

Date	# of Days	Description	SK Level	
Sunday, January 31	1	<p>RESCUE PRACTICE Session 1 Practice wet exits, re-entries and other rescue techniques on Beaver Lake (in Sammamish). Previous wet-exit and re-entry practice (e.g. in a pool) is recommended. No formal instruction will be provided, but we can all help each other. Suitable for those who have done pool wet exits and would like to practice in cold water.</p> <p>2 hours (1-3 PM); hot tub and burgers afterward.</p> <p>Special requirement: Dry or wet suit mandatory.</p>	I	
Sunday, March 6	1	<p>POOL SESSION Held at Covington Aquatic Center (next to Tahoma High School, and Tahoma National Cemetery) at 18230 SE 240th, Covington, WA. Come practice self rescue, buddy rescue, test new equipment, assist others.</p> <p>2 hours (3-5 PM); optional dinner afterward.</p> <p>15 boats maximum (can share time in pool) Clean boat required; hose available outside Cost: \$15 per person</p>	n/a	
Saturday, March 19	1	<p>DABOB BAY Launch at Point Whitney (near Quilcene and Hood Canal). Paddle up to the end of Dabob Bay.</p> <p>About 14 nm</p>	II	
Saturday, April 02	2	<p>5th Annual Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup Races, gear expo, geoduck chowder; 2 days at Skansie Brothers Park in scenic downtown Gig Harbor.</p>	n/a	
Saturday, April 2	1	<p>Explore the NISQUALLY DELTA at high tide Launch around 10:30 am from Luhr Beach (northeast of Olympia). High tide is 1339 @10'. Paddle around the mud flats, explore the marshes...head up the Nisqually and find a place to rest along the river. Return around 4 pm. I plan to bring my 13-year-old son in a double kayak -- great trip for a young person. This area is full of migratory birds, herons, and river otters. Eagles nest here. Harbor seals often frequent the mouth of the river. The iron shipwreck is the resting place for Steller sea lions, and for California sea lions (visiting here Fall to Spring).</p> <p>8 nm round trip Party size limit: 8 Special requirement: wet/dry suit Discover Pass required for parking.</p>	II	
Saturday, April 2	2	<p>LONG ISLAND in WILLAPA BAY Put in at Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (near Long Beach in SW corner of Washington). Paddle to Smokey Hollow camp site, hike into the giant cedar grove. Return on Sunday, April 3.</p> <p>About 9 miles round trip</p>	I-II	

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Tuesday, April 5	1	<p>MERCER SLOUGH</p> <p>3-hour paddle in the Slough (near Bellevue) to limber up the kayak muscles and check your equipment. Easy paddle. View birds, turtles, lily pads, whatever.</p> <p>Launch from Enatai Beach Park (just under the I-90 bridge on the Bellevue side).</p>	I	
Saturday, April 9	1 or 2	<p>DABOB BAY Oyster Fest & Hike</p> <p>Saturday: Launch from Point Whitney Shellfish Lab (near Quilcene and Hood Canal). Cross Dabob Bay, gather oysters then prepare to slurp raw or grilled. Minus 1.4 tide at 1:11 pm.</p> <p>7 to 10 miles round trip Special requirement: shellfish permit</p> <p>Sunday: After an overnight in a family cabin in Quilcene, have a leisurely Sunday morning, then go for a hike to the summit of Mt. Walker for spectacular views of Hood Canal, Puget Sound and the distant Seattle skyline. 4-mile round trip hike (also drivable). Dinner and breakfast at the cabin.</p>	II+	
Friday, April 15	3	<p>WILLAPA BAY / LONG ISLAND</p> <p>Spend the weekend in birder's paradise, during peak migration month, at the Willapa National Wildlife Refuge (near Long Beach in SW corner of Washington).</p> <p>Arrive Friday afternoon or evening and either camp at Cape Disappointment S.P., or stay more comfortably at a local inn. Launch early Saturday morning, and paddle to one of the primitive campsites on Long Island's west side. Harvest clams/oysters (permit required), walk the trails. Sunday: leave mid-morning, complete the clockwise circumnavigation.</p> <p>Party size limit: 10 Special requirements: wet/dry suit, camping/cooking gear, fresh water.</p>	II	
Saturday, April 16	1	<p>PORT SUSAN tour</p> <p>Launch from Tulalip Bay Marina (near Marysville). Visit Kayak Point and Tillicum Beach parks. Likely paddle up the mainland shore and cross over to Camano Island's east side. Will include two crossings of 2 nm each. Probable spring bird-a-thon.</p> <p>14 nautical miles round trip</p>	II	
Friday, April 22	1	<p>Full Moon Paddle on LAKE WASHINGTON</p> <p>Evening paddle, leaving from Magnuson Park (Sand Point, near the Lake City area) to watch moonrise. Off the water around 9:30 PM.</p> <p>6-8 miles round trip Party size limit: 8 Special requirements: wet/dry suit, lights on boats</p>	II	

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Friday, April 22	3	<p>Port Angeles Kayak & Film Festival Friday: 5-7 pm welcome party, with local Olympic Peninsula films.</p> <p>Saturday and Sunday: classes, including on-water instruction, novices to experts, at Port Angeles and Crescent Beach (surfing). Demo beach (\$10 fee) both days.</p> <p>Saturday keynote presentation by adventurer and filmmaker Justine Curgenven (her many expeditions include circumnavigations of Tasmania, the Queen Charlotte Islands, and the South island of New Zealand).</p> <p>Early registration recommended, as some classes fill up (no all-inclusive pass; most classes have fees, from \$5 to \$35).</p>	n/a	
Saturday, April 23	1	<p>ANDERSON ISLAND Circumnavigation Launch at Luhr Beach (near Nisqually Wildlife Refuge northeast of Olympia). Paddle around Anderson Island, with lunch on Eagle Island.</p> <p>About 14 nm</p>	II	
Saturday, April 30	1	<p>POINT DEFIANCE to TACOMA Launch at Point Defiance Park northwest of Tacoma. Paddle near shore, along Marine Park, to Thea's Park just before downtown Tacoma (possibly into the Foss Waterway) and return.</p> <p>8-10 miles round trip</p>	I	
Wednesday, May 4	1	<p>LAKE WASHINGTON (Enetai - Medina) From Enatai Beach Park (just under the I-90 bridge on the Bellevue side), paddle the north shore of Mercer Island. Cross to Medina Beach Park for lunch, and return via the Bellevue shoreline.</p> <p>8 miles</p>	II	
Friday, May 06	2	<p>Northwest Paddling Festival 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	
Friday, May 6	3	<p>Visit YELLOW ISLAND and Circumnavigate SHAW ISLAND Day 1: Wheel kayaks onto the 9:30 am ferry at Anacortes, and launch from Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. Paddle to Yellow Island; spend the afternoon hiking and taking in the amazing flower show. Camp on Jones Island on Friday night. Day 2: paddle around the north side of Shaw Island. Spend Saturday night at Odlin State Park on Lopez Island. Day 3: continue around the south side of Shaw Island, returning to Friday harbor for our ferry ride back to Anacortes.</p> <p>24 miles total (7-10-7) Party size limit: 8 Special requirements: wet/dry suit, camping gear, kayak wheels</p>	III	

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Wednesday, May 11	1	<p>LAKE ROESIGER A quiet paddle around Lake Roesiger (north of Monroe). Meet at State game launch at south end of the lake. Optional lunch at Benjarong Thai Restaurant afterward.</p> <p>5.1 miles Discover Pass required for parking</p>	I	
Saturday, May 14	2	<p>Central HOOD CANAL Launch from Triton Cove boat launch, and paddle to Potlatch State Park to camp. Paddle back on the other side of the Canal.</p> <p>About 15 nm each way.</p>	III	
Sunday, May 15	1	<p>DASH POINT to REDONDO BEACH (and back)</p> <p>An evening paddle, return in the dark. Launch at Dash Point in Tacoma. Hope to see a good display of bioluminescence.</p> <p>Must have all safety gear, and a good light for person/boat.</p>	II	
Friday, May 20	1	<p>Full Moon Paddle on LAKE WASHINGTON</p> <p>Evening paddle, leaving from Magnuson Park (Sand Point, near the Lake City area) to watch moonrise. Off the water around 9:30 PM.</p> <p>6-8 miles round trip Party size limit: 8 Special requirements: wet/dry suit, lights on boats</p>	II	
Saturday, May 21	1	<p>FOX ISLAND Circumnavigation This is a pretty island across the Narrows Bridge, south of Gig Harbor.</p> <p>12 miles round trip Party size limit: 6 cars (limited parking)</p>	II	
Tuesday, May 24	1	<p>BALLARD to LAKE UNION (Ship Canal) Launch on the waterfront at Ballard, and paddle through the Lake Washington Ship Canal to Lake Union.</p> <p>Easy cruise. Bring a lunch. This is a mid-day paddle.</p>	I	
Thursday, May 26	7	<p>CANADIAN GULF ISLANDS Day 1: ferry from Anacortes to Sidney B.C., paddle to South Pender Island to camp two nights. Day 2: paddle around South Pender. Day 3: paddle to Prevost Island to camp two nights. Day 4: explore Long and Ganges Harbours. Day 5: paddle to Portland Island to camp two nights. Day 6: explore Fulford Harbour. Day 7: ferry back to Anacortes.</p> <p>Paddling days of 10, 9, 13, 13, 8, 9 and 6 nm</p>	IV	

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Friday, May 27	3	<p>POSEY ISLAND Pirate Paddle Join the tradition of paddling around Roche Harbor and the San Juan Islands over Memorial Day. Friday night pirate feast and camp on Posey Island. Treasure Hunt and capturing the local oysters are the fun part of this paddle. Wear your favorite pirate outfit, and bring a bottle of rum to share, so no one will get hurt! Creativity counts on the costumes.</p> <p>Escape early and come out to the San Juans on Thursday. Paddle Friday-Saturday, enjoy a leisurely Sunday morning, then return before the weekend holiday crowd on Monday.</p> <p>Approximately 14 miles over 2 days Special requirements: wet/dry suit, ferry reservations</p>	II+	
Wednesday, June 1	1	<p>LINCOLN PARK - SEAHURST PARK Paddle the West Seattle shoreline. Lunch at Seahurst Park.</p> <p>5.5 miles round trip</p>	I	
Friday, June 10	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 (may sell out early)</p>	n/a	
Friday, June 17	3	<p>CLARK ISLAND Launch from Gooseberry Point (north and west of Bellingham), paddle around south end of Lummi Island. Circumnavigate Clark and Barnes Islands on Saturday.</p> <p>About 30 nm.</p>	IV	
Saturday, June 18	1	<p>SNOHOMISH RIVER Delta Explore the sloughs near Everett, at the mouth of the Snohomish River.</p> <p>8 miles round trip Party size limit: 10</p>	II	
Saturday, June 25	1	<p>HENDERSON INLET Launch at Boston Harbor near Olympia. Paddle into Henderson Inlet to a lovely lunch site with picnic tables and pretty views. See lots of seals and waterfowl.</p> <p>12 miles Party size limit: 12 Special requirement: wet/dry suit</p>	II	

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Sunday, July 10	4	<p>HOPE ISLAND (South), HAMMERSLEY INLET Depart Boston Harbor (near Olympia) and camp at Hope Island; paddle Totten Inlet the 2nd day, Hammersley Inlet ("Shelton Shuttle", really fun dynamic water!) the 3rd day, and return the 4th day. This would be a good trip for paddlers wanting some kayak camping experience. Shared camp fees.</p> <p>Miles, round trip: 1st day 4 miles; 2nd day 12 miles with current assist; 3rd day 14 miles with lots of current assist; 4th day 4 miles Party size limit: 8 Special requirements: wet/dry suit if conditions warrant; be prepared for some current and eddies.</p>	III	
Monday, July 11	3 or 4	<p>SAN JUAN ISLAND -- Westside Exploration Day 1: Launch at Roach Harbor on San Juan Island, paddle to San Juan County Park and camp (4 miles). Day 2: Paddle to Deadman Bay, return to SJCP (4 miles). Day 3: Paddle to Posey Island, explore British Camp (5 miles). Day 4: Explore around Henry Island (6 miles).</p> <p>Party size limit: 6 Special requirements: immersion gear, camping equipment</p>	III	
Friday, July 15	3	<p>DOE ISLAND Launch from Washington Park near Anacortes, and head north into the San Juan Islands. Circumnavigate Obstruction Island on Saturday.</p> <p>About 40 nm</p>	IV	
Tuesday, July 19	1	<p>RESCUE PRACTICE Session 2 It's warmer now, and we've been on the water. Let's practice solo and group rescues, towing, and emergency signals.</p> <p>Location to be determined.</p>	I	
Friday, July 29	3	<p>SAN JUAN mid-summer paddle Enjoy 3 days in the San Juans in mid Summer. Base camp on Posey Island. Explore nearby islands and look for whales. Explore the west side of San Juan Island.</p> <p>Special requirements: wet/dry suit, ferry reservations</p>	III	
Saturday, July 30	8	<p>Tribal Canoe Journey An annual Northwest indigenous nations tradition, the Canoe Journey leads to Olympia this year. Over 100 ocean-going canoes will travel hundreds of miles along the coasts, from communities throughout Washington and British Columbia. (Paddlers are called "pullers" because of the pulling motion on the paddle.)</p> <p>Saturday 7/30/16 is the ceremonial canoe landing at the Port of Olympia. Sunday 7/31/16 is the Medicine Creek Treaty Ceremony. "Protocol", through Saturday 8/6/16, includes camping and potlatch-style meals and cultural celebrations, hosted by the Nisquallys.</p> <p>Different tribes have been hosting this event for over 20 years. The public is invited, and you can volunteer.</p>	n/a	

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Thursday, August 04	1	GAMBLE BAY Day paddle to explore Gamble Bay and part of Hood Canal (near Port gamble, and the Hood Canal Bridge).	II	
Saturday, August 06	1	GUILLEMOT COVE Launch at Misery Point (near Seabeck, west of Bremerton, on the east side of Hood Canal), paddling south to Guillemot/Frenchman's Cove. The cove is a wetland reserve, with hiking trails and the possibility of a swim. The bay is very shallow and often the water is quite warm at this time of year. This is a class 2+ trip, as the wind can come up in the afternoon on the Canal. Approximately 14 nautical miles round trip Discover Pass required for parking Wet/dry suit recommended	II+	
Sunday, August 7	1	Washington Park to BURROWS ISLAND Launch at Washington Park in Anacortes. Paddle south with a weak current to circumnavigate Allen and Burrows Islands. Lunch stop at the Burrows Island lighthouse. Eddy lines, wind and waves possible. 9 miles round trip Party size limit: 10 Wet/dry suit recommended	III	
Friday, August 12	3	TURN ISLAND Launch from Washington Park, and paddle toward San Juan Island through Thatcher Pass. Saturday's plan to be determined by the group. About 45 nm	IV	
Monday, August 15	5	Paddle Oregon: 5 days on the WILLAMETTE RIVER Paddle Oregon is a fundraiser for the Willamette Riverkeeper organization, and is considered by many to be a premier canoe and kayak adventure. Spend 5 days and 4 nights on the river, and paddle 100 or more miles. Paddle Oregon is an amazing way to explore the Willamette, as participants camp together, eat delicious catered meals, enjoy nightly speakers and entertainment, learn about river issues and ecology, and share this one-of-a-kind experience with fellow paddlers. Special requirement: camping equipment (all food and campsites are provided) Cost approximately \$750 per person	II	
Saturday, August 27	1	MAURY ISLAND Circumnavigation Paddle around Maury Island (southeast part of Vashon Island), with one portage across the spit. 12 miles Party size limit: 10 Special requirement: kayak wheels (for the portage)	III	

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Friday, September 2	3	<p>PORTLAND ISLAND in the South Gulf Islands of B.C. Transport our kayaks via portaging wheels onto the ferry in Tsawassen to Swartz Bay, and paddle to Portland Island. Two nights on camping at Portland Island Marine Park, with a side trip to Fulford Harbor on Saltspring Island.</p> <p>Up to 16 miles round trip</p>	III	
Saturday, September 3	8	<p>Broughton Islands / JOHNSTONE STRAIGHT Plans are still being developed; more details forthcoming.</p> <p>Travel to upper Vancouver Island B.C. on Saturday. On Sunday, probably water taxi out of Telegraph Cove to the northeast of Broughton Island. Paddle back with camps at Indian, Owl and Mound Islands and a stop at Meem Quam Leese.</p> <p>Party size limit: 8 to 10 (based on water taxi capacity)</p>	IV	
Saturday, September 10	1	<p>EVERETT SLOUGHS Launch from Langus Riverfront Park in North Everett, and paddle to Marysville. Short car shuttle involved.</p> <p>About a 3-hour cruise, tide-assisted, through sparsely-populated farmland. A quiet area with views of birds, old boats and autumn leaves.</p> <p>Launch about noon; option of early dinner afterward.</p>	II	
Friday, September 16	3	<p>SAN JUAN ISLAND Loop Launch at Washington Park near Anacortes, and paddle south of Lopez Island to Griffin Bay (near the south tip of San Juan Island). Next day, paddle out around the west side of San Juan Island, and on to Jones Island. Last day, paddle back to Washington Park.</p> <p>Paddling days of 16, 23, and 16 nm</p>	III	
Friday, September 16	5	<p>WILLAMETTE RIVER: Salem to Portland Mostly leisurely paddling. 78 river miles. Three nights leave-no-trace camping on isolated gravel islands, one night at Champoeg State Park. Final day is paddling under the spectacular bridges of Portland. Exit the river at the St. John's bridge.</p>	II	
Saturday, September 17	1	<p>BAINBRIDGE to BREMERTON Take the Seattle ferry to Bainbridge Island, then paddle to Bremerton, and take the Bremerton ferry back. Lunch at Manchester State Park.</p> <p>12 miles Party size limit: 10 Special requirement: kayak wheels</p>	III	
Saturday, September 24	1	<p>GUEMES ISLAND Paddle around Guemes Island from the ferry dock.</p> <p>About 13 nm</p>	II	
Saturday, October 1	3	<p>BANKS LAKE in Eastern Washington Put-in at Steamboat State Park, explore the northern shore of Banks Lake; camp along the shore.</p> <p>10 to 15 miles roundtrip</p>	I-II	

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Saturday, October 15	1	<p>CHUCKANUT BAY Fall Paddle Launch at Wildcat Cove, just beyond Larrabee State Park near Bellingham. Explore Chuckanut Bay. Lunch at Chuckanut Island (Nature Conservancy). Enjoy a fall day along the Sucia Sandstone formations; find fossilized palm trees.</p> <p>4 - 6 miles round trip (depending on weather, and the group)</p> <p>Party size limit: 6 Special requirements: wet/dry suit, depending on conditions</p>	II	
Saturday, October 29	1	<p>CASE INLET Paddle from Allyn (near Belfair, which is at the toe of Hood Canal) south to Stretch Island on Case Inlet. See charming fall colors, a picturesque marina, and lovely scenery.</p> <p>10 miles round trip Party size limit: 12 Bring a wet/dry suit, in case conditions warrant use</p>	II	
Saturday, November 5	1	<p>LAKE WASHINGTON Ivar's Paddle Launch at Enatai Beach Park (just under the I-90 bridge on the Bellevue side). Paddle south along Mercer Island. Cross over to Coulon Park for a warm lunch at Ivar's. Paddle back along the eastern lakeshore.</p> <p>10 miles round trip</p>	II	
Saturday, November 26	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>10 miles round trip Party size limit: 10 Special requirement: wet/dry suit</p>	II-III	
Saturday, December 10	1	<p>3rd Annual LUMINARIA Paddle at GREEN LAKE</p> <p>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. 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.</p>	n/a	

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Friday, December 30	4	<p>LAKE CUSHMAN</p> <p>Drive over after work on Friday, stay 3 nights at a rented vacation home at this large lake near the southern end of Hood Canal. (The lake is just before the Staircase entrance to Olympic National Park.)</p> <p>Paddle days of approximately 10-12 miles on Saturday and Sunday, to explore the whole lake north and south. Short hike at Staircase on the holiday Monday.</p> <p>Share rental cost (probably around \$25 per person per night); potluck dinners and breakfasts (and maybe a tasting at the nearby Hoodsport Winery).</p> <p>Please indicate serious interest soon, as I am committing to a rental.</p>	II	
Saturday, November 4	8	<p>International trip 2017: BAJA MEXICO -- Loreto to LaPaz</p> <p>November 2017 November 4 - 12 (includes flight days)</p> <p>Paddle 120 miles of the spectacular coast of Baja on this fully supported trip (support boat for gear, food and staff). Eight-day trip is doable on a one-week vacation.</p> <p>Remote beach camping. Leave the rain behind and enjoy the warm waters of the Sea of Cortez, sunshine, excellent snorkeling, and a scenic desert environment.</p> <p>Minimum 8, maximum 12 participants.</p> <p>Approximate cost will be in the vicinity of \$1,000 per person, plus airfare.</p>	n/a	