Beach Kitchen Shelter on Saturday evening. Note: camping reservations at the Park must usually be made far in advance.</p>	n/a	
Saturday, August 1	3	<p>SAN JUAN HOLIDAY Tour Come paddle the San Juans this summer. Email for details of this year's trip. (Past holiday tours have included driving onto a ferry, and exploring areas such as Lopez Island, Orcas Island, San Juan Island, or Stuart Island.)</p> <p>Special requirement: wet/dry suit</p>	III	
Tuesday, August 04	1	<p>GIG HARBOR to SOUTHWORTH One way up Colvos Passage, along the mainland shore, just west of Vashon Island - will require a car shuttle.</p> <p>14.5 nm, with a strong current</p>	II	
Thursday, August 06	3	<p>HOPE ISLAND/HAMMERSLEY INLET On-the-water training in tides, currents. Experience currents and eddies in Hammersley Inlet; study and review at camp on Hope Island (near Olympia).</p> <p>Special requirements: wet/dry suit; must be comfortable in moving water.</p> <p>Paddling days of 8 nm, 16 nm (with currents), and 8 nm Party size limit: 8</p>	III	

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Saturday, August 08	1	<p>BOWMAN BAY to BURROWS ISLAND One of the most scenic of the North Sound trips. Launch at Bowman Bay State Park, just north of Deception Pass (at the top of Whidbey Island, but can drive via Anacortes). Ride the strong flood tide north. Lunch either at the Cascadia Marine Trail site, or at the lighthouse, on Burrows Island. Return on a weak ebb tide. There will be eddy lines and tide rips around these islands; wind and waves possible.</p> <p>10 nautical miles round trip</p> <p>Discover Pass required for parking Wet or dry suit recommended</p>	III	
Monday, August 17	2	<p>BAINBRIDGE ISLAND Circumnavigation Ferry and drive to Ft. Ward Park on Bainbridge Island, then launch; overnight at Fay Bainbridge Park.</p> <p>14 nm one day, 11 the other</p>	II	
Thursday, August 27	3	<p>BLIND ISLAND and EASTSOUND Round trip from Washington Park near Anacortes, to camp at Blind Island water trail site in the San Juan Islands. Beat the weekend rush. Includes Rosario Strait crossings. 13 mile days on Thursday and Saturday. Explore Eastsound area near Orcas Island on Friday (14 protected miles on this middle day).</p>	IV	
Saturday, September 05	8	<p>ROSS LAKE in the North Cascades From Colonial Creek campground on Thunder Arm of Lake Diablo, to Ross Lake, then following the shore to British Columbia and back, camping along the way. (This is about a 50 mile round trip, with an average of 6.5 miles a day.)</p> <p>Party size limit: 8</p>	I-II	

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Saturday, September 05	13	<p>TURKEY'S Turquoise Coast 7 days of kayaking the spectacular Turquoise Coast from Koycegiz Lake to Gocek Bay. 13 days total trip.</p> <p>You will camp on remote beaches, visit hot springs, and experience a wild and natural area of Turkey. Trade your boats for hiking shoes and trek 4 days on the Lycian Way. Explore ancient ruins; sleep in little hotels along the way.</p> <p>Get on this trip list soon!</p> <p>Party size limit: 12</p> <p>Cost: based on current exchange rate, and number of participants; up to 7 = \$2,457; 10 or more = \$2,281</p>	II	
Saturday, September 12	2	<p>LUMMI ISLAND Circumnavigation Launch from Gooseberry Point (drive past Bellingham). Paddle 6 nm to camp on Lummi Island on Saturday. On Sunday, complete the circumnavigation of Lummi Island (15 nm).</p> <p>21 nm total Party size limit: 6</p>	III	
Friday, September 18	3	<p>LAKE QUINAULT, Olympic National Park Meet at Lake Quinault on Friday afternoon. Depending on group preference, camp at Falls Creek campground, or stay warm indoors. On Saturday, circumnavigate Lake Quinault, stopping mid-day for shoreline lunch. On Sunday, individual choice of paddling or hiking one of the spectacular trails in the area. Meals will depend on group preference: camp-style, individual, group, or dining out (Lake Quinault Lodge, or local eateries). Details to be worked out closer to the date.</p> <p>Special requirement: hiking gear if you plan on hiking.</p> <p>Costs: \$5-15 per kayak for a permit from the Quinault Tribe; camping fees (nominal), or lodging cost (depending on choice).</p>	I	

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Saturday, September 19	1	EVERETT SLOUGH Launch at Langus Riverfront Park in north Everett. Take out at the nice park in Marysville. Car shuttle back. This annual trip takes about 3 hours, through sparsely-populated farmland. Interesting sights along the Slough....floating and sinking and tilting boats. Mid-day trip with optional, early dinner after.	II	
Saturday, September 19	2	DECEPTION PASS State Park Launch at La Conner, and paddle through Deception Pass to Bowman Bay, to camp at the water trail site. About 10 nm each day	III	
Sunday, September 27	1	REDONDO BEACH to Dash Point State Park Launch at Redondo Beach, and paddle south to Dash Point State Park. Return in the dark. Full-moon night; good chance of seeing some bioluminescence. Must have all safety gear and a good light for boat and/or person.	II	
Friday, October 02	3 (up to)	RACE!, and the COLUMBIA RIVER Friday night: Drive to Lincoln Rock State Park, on the east side of the Columbia River, approximately 10 miles north of Wenatchee. Stay in a tent or cabin for 2 nights, Saturday: Enter the 10:30 AM races by Sound Rowers Open Water Rowing and Paddling Club (attend the 5/26/15 club meeting program to learn about such races). Two options: short course "Little Turtle Tour" is 2.5 miles around Turtle Rock; long course "Guano Rocks Race" is 5.5 miles going further upriver around Guano Rocks. All ability levels welcome! Registration \$10-20; ribbons awarded by category; delicious BBQ after the races \$8 per person. Sunday: 11-mile one-way paddle, with car shuttle, on the Columbia River. Start near Rocky Reach Dam, lunch at Confluence State Park near downtown Wenatchee, take-out at Hydro Park.	II	

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Sunday, October 11	1	<p>CASE INLET Paddle from the town of Allyn (near Belfair, which is at the toe of Hood Canal) south to Stretch Island for lunch, and return. See lovely fall colors, paddle under a picturesque bridge between Reach and Stretch islands, and explore a quiet side inlet with chattering kingfishers if tide level allows.</p> <p>12 miles round trip. Party size limit: 12 Bring wet or dry suit, in case conditions warrant use.</p>	II	
Saturday, October 17	1	<p>RIFFE LAKE Launch at Mossyrock Park (east of the town of Mossyrock, past Centralia and Chelalis) and explore the lake.</p> <p>Up to about 15 nm round trip</p>	II	
Sunday, October 25	1	<p>BAINBRIDGE to BREMERTON One-way tour with ferries at both ends. Park for free in downtown Seattle on a Sunday morning and catch the Bainbridge Island ferry. Must have kayak wheels. Launch near ferry dock and ride flood current to Manchester State Park for lunch break. End at Bremerton ferry for ride back.</p> <p>12 miles round trip Party size limit: 10 Special requirement: kayak wheels</p>	III	
Sunday, November 01	1	<p>LAKE WASHINGTON Ivar's Paddle Launch at Enetai Beach. Paddle along Mercer Island, cross over to Coulon Park for a warm lunch at Ivar's. Paddle back along the eastern lakeshore.</p> <p>10 nm round trip</p>	II	
Saturday, November 21	1	<p>TOUR de HAT Leave from Mukilteo Beach Park (just south of the ferry) and paddle over to Hat (Gedney) Island. Must be comfortable with open water crossings. If bad weather, backup would be Steamboat Slough area near Everett.</p> <p>Approximately 14 miles round trip</p>	III	

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Saturday, November 28	1-2	<p>DUNGENESS SPIT Let's revive an oldie but a goodie: the post-Thanksgiving trip to the Dungeness Spit Lighthouse (near Port Angeles). Details later!</p> <p>Also see optional Sunday trip, below.</p> <p>10 miles round trip Party size limit: 10 Special requirement: wet/dry suit</p>	II-III	
Sunday, November 29	1	<p>LOWER DISCOVERY BAY Day trip / optional weekend extension after Saturday 11/28/15 Dungeness Spit trip (see above). Camp at Sequim Bay State Park. Start near south end of Discovery Bay (which is approximately 17 miles west of the Hood Canal Bridge). Paddle up west shore to Contractor's Point (optional return, for 8-mile round trip). Cross 1.5 miles to Adelme Beach. Paddle east shore back, for the whole loop.</p> <p>13 miles round trip</p>	III	
Saturday, December 12	1	<p>2nd ANNUAL LUMINARIA PADDLE at GREENLAKE Decorate your boat with Christmas lights and then paddle the shoreline, as thousands participate in the annual Green Lake Pathway of Lights. The path around the lake is lighted with 2,500 luminaria candles. All are encouraged to light up the night with glow sticks and other items. There's holiday music, too. All free. Rain or shine. Meet 3:00, paddle begins at 4:30, can continue as late as 7:30.</p> <p>1 lap = 3 miles Party size: the more the merrier!</p> <p>Special requirements: This is a night paddle, so bring reflective vests, emergency lights, etc.</p>	I	

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Saturday, September 03	12	<p>INDONESIA - Raja Ampat (2016)</p> <p>Raja Ampat Conservation area is off the coast of New Guinea, Eastern Indonesia.</p> <p>Matt Edwards will be our guide. He was our guide in Fiji. This is a 12 day Southern Sea Ventures trip.</p> <p>The Raja Ampat conservation area consists of 1,500 mostly limestone islands. It is an untouched paddling and snorkeling paradise. According to Conservation International, the marine life diversity in the Raja Ampat area is the highest recorded on Earth: 1,320 species of reef fish, 600 species of hard coral, 5 species of endangered sea turtles, 13 species of marine mammals and 27 species of reef fish found only in Raja Ampat.</p>	II	