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Saturday, March 12	1	<p>Duwamish Waterway to Jack Block Park Launch at Duwamish Waterway Park in South Park (south of the West Seattle Bridge, across from Boeing Field). Paddle Seattle's industrial Duwamish Waterway north, past Harbor Island to Jack Block Park on Elliott Bay, and return.</p> <p>11 miles round trip Party size limit: 8 Covid vaccinations required No toilets at launch site</p>	II
Saturday, March 19	1	<p>McMicken Island Launch from Boston Harbor (near Olympia) and paddle northeast to McMicken Island (off the east shore of Hartstine Island), and return.</p> <p>About 17 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Saturday, April 2	1	<p>Nisqually to Chambers Launch at Luhr Beach (Nisqually Delta, near Olympia) and paddle with the ebb to beach at Chambers Creek Regional Park (north, towards Tacoma) and then return with the flood.</p> <p>About 19 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Tuesday, April 5	1	<p>Lake Washington – Ivar's Paddle Launch at Enetai Beach (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 Requirements: Minimum SSKC equipment list</p>	I

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Sunday, April 17	1	<p>Dabob Bay Oyster Fest Launch from Point Whitney Shellfish lab (near Quilcene and Hood Canal). Cross Dabob Bay, gather oysters, then prepare to slurp raw or grilled.</p> <p>7 to 10 miles round trip. Special requirements: dress for cold water, shellfish license, oyster knife, shucking gloves, condiments and an appetite. Parking pass (Discover Pass) required. Vaccination and booster required.</p> <p>(Note: this year does not include the family cabin overnight in Quilcene, with optional hike the next day.) (If bad winds etc., could move to Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday: still excellent tides and times.)</p>	II+
Saturday, April 23	1	<p>Burrows and Allan Islands Launch at Washington Park in Anacortes. Paddle around Burrows and Allan Islands (located to the south of Washington Park).</p> <p>About 8 miles round trip Party size limit: 8 Covid vaccinations required</p>	III
Saturday, April 23	2	<p>9th Annual Gig Harbor Paddlers Cup At Skansie Brothers Park in historic downtown Gig Harbor. On Saturday: inner-harbor paddle racing for kayaks, canoes, stand up and prone paddleboards, outriggers and para-canoes (this year, no mention of the Cross Narrows Challenge Race, to Point Defiance and back). On Sunday: multiple dragon boat races. With vendors on land (this year, no mention yet of the usual food and activities on land), it's a fun family weekend for paddlers and spectators.</p> <p>See the Events Info page for an overview, a good video, and the schedule (specific race times not yet posted, as in past years). This event is back after 2 years of pandemic cancellations in 2020 and 2021.</p>	n/a

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Saturday, May 7	1	<p>Dash Point Park (Metroparks Tacoma) to Des Moines Beach Park</p> <p>Launch at Dash Point (near Tacoma, at this smaller park located several miles west of Dash Point State Park) and paddle the shore to Des Moines and back.</p> <p>About 17 nautical miles round trip</p>	II
Thursday, May 12	3	<p>Penrose Point State Park</p> <p>Launch at Boston Harbor (near Olympia) and paddle northeast to Penrose Point State Park (on the east shore of Key Peninsula) to camp 2 nights. On middle day explore Cutts and Raft Islands (across Carr Inlet, on the west shore of the peninsula that includes Gig Harbor).</p> <p>Paddling days of 15, 14, & 15 nautical miles</p>	III
Friday, May 13	2(?)	<p>?? ("<i>TBD</i>") Kayak Try and Buy</p> <p>A search for what had been the annual Northwest Paddling Festival, held at Lake Sammamish State Park on the Friday and Saturday of the second weekend in May, is now re-directed to this "new event" (was cancelled for 2020 and 2021 due to pandemic), at a new location (still nearby). Currently, it's "TBD for 2022". Usually was 2 days, beginning the 2nd Friday in May.</p> <p>Produced by the Northwest Marine Trade Association. Has been an opportunity to demo boats, and talk to local shops and manufacturers. In the past, this kayak symposium event also included seminars, paddle tours, a paddle race, etc.</p> <p>The new location is Vasa Park Resort, just a bit north on the west shore of Lake Sammamish. (No more Discover Pass needed, but the Vasa organization usually charges a small admission fee: \$5 adults, \$3 children 6-14, free for 5 and under).</p>	n/a

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Monday, May 23	5	<p>Patos Island</p> <p>Monday launch at Brandt's Landing (pay-to-park) at north end of Orcas Island. Paddle to Sucia and then Patos Island, where we will camp. Tuesday explore Patos Island. Wednesday paddle to Sucia Island and set up camp. Thursday explore Sucia Island. Friday return to Orcas Island.</p> <p>About 25 miles round trip Party size limit: 8 Covid vaccinations required (Ferry required to and from Orcas Island)</p>	III
Wednesday, May 25	1	<p>Lake Washington midweek paddle (Enatai - Medina)</p> <p>From Enatai Beach Park (under the I-90 bridge in Bellevue), paddle along the north shore of Mercer Island. Cross to Medina Beach Park for lunch, then return along the Bellevue shoreline.</p> <p>9 miles round-trip loop Party size limit: 8</p>	II
Friday, May 27	2	<p>Wolfe Property State Park</p> <p>Launch from Mats Mats Bay (across Hood Canal Bridge, and to its north). Paddle 12 miles south to Wolfe Property, via Port Ludlow. On day 2, paddle 3 miles north across Hood Canal to Foulweather Bluff (at the north end of Kitsap Peninsula), hike the short (1 mile round trip) Foulweather Bluff Preserve Trail, then cross Hood Canal again to return to Mats Mats Bay.</p> <p>22 miles round trip Party size limit: 6 All participants must be fully vaccinated against covid-19</p>	III

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Wednesday, June 1	1	<p>Lake Whatcom 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>Optional dinner afterwards at the Boundary Bay Brewery & Bistro in Bellingham.</p> <p>About 10 miles round-trip loop Requirements: Minimum SSKC equipment list</p>	I
Wednesday, June 8	2	<p>Lummi Island Launch from Gooseberry Point, next to Lummi Island ferry dock (near Bellingham). Paddle south to the Lummi Island campground and camp there. On day 2, circumnavigate clockwise the rest of Lummi Island.</p> <p>21 miles round trip Party size limit: 6 All participants must be fully vaccinated against covid-19</p>	III
Friday, June 10	3	<p>North Coast Explorer</p> <p>Launch at Gooseberry Point, next to Lummi Island ferry dock (near Bellingham) and paddle north to Birch Bay State Park to camp 2 nights. On middle day paddle to the Canadian border.</p> <p>Paddling days of 14, 18, & 14 nautical miles</p>	IV

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Friday, June 10	3(?)	<p>?? (TBD) South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium (SSTIKS)</p> <p>Was pandemic-cancelled for 2020 and 2021. <i>No announcement yet for 2022.</i> But, per a Facebook post: "<i>think it's going to be held in June this year stay tuned or check the website</i>". <i>Usually was 3 days, beginning the 2nd Friday in June.</i></p> <p>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>Volunteer-run, just a community of paddlers; often featuring some of the best mentors in Greenland-style kayaking in the country. <i>Usually:</i> group campsite option near the beach, or reserve at the state park across the street; registration required.</p>	n/a
Saturday, June 11	1	<p>Tracyton to Silverdale</p> <p>Launch at the Tracyton boat ramp (near Bremerton), stop to visit a garden at Anna Smith Park, then on north to Silverdale Waterfront Park and back.</p> <p>(Perhaps combine with a delightful transportation loop using one or more of the 4 ferry routes across Puget Sound . . . and / or the drive-around. -Ed.)</p> <p>About 9 miles round trip Party size limit: 10 Special requirements: wet or dry suit (The water in Dyes Inlet is very cold.)</p>	II
Thursday, June 23	3	<p>Lummi Stommish Water Festival</p> <p><i>The website is out of date, but this has been confirmed to be Thurs-Sat, June 23-25, 2022.</i></p>	n/a

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Thursday, June 25	5	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.	n/a
Tuesday, July 19	1	<p>Chuckanut Island & Clark's Point</p> <p>Launch at Wildcat Cove at Larabee State Park (near Bellingham). Paddle north to Chuckanut Island and Clark's Point.</p> <p>About 8 miles round trip Party size limit: 8 Discover Pass required Covid vaccinations required</p>	II
Saturday, July 23	(5-8?)	<p>?? (TBD) Tribal Canoe Journey</p> <p>Was pandemic-cancelled for 2020 and 2021. <i>No announcement yet for 2022</i>, but several sources say will be Paddle to Muckleshoot. The event <i>usually included the 4th Saturday of July</i>.</p> <p>An annual Northwest indigenous nations tradition. As many as 100 ocean-going canoes 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" includes camping and potlatch-style meals and cultural celebrations.</p> <p>Different tribes have been hosting this event since 1989. The public is invited. Usually you can apply to volunteer, too.</p>	n/a

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Friday, August 5	3(?)	<p>?? (TBD) West Coast Wooden Kayak Rendezvous <i>No announcement yet for 2022; usually on the 1st or 2nd weekend of August (date shown = estimate).</i></p> <p>Annual festival held on the beach at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula. 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>	n/a
Saturday, August 20	1	<p>Manchester to Blake Island loop</p> <p>Take the Fauntleroy - Southworth ferry, then drive 5 miles north to launch at the town of Manchester. Crossing of 2 miles (checking out the freighters usually parked here) to the WWTa site at the northwest corner of Blake Island.</p> <p>Hike 2 miles round-trip to the island's northeast corner, seeing the main campground, Tillicum Village, and the site of the former private mansion. (You could stay behind at our landing beach . . . but you'd miss opportunities for ice cream, and even beer / wine!).</p> <p>Next, paddle 1.5 mile to the south end of Blake, and cross 1.5 mile to Southworth. From here, hug the shoreline back north to Manchester for 7 miles. We could then patronize a restaurant in this small town.</p> <p>About 12 miles round trip Special requirements: cash, for ice cream / beer / wine!</p>	III

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Tuesday, August 23	7	<p>San Juan Islands</p> <p>Launch from Washington Park (near Anacortes) and paddle to Griffin Bay on San Juan Island. On day 2, paddle to San Juan County Park for 2 nights. Day 3 explore San Juan County Park area. Day 4 paddle to Point Doughty on Orcas Island for 2 nights. Day 5 paddle around Waldron Island. Day 6 to Doe Island, and day 7 return to Washington Park.</p> <p>Paddling days of 17, 14, 4, 17, 13.5, 12.5, & 9 nautical miles.</p>	IV
Wednesday, September 7	2+	<p>Kachess Lake (Snoqualmie Pass area) Base camp: Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest - Kachess Campground (usda.gov): https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/okawen/null/recarea/?recid=57595&actid=29</p> <p>Arrive Wednesday morning at this USFS campground near Easton, ~5+ miles north of I-90, Exit 62. Set up camp amongst dense old-growth evergreens surrounded by high mountains. Explore Kachess Lake by day Wednesday afternoon and Thursday, and visit around a campfire Wednesday and Thursday evenings. There are also hiking opportunities, including a trail along Little Kachess Lake.</p> <p>7 miles round trip to paddle the upper part of the lake (north of a narrows) called Little Kachess Lake</p> <p>Requirements: Minimum SSKC equipment list + camping & cooking gear. Best to reserve a campsite well in advance for the nights of September 7 & 8. Single & Double sites: 1-877-444-6777 or on-line at recreation.gov. Some campsites are first come, first served.</p>	I

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Saturday, September 17	1	<p>Stillaguamish River Estuary</p> <p>Launch at Kayak Point (west of Marysville). Paddle north into the Stilliguamish River estuary.</p> <p>About 10 miles round trip Party size limit: 10 \$10 parking fee Covid vaccinations required</p>	II
Thursday, September 22	1	<p>Fox Island circumnavigation</p> <p>Enjoy stunning views of Mt. Rainier and the Olympics as we circumnavigate this scenic island. It is located south of Gig Harbor.</p> <p>12.7 miles round trip Party size limit: 6 cars (limited parking)</p>	II
Saturday, October 15	1	<p>Case Inlet</p> <p>CANCELLED</p>	II

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Sunday, October 23	7	<p>Australia: Hinchinbrook Island Group</p> <p>Back in 2020, our international-trip organizer extraordinaire set up 2 almost back-to-back trips in Australia, using the wonderful Southern Sea Ventures guide service, as for past trips. Got cancelled, per Covid. Got re-scheduled to 2021: cancelled again. Third time should be the charm. Both trips were fully booked originally; now starting a waitlist, too.</p> <p>However: can still contact Marlla for more info, complete itineraries, add to waitlist (for either, or both, trips).</p> <p>Trip #1 is in the wild Hinchinbrook Island Group, part of the Great Barrier Reef area (south of the city of Cairns, in northeastern Australia).</p> <p>Trip #2 is the iconic Freycinet Peninsula, in Tasmania (off the southern coast of Australia, below Melbourne).</p> <p>Will be summertime, in Australia!</p>	II/III
Wednesday, October 26	1	<p>Tour of Werner Paddle Factory</p> <p>Tour of the Werner Paddles factory in Monroe on Wednesday, October 26 starting at 10:00 a.m. See first hand how paddles are designed and made.</p>	N/A
Saturday, October 29	1	<p>Enatai to Coulon (Lake Washington)</p> <p>CANCELLED</p>	II

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Wednesday, November 2	6	<p>Tasmania: Freycinet Peninsula</p> <p>Back in 2020, our international-trip organizer extraordinaire set up 2 almost back-to-back trips in Australia, using the wonderful Southern Sea Ventures guide service, as for past trips. Got cancelled, per Covid. Got re-scheduled to 2021 . . . cancelled again. Third time should be the charm. Both trips were fully booked originally; now starting a waitlist, too.</p> <p>However: can still contact Marlla for more info, complete itineraries, add to waitlist (for either, or both, trips).</p> <p>Trip #1 is in the wild Hinchinbrook Island Group, part of the Great Barrier Reef area (south of the city of Cairns, in northeastern Australia).</p> <p>Trip #2 is the iconic Freycinet Peninsula, in Tasmania (off the southern coast of Australia, below Melbourne).</p> <p>Will be summertime, in Australia!</p>	II/III

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Thursday, December 29	4	<p>Point No Point -- New Year's cabin</p> <p>Annual cabin-trip for New Year's holiday, this time to Keepers' Quarters and John Magg's House beachfront houses for 1879 Point No Point Lighthouse (north end of Kitsap Peninsula, a 20-minute drive north from Edmonds-Kingston ferry landing, at tiny "town" of Hansville).</p> <p>Possible paddling either south to Eglon, or west to Foulweather Bluff. If big winter storm, watch from the cozy house or porch! Also lots of nearby small hikes.</p> <p>Will organize group meals. New Year's party on Saturday night this time.</p> <p>Miles: TBD</p> <p>Cost: about \$60 per person per night (3 nights)</p> <p>Party size limit: 8 (= max for the 2 houses)</p> <p>[This trip is also presently full, from cancelled 2020 and 2021 plans; but will keep a waitlist.]</p>	III