

Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers

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Calendar for November, 2016

Sun	Monday	Tues.	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
			Maximo Park St. Pete Level II 9:00am			Tampa Bay Watch Evening for the Bay Tierra Verde
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Anclote Gulf Park Holiday, FL Level III, 9am Honeymoon Isle Dunedin Level II, 8:30am			TBSK Picnic, Fort DeSoto 8:30 am LII/III 9am LI and Training Egmont Key Alliance Discover the Island
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Egmont Key Alliance Discover the Island	Club Meeting Bill Jackson's Pinellas Park 7pm	Bay Area Kayaking & Fishin Club Bill Jacksons 6:30pm				Little Manatee, Ruskin 9am Level II
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			The Adventurous Woman Bill Jackson's 6:30pm		Gandy Bridge St. Pete Level I, 10am	
27	28	29	30			

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

Edging/Leaning Skills Training at the 11/12 Club Picnic

October's Bracing training class had 16 participants with very positive feedback.. Class participants voted to learn Edging Skills next. This is a great segue from Bracing. Proper edging techniques provide the paddler with substantially more control over their kayak. (No sit-on-top kayaks or inflatable PFDs for this class.)

Join us to hear about Egmont Key History at our Nov 14th Meeting!

Authors Don & Carol Thompson present the history of Egmont Key, from pre-Columbian Indians to present-day use as a nature preserve and base for Tampa Bay harbor pilots. Once home to 300 people, today the island's main inhabitants are gopher turtles and seabirds. Images of early Spanish maps, illustrations of Egmont's role during the Seminole Wars and the Civil War give you an appreciation of the history hinted at by artifacts you see on a kayak tour. Anecdotes and photos revisit the lives of lighthouse keepers and their families, Henry B. Plant's steamboat excursions to the island, and the building of Fort Dade in the Spanish American War era. The book "Egmont Key, A History" is available for purchase and signing at the event, so bring some cash along if you want to do some holiday shopping.

Next: Dec 12 - Craig Pittman, Writer

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



Trip & Event Schedule

Club Trips



Date	Paddle Difficulty	Description
Wed Nov 2 9am	Level II Distance: 10 Miles or so	Maximo Park (St. Pete) to Shell Key We will meet at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. launch and will paddle to Shell Key beach by the Pass-a-Grill Pass. We may go out into the Gulf depending what the group wants to do. This paddle is limited to kayaks 16 ft. or longer. Please RSVP, preferably by email. Directions to the launch site will be provided upon request. Bring lunch/drink, and dress for weather conditions. Contact: Carl Boettger paddle123@verizon.net 941 730 9063 or Terry Proeger terryproeger@gmail.com 941 356 0854
Wed Nov 9 9am	Level III Distance: 12-14 miles in open water	North Anclote Key from Holiday Meet at 9:00 at Anclote Gulf Park in Holiday (NOT Anclote River Park) for a 9:30 launch to paddle to the north end of Anclote Key and the sandbar just north of Anclote Key. Bring drink and snack/lunch to eat on the beach. Boats must be at least 15' with watertight bulkheads, spray skirts and non-inflatable PFDs must be worn at all times. This will be a paddle of 12 - 14 miles in open water. Must reply so you can be notified of change in launch location or cancellation due to conditions. Parking fee at Anclote Gulf Park is \$2.00. Contact: Phil Sheesley philsheesley@hotmail.com (c) 813-695-7395
Wed Nov 9 8:30am	Level II Distance: 8 Miles or so	Honeymoon Island Circumnavigation, Dunedin Meet at Dunedin Causeway just west of kayak shop at 8:30 a.m. for 9:00 a.m. put in to circumnavigate Honeymoon Island with possible alteration of plan to paddle on only one side depending on wind. Bring plenty of water and snacks/lunch. Boats must be at least 15' with watertight bulkheads, spray skirts and non-inflatable PFDs must be worn at all times. Please RSVP for notification of changes or cancellation due to conditions. Contact: Cynthia McGregor, sailingcyn@gmail.com, 305-619-8276
Sat Nov 12 8:30 am for L II/III 9am for LI and Training	All Levels Distance: LI: ~5 mi LII/III: ~11 mi	Club Picnic— Fort DeSoto, Near Shelter No. 2 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.) Contact Keith Fowler for picnic details red68tr250@gmail.com . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on Edging Skills will be led by Tom Sobocinski & Eileen Burns. • Level I Paddle: - Easy Paddle - Hank Brooks • Level II & III - Phil Sheesley
Monday, Nov 14 7pm		Club Meeting - Jackson's Shop for Adventure, Pinellas Park Speakers: Authors Don & Carol Thompson, authors of <u>Egmont Key, A History</u> See Description on page 1
Sat Nov 19 9am	Level II Distance: 8 miles over 3mph	Little Manatee River, Ruskin We will meet at 9:00 a.m the 24th St launch near Ruskin. We will 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. Contact: Hank Brooks jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com
Fri Nov 25 10am	Level I on Open Bay water Distance: A few miles	Gandy Bridge - Saint Pete Meet Al Tillson at Stonehenge near the Pinellas side of Gandy Bridge at 10AM on Friday November 25th for a paddle north toward the Howard Franklin. We'll be close to shore some but not all of the time. Hopefully we'll see a nice array of migratory water birds, and we can explore some mangrove areas including a quarter mile long tunnel if participant desires and water levels encourage it. About 3-4 hours at a leisurely pace with a stop midway for lunch. Location may be changed if required by weather conditions, so please RSVP. Contact: Al Tillson altillson@yahoo.com or 813-832-3961



Club Members: Read This!

2017 Paddle Picnics



We are starting the planning for our 2017 paddle picnics. By early December, we will be picking the locations - please email Hank Brooks at jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com if you have any suggestions for new/ different places since he has volunteered to select the locations and reserve the shelters.

Most of you know that we could not find anyone to volunteer for the Activities Coordinator position for 2017 to prepare hamburgers for all the picnics. We have judged that it is not practical to have different members be responsible for individual picnics during the year because of the large amount of supplies and condiments, the difficulty of passing them from one person to another, the need to refrigerate a large number of items and the need to purchase fresh meat and buns. At the October TBSK General Meeting, we had a good discussion on how we would handle the picnics. So starting in January, 2017, Clay & Irm Lukanik have agreed to bring the silver ware, napkins and plates so we can share the dishes each member brings. If they cannot attend a picnic, these picnic supplies can easily be passed on to someone else attending a picnic.

On a trial basis, we have several volunteers who have agreed to bring subway sandwiches to the picnic for those members who have registered for the picnic on our web site. You will have to register on our web site for the picnic, to get your sandwich. Registration, which includes food selection, must be completed 24 hours before the picnic start time, to give us time to place and pick up the sandwich order. To keep things simple we will probably have the following choices on the registration form on the web site:

- Ham Sandwich
- Turkey Sandwich
- Tuna Sandwich
- No sandwich, I am bringing my own

To complete the registration, members will be required to make one of these selections.



TIPS FOR REGISTERING FOR A TRIP FROM OUR WEBSITE: tbsk.club

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



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2017 TBSK Holiday Party & Officer Elections

At our annual Holiday Party (this year it is on Monday, Dec 12) at Bill Jacksons, we will decorate the meeting room with festive decorations, everyone will bring food to share and there will be a speaker. After our speaker we will have TBSK annual awards , followed by 2017 officer elections. Keith and Paula Fowler will organize the food for the event and can be reached at red68tr250@gmail.com

John Marek, our current president, will M.C. the event and run the elections. The people listed below have volunteered to serve as 2017 TBSK officers. We still have vacancies for Vice President (major job is to get speakers for our monthly meetings) and Activities Coordinators (major job is to cook the food at the picnics and organize the Holiday party). If interested, please contact either John Marek (jmarek1@tampabay.rr.com) or Hank Brooks (jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com).

Position	Nominated For 2017	Resulting Consequences
President	John Marek	
Vice President	Vacant	Hank Brooks & Al Tillson are working to find speakers for the first meetings in 2017. Longer term, if no one wants to volunteer, we may have to eliminate speakers at our meetings.
Secretary/ Treasurer	Hank Brooks	
Trip Coordinator	Robert Morris	
Safety-Training Coordinator	Tom Sobocinski	
Activities Coordinators	Vacant	Hamburgers/ veggie burgers will no longer be served at picnics. We will need volunteers if we are to continue the Holiday Party in December, 2017.
Web Master	Bill Biles	
Newsletter Editor	Bryan Katz	
Membership Coordinator	Steven Loeven	



Florida Keys Sunset
by Connie Sweet
(2011)



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
 - 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.



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 Hillsborough, Pinellas, & Manatee)



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



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

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



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

- Oyster Dome Construction often. Check website. September through April.
- **Evening for the Bay**, Friday November 5th. Dinner by Bonefish Grill, expansive auctions, live music and circus-style entertainment. All proceeds will benefit the restoration and education missions of Tampa Bay Watch.



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/>



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

- **Workdays on the Island are the 3rd Saturday:** 11/19, 12/17
- **Discover the Island 2016:** 11/12 & 13 This event is the best way to learn about the island and all it has to offer visitors! On this weekend the island will have experts on the island's rich history from the 1800's to the present time. If you are a lighthouse enthusiast we have one that was built in 1858 and will be open for visitors to view the spiral staircase and to ask questions of our Lighthouse Keeper re-enactor.



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>

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/>

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Events

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Economy Tackle & Dolphin Paddlesports Sarasota	941-922-9671 kayaktoday@gmail.com	http://www.floridakayak.com/kayaks/kayak-classes/ • Intro to Kayaking: \$60 (Saturdays, Turtle Beach—Siesta Key) • Intermediate Kayaking—\$75 (Call for date)
Sweetwater Kayaks St Petersburg	727-570-4844 TheS-hop@SweetwaterKayaks.com	http://sweetwaterkayaks.wordpress.com/skills/ • Foundation Skills Kayak Class—\$75 (Call) • Directional Control—\$75 (Call) • Rolling Clinic (\$50) (Call) • Greenland Kayaking—\$50 to \$85 depending on skills covered (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 gwbarnier@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 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



Club Picnic - October 15 War Memorial Park, St. Pete

Here are photos taken by Bill Biles from the club picnic. Included are shots of the Bracing Skill Clinic that was led by Tom Sobocinski and Eileen Burns.





Shell Island Camping Trip - October 22-23

Andy Bartley and Mary Mangiapia organized a club first local “easy” camping trip. This was easy in that it didn’t involve driving several hours into the wilderness of the everglades, carefully packing your kayak with several days of food/water as well as camping supplies, and then paddling for days on end to remote wilderness campsites. This kind of thing is what Mary and Andy thrive on. After all, they’re both Everglades Challenge alumni, and Mary is the first woman to paddle all the way from Alabama to Georgia around our little Florida Peninsula.

But the club interest in camping was high, as long as it didn’t have all of those hurdles. So they picked Shell Key which could be reached with just a short 2 mile paddle from Fort DeSoto. But, of course, that wasn’t tough enough for everyone. So there were three trips organized for the paddle part of the experience, all of them meeting up at the campsite. There was a Level 1 group that would do the shortest paddle of 1.7 miles, a Level 2 group that was to head out from the Gulfport Marina and paddle about 8 miles each way, and finally a Level 3 group that was going to start paddling from downtown Miami a couple weeks ahead of time. (Just kidding, the Level 3 group was going to launch from Saint Pete for a 13-mile paddle each way).

Here’s a note from Harry Tobin to the Level II Shell Island Paddlers

We had a blast! What started out as blustery conditions with winds gusting over 20 knots and seas at 2-4 feet turned into a beautiful day for practicing our skills, playing in the rough and camping on lovely Shell Island. Andy B. picked a great weekend with cool temperatures, wonderful breezes and no insects.

After exploring all the options, early morning conditions indicated we change our launch site to Ft. DeSoto where our group of 10 gathered at the boat ramp. We were fortunate to have several great kayak coaches along for the weekend, including Jean Totz and Ed Lawlor, so we started our paddle by reinforcing recently learned bracing skills and practicing our turning in the wind and general boat control skills before we ventured off into the wind and waves. Prepared for the trip to our camp site at Shell Island, we now paddled out into the bayou looking for the not so elusive white pelicans which seemed to never endingly circle in formation overhead throughout the weekend.

Paddling out Bounces Pass into the Gulf was a great experience for the group. The waves were now 1-2 feet and everyone had a chance to practice their bracing and turning skills in actual conditions before attempting to surf into shore. Great fun.

While setting up camp, many campers wandered from campsite to campsite sharing hors d'oeuvres and snacks before settling at waters edge to chat and watch the sunset. Dinner by the glow of campfire light is always a special moment as was the companionship and conversion of our fellow paddlers.

It was hard to pack up camp the next morning even after two cups of coffee. Why leave? The sunrise was spectacular and the temperature perfect all punctuated by the sound of the waves gently tumbling onto the beach. No one really wanted to leave. But leave we must so we loaded our kayaks and pushed out through the surf, past the waves breaking over the sandbar to quieter waters where we assembled to begin the paddler back to Ft. DeSoto.

We learned an important lesson this weekend: Let's go camping again and let's make it a two night trip!



Photos by Bill Biles



This is a photo of the camping trip's Level I paddling group

Photo by Tom Komar

This is a photo of the camping trip's Level II paddling group

Photo by Tom Komar



A Map



Shell Key - 2011



'Cotee River in October - 10/25

Story and photos from Hank Brooks



When the winds blow, a few paddlers like to go out and play in the high wind (15+ mph) and waves. The more sane paddlers, who still want to get in their paddle "fix", head to the rivers. On this late October morning, I was joined by Sharon Nickles to paddle the Pithlascotee River, which flows thru New Port Richey. We have shortened the name to the 'Cotee River.

From Wikipedia: *Originating near Crews Lake, the river flows for over 23 miles (37 km)[4] to the south and west, flowing through the Starkey Wilderness Park before turning northwest through downtown New Port Richey, entering the Gulf of Mexico at Miller's Bayou. A Florida State Canoe Trail runs along the river.*

On this adventure I got to use my new burnt orange Toyota Tacoma truck to haul my kayak. Some TBSKers told me that if I got a gun rack for the truck, I could be a true "red neck". My wife said I could put my paddle in it. Since this is my first truck, it has been an adventure getting it outfitted and spending a small fortune on "needed" accessories to add more "bling" to the truck.



We used the main street boat ramp to launch onto the 'Cotee River. Although it is concrete, if you put your boat sideways to the ramp, it is fairly easy with no damage to the boat. Because of the high winds in the Gulf, we decided to paddle upstream towards Grey Preserve – about three miles away. This lower part of the river is lined with houses on both sides of the river which is about 100 feet wide at this point. The 'Cotee River has dark, almost black, water. After about a mile and a half, most of the houses disappear, except for a few trailer parks. Along the way we spotted some "Swamp Lillies" and a few turtles. The only bird we saw was a wooden owl, guarding a dock against birds which sometimes mess on the dock.

We did encounter several floating kayak docks meant to make it easier for kayakers to disembark. Unfortunately, when Sharon tried it, her bow was up in the air and it was difficult, if not impossible, to get out of her boat. I wish that they would only buy these expensive aluminum contraptions from people who actually paddle.



The only downer for the trip was that with all the houses on the river, it collects a lot of floating trash. Sharon and I did our duty and picked up bottles and cans as we paddled upstream. Sharon even got out of her kayak to get out her trash bag. We estimate, that together, we picked up about 50 pieces of trash.

All in all, the sun was shining, the weather was a cool 72 degrees at 9:30 a.m. It was a great day to be on the water. Another adventure!





Bioluminescent Paddle - An Illuminating Experience

Story by Monica Woll



RealAdventures.com/11978

On September 8th I was blown away by a night-time bioluminescent paddling trip in the Indian River Lagoon with the owners of A Day Away Kayaking, Mike and Elisabeth Mahan. They were the hosts of our biannual Florida Professional Paddlesports Association (FPPA) meeting. One of the draws of our meetings is to paddle at different members' locations before we hold the business meeting the next day.

I had experienced glowing plankton before in Key Largo where I live but that was like seeing a few fireflies on a summer night. I can best describe what I saw on this trip as the equivalent of the Aurora Borealis or northern lights (which I've never witnessed, but I've seen pictures). Paddling at night doesn't bother me as I've done many full moon and night-time paddling trips. A glowstick was provided to each of us and of course we all wore our PFD's and planned to stay together in a group.



As soon as we launched we noticed the bows of our kayaks leaving a glowing "V" as they sliced thru the water. Our paddles created swirls of water that looked like it was dyed by fluorescent greenish-yellow paint. I had fun dipping my hand in the water, pretending to finger paint in the eerie fluid.

The marine plankton that puts on this seasonal show are called dinoflagellates (which comes from the Greek words dinos for "whirling" and flagellum for "whip"). There are many types of these tiny onecelled organisms, some even live in freshwater, but only 18 genera are bioluminescent. The ones that live in the Indian River Lagoon are *Pyrodium bahamense*. They glow because they contain something called scintillons within their bodies that have the enzyme luciferase that reacts with luciferin, which is produced by chlorophyll. Bioluminescence only occurs at certain times of the year - June through October in the Indian River Lagoon. It is thought that it helps the plankton ward off predators, unlike in fireflies (or lightning bugs) who use the spectacle to attract mates.

The craziest thing was when mullet or dolphin jumped around our boats. There was so much activity between the dolphin feeding and mullet jumping out of our way that there was always something catching my eye in the water. We even saw some birds such as herons and osprey. I would have been happy just enjoying the bright plankton, so the feeding frenzies were an added amusement! Probably the highlight of the night for me was seeing a glowing dolphin swim under my kayak.

Mike warned us about sleeping manatees in the beginning of the tour by saying "if you see a rock in the water, stay clear." Apparently their backs protruding out of the water resemble large boulders and if you get too close you can accidentally awaken one of the dozing giants and be tossed out of your kayak! Unfortunately, we didn't see one. It would have been entertaining to see our youthful FPPA president, Trent Anthney tossed into the air by a manatee!

The best time to experience this phenomenon is obviously on a dark night so the peak time is between five days before and after the new moon. Unfortunately, our meeting happened to fall on the full moon. But it was still spectacular! So I can only imagine what it is like on a dark night out in the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge where "A Day Away" operates under a special use permit. Week nights are also less crowded out on the water so if possible, try to go during the week. Saturday is their busiest night but if that is your only day to go, they do break large groups into sets of 20 paddlers to spread out.

Other tour companies that do "Bio Tours" in the Indian River Lagoon are "Adventure Kayak of Cocoa Beach" and "Motorized Kayak Adventures of the Treasure Coast". I definitely recommend adding this to your "Bucket List"!

Day Away Bioluminescence Tours

<http://www.adayawaykayaktours.com/webapp/p/274/bio-tour>

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TBSK MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

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).

For Sale: Boat, Paddle and PFD - All equipment in excellent condition. **Boat:** Epic GPX, fiberglass, length 13 ft, width 25 ", cockpit 18 inches wide, weight 33 lbs.(New boats like this are selling for \$2000, asking only \$750. **PFD** (New PFD's selling for \$110, asking \$50). **Fiberglass paddle** (New paddles selling for \$180, asking \$60). Total package only \$860. Call 727-785-9917

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Treasurer's Report

7/31 BALANCE	\$5243
INCOME	
Memberships	\$314
Dues	
EXPENSES	0
Ending Balance	\$5557



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TBSK Trip
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Welcome New Members!

David Monahan
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Jeff & Jenifer Tseng

Thanks for Renewing!

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Beverly Hand
Sue and Dan Tantalo



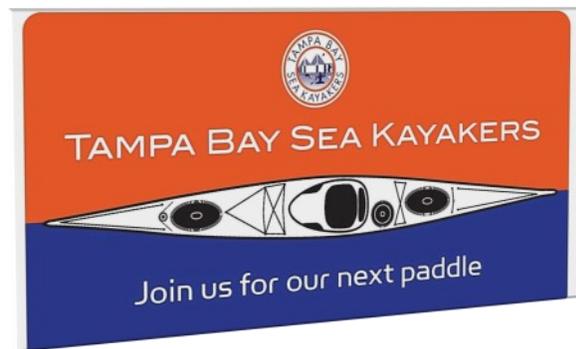


Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Become A Member

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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