

Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers

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People-Barb Uzenoff



Landscape--Hank Brooks



Wildlife-Barb Uzenoff

Winners of the
Photo
Contest For
July 2019

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the September Photo Contest

August's
Speaker of the
Month
To Be
Announced



TAMPABAY SEA KAYAKERS CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:30 AM Picnic Island Mangrove Trial - Level 0
8	9 7:00 PM TBSK Monthly Meeting - Non-Members Invited	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 8:45 AM Chasshowitzka River - Level II 9:00 AM Weeki Wachee Springs - Level II	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 8:30 AM St. Petersburg New Pier Progress Paddle - Level II	26	27	28 8:30 AM TBSK Picnic - Anclote River Park
29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5

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

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Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Club Announcements



2020 TBSK Officer Positions

If you rush, you might be able to garner one of the remaining coveted 2020 TBSK officer positions. For next year it appears that the following will be open:

- Trip Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator
- Activities Coordinator

If you check the TBSK web site under "Club Info", then scroll down you will find the TBSK Charter, where the duties of each officer and estimated time it takes to fulfill the duties are listed.

Hurry! Open positions are limited. Contact any current board member if you are interested.

KAYAK HUMOR

We were paddling on a fairly choppy day when we stopped for lunch at a small island. We all got back into the kayaks when I observed a paddler not in his kayak but trying to hold onto it as it bounced in the waves. I was concerned about his safety and went over and asked "Do you want me to hold it for you?" He answered rather annoyed, "No I can hold it myself. I am going to the bathroom".

Richard Arenella



Keeping Pinellas Beautiful

By Hank Brooks



The Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers have always been interested in giving back by helping keep our environment as clean as possible. We contacted Keep Pinellas Beautiful some months ago and Megan Jackson was most happy to help steer our volunteer efforts where they could be of the most help. The original objective was to help clean up Stevenson Creek, which dumps into the Intercoastal Waterway where Sunset Point Rd. dead ends into Ft. Harrison Ave. in Clearwater. An initial survey by kayak revealed that, while there was some trash which could be cleaned up via kayak, most of it had been pushed by wind and tide deep into the mangrove roots close to shore.

On this Saturday morning, Megan Jackson, had set up her Keep Pinellas Beautiful tent in a parking lot which serves the Clearwater Croquet Club and the Clearwater Bowling Club located off Harrison Blvd, just south of Stevenson Creek. Most of us never even knew that these clubs existed or of their location. She had all the clean up supplies ready – rubber boots, grabbers, gloves, pails, plastic bags along with insect repellent and water bottles. There were about 12 people helping with the clean up – four from TBSK: Bill Biles, Al Tillson, Dave Monahan and myself. The plan was simple, follow the Pinellas Trail (used by bikers and hikers), and clean up the trash beside the trail.



put on my wader boots and gave Bill a ride to a side street close to the Pinellas Trail bridge over Stevenson Creek, where most of the trash could be found.

Once on the trail, we had to climb down a steep embankment to get to it. The trash was in abundance, scattered and almost embedded among the mangrove roots. We had to dig it out piece by piece to put it in the collection bag. As we used our grabbers to grab a piece of trash, the mangrove roots would often knock the piece and it would fall from the grabber. Persistence was the key. The majority of the trash was packaging, with plastic packaging and aluminum cans making up the majority. I also

came across a lot of small balls, including a golf ball, and many disposable lighters. It's amazing what a group of caring people can do the help clean up the environment. In total, we collected about ten large garbage bags of trash weighing about 275 pounds.



A big thanks to all the TBSK helpers on this clean-up effort. We will start planning for our next clean-up adventure.



Exploring Don Pedro State Park With Ed and Joe By Hank Brooks



Don Pedro State Park is a unique park near Port Charlotte. Part of the park is on the mainland, where the kayak launch is located, and the remainder of the park is located on an island, which can only be reached by boat. For this paddle we launched from a private launch about five miles away from the park boat launch.



This paddle day in late July had clear skies and the usual warm, humid weather. So we wisely got an early start, launching by 8:30 a.m. There were three of us on this trip – Ed Engel, Joe Mullen and myself. I had come down to the Port Charlotte area to help Ed plan some paddle trails for the



Florida Paddling Trails Assn so that they can put them on their web site. We decided to go for a paddle the day after our trip planning.

Ed and Joe are quite a unique duo. They have been paddling for over 25 years and have been members of the Florida Paddling Trails since it's inception in 2007, with Ed being the Director for

Region E and Joe being his chief implementer. Ed is 82 and Joe is 88 and they paddle three times a week - 8 to 10 miles per paddle. On their off days they either play tennis or golf. They have sea kayaked in Alaska, Scot-



land, Baja Mexico, the Great Lakes and a trip from Lake Ontario to Lake Champlain via Montreal and the Richelieu River.



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Exploring Don Pedro State Park
With Ed and Joe
By Hank Brooks

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On this paddle, our first landmark on the way to Don Pedro State Park was to pass under the large bridge which will take you to Gasparilla Island. It was then on thru a channel which flows thru some fine Cape Haze homes which line the channel. Very similar to the homes in Snell Island only more upscale. The area was quiet, peaceful, picturesque and charming.



It took about another half hour of paddling to reach the Don Pedro State Park kayak launch. There we took out for a stretch break and waited for a group of newbies on a commercial trip to board their sit-on-tops for a trip thru a well hidden mangrove tunnel to the hidden lake, which is next to the island. We beat them thru the tunnel and paddled some of the

small lake before exploring a bit of the backside of Don Pedro Island. We then headed back to our take out. We were off the water by 12 noon and were soon headed to the pizza parlor for lunch, which tasted double-good after a 10 mile paddle.



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July TBSK Picnic

By Hank Brooks



This turned out to be a very nice picnic indeed. However, early in the month we were not sure because



our TBSK Executive Chef was slated to go visit his relatives in Germany and the weather was promising to “rain all over our parade”. The day was saved when Liz Hoglebe agreed to step in a chef. Then after a full week of rain, the weather cooperated and delivered a delightful day with no rain and sunshine after Noon.

A perfect day for a picnic at War Veterans Memorial Park at “Picnic Point” – an idealic setting of our shelter surrounded by water on three sides surrounded water on three sides.



The day started out with the trip leaders and trainers all checking their cell phone weather apps to make sure there were no thunderstorms close by. It was bracing



and training for Jean Tutz and her gang of helpers and students. They broke off into a pre-class discussion while Hank Brooks launched his Easy Paddle and Phil Sheesley took the Intermediate/ Advanced Paddle. Phil said that his group paddled about seven or eight miles out toward the Gulf while Hank took the Easy Paddle back into the mangroves toward Park Blvd and the Cajun



Café for a 4.5 mile paddle. We did well until the very end when Murray Cohen did manage to find a few oysters.



When we go back Liz Hoglebe had the burgers and other fixings all ready for us – Murray for Liz!!!! With this story you will see lots of pictures here of what we do best – eat after a hearty paddle.



ALL PHOTO SUBMISSIONS
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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



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.



CALADESI DISCOVERY CENTER

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>



Keep Pinellas Beautiful strives to keep our community clean and beautiful. We have many volunteers and adoption programs available in which you can participate. <https://www.kpbcares.org/>



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

- [Hillsborough River & Coastal Cleanup](#) **Saturday, September 15, 2018**
- Our mission is to promote a culture of environmental stewardship through volunteer and educational opportunities.



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

- **Regular Work Day -21 Sep 2019 10:00 AM** [more info click here](#)
- **Regular Work Day -19 Oct 2019 10:00 AM** [more info click here](#)



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>



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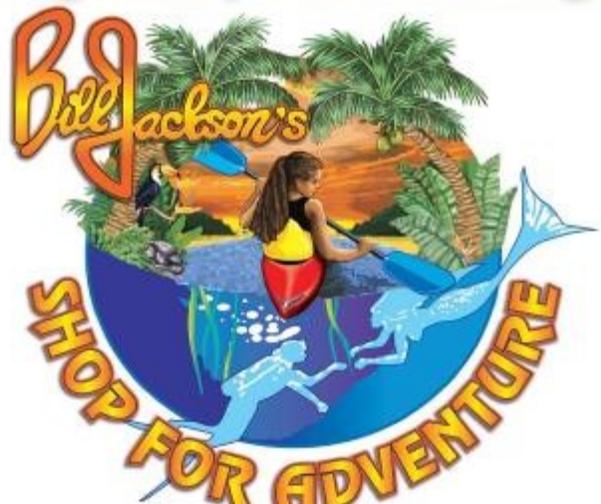
How did new participants find out about the club?

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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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!

No

New

Members

This

Month

Members that renewed this month:

- Michele Pedro
- Steven Loeven
- Pat Yadon

Treasurer's Report

2018

Beginning BALANCE	\$4274
INCOME	
Dues	\$185
EXPENSES	
AffiniPays Fees for Dues Picnic	-\$6
Ending Balance	\$4453

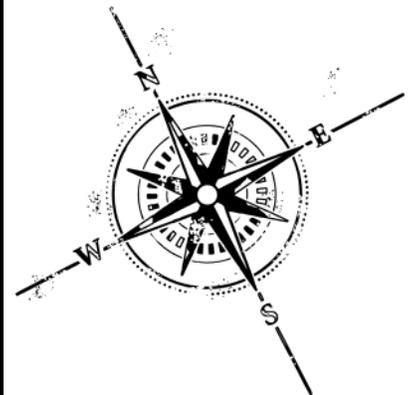


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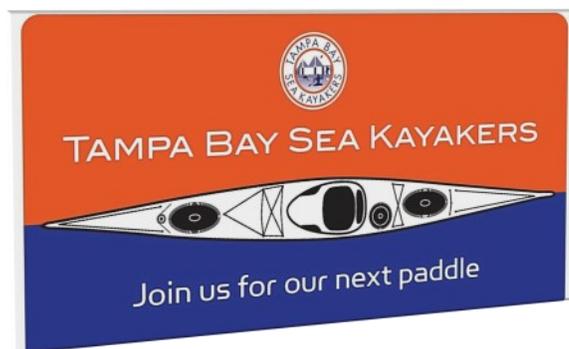


Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Become A Member

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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