

Date	# of Days	Description	SK Level
Saturday, March 16	1	<p><b>North Bay of Case Inlet</b>            Launch at Waterfront Park in Allyn (near Belfair, southwest of Bremerton) and paddle south to Stretch Island, then explore Vaughn and Rocky Bays and the north end of Case Inlet.</p> <p>About 14 nautical miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Sunday, March 17	1	<p><b>Skagit River Delta</b>            Launch in La Conner beneath the Rainbow Bridge. Paddle south on the Swinomish Channel to Hole-in-the-Wall where we will enter the North Fork of the Skagit River and its delta. Return via the same route. We will possibly see snow geese and numerous other waterfowl.</p> <p>About 10 miles round trip            Party size limit: 8</p>	II
Sunday, March 24	1	<p><b>Pool Session</b>            Covington Aquatic Center (next to Tahoma High School and Tahoma National Cemetery) at 18230 SE 240th, Covington (east of Kent and Auburn).</p> <p>Come practice self-rescue, buddy rescues, test new equipment, assist others.</p> <p>2 hours (2 - 4 PM); optional dinner together afterwards at Los Cabos in Covington.</p> <p>15 boats max (ok to share pool time).            Clean boat required; hose available outside at the pool.            Cost: \$15 per person.</p> <p>Please sign up with Marlla in advance (although last-minute walk-ins are still possible).</p>	(any)
Saturday, March 30	1	<p><b>Burrows Island</b>            Launch from Bowman Bay (just north and west of Deception Pass). Paddle north to Burrows Island WWTCA campsite and back.</p> <p>13 nautical miles round trip</p>	II

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Sunday, March 31	1	<p><b>Lake Washington -- Ivar's Paddle</b>            Launch at Enatai Beach Park (under the I-90 bridge in Bellevue). Paddle south 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 miles round-trip loop</p>	I
Saturday, April 6	1	<p><b>McMicken Island</b>            Launch at Boston Harbor (near Olympia). Paddle north to McMicken Island, which is off the eastern shore of Hartstene Island, and return.</p> <p>About 16 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Saturday, April 13	1	<p><b>Lake Whatcom</b>            Near Bellingham: launch at Lake Whatcom Park (located on the north shore, about half-way down the lake). Explore to the south end of the lake, following the north shore, stopping for lunch at South Bay. Return up the south shore to Reveille Island, then cross back to Lake Whatcom Park.</p> <p>About 10 miles round-trip loop</p> <p>Optional dinner afterwards at the Boundary Bay Brewery &amp; Bistro in Bellingham.</p>	I
Wednesday, April 17	1	<p><b>Lake Washington Ship Canal</b>            SHAKEDOWN Cruise,            STRETCH-old-muscles paddle,            CHECK-your-gear outing,            EARLY start to the season.            Call it what you will, but come.            Lake Washington Ship Canal from Ballard; east to (and beyond) Gasworks Park.</p> <p>About 5+ miles round trip.            Bring lunch.</p>	I

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Saturday, April 20	1 or 2	<p><b>Dabob Bay Oyster Fest and Hike</b>  Easter and Passover weekend: (Saturday –0.9 tide at 12:24 p.m.; Sunday -1.4 tide at 1:04 p.m.)</p> <p>Saturday: Launch from Point Whitney Shellfish lab near Quilcene on the Olympic Peninsula. Cross Dabob Bay, gather oysters, then prepare to slurp raw or grilled (on the beach). Paddle back.</p> <p>7 to 10 miles round trip</p> <p>Sunday: Oyster or hike. After an overnight in a family cabin in Quilcene, leisurely Sunday morning, 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). Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast at the cabin are potlucks.</p> <p>Special requirements: wet/dry suit, shellfish license, oyster knife, shucking gloves, condiments and an appetite. Discover Pass or Vehicle Access Pass required for parking at Point Whitney.</p>	II+
Saturday, April 27	2	<p><b>8th Annual Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup</b>  Paddle racing for kayaks, canoes, stand up and prone paddleboards, outriggers and para-canoes, and dragon boats. With vendors, food, and activities on land, it's a fun family weekend for paddlers and spectators. 2 days, at Skansie Brothers Park in historic downtown Gig Harbor.</p> <p>See the Events Info page for an overview, a good video, and the schedule. Saturday includes the Cross Narrows Challenge Race to Point Defiance and back, plus Inner Harbor races. Participatory dragon boat races on Sunday.</p>	n/a

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Saturday, April 27	1	<p><b>Dash Point to Gig Harbor</b>            Launch from Dash Point County Park (north of Tacoma). Paddle a loop west to Sunrise Beach on the Kitsap Peninsula, and Gig Harbor; then back east to Owen Beach on Point Defiance, and return to Dash Point.</p> <p>About 17 nautical miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Sunday, April 28	1	<p><b>Compass Practice on Land</b>            Refresh your compass skills on land, before you need them in your boat. We will walk around on land to practice following a pre-defined course, and determining your location on a chart from bearings taken of surrounding objects. Get comfortable converting between magnetic and true north.</p> <p>The location is "Kite Hill," at the NE corner of Magnuson Park (near Sand Point in north Seattle).</p> <p>Special equipment: bring a compass! Simple or fancy doesn't matter. If you have more than one, bring them all.</p>	NA
Wednesday, May 8	1	<p><b>Lake Washington</b>            Launch at Mount Baker Beach (west side of lake, south of I-90). Feel like you're outside the city, as we paddle along this lovely stretch of park land to a lunch spot on the south shore of Seward Park.</p> <p>8.3 miles round trip</p>	I

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Friday, May 10	2	<p><b>Northwest Paddling Festival</b></p> <p>A local sea kayak symposium, Friday (usually 2PM-7PM) and Saturday (usually 9AM-5PM), Sunset Beach at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah. Free with Discover Pass (otherwise \$10 to park); plus \$10 if you want an all-day wrist band to demo boats on-water, or take paddle tours.</p> <p>"More than 60 paddle sports businesses offering canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, paddling equipment, accessories and gear"; usually many great half-hour seminars (such as kayak fishing, setting up camp in bear country, paddling photo tips, campsite cooking); possibly races.</p> <p>Rain or shine.</p> <p>Volunteers needed (get free wrist band).</p>	n/a
Saturday, May 11	1	<p><b>Lake Washington</b></p> <p>Bellevue (exact starting location TBD, but on Eastside) south to Coulon park and back. Lunch at Coulon.</p> <p>9 miles round trip</p>	II
Saturday, May 18	2	<p><b>Skagit Island</b></p> <p>Launch from La Conner. Paddle to Skagit Island and set up camp. Afternoon paddle around Similk Bay. Sunday return to La Conner.</p> <p>20 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Saturday, May 18	1	<p><b>Lake Washington -- Full Moon Paddle</b></p> <p>Leave from Magnuson Park (near Sand Point in north Seattle). Early evening paddle. We'll be out 3 or 4 hours. Bring lights for person/boat.</p>	II

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Saturday, May 18	1	<p><b>Tacoma Shoreline Survey</b>  Participate in a citizen science project with your kayak. On the north side of Commencement Bay (near Browns Point), in November 2018, 78 volunteers using a modified NOAA protocol counted type and quantity of debris (669 pounds of trash removed from beaches over one day). Results ranged from 1,373 plastic foam fragments, to 1 cigar tip; under "Other", the tally sheets included "soccer ball" and "refrigerator".</p> <p>The survey will happen again in May 2019. Stay tuned for updates; email to get on the list as a volunteer for this next survey.</p>	n/a
Wednesday, May 29	7	<p><b>Canadian Gulf Islands</b>  Wheel kayaks onto ferry from Anacortes to Sidney B.C., then paddle to Portland Island. Day 2 to James Bay on Prevost Island. Day 3 to Wallace Island for 2 nights. Day 4 paddle around Tent Island. Day 5 to Shingle Bay on North Pender Island. Day 6 to Portland Island. Day 7 wheel onto the Sidney ferry back to Anacortes.</p> <p>Daily nautical miles of 6, 9, 11, 10, 14, 5, and 5.</p>	IV
Saturday, June 1	1	<p><b>Fox Island circumnavigation</b>  Enjoy a variety of stunning scenery as we circumnavigate the island. It's located south of Gig Harbor, across the Narrows Bridge from Tacoma.</p> <p>12.7 miles round-trip  6 cars (limited parking)</p>	II
Wednesday, June 12	1	<p><b>Lake Washington midweek paddle (Enatai - Medina)</b>  From Enatai Beach Park (under the I-90 bridge in Bellevue), paddle along the north shore of Mercer Island. Cross to to Medina Beach Park for lunch, then return along the Bellevue shoreline.</p> <p>9 miles round-trip loop</p>	II

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Friday, June 14	3	<p><b>South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium (SSTIKS)</b>  Family-friendly event at Twanoh State Park (at the beginning 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.</p> <p>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 and social activities included. Take a class on harpooning, or paddle carving! Also includes an amateur film festival; scroll down the Home page for a link to fun 5-minute short films from past years.</p> <p>Group campsite option near the beach (\$40 per tent for 3 nights), or reserve at the state park across the street. Registration required.</p>	n/a
Friday, June 14	3	<p><b>Posey Island Oyster Paddle (in the San Juans)</b>  Come enjoy local oysters, and a local paddle in the San Juans on a full moon weekend. Camp on Posey Island. Explore the protected west side of San Juan Island.</p> <p>Paddling days of about 3 miles, 9 miles, and 2 miles. Special requirements: wet/dry suit; ferry reservations highly recommended</p>	II
Saturday, June 15	1	<p><b>Marrowstone/Indian Islands</b>  Paddle from Fort Flagler State Park (north end of Marrowstone Island, south of Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula) around Marrowstone and Indian Islands.</p> <p>About 17 nautical miles round-trip loop.</p>	IV

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Sunday, June 16	1	<p><b>Orca Sing, Lime Kiln State Park, San Juan Island</b> Ann Rieser's info: Afternoon songs and tribute to local orcas. 1 - 6 PM in 2019. Free to public. Bring blanket and chairs and picnic.</p> <p>"Orca Sing is an annual summer solstice event, dedicated to the recovery of our endangered Southern Resident Community of orcas whales.</p> <p>Enjoy the beauty of the park and surrounding marine environment while listening to music. Tours of the historic lighthouse will be offered before and after the music performance.</p> <p>A Discover Pass is required for parking. [Round-trip transportation with pick-up at The Whale Museum may be available through San Juan Transit for \$10.]</p> <p>For more information, contact The Whale Museum at (360) 378-4710 [or 1-800-946-7227] ext. 30."</p> <p>Search "orca sing" for good 2013 and 2016 videos!</p>	n/a
Thursday, June 20	1	<p><b>West Seattle -- Ready for Summer Solstice</b> Paddle from Don Armeni Park in West Seattle. Still plenty of parking before the summer jam.</p> <p>Route and distance TBD</p> <p>Optional stop afterwards at Pegasus Pizza.</p>	II
Friday, June 21	3	<p><b>Lummi Stommish Water Festival</b> 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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Saturday, June 22	1	<p><b>Steilacoom to Eagle Island State Park</b></p> <p>We'll meet at the boat launch next to the ferry dock in Steilacoom (south of Tacoma). Our paddle to tiny Eagle Island Marine State Park (between Anderson Island and McNeil Island) can include circumnavigating Ketron Island. We'll have lunch on Eagle Island in the early afternoon, then head back. Optional dinner stop on the way home.</p> <p>8 - 10 miles round trip  Party size limit: 12  Special requirements: wet/dry suit</p>	II
Sunday, June 23	1	<p><b>Henderson Inlet</b></p> <p>Paddle from Boston Harbor (near Olympia) into Henderson Inlet and back. See lots of seals (including babies) and water birds. Arrive at a perfect lunch stop with picnic tables. Side inlet a group decision.</p> <p>10.5-11.5 nautical miles round trip  Bring wet/dry suit, in case conditions warrant use</p>	II
Friday, June 28	3	<p><b>Sucia Island</b></p> <p>Launch from Gooseberry Point, next to Lummi Island ferry dock (near Bellingham), on Friday. Paddle to Snoring Bay at Sucia, with a stop at Matia Island. Camp two nights on Sucia. Paddle around Patos Island on Saturday. Return Sunday.</p> <p>32 nautical miles round trip</p>	IV
Wednesday, July 3	3	<p><b>Lummi Island / Fireworks Show</b></p> <p>Launch next to Lummi Island ferry dock (near Bellingham) on July 3rd. Camp at Lummi Island DNR campground at the wild southeast end of the island. On July 4th do a day trip to Lummi Rocks on the west side of the island, and return to the campsite to watch Bellingham's fireworks show in the evening. Return to the launch site on July 5th.</p> <p>About 7 miles each day (21 miles total)  Party size limit: 6</p>	II

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Friday, July 12	4	<p><b>Orcas Island circumnavigation</b> Paddle from Washington Park (near Anacortes), with camping at Clark Island, Jones Island, and Obstruction Pass.</p> <p>Daily nautical miles of 14, 17, 9 and 9</p>	IV
Wednesday, July 24	5	<p><b>Tribal Canoe Journey</b> An annual Northwest indigenous nations tradition, the Canoe Journey leads to Lummi (near Bellingham) this year. An estimated 100 ocean-going canoes will travel hundreds of miles along the coasts for many weeks, from communities throughout Washington and British Columbia.</p> <p>Paddlers are called "pullers" because of the pulling motion on the paddle. After a ceremonial landing, "Protocol", through Sunday 7/28/19, includes camping and potlatch-style meals and cultural celebrations hosted by the Lummis.</p> <p>Different tribes have been hosting this event for over 20 years. The public is invited. At the "Stay Connected" tab, you can fill out an online application to volunteer.</p> <p>Check out the great video at the "Sponsorship Opportunities" tab.</p>	n/a
Friday, July 26	3	<p><b>Griffin Bay</b> Launch from Washington Park (near Anacortes). Camp two nights at Griffin Bay on San Juan Island. On Saturday, walk to San Juan Island National Historical Park (American Camp) at its southern end. Return Sunday.</p> <p>41 nautical miles round trip</p>	IV

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Thursday, August 1	n/a	<p><b>(Deposits due -- 2020 Belize Adventure trips)</b>            See below for descriptions of these January-February 2020 trips in South America.</p> <p>\$200 non-refundable deposits due 8/1/19.</p>	n/a
Friday, August 02	3	<p><b>West Coast Wooden Kayak Rendezvous</b>            This annual festival is held on the beach at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula. Usually on the 1st or 2nd weekend of August (date shown = estimate). Free and open to the public. Bring your home-made kayak or canoe, or just come and enjoy the people, boats, and activities. 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. Join in a group dinner at the Beach Kitchen Shelter on Saturday evening. Note: camping reservations at the Park usually must be made far in advance.</p> <p>Go to the "Events" tab for link to tentative schedule, and good photos from previous years.</p>	n/a
Wednesday, August 14	1	<p><b>Lake Washington -- Full Moon Paddle</b>            Paddle on Lake Washington from Magnuson Park (near Sand Point in north Seattle). Must have a light mounted on your boat or person. Since it's an evening trip, we'll need to stay together.</p> <p>5-6 miles round trip            Party size limit: 8            Special requirements: a light mounted on boat or person</p>	II

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Wednesday, August 28	4	<p><b>San Juan holiday paddle</b></p> <p>EXACT DATES TBD</p> <p>Come paddle the San Juans this summer. Late August trip. Email for details of this year's route; will include 2 days on Stuart Island.</p> <p>Special requirements: wet/dry suit; ferry reservations</p>	III
Saturday, September 14	2	<p><b>Cypress Island</b></p> <p>Launch from Anacortes, at Kiwanis Waterfront Park (next to dock for ferry to Guemes Island). Paddle clockwise around Cypress Island, with camping at Pelican Beach on Cypress.</p> <p>Daily nautical miles of 11 and 7</p>	III
Saturday, September 21	1	<p><b>Everett Slough to Marysville</b></p> <p>This is about the 25th annual paddle from Everett to a nice park in Marysville. River changes a little every year so it is always an adventure. Quiet paddle on the Snohomish River, into the Slough and north to Marysville.</p> <p>About a 3-hour trip (one way, with car shuttle)</p> <p>Optional lunch afterwards at Scuttlebutt Restaurant in Everett.</p>	II
Saturday, October 5	1	<p><b>Kayak Point to Camano Head</b></p> <p>Launch at Kayak Point County Park (northwest of Marysville). Cross to Camano Island, paddle to Camano Head at its wild south end, and return.</p> <p>About 11 miles round trip</p> <p>Party size limit: 8</p> <p>Special requirement: \$10 (exact) for parking permit machine at entrance of this Snohomish County park (state Discover Pass not valid here)</p>	II

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Sunday, October 27	1	<p><b>Case Inlet</b> Paddle from Allyn (near Belfair, SW of Bremerton) along the west side of Case Inlet, south to Stretch Island. Fall colors are a highlight of the paddle. Return along the other side of Reach Island, with a brief exploration of a side bay. Those wanting to paddle further can continue an additional 3 miles to the north end of Case Inlet and back.</p> <p>9 miles round trip (+ optional 3 more) Bring wet/dry suit, in case conditions warrant use</p>	II
Sunday, November 3	1	<p><b>Lake Washington -- Ivar's Paddle</b> Clocks go back today, so you can sleep in and still paddle! Launch at Enatai Beach Park (under the I-90 bridge in Bellevue). Paddle south along Mercer Island and then cross over to Coulon Park for a warm lunch at Ivar's. Return along the eastern lakeshore.</p> <p>10 miles round-trip loop</p>	II
Saturday, December 14	1	<p><b>Luminaria night-paddle on Green Lake</b> Decorate your boat with Christmas lights then paddle the shoreline as thousands participate in the annual Pathway of Lights walk around Green Lake in Seattle. Meet at 3:00, paddle begins at 4:30, can continue as late as 7:30.</p> <p>1 lap = 3 miles</p> <p>The more the merrier!</p> <p>Special requirements: emergency light on your life vest</p>	II

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Sunday, December 29	4	<p><b>Point Robinson, Vashon Island -- New Year's cabin</b>  Annual cabin-trip for New Year's holiday, this time to Keepers' Quarters 1885 beachfront house "A" for Point Robinson Lighthouse (SE corner, Vashon Island).</p> <p>Depending on wind direction, protected paddling either north or south along the shore of Maury Island, or quick drive to launch in Quartermaster Harbor. If big winter storm, watch from the cozy house or porch! Also lots of nearby hiking.</p> <p>Will organize group meals. New Year's party on Tuesday night this time.</p> <p>Miles: TBD  Cost: about \$50 per person per night (3 nights)  Party size limit: 8 (= park's rule for house)</p>	II
Saturday, January 4	1	<p><b>Squaxin Island</b>  Launch at Boston Harbor (near Olympia) and paddle around Squaxin Island.</p> <p>About 12 nautical miles round-trip</p>	III

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Saturday, January 25	9 (+)	<p><b>Belize -- Sea Kayak and Snorkel Adventure</b>            (Belize Adventure deposits are due August 1.)            Guided trips, with extension options, in South America.</p> <p>8-night trips: Belize coast paddle. 2 nights lodging, 6 nights camping. Jan 29 thru Feb 6, OR Feb 8 thru Feb 16, 2020. Cost \$1,700 (+ flights).</p> <p>12-night trip: 2 nights lodging beginning and end, 3 nights at Glovers Reef 40 miles off shore (safari-style tent cabanas), 1 night at Island Lodge, 6 nights camping same as option 1. Jan 25 thru Feb 6, 2020. Additional cost \$780.</p> <p>Optional 3-day extension for whitewater paddling (in inflatable kayaks, no experience required) on a rainforest river, with jungle camping and visits to remote Mayan villages (additional cost \$900). Further 3-day extension options for Mayan ruins, caves, rainforest etc. (various additional costs).</p> <p>Contact Marlla for more info, complete itineraries.</p>	III

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