

# Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers

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## Calendar for October, 2016

Sun	Monday	Tues.	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						<b>Back Side of Weedon Island</b> 9:30am Level I Clearwater Beach Classic (day 3)
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Clearwater Beach Classic (day 4)						<b>Little Manatee, Ruskin</b> 8:30am Level II Gulfport - Adaptive Paddlers Event
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Club Meeting Bill Jackson's Pinellas Park 7pm					<b>TBSK Picnic, War St Petersburg</b> 8:30 am LII/III 9am L1 and Training (Bracing Clinic) Coatal Cleanup: Keep Pinellas Beautiful
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			The Adventurous Woman Bill Jackson's 6:30pm			<b>Fort DeSoto Camping</b> 10am L1, Fort DeSoto 9:30 LII, Gulfport Marina 9am LIII, St. Pete Marina
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Camping Trip (day 2)			Hillsborough Level Zero 9:30am			Chassahowitzka, Homosassa Level Zero 8:30am

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

### Training at the 10/15 Club Picnic

Why is bracing more important than rolling? Because if you master bracing you may never need to roll. An in depth bracing clinic will be held at the October picnic. (No sit-on-tops. No inflatable PFD's.) This is not a clinic you want to miss.

### VERY, VERY EASY (Level Zero) Paddles - 10/26 & 10/29

Our first Level 0 trip at Fort DeSoto in September went very well, so the club is hosting more. 10/26 will be an urban trip on the Hillsborough River, starting at Lowrey Park, and 10/29 will be on the Chaz out of Homosassa.

### Join us to hear from the Coast Guard at our September 10th meeting!

Gene Scott Keller, USCG AUX Division 7 Commander will be talking with us with tips on Safe Boating considerations.

- ⇒ Nov 14 Meeting - Egmont Key History
- ⇒ Dec 12 - Craig Pittman, Writer

We're always looking for speakers for our meetings. Send suggestions to Therese Eby ([thereseby@gmail.com](mailto:thereseby@gmail.com).)



# Trip & Event Schedule

## Club Trips



Date	Paddle Difficulty	Description
Sat Oct 1  9:30am	Level I  <b>Distance:</b> 5 Miles or so	<b>Back Side of Weedon Island, St Pete</b>  Launch from the Pinellas side of Gandy Bridge at 9:30AM to launch at 10:00AM for a paddle south toward Weedon Island and into some of the mangrove area. We'll be close to shore most but not all of the time. We'll paddle about 3 hours at a leisurely pace with a stop midway for lunch and maybe a quick swim. Location may be changed if required by weather conditions.  <b>Contact:</b> Al Tillson altillson@yahoo.com or 813-832-3961
Sat Oct 8  8:30am	Level II  <b>Distance:</b> 8 Miles or so above 3mph	<b>Little Manatee River, Ruskin</b>  We will meet at 8:30 a.m the 24th St launch near Ruskin. We we'll paddle downstream for about 4 miles, stop for lunch, and then paddle back upstream exploring some of the different creeks along the way. Bring your lunch/ snack and plenty of water. Those who register for this paddle on the TBSK web site will receive a Google Map to aid in getting to the launch. Our goal is to be off the water by 12:30 p.m.  <b>Contact:</b> Hank Brooks jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com
Monday, Oct 10 7pm	<b>Club Meeting - Jackson's Shop for Adventure, Pinellas Park</b>  Speaker: Gene Scott Keller, USCG AUX Division 7 Commander Tampa  Commander Keller will talk about Kayaking boat safety guidelines. This is essentially a high level overview of the Coast Guard Safe Boating course with a focus on Kayak safety in consideration of our local waters and climate.	
Sat Oct 15  8:30 am for L II/III  9am for LI and Training	All Levels  <b>Distance:</b> L1: ~5 mi  LII/III: ~11 mi	<b>Club Picnic— Shelter 5, War Memorial Park, St. Petersburg</b>  The main courses will be provided by the club, and members should bring a side dish to share. All paddlers bring water, hat, sunscreen, and wear pdf at all times. If the weather looks iffy, check our web site (www.tbsk.club) to see whether the picnic will be cancelled. (We'll send an email too, but we know sometimes emails can get delayed.) Activities coordinators: Keith & Paula Fowler red68tr250@gmail.com.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on Bracing Skills will be led by Tom Sobocinski &amp; Eileen Burns.</li> <li>• Level I Paddle: - Easy Paddle - Al Tillson</li> <li>• Level II &amp; III - Phil Sheesley</li> </ul>
10/22 to 10/23	All Levels	<b>Overnight Camping: Shell Island <i>See Next Page</i></b>
Wed Oct 26  9:30am	Level 0 Very very easy  <b>Distance:</b> Four miles or less	<b>Mid Hillsborough River, Tampa (Level 0)</b>  This very very easy paddle will depart from the Lowry Park boat Ramp (Just of W. Sligh Ave. in N. Tampa) and go upstream to Rowlette Park before returning to Lowry Park. (If we're early, some may want to continue for a short distance downstream from Lowry Park). This short paddle is open to all kayaks (including sit-on-tops) and skill levels (from none to some). We will be able to enjoy seeing a portion of the river that is frequently overlooked, but very interesting – including seeing the Rowlette Park dam. We will meet at the boat ramp at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch and plan to be back not later than 1:30 Must wear a life-jacket at all times and stay with the group (we will not be paddling fast !). Must reply if you plan to attend so you can receive directions to the launch site (if you need them) and so you can be notified if plans change.  <b>Contact:</b> Phil Sheesley philsheesley@hotmail.com (c) 813-695-7395
Sat Oct 29  8:30am	Level 0 Very very easy  <b>Distance:</b> About 3 miles	<b>Chassahowitzka River (Level 0) - Homosassa</b>  Join Andy Bartley and Mary Mangiapia as we do a relaxing cruise to the springs that feed the "Chaz". This beautiful river winds its way through 31,000 acres of protected wildlife refuge and is home to over 250 species of birds and 25 species of mammals. Manatee sightings are common. Total trip distance will be about 3 nautical miles. As a level zero paddle, we will focus more on sight-seeing and relaxing and less on speed. We will visit two springs on the main river and then paddle up Baird Creek to the beautiful spring known as the Crack. We will have snacks/lunch by the springs and then paddle back to the launch. Any kind of kayak is welcome but we request that kayaks have at least one sealed compartment for flotation. Feel free to contact us if you have questions about your specific boat. You must RSVP to join on this trip. <b>Launch:</b> Chassahowitzka River Campground boat ramp. There is a \$2.00 parking fee.  <b>Contact:</b> Andy Bartley (sailonbear@hotmail.com) or Mary Mangiapia (mamagia@gmail.com)



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Date	Paddle Difficulty	Description
Sat 10/22 to Sun 10/23		<p><b>Overnight Camping: Shell Island</b></p> <p>Join the Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers for our first overnight camping trip this paddling season! We will have three paddles - Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 trips all leaving on October 22nd to rendezvous at Shell Key. We will camp on the beautiful gulf-side beach and spend time relaxing around the campfire. This is a great opportunity to practice your kayak-camping skills with experienced paddlers. You will be required to bring your own boat, camping gear, and food. A camping gear list can be found on the TBSK web site under Trip Planning, Camping Via Kayak – the link is: <a href="http://tbsk.club/resources/Documents/Camping%20Gear%20List.pdf">http://tbsk.club/resources/Documents/Camping%20Gear%20List.pdf</a> . Your trip leaders will provide you with a camping checklist when you register for the paddle.</p> <p>You must contact the trip leaders before the trip.</p>
10/22 10am	Level I  <b>Distance:</b> 1.7 miles each way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch:</b> Fort Desoto Boat Ramp There is a \$6.00 fee to leave your vehicle overnight.</li> <li>• <b>Launch Time:</b> Group will meet at 10am and launch when everyone is ready.</li> <li>• <b>Trip Leader:</b> Keith Fowler (red68tr250@gmail.com)</li> </ul>
10/22 9:30am	Level II  <b>Distance:</b> 7-9 miles each way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch:</b> Gulfport Marina Contact the trip leader for special parking instructions</li> <li>• <b>Trip distance:</b> There are several possible routes for this trip. The trip leaders will decide which route would be best based on the winds/weather. The shortest route is 7 miles for a total of 14 miles over two days. The longest route is 9 nautical miles from the launch to the Gulf side of Shell Key for a total mileage of 18 miles over 2 days.</li> <li>• <b>Launch Time:</b> The group will meet at 9:30 and launch when everyone is ready,</li> <li>• <b>Trip Leader:</b> Harry Tobin (htobin001@gmail.com)</li> </ul>
10/22 9am	Level III  <b>Distance:</b> 13 miles each way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Launch:</b> Saint Pete Marina Public Boat Ramp. Contact the trip leaders for special parking instructions. There is a fee to leave your vehicle overnight.</li> <li>• <b>Trip Distance:</b> This trip is 13 nautical miles from the launch to the Gulf side of Shell Key. This is a total distance of 26 nautical miles over 2 days.</li> <li>• <b>Launch Time:</b> Group will meet at 9 a.m. and will launch when everyone is ready.</li> <li>• <b>Trip Leaders:</b> Andy Bartley (sailonbear@hotmail.com) and Mary Mangiapia (mamangia@gmail.com)</li> </ul>



### TIPS FOR REGISTERING FOR A TRIP FROM OUR WEBSITE: [tbsk.club](http://tbsk.club)

- Ensure you're logged onto the site before trying to register for a trip or posting a comment on the TBSK Blog.
- If you get frustrated, you can email the trip leader directly. All email address can be found under "Member Directory"
- Notify the Web Master, Bill Biles, if you continue to have problems (see last page of newsletter or "Member Directory")

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Kayakers needed to support a race on Sat, November 5th. This is a 10K+ open water swim race around three sides of Fort De Soto. Each swimmer will have a kayak escort to provide safety, navigation, and nutrition. Pilots will be instructed on how to seek assistance. Swimmers cannot hang or rest on the pilot's boat even when feeding.

Kayakers get a race t-shirt, great post race meal, special gift, and a goodie bag, not to mention have a great time kayaking around Fort De Soto. <https://>



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# Events

## Training from Outfitters

<b>Bill Jackson's Pinellas Park</b>	727-576-4169 adventure@billjacksons.com	<a href="http://www.billjacksons.com/classes/">http://www.billjacksons.com/classes/</a> • Introduction to Kayaking 9/10 - \$78— (call)
<b>Economy Tackle &amp; Dolphin Paddlesports Sarasota</b>	941-922-9671 kayaktoday@gmail.com	<a href="http://www.floridakayak.com/kayaks/kayak-classes/">http://www.floridakayak.com/kayaks/kayak-classes/</a> • Intro to Kayaking: \$60 (Saturdays, Turtle Beach—Siesta Key) • Intermediate Kayaking—\$75 (Call for date)
<b>Sweetwater Kayaks St Petersburg</b>	727-570-4844 TheS-hop@SweetwaterKayaks.com	<a href="http://sweetwaterkayaks.wordpress.com/skills/">http://sweetwaterkayaks.wordpress.com/skills/</a> • <a href="#">Foundation Skills Kayak Class—\$75</a> (Call) • <a href="#">Directional Control—\$75</a> (Call) • <a href="#">Rolling Clinic</a> (\$50) (Call) • <a href="#">Greenland Kayaking—\$50 to \$85 depending on skills covered</a> (call).

## 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 Gary Bernier gwbernier@gmail.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](mailto: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>



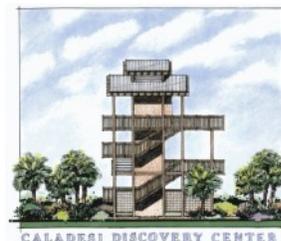
# News & Events Around the State

(updated info in red)



**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: [http://www.islandparks.org/weather/wildlife\\_updates.htm](http://www.islandparks.org/weather/wildlife_updates.htm)
  - 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](http://caladesidiscoverycenter.com) to learn about the forthcoming interpretive facility.



CALADESI DISCOVERY CENTER

**Florida Paddling Trails Association (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.

Hank Brooks is this Region's Director for FPTA. (Our region is primarily Hillsborough, Pinellas, & Manatee)

Clearwater Beach Classic: 9/29 -10/2. Canoe, Surfski & SUP event! <http://clearwaterbeachclassic.com/>



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

**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](http://www.floridasee.org/docs/Florida_SEE_Assessor_Position_Description_2015.pdf)



**Paddle Florida** <http://www.paddleflorida.org/> **2016-17 Season**

- October 17-24 - Suwanee December 2-6, Ocklawaha
- January 9-15, Florida Keys February 11-17, Calusa Byway
- March 11-17 Ochlockonee April 7-9, Suwanee Festival



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

- Oyster Dome Construction often. Check website. September through April.
- 10/13-15: Fantasy Island Oyster Shell Project
- 10/25-28: Fantasy Island Oyster Dome Installation



**Keep Pinellas Beautiful** strives to keep our community clean and beautiful.

We have many volunteers and adoption programs available in which you can participate.

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

- Oct 15—International Coastal Cleanup: <http://www.mykpb.com/international-coastal-cleanup.html>



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

- **Workdays on the Island are the 3rd Saturday:** 10/15, 11/19, 12/17
- **Discover the Island 2016:** 11/12 & 13
- 10/15: **Tierra Verde Octoberfest Fundraiser**



**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>

**Florida Paddlers Rendezvous: December 2-4 2016, Flamingo Campground, Everglades National Park:** <http://www.bushpaddlers.org/Rendezvous.html>

**Florida National Parks Challenge: Can you Paddle 100 miles in a Florida National Park during 2016?**

Click here for Info: <http://www.nps.gov/bisc/paddlechallenge.htm>

**The Florida Caverns Paddle in Marianna Florida** is set for the first weekend in November 3,4,5 & 6, 2016. This event has lots of different trips and a variety of challenges so book your site and join us. Make your reservations here:

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/>

**Kayak Support needed for Open Water Swim Event:** Swim Fort De Soto on Saturday, November 5. The race is 6.5 miles from the public boat ramp to Shelter #14 in the park. We have many swimmers who come from out of the area and need kayaker (pilot) support. The kayaker provides the swimmer food/drink, navigation, and safety. Kayakers must have their own kayak and have the ability to kayak for the 6.5 mile distance. Kayakers get a race t-shirt, great post race meal, special gift, and a goodie bag, not to mention have a great time kayaking around Fort De Soto. Pilot registration: <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/clinics/reserve.cfm?c=2237&cid=67612>

**Team River Runner:** [www.teamriverrunner.org](http://www.teamriverrunner.org)

Team Riverrunner helps wounded Vets and other groups who have a need for adaptive kayaking. We have offered to help "Lighthouse" put on an event on October 8th at Clam Bayou Nature Park in Gulfport. We are in need of volunteers who can kayak to accompany the blind and visually impaired students. Contact Dave Shanahan (301) 580-5219 [dave.s@teamriverrunner.org](mailto:dave.s@teamriverrunner.org)



# Paddle At Zero Dark Thirty

Story and photos By Hank Brooks

When the new TBSK trip leader, Cynthia McGregor, said that she wanted to lead an early morning paddle off Dunedin Causeway which was to meet at 6:30 a.m. and launch at 7:00 a.m, I said, “Really??!!” And then when I realized that meant getting up at 5 a.m., I reaffirmed to myself, “Really, I can’t believe I said I would go on this paddle.”

The first indication that I knew that it would be a very different type of day was after I did my “wake up” drill in the bathroom and turned out the light to go to the kitchen – it was pitch dark. I could not see my hand in front of my face. Loading the car in the dark, I expected that. I knew that traffic would be light early in the morning, but as usual, when you are running ahead of time, I caught all green lights and so arrived on Dunedin Causeway even earlier than I wanted - just a little after 6 a.m. I decided to document this trip on film, so I could remember what 6 a.m. on the beach looks like if I ever get the urge to do this again. So I took my first picture. I believe you can see the white light of a boat moving in the distance.

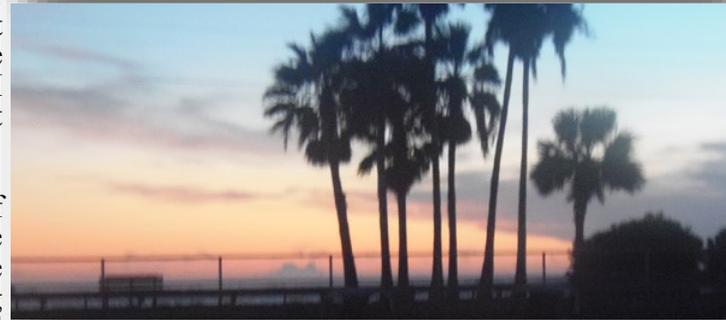
I did enjoy the quietness of the early morning and the lack of oppressive heat, and you get a sense of it with this a picture of the early morning glow of the sun as it started to come over the horizon. However, some of my other early morning pictures were fuzzy. It wasn’t until I got home that I figured out that in low lighting conditions, without flash, the camera lens would have to stay open longer. So if either I was moving or the subject was moving, it would appear fuzzy – another lesson learned.

After a brief pre-launch meeting, we were off to the back side of Caladesi Island, looking for critters and enjoying the cool morning air. As we paddled along, I tried to document the trip by filming the sun coming up behind the paddlers. The paddlers slowly became more visible as the sun rose – framed in increasing light with light, white clouds in the background. Then all of a sudden I looked up and a half sun was bright in the sky. So bright that you could not look directly at it. Within half a hour you could feel the warmth of the sun’s rays heating the earth, causing Cynthia to put on

all her skin protection gear – all you could see where her eyes, which were covered by sun glasses. We did spot some small herons and admired the mangroves which were blooming, their red roots gleaming in the early morning sunlight.

Since we were close to the Caladesi Island marina, we decided to go a take look at the mangrove tunnel which starts at the marina. Someone said, “We need a volunteer to check out the tunnel to make sure there is enough water and not too many mosquitoes. So let’s send Hank in.” The tunnel was nice and if you moved quickly, avoiding the tree branches as you paddle, the mosquitoes were a minimal nuisance. It was nice to get out of the tunnel and feel the early morning breeze. After a one mile paddle to a nearby spoil island, we had a chance to stretch our legs, get a snack and a bathroom break, if needed. The 2 mile paddle back to the causeway was an easy paddle into a light wind with minimal chop.

The advantages of the early morning paddle are that you avoid the heat (I was home by 10:30 a.m. after a 6 mile paddle), the roads and waterway were not crowded and the early morning light allows for unique pictures. Would I do it again? Probably, but not in the near future.



TBSK member Steve Henkind has, for the past ten years, served as a navigation instructor for U.S. Coast Guard cadets during their summer cruise on the training ship "Eagle". Late this summer, the ship made a port call in Charleston, South Carolina, and Steve used the occasion to invite any TBSK'ers who might be in the area to drop by for an escorted tour of this beautiful sailing vessel. I've admired this ship for years, so for me the opportunity was one I couldn't pass-up. I met him on board the afternoon of September 11th for what turned out to be a very enjoyable two and a half hour lesson on all things related to sailing this square rigged ship that was launched in 1936 and transferred to the U.S. as a part of Germany's war reparations after WW II.



Steve and I at the helm – no power steering ! Just a triple wheel that often requires multiple hands to keep course in rough weather. We visited the crew quarters, wardroom, galley, and; hottest of all, the engine room in the depths of the ship. The Eagle's diesel engine is all of 1,000 horsepower and can push the ship along at a modest 10mph (the sails are a lot more fun).

An Engineer with the 1,000hp diesel.  
The ship's original engine was a German U-Boat engine (this one was installed in 1984).



Steve explained the role of each of the major parts of the ship's standing rigging and showed us where the cadets are required to demonstrate their ability to climb up to the tops and down again as one of their first requirements after coming on board.

It was clear though, that Steve's heart is in navigating the ship, where, during the cruise, he is responsible for maintaining an accurate plot of the ship's location at all times. Here is Steve showing us some of the features of this CIC (Combat Information Center) station – that included all the latest navigation equipment to serve as backup to the tried and true traditional sextant and paper charts that he also uses in cadet instruction.



"Auxiliarist Henkind" in the CIC. We are fortunate to have this enthusiastic, and accomplished seaman and navigator as a member of Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers. When he is on one of our trips, it's generally a good idea to trust him when he might venture an opinion on the best route to get to our intended destination.



# An easy cruise at Fort DeSoto - Sept 24

Photos by Mary Mangiapia and Bill Biles

The club survey showed that we had many people who were interested in getting out on the water in new and interesting places without the stress of paddling long distances. Some of the people were hoping to use paddleboards or bathtub kayaks, some were just more interested in conversations than paddling, and some were newbies. Whatever the reason, our first "Level Zero" trip was a big success!

It's no coincidence that the Trip Leader who paddled the longest single event - who completed the simple task of her trip from Alabama to Georgia by way of the entire state of Florida - was also happy to guide our shortest trip. Mary Mangiapia just loves paddling! And she is enthusiastic about sharing her joy of the water to others.

Mary took the time to create a map with pictures both of the Launch Site, but also of the paddle route. She also included a list of "what to bring" and included another map to the restrooms. So well planned. Here's what she wrote about the trip:

We will head out from the launch towards Sawyer Key where we will explore the mangrove tunnel that bisects the key. From there, we will cruise around Summer Resort Key and eventually end up at the beach at Shell Key. After relaxing at the beach for a bit, we will then head back to the launch. We will paddle over grass flats and an area known for plenty of manatee and dolphin sightings. The total trip distance is just under 3 nautical miles. This should be a fun, relaxing paddle!





## TBSK Club Membership Survey (poll conducted June, 2016)

In June 2016, TBSK did a survey of our members to determine in which areas we needed to improve. The following information is intended as a summary of the survey and the actions which the TBSK Board is taking. If there is a specific question which is not answered here, and you would like to know if TBSK is planning any action, please email Hank Brooks at [jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com)

### Summary:

- About 50% of club members responded to the survey questions.
- Overall, most of our members were satisfied with the services we provide our members. However, it was pointed out that we can improve in some areas.
  - Some members want slower/ more leisurely paddles which go only a few miles. We have scheduled a Level 0 paddle in September and two more in October. The board will following to gauge member interest and attendance.
  - It was suggested that we find new places to paddle. Our web site has a section called “Paddle Places” with over 100 places to paddle. All members are encouraged to contact the Trip Coordinator with suggestions and the Trip Coordinator will be suggesting new/ different places to paddle to our trip leaders.
  - We recognize the need for more trip leaders. So we are being pro-active by contacting all members with Level II skills and asking if they would like to be a trip leader.

Question	Summary of Survey Answers
In which county do you live?	Pinellas County (56%), Hillsborough County (25%)
How long have you paddled?	Five years or more (80%)
How long have you been a TBSK member?	Four years or less (52%)
What is your paddling skill level?	Novice/ Advanced Beginner (25%) Intermediate (45%) Advanced/ Expert (30%)
What type of boat do you paddle?	Fiberglass/ composite 16 ft or longer (40%) Plastic 16 ft or longer (20%) Recreational/ sit-on-top less than 16 ft (20%)
How often do you paddle with TBSK?	Two or three times a month (32%) Once a month (16%) Every once in a while (40%) Never (12%)

*Look for survey answers, observations, and TBSK Board Actions as an attachment to the newsletter.*

# TBSK Club Info

## Board Members

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## TBSK MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

**For Sale:** 17' Wilderness Systems Tempest Kayak - red. Complete kit: new NRS spray skirt, kevlar red paddles, tow rope package, separate compass, NRS PFD red large, \$1200. mlawsonsailor@yahoo.com (exp 1/31)

**For Sale:** Kelty Screenhouse, 12'x12' floor-less freestanding screened shelter with drop-down privacy panels, 2 doors, 2 aluminum poles. Lightly used. \$65. Eileen 813-260-9463. (exp 12/31)

**For Sale:** 17 ft. Current Design Kayak. Great condition. \$500. Cris Payne, 813 943 8006 CPayne51@tampabay.rr.com (exp 12/31)

**Stolen Kayak:** My Seaward was stolen from my home in Holiday, FL. It's an older boat. I bought it used about 2005 It's about 18', yellow, white and black. Sweetwater and Shadow decals on the bow (of course these may be removed or covered.) Contact Gary Bernier: gwbernier@gmail.com (exp 4/30).

*Classified Ads Policy: Any TBSK member may place a classified ad. The ad is free for the first six months. After*

## Treasurer's Report

<b>7/31 BALANCE</b>	\$5260
<b>INCOME</b>	
Memberships	\$120
Dues	
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Insurance	\$25
Picnic	\$112
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$5243



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[tbsk.club](http://tbsk.club)

## NEW MEMBERS

June	July	August
Bill Dickerson	Carol Campbell	Julie Ahrens
Vicky Norbet	Heather Holbrook	Rick Burner
Michael Ross	Mitchell Lairmore & Family	Don Mattran & Family
Christine Welch & Family	Patricio Moxey	Jill Mosteller
	Cort Peterson & Family	David Olivieri

## Summer Renewals

Linda Atkisson	Irmgard Lukanik & Family	Sharan Nickles
Steven Henkind	Steven Loeven	Raymond Van Loon
Bryan Katz	Edward Mann	Marilyn Ward & Family
Tom Komar	Paula Martel	Robert Yarbough & Family

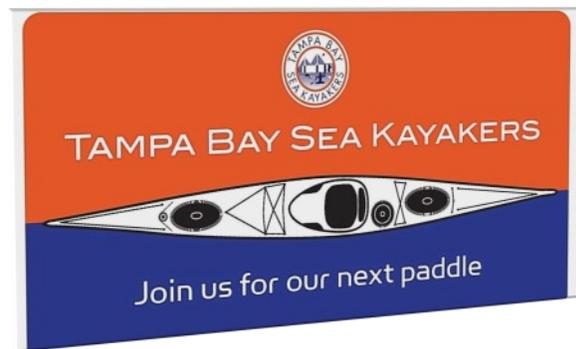


## **Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Become A Member**

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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