



# The Paddle

Spring 2011

<http://www.masondixoncanoecub.com/>

## MDCC this year so far

**MDCC annual banquet:** Kudos to President John N for arranging the T-shirts and door prizes. We missed you John, but understand why. Thanks again to Keith for arranging us to have the church. Nice turnout. Great food. Congrats to Linda Woody for her "enthusiasm" award, Merrill Pearson as last year's Big girl and Rob Koenen as 2010 Big Boy. Big thanks to those that helped set up and cleanup.

We enjoyed, in their absence, some playboating video by Seth (currently in Europe at Worlds) and some crazy stuff by Bobby Miller.

If you missed a chance on the T-shirts, I have some left, but am out of mens Large and Xlarge. Contact Dan E if you want a shirt.

The shirts are embroidered wicking shirts, male and female styles. The color is Royal Blue with white embroidery. The men's have a crew neck and regular short sleeves. The females have a "V" neck and shorter sleeves. If you do not find your size available, we will be doing a special order based on requests. The prices are \$15.00 per shirt.

**Roll sessions:** Again a excellent turnout with returning and new folks. Many thanks to the volunteer instructors taking the time to give one on one instruction to eager students.

**The cleanup:** Coordinating with the Alice Ferguson Foundation, C&O park service and the Harpers Ferry park service, HFOF and MDCC joined in and made a difference. The tally:

Cleanup C&O Sandy Hook to HarpersFerry RR bridge- 11 bags, 1 tire, 6 volunteers

Millville below the dam - 52 bags, 1 tire, 15 volunteers

Rt 340 above and below Shenandoah Bridge - 10 bags, 7 tires, 3 volunteers.

We most definitely ARE making a difference. There will another cleanup in the Fall.

**Paddle:** The spring was unusually wet with the Staircase at nice paddling levels into June. Course now things are winding down with somewhat of a dry spell. This also provides ample opportunity for the novices to get out on the Thursday nights or weekends and get some practice in on the Needles. Check the message board for a pickup trip. Or better yet, if you want to paddle, post. The message board has been abundant with local pickup trips.

### Mason Dixon Canoe Cruisers



Melius vivit qui remigat

*Who paddles lives better*

### 2011 MDCC BOD and Officers

#### Your 2011 Officers:

President: John Navaro

Secretary: Sheila Chapelle

Vice President: Ericka Hoffmann

Treasurer/Membership: Fred Dalauro

#### Your 2011 Volunteers (excluding trip coordinators, instructors, etc):

Newsletter Editor and Membership: Dan Eigenbrode

Conservation Chair: Chuck Davis

Safety Chair: Jim Norton

Pool Session Coordinator: Dave Russo

Web Master: Vitas Eidukevicius and Chuck Davis

#### Your 2011 Board of Directors:

Merrill Pearson

Bobby Miller

Jim Norton

Jamie Geraghty

Vitas Eidukevicius

Dave Russo

Ron Shanholz



*Best wishes to Sylvia on her move south.  
We will miss her. Big Girl 2009.*



*Dan E plays KAY-Wii  
From the banquet video.*

**Name that Rapid !**



**Where is this wave located and what is it called?**

First to post the correct answers on the designated thread for this (thread titled "Name that rapid" started by DanE) wins something. You can play if you won the prize before, but you may not get another prize, just the recognition you have computer time no one else does.



Well, lets add this one to the mix. Name them both if ya can. Take a shot at the level as well.



*Connor Shepfitz practices his rolls at the MDCC March pool sessions at the Hagerstown YMCA*



*Jamie sets in for a surf at Burnside Bridge on the Antietam Creek.*



*Keith gives the thumbs up to the spring rains.*



*Paddlers join Sylvia on her last TNP Couples of nice play spots on the Doah.*

## Mark your Calendar !

### Beginner Class

Beginning paddlers and practiced novices welcome.

**Date:** Saturday, July 9th, 2011

**Where:** Meet at Cindy D's at 8:00 AM

**Contact:** John Navarro - kayaker1953@gmail.com

More details will be posted on the message board closer to the date. MDCC does not provide gear, but if you need it, members can arrange to have it available for you. Let John know in advance. Contact John if you would like to help out or attend the class. There will be a small ACA insurance fee, MDCC membership required.

### Picnic

The MDCC picnic is usually held on a 3rd or 4th Sunday in August. We are looking into alternatives for a place to have the picnic and a date that accommodates most. Contact Dan Eigenbrode with your ideas and we will see if we can make it happen. dankayakbike@yahoo.com

### Editor's Notes

Annual fee is still \$10 per household. A waiver and application is at the end of this newsletter. Or go to <http://masondixoncanooclub.com/MDCC/Join.html>. Proceeds from membership and pool sessions go to various river organizations, the MDCC banquet, picnic, and allows us to maintain a small, but useful WEB site (message board).

MDCC welcomes new members Robert Hagelberg, Brent Walls, Jay Lyons, C. Foster and Brent Smith.. See you on the river !

### Stolen from Harpers Ferry area !

A faded lime-green Wave Sport Big EZ, with little 'demo' letters melted in the stern near drain plug. Small tear in seat pad, minicell outfitting glued inside near thigh hooks. Non-standard thigh hooks from an EVO (not much hook to them). And the drain plug does not fit well either.

1 Red Dagger Green-boat, in almost new condition. small skuff mark on top of cockpit ring near grab loop location. If you see these boats, contact Chuck Davis. kayaks@bolivarwv.us

Be vigilant folks. Lock em up even at the house and on the vehicle. Make sure all your gear is marked for easy identification.

MASON-DIXON CANOE CRUISERS. INC.

Application and Liability Waiver

CAUTION: THIS IS A WAIVER. READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a new member? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
Has your contact information changed? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Roster - Check box if you do not want your contact information included in the roster. [ ]

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for participation in events sponsored by the Mason-Dixon Canoe Cruisers, Inc.(hereinafter referred to as the 'Club'), Intending to be legally bound, I hereby waive, release, and discharge, for myself and any member of my family and anyone else claiming through me, any and all claims for damages for death, personal injury or property damage which I may have, or which may hereafter accrue to me against the club, its members, trip coordinators, or any other of my fellow paddlers as a result of my participation in a club-sponsored event. This waiver applies to any negligent act or omission and any intentional act intended to promote my safety or well-being.

This waiver is given in the interest of permitting the Club to exist and to serve the paddling community, and to entitle myself and my fellow paddlers to feel free to donate our services and help each other without fear of liability. My waiver is given in exchange for similar waivers to be granted by other members of the Club. My waiver has no expiration date.

I hereby declare that I fully understand and accept the following facts of life on the river: 1) boating on whitewater rivers exposes participants to various hazards; 2) no one but myself is responsible for judging my qualifications for my safety when I choose to challenge my capabilities by boating on a particular river or a particular rapid; 3) I may assist my fellow paddlers to the best of my ability when they appear to need such assistance - but only so long as I can do so, in my judgment, without significant danger to myself. I further understand that this does not imply any legal duty for me to do so, nor for anyone else who renders such assistance to me. I also declare that I shall abide by all applicable boating laws and regulations and will practice courtesy and safety while boating. I am also aware that the wearing of a proper personal floatation device is recommended on all trips where conditions so dictate, and even required by some states.

I consent to any emergency treatment that may be considered necessary in the event of an injury or illness during any club-sponsored event which may be deemed necessary by club members or medical personnel.

I represent to the Club that I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and that I am authorized to execute this waiver on behalf of my family.

Signature(s) of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature(s) of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
(If applicant is under 18 years of age)