

Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 8:30 AM KAYAK SUPPORT FOR PICNIC ISLAND CLEAN- UP DIVE - LEVEL I	29	30	May 1	2	3	4 8:30 AM BACK SIDE OF WEEDON ISLAND - Level I
5	6	7	8 9:00 AM Dunedin Causeway to the Boil - Level II	9	10	11
12	13 7:00 PM TBSK Monthly Meeting - Non- Members Invited	14	15 9:00 AM Werner Boyce - Salt Spring Park North - Level II+	16	17	18 8:30 AM TBSK Picnic - Fred Howard Park 9:00 AM TBSK Picnic, Kayak Rescue Class, all levels
19 10:00 AM WEEDON ISLAND SOUTH TRAIL, LEVEL I	20	21	22	23	24	25 9:30 AM Ozello Estuary (Close to Crystal River) - Level II
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1

Trips & events indicated by this symbol are led by TBSK members.

[Click here to go to Event Page on tbsk.club](#)

Tampa Bay's Local Paddling Trails Mapped

The Florida Paddling Trails Assn is in the process of mapping all the paddling trails in Florida. They recently mapped most all of the paddling trails in the Tampa Bay area. Included in this are maps of the trails and information on each paddle. Also, a new feature is the Launch Sites for each Segment of the State. Check it out by clicking on the link below:

<http://www.floridapaddlingtrails.com/me/florida-paddling-trails-association/paddling-trails-12806.html?navId=1335>

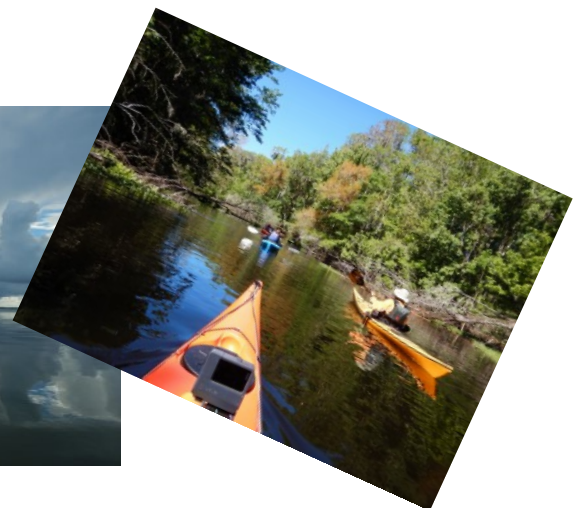
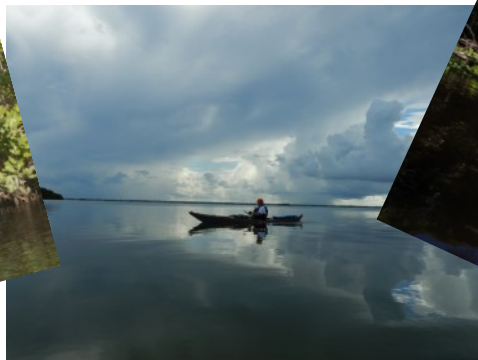
The Tampa Bay information is found in Region D, then scroll down to find the launch sites and trail maps under the area you are interested in. If you have suggestions for changes/ improvements contact Steve Cournoyer at kayak2kayak@hotmail.com



TBSK Photo Contest

Get Your Camera and Photos Ready!

TBSk will be launching a monthly photo contest in May. Monthly, TBSK members will be able to submit photos taken during a TBSK trip with a focus of either people, wildlife, and/or landscape. Voting will be conducted by the membership and the 3 winning photos (one from each category) will be published in the monthly newsletter. At the December Holiday Party we will show a summary of all monthly content group winners and the selection of the year's overall content group winners, each for the grand prize of \$25 gift certificates to Bill Jacksons.



Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Photo Contest

[Terms, Conditions and Requirements]

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ELIGIBILITY

- Any TBSK member may enter the contest
- A contestant may only enter his/her own photos

ACCEPTED CONTENT

- Photos taken during a TBSK club paddle trip
- Maximum of three photos per each of three contestant-assigned focus [CAF] categories è people, wildlife, and landscape
- Original photo(s) [not previously submitted]
- Image(s) not altered by adding, rearranging, reversing, distorting or removing people and/or objects from within the frame except for cropping
- Files in JPEG file format, maximum 3 MB in size
- Filename format: Last name, first initial, date of photo, letter for CAF category: P [people], W [wildlife], and/or L [landscape], photo sequence number, file format extension
- Examples: SmithJ_022219_W_#1.jpg, SmithJ_022219_W_#2.jpg, etc.
- JohnsonM_022219_P_#1.jpg, DavisK_022219_L_#1.jpg

TIMELINE

- Deadline for photo submission: last day of each month
- Webmaster will issue a global email reminder re: this deadline to membership 3 days before the cutoff date (last day of the month)
- Contest Team to screen submissions to ensure appropriateness and general quality (i.e., sharpness) prior to posting for membership voting. Bill to make photos available for Contest Team review within 4 days after the end of the month
- Eligible photos are posted by the eighth of the month (so they are ready for the monthly TBSK meeting)
- Members will be notified that voting is open with an email link to the site where they can cast their vote for each of their favorite photos in each category
- Voting for photos from the previous month will close by the 20th of the month
- The winning pictures will be posted in the newsletter

SUBMISSION/SELECTION PROCESS

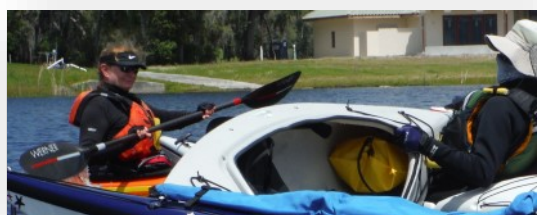
- Members will submit photos to the contest via email: tbskphoto@gmail.com
- For voting purposes, photos will be rendered anonymous as to ownership; to that end, Bill will modify the photo's filename by replacing the photographer's name with a unique ID number
- A slide show of the current contest photos will be presented at the monthly meeting to generate interest and momentum
- Each member is allowed only one vote per CAF category monthly

AWARDS

- The winning image for each CAF category of the month will be determined and published in the following month's newsletter with the photographer's name for bragging rights
- At the December Holiday Party, we will show a summary of all monthly CAF winners and the selection of the year's overall CAF winners, each for the grand prize of a \$25 gift certificate, to Bill Jacksons



It was a beautiful day for 12 of us to gather for some training on Lake Magdalene. Having four instructors, Steve Henkind, Jean Tutz, Jackie Whitaker, and Chad Maynard meant we would have individual attention. Steve took a survey of participants to see what topics to cover and we moved to the water.



From there we broke up into smaller groups with instructors for rescues. Eileen Burns and I practiced the T-rescue as both rescuer and swimmer. My kayak is one of the larger and heavier of the group but Eileen made the rescue look easy. One objective of rescues is to get the swimmer back into the kayak quickly. Jill Lingard and Scott Jantz performed a rescue in 28 seconds. Wow. You can feel very assured paddling with any of these folks. A couple of us indicated a desire to practice with something other than sea kayaks. Al Gammons brought a smaller sit-on-top. Al and a few of us tried unassisted re-entry. It is not easy to get back in without pulling the kayak over and it is harder after every try because of the fatigue factor. I have a fishing kayak of this type and I will definitely practice the next time I paddle it.



It can be intimidating and unnerving to contemplate capsize for the first time. Practicing relieves that fear and enhances enjoyment as well as the safety of the individual and the paddling group. Jan Machnikowski and Carla Boehme wanted to practice their wet exit with spray skirts so they launched into waist deep water. They did very well with trainers giving instructions and others giving assistance and words of encouragement. Having practiced, Jan and Carla were ready to do wet exits and rescues in open water. Jan commented that it increased his confidence and Carla said she enjoyed her first TBSK training and is looking forward to more. Congrats to them both for a major accomplishment!



Steve has a recreational sit-in kayak with a very large cockpit that is a challenge to rescue. It is impossible to pull it onto the rescuer's deck while it is full of water. Therefore, the rescuer must start with the rec kayak capsized and then slowly pull it over the rescuer's deck while the water empties. It helps to angle the rec kayak on edge while it drains. Therefore, the rescuer should grab the boat from whichever end has a toggle near the cockpit for hand holds. It happened to be the stern on the craft we rescued. A few of us took turns and I was impressed when Tom Joseph was able to perform a smooth rescue on this large, heavy, unwieldy craft.



These are Steve's summary points that I think apply to both paddlers and leaders:

- 1) It is not good enough to have "taken a rescue class and practice a rescue, once a year." If you need to think about how to do a rescue, you don't "own it."
- 2) Speed (but not haste) is critical because the longer the swimmer is in the water, the more the danger.
- 3) The key for both of the above ("owning the rescue" and speed) is no mystery. It is practice.
- 4) T rescue is not appropriate, and may not work for craft other than sea kayaks. TBSK members paddle or encounter a variety of kayak types and have varying skill levels.
- 5) TBSK members should take advantage of the training being offered by the club in order to A) improve rescue efficiency/speed, and B) learn how to do non-T rescues.



Getting Lost In the Mangroves – Upper Tampa Bay

By Hank Brooks With Pictures By Jan Machnikowski



The last time we got off the marked trail in the Upper Tampa Bay Park, we got lost. Not permanently lost, like we will have to draw straws to see who we sacrifice to survive, but temporarily lost. Like “which way do we go now?” There were three other brave souls who accompanied me this time – Sue Tantalo, Bill Staab and Jan Machnikowski.

Upper
Tampa

Bay Park has a very nice marked trail which take you from the park dock out to Mobbly Bay, a part of Old Tampa Bay (see map). However, this trail only covers a small part of the park. Our goal was to get off the marked water trail and explore the less traveled part of the park which is covered by a jumble of mangrove islands and bays. I had my GPS and



Bill Staab

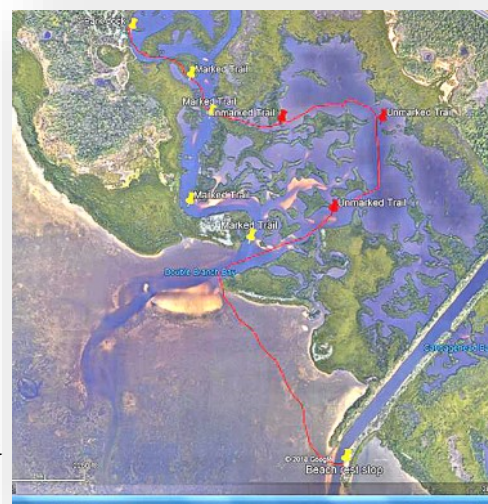
brought his iPhone with a “trail app” to help keep us on track. Of course my GPS battery juice ran out. I brought some spare batteries, but Bill was doing such a great job, we relied on him.



As we got onto the unmarked trail, I was a little unsure of myself at first, because, as you know, when you are in the middle of a bunch of small mangrove islands it is extremely difficult to determine direction because everything looks the same. After several hundred yards, I started recognizing some

of the shapes of the bays as they appeared on my map. We rounded the corner of a large island and were searching for the way out. I knew that from the “exit spot” you can see the buildings several miles away in Safety Harbor. As we cruised along the mangroves, I was straining to see those buildings. But of course, the mangroves played their tricks by blending with one another so that I could not see. I knew I had to get the angle right to see my objective. With patience, persistence and some guidance from Bill Staab, I said aloud, “Eureka, that’s it!”

From there is was short paddle to Mobbly Bay and then around another corner to the beach rest stop which is called Channel A. A good snack stop and a quick trip back for a five mile paddle.





Caladesi Mangrove Trails ~ When Nature Changes Your Plans

By Hank Brooks with pictures by Barb Uzenoff & Jan Machnikowski

Let me start this story by saying that Al Tillson is the “hero” of this story and our paddle because on this trip he had two capsized rescues and towed two paddlers rafted together back to our take-out. Hank Brooks came in a distant second with only one regular tow for several miles and then later stabilizing a paddler during a rafted tow. This is a story of how sometimes nature challenges us, and we need to be prepared to meet those challenges.



I had been checking the weather all week for our Saturday, late March paddle to the Caladesi Island mangrove trail. The plan was to go thru the trail, head over to a spoil island and let the southern wind push us home. The weather report called for about a six mph wind. It started out with nine members registering for this paddle, then three more TBSKers were at Dunedin Beach and asked to join us. So then there were twelve of us. I was pleased as “punch” that fellow Trip Leader, Al Tillson, was with us.

As we stood on the beach facing south, the breeze seemed to about 6 mph, very doable since we would be paddling directly into the wind and once in the mangrove trails, we would be protected from any wind. We lined up and crossed the channel in “chorus line” style. When we were about half way to Caladesi, I noticed the winds had picked up. I asked a paddler close to me, “Does this seem like more than 6 mph wind”. He replied, “Closer to 10 mph.”



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There are two sections of mangrove tunnels within Caladesi Island. I must say that the trails were well marked and are an excellent example of nature at it's finest – we found some shore birds shielding themselves from the wind. The first trail went well, then we braved the wind for about 100 yards before entering the second trail. I was leading the group with Al being our sweep. We got about half way through the second trail when someone yelled, “Hold up, someone capsized”. Al was there to assist in the rescue. While we were waiting, several paddlers mentioned to me that they urgently needed a nature break. After about a 20 minute delay we were off again thru the trail – which many remarked was one of the longest mangrove trails they had ever been in.



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Once we exited the trails the wind was still blowing at 10+ mph. If we were to go over to a spoil island as originally planned, the wind would be hitting the paddlers from the starboard side, which could have created problems of instability for some Level I paddlers. So I knew we didn't want to do that. We needed to find a rest station. I remembered a beach close to the Caladesi Island portage (where Clearwater Beach joins Caladesi Island), so headed for it (Ok I did get a bit lost before I found it). Unfortunately it took us about a mile in the wrong direction – away from our take out. I knew this would add miles to the trip, but we all needed

a rest and bladder break. Even with the high tide, that beach looked beautiful because it offered us what we really needed..

Before going back, Al and I considered doing a portage to the Gulf and then going thru Hurricane Pass. While this would save us paddle miles, we were dissuaded after considering the effort to portage, surf launch, and the total chaos caused by power boats in Hurricane Pass. So we agreed that the plan was to stick close to the backside of Caladesi Island and let the south wind push us home. Sure enough, the wind died down to about 6 mph, and



had changed direction to more of an easterly wind. So very little help to push us home. All went fairly well. Because of the unexpected length of the paddle, I gave a paddler a tow for several miles to help him stay in contact with the group.



I didn't check my calendar, but this must have been spring break for a lot of students or maybe everyone just got spring fever. As we approached the Causeway, the water got rougher because of the extremely high level of power boats in the area. The water was confused with the waves coming at us from every direction. Then we had another capsized. Since I was towing another paddler, Al was "Johnny on the spot". I came up, released my tow, asked one

of the more experienced paddlers to yell to the other paddlers to gather together and went over to see if I could help. Al got the person back in his boat. However there was a major problem. During the re-entry, the paddler had inadvertently sat on the back of his soft collapsible seat. This made him very unstable to the extent that every time that he let go of Al's boat, he would almost capsize again. We sized up the situation. We were only about a mile from take out. The paddler was extremely unstable and tired after a long paddle. We didn't think that the paddler had enough strength to exit the boat and re-enter. He leaned on my boat and I attached a contact tow to raft our boats together. This allowed him to lean on my boat and helped ensure he didn't go over again. Al then proceeded to attach his tow line to my boat and towed us in



As we approached the channel, there were so many power boats crossing in front of us, we decided to pack our group of paddlers close together, like a giant "bait ball," so that we would be easier to see. We waited for the best break we could find and "Went for it!" All hands made it safely back. After the paddle, one of our group said, "Did you know we went 10 miles today". My body felt like it.



POST TRIP ANALYSIS

What Went Well: Both Al and I had both the training and equipment to rescue paddlers and tow them. All hands were delivered safe and sound back to the take-out.

What Could Have Been Done Better: Playing “Monday Morning Quarterback” there are some things we could have done better/ differently.

Shorten The Trip: If I had to do it over again, I could have cut the trip short after completing the first mangrove tunnel. We could have, headed back to Dunedin Causeway sticking close to the mangroves, taking a break on the Caladesi Beach on the east side of the island.

Contact/ Raft Tow: Since I had the contact tow device, I used it to connect my boat to the unstable paddler’s boat. The next day I realized that it might have been better if I had instructed another paddler how to use my contact tow to join the unstable paddler’s boat to their boat. This would have left me free to help any other paddler who might need help.

In Line Tow: We considered doing an in-line tow to assist Al, but he decided that was imprudent because it would have created a longer and more dangerous target to get hit by power boats when we were crossing the channel.

May’s Speaker

At the April meeting Jill Lingard will discuss two topics important to our membership: the current state of Florida’s springs and the Florida Paddling Trails Association which seeks to develop paddling trails and protect the environment that surrounds them. Jill is the president of the FPTA, and through her participation in the Florida Springs Watch she is actively involved in efforts to protect these beautiful but fragile parts of the state’s environment.

Ebb & Flow Salt Springs State Park

By Hank Brooks With Pictures By Hank and Jan Machnikowski

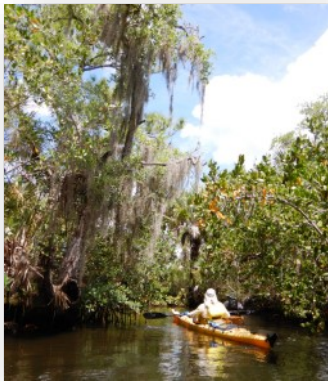


I was excited to see that Jill Lingard has scheduled a paddle out of Salt Springs State Park in Port Richey. I thought I was familiar with the park since I had paddle there many times over the past ten years. I was a little surprised but pleased that they now have a “new and improved” entrance off US 19 (I went to the wrong entrance). Not only that but they have a new parking



lot, office building, kayak rentals, ramp to the boat launch and boat launch. As I went down to the boat launch to inspect it, I held my breath because I was afraid they had a dock with one of those infernal aluminum pipe monsters used for launching plastic boats. Much to my pleasure, they had an artificial grass launch which was excellent. Hooray!

The launch pad is about 150 feet from the parking lot, so they had free carts for people who had not brought theirs. Cost to enter the park was \$3, with no launch fee



The paddle plan, as Jill laid it out, was to first paddle past Cow Key to Durney Key, about two miles away, for a rest stop. As we paddled out into the Gulf, the breeze was blowing about 8 mph out of the Southeast, hitting us from the port side. The wind, plus the many power boats made the water choppy, with waves of about one foot, sometimes confusing, but no white caps. We approached the channel, which is directly in front of Durney Key, all stopped, gathered together and crossed as a unit – just as in the books.



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Durney Key, a small island of about an acre, was inhabited by a number of power boats, fishermen, and other kayakers. Off in the distance you could see a number of the “stilt houses”, which are fishing cabins on stilts which have been grandfathered into the environmental laws. I have never seen any people at these house, probably because they are covered in bird dung and smell terrible.

After a snack/ lunch it was back on the water. The further we got away from the channel and all the power boats, the more calm the water became. We paddled past our take out to explore some of the trails in the park. These trails and mangrove tunnels wound around in crazy directions, almost going in circles. At one point, someone shouted, “Manatee”! And sure enough, one of our pictures shows the manatee’s snout peeking above the water to get air as Mayra looks on. Some of the park areas were very picturesque, as our photos will bear witness. A few of these trails were new to me, which was very enjoyable.

Every day on the water is a great day!





Events

Kayak Camping for TBSK Members

Many of our TBSK members are interested in camping, especially from a kayak. If you are interested in camping, please make sure to let Andy Bartley email: sailonbear@hotmail.com know. Contact him you need to get in touch with all of the TBSK members interested in camping .

Also, Andy Bartley launched a Facebook Page for TBSK Camping:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1780031405551417/>



Member Requested Trips

Anyone can request a paddle to a location they want to go and we will see if we can find a trip leader to lead the trip for you. Just submit a Trip Request by the 10th of the month prior to your trip so the next newsletter can advertise it with the trip leaders' name.

You Can Do This By Emailing tbsk@tbsk.club with "Trip Request" in the subject line.

1. Put-in and take-out locations
2. Destination and total distance
3. Preferred Date(s) and time
4. Skill level required ([see Trip Planning/Paddling guide on TBSK.club](#))
5. Phone number (should trip leader have questions)

Trip Coordinator will:

- Post this trip request with the monthly "request for trips" which is sent out to trip leaders.
- Notify the person requesting the trip if we can find a trip leader and if the trip can be led exactly as requested, or if some modification to the trip is necessary.

New Places To Paddle

Comments from our member survey observed we always paddle the "same old places". We need to get out of our rut! With that in mind, we are encouraging our trip leaders to expand their paddling horizons. All members should note that we have a "Paddle Places" section on our web site which lists places to paddle in the greater Tampa Bay area (see menu on bottom of the home page).

In "Paddle Places" one of the things you will find is the Pinellas County Paddling Guide, which lists about 100 different places to paddle in Pinellas County - where most of our members live. The link to the guide, which TBSK helped create, is found below:

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/blueways/pdf/BluewaysGuide.pdf>

If you have a favorite place to paddle, and it is not listed in "Paddle Places", please contact Hank Brooks at jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com



The Chaz Springs Loop 03/13/19

by Therese Eby photos by Hank Brooks, Jan Machinkowski, Pat Yaden



The Chassahowitzka River (Chaz) is a short spring-fed river flowing through a coastal swamp. The springs provided plenty of water for exploration, on a rising tide of only 0.1' to 0.24'. Five new paddle friends and three old ones met me to explore some springs and wildlife.

A committee of black vultures watched us from their roost in a tall Spanish moss-draped cypress as we headed upstream a few hundred feet to Seven Sisters Spring. Schools of silver mullet and an occasional striped snook swam beneath us in the clear water, over a dense sea grass carpet. A green jungle of trees lined the banks.

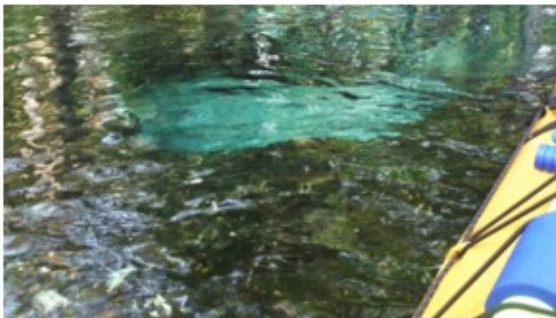
The sea grass gave way to limestone outcroppings with a thin layer of algae at Seven Sisters Spring. A wetsuit clad young man swim into a hole and popped up a few feet away at the other end of a cave tunnel. "It is another world down there!" he exclaimed.



by Hank Brooks



by Jan Machinkowski



by Jan Machinkowski



by Hank Brooks



Crab Creek Springs by Hank Brooks

Spider-lilies -- a few in bloom -- lined the short creek leading to Crab Creek Springs. Large vents roiled the dark deep water there. Private houses with docks bordered these springs.

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Further downstream, Salt Creek was great for birding. Under the shade of palms, we watched a few white ibis, a tricolored heron, and a blue heron enjoying a buffet in a muddy bend.



*Yellow crowned night heron
by Hank Brooks*



*juvenile little blue heron
by Hank Brooks*



by Hank Brooks

Our paddles hit thick mats of green algae in Salt Creek. The shoreline is undeveloped, but nitrate levels are rising from upstream development. At our turn-around point, the eyes of a baby alligator peeped up from the algae-filled water beside Phil, who we met on his return from a paddle up the creek.

As we reached the main river, an air-boat broke the peace as it roared upstream. We also headed upstream, against a gusty east headwind for a short workout to the next river bend. Dave offered to tow anyone who wanted help, but had no takers. We found a small sandy bank to stretch our legs just before we reached Baird Creek.



entrance to Bairds Creek by Hank Brooks

Just inside the Baird Creek entrance, Kasy Culbertson pointed out a bobcat on a tree trunk overhanging the water. By the time I paddled under the tree a beautiful great egret was perched on it instead.

The main channel was narrow

and twisty through the reeds. I used roots and reeds to pull my boat past some kayakers heading downstream rather than battle for paddle space.



by Hank Brooks

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Adventurer Hank Wiedmeyer slid under overhanging branches and generally took the road less traveled. One side channel he chose on this creek dead-ended at a log jam. While waiting for his return, Dave Schmidt had his own adventure braving the leg sucking mucky bank to remove a shiny aluminum soda can that was out of reach by boat. This treasure joined a red plastic cup under his deck lines that he had plucked out of the river earlier. He was the river's hero!

Baird Creek widened to a deep pool at Blue Spring. The water appeared greenish this day, with suspended sand hiding the bottom. The little creek continued beyond it, which we paddled until we couldn't. We tucked our boats in along the banks of the clear creek, sinking up to the knees in muck if stepping unluckily. We waded the final 100' along the sandy bottomed creek to The Crack, climbing over or around a large log on the way.



kayaks parked by Jan Machnikowski



Trina stuck in the muck

by Pat Yadon



The Crack by Jan Machnikowski

Our reward! The Crack is a 30' fissure in the limestone in a round shallow pool perfect for wading and peeking over the edge. Little fish nibbled algae on the cliff walls inside the crack. Small needlefish swam about the clear pool. Logs on the banks served as seats for lunch. Three rope swings beckoned from an oak's branches. A couple of paddlers swung like Tarzan, one splashing into the deep water of The Crack to applause.

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The Crack by Hank Brooks



Rope swings at The Crack by Pat Yadon

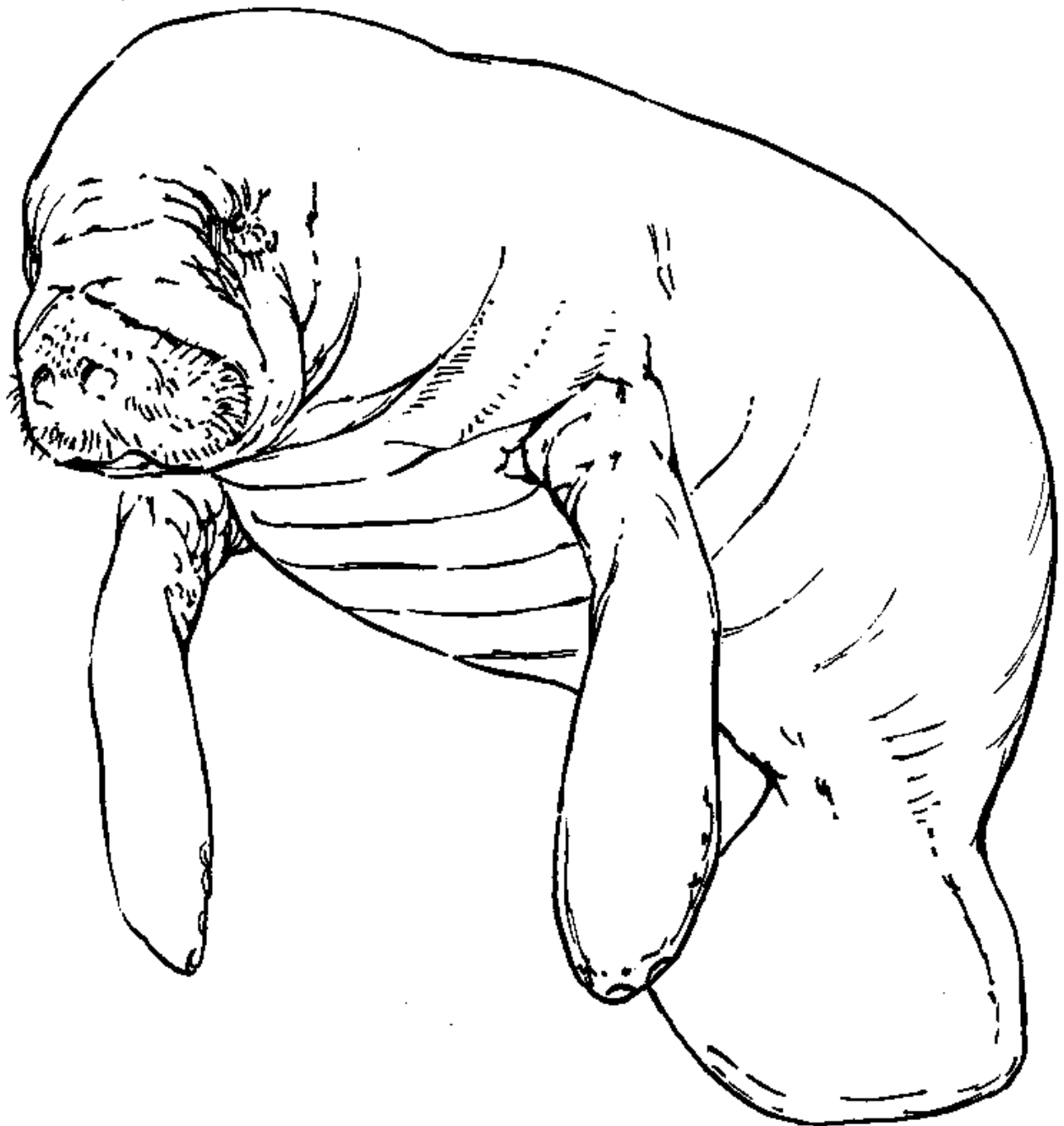
[We shared one more treat on the Chaz on our return trip to the launch. In a small cove off the main river just east of Baird's Creek, there were five manatees -- two mothers with three calves! The clear water made viewing ideal.



manatee by Pat Yadon

Manatee Viewing Etiquette

Viewing etiquette for this threatened species is to stay at a safe distance and let them swim to you. If they lose the fear of humans and boats, they are more susceptible to harm. Power boat strikes can be deadly. Pursuing a threatened species is punishable by \$500 state fine and/or imprisonment up to 60 days under the Florida Manatee Sanctuary Act of 1978 and federal fine up to \$50,000 and/or one year in prison under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and Endangered Species Act of 1973.





News & Events Around the State

(updated info in red)

Click on items logo to go to there general website



Friends of the Island Parks (<http://www.islandparks.org>) supports Caladesi Island State Park and Honeymoon Island

- Osprey Trail Walks every Wed, Sat, Sun at 11
- Beach Walks every Friday at 11
- Monthly Shell Show. 3rd Saturday each month at Nature Center, 1pm
- Wildlife Status:
 - Osprey: 15 Active Nests in March, and first chicks spotted March 28th
 - Eagles: 2 Eaglets fully grown and ready to Fledge in March
 - Great horned owls: Owls are not anticipated to nest in the parks this season
 - Sea Turtle: Season runs from May through October. 43 nests were spotted last season.
- Visit caladesidiscoverycenter.com to learn about the forthcoming interpretive facility.



For an update on this year's Sea Turtle Baby Boom, see this article: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/wildlife/baby-boom-sea-turtles-set-new-record-for-nesting-on-pinellas-beaches/2307517>

FPTA. We are the steward of all of Florida's water trails. Our mission is to develop water trails, protect the environment along the trails, and be a resource and voice for paddlers. Jill Lingard is the FPTA President, and Hank Brooks is this Region's Director for FPTA. (Our region is Hillsborough, Pinellas, & Manatee)

<http://www.floridapaddlingtrails.com>



The Adventurous Woman. Fishing, Camping, Kayaking, Hikes for women of all skill levels. Meets the 3rd Wednesday at Bill Jackson's. 6:30pm, February-November.



Society for Ethical Ecotourism: Florida SEE is looking for volunteers to help vendors become certified. See info about SEE on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FloridaSEE.org>. Info on the volunteer position can be seen here:

- http://www.floridasee.org/docs/Florida_SEE_Assessor_Position_Description_2015.pdf



Paddle Florida Paddle Florida is a non-profit corporation that promotes water conservation, wildlife preservation, prings restoration, and waterways protection via fun and educational multi-day paddling trips in Florida's most spectacular river and coastal environments. For trip details and registration, visit <http://www.paddleflorida.org/> To register for trips: <http://www.paddleflorida.org/services/preview-and-register-for-trips-5165.html>



Tampa Bay Watch: <http://www.tampabaywatch.org>

- [Event Calendar](#)
- [Celebration of Jim's Life May 1, 2019 Weds. 6-10 pm](#)



Bay Sounding's Tampa Bay's Environmental News <http://baysoundings.com/>

- [Things to Do](#) click link for more info



Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful: <http://keeptampabaybeautiful.org>

- [Volunteer Work Day at the Florida Learning Garden](#) May 11 2019 7 am to 11 am
- [Volunteer Work Day at the Florida Learning Garden](#) June 8, 2019 7 am to 11 am

Our mission is to promote a culture of environmental stewardship through volunteer and educational opportunities.



Egmont Key Alliance (<http://www.egmontkey.info/>)

Regular Work Days

- [May 18, 2019 10 am to 3 pm](#)
- [June 15, 2019 10 am to 3 pm](#)



Florida Water Environmental Association: Over 70 years after its creation, FWEA continues to make historic differences in the advancement of the water environment, science and technology, making it a leading professional water organization in Florida. Our history says a lot about the leadership, dedication and hard work. <http://www.fwea.org>



Visit our Sponsors for the Best Kayaking Equipment and Advice!

How did new participants find out about the club?

Since early April we have been tracking how new members found out about TBSK. The results so far are:

- Outfitters 3
- Internet Search 3
- A Friend 3
- Other 3
- Facebook 3
- Brochures 3

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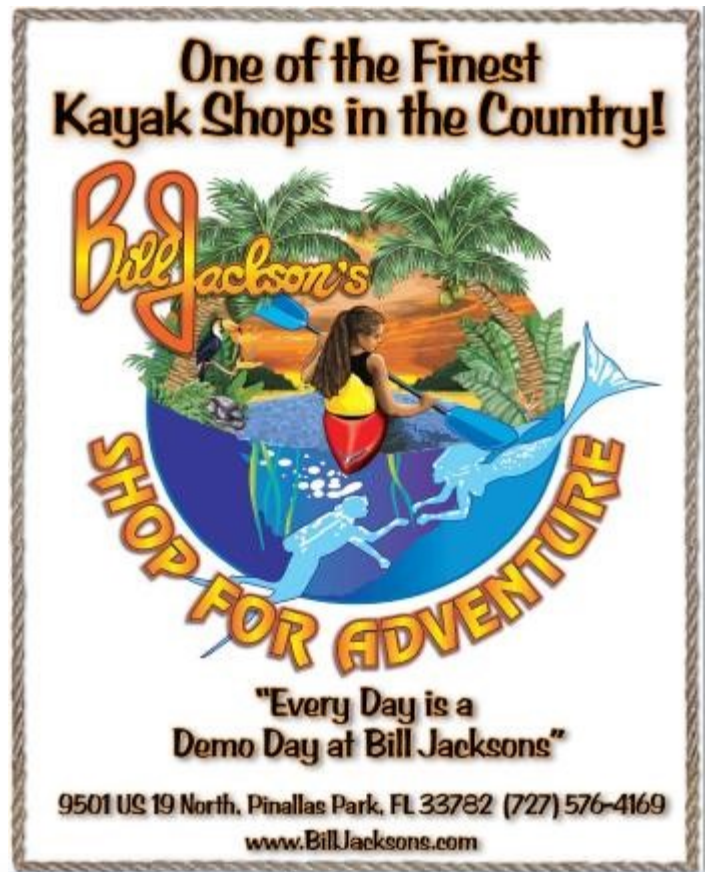


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TBSK MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

.No classifieds submitted this month. Classified Ads Policy: Any TBSK member may place a classified ad. The ad is free for the first six months. After six months ad expires. May be maintained for \$5 per month. Please notify the editor when item is sold.

Welcome New Members!

- ◇ Clayton White
- ◇ Steve & Mariann Gutke
- ◇ Ralph & Lila Stait
- ◇ Janet Neff
- ◇ Ryan Carroll
- ◇ Steve Osterland

Members that renewed this month:

- ◇ Karen Dealy
- ◇ Robin Newcomer

Treasurer's Report

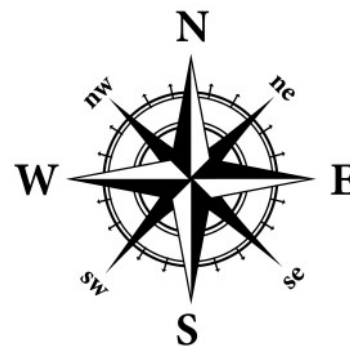
2019

Beginning BALANCE \$4124

INCOME
Dues Payments \$534.

EXPENSES
picnic
Picnic setup \$116
supplies
(replacements) \$176
Club Liability 622
Ins **\$915**
Expense total

Ending Balance \$3743



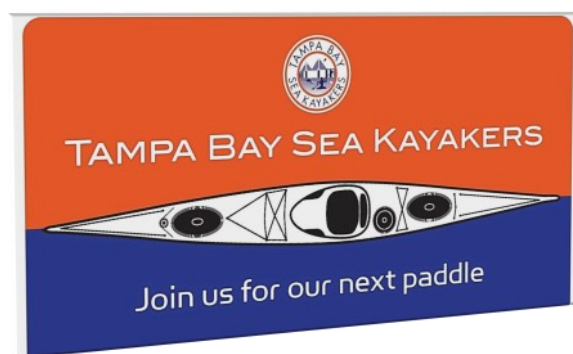


Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Become A Member

You may join TBSK online using your web browser. Just go to the link <http://www.tbsk.club> and click "Join Us" at the top of the page. You can pay club dues at the end of the process.

To join the Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers by mail, click on "Join Us" at the top of the TBSK web site. Click on the Liability / Waiver Form. Print the form and send it to the address listed at the bottom of this page. The application and waiver form are also available at TBSK meetings held at Bill Jacksons Store on the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

We hope to see you at our next TBSK event!



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FACEBOOK HELP PLEASE

We have received suggestions from many people that Facebook is an excellent way to let people know about all the great things which are happen-ing at TBSK. We also understand that for Face-book to work well, our TBSK page needs to have frequent, fresh information posted. That's where you come in. Bill Biles is in charge of our Facebook page and his contact info wcbiles@gmail.com