

# Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers

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Month: February 2018

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Week	Month	Year	< Previous Month Today Next Month >						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
28	29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	9:30 AM TBSK Picnic - Robinson Preserve, Bradenton		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	10:00 AM Anclote River, Craig Park - Level I		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	8:30 AM Anclote River Park to Anclote Key and Sandbar - Level III  10:00 AM Commongood Park, Ruskin - Level II		
25	26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3			

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

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

- Join us Feb 10th Robinson Preserve Screen Porch for TBSK monthly picnic Paddle trips and Training
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April 9th TBSK member and FPTA President Jill Lingard will share tales from paddling in Cuba last December.



February 12th, your VP will give the presentation about a local kayak symposium to be held in later in the month. Please come to learn about the variety of classes - beginners to experienced - and the excellent instructors. The timing is just right to learn some new skills or to polish existing ones to increase your enjoyment on the water for the new year!

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**We need pilots for this year's race on Saturday, April 14, 2018.** We have many solo swimmers coming from all over the USA and they don't have their own pilot.

Each Volunteer Pilot receives

- \$60 gift card after the race is over
- Official race t-shirt
- Excellent post race meal
- Free Beer provided by our sponsors
- Official race pint glass when race is over
- Goodie bag.

To register to pilot for a swimmer, please go here: <https://www.clubassistant.com/club/clinics/reserve.cfm?c=2237&cid=76232>

This is not a tbsk sponsored event



## Safety and Training Notes—February By Phil Sheesley



“Boat Control” – that will be our emphasis at this month’s (February) TBSK Picnic kayak training session. If you are relatively new, or “brand new”, to sea kayaking, please consider joining us as we talk about, and then practice, controlling your boat in open water. We’ll demonstrate the mechanics of turning and on the beach and then get in our boats to practice efficient turning as well as maintaining your course and timely stopping. As always, our time will include a review of the forward stroke – you know the one you use 99% of the time. We will also discuss the key elements to include in creating your “Paddle Plan” before any trip. We’ll be sure to have time to answer (or attempt to answer) individual questions about anything we’ve covered in the January and February training sessions, go through some practice routines, and then all go for a short paddle – one that will ensure that we’re back in good time to enjoy the picnic fare.

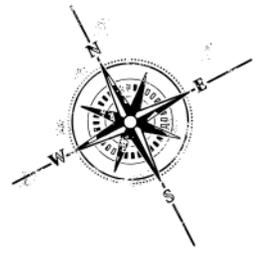
Judging by what we’ve seen so far this winter we can expect it may be chilly (at this writing Gulf water temperatures are around 54 degrees), so we won’t plan to be getting wet – but of course there is always that possibility. Please dress appropriately (refer to last month’s Newsletter’s piece on cold weather paddling).

Phil Sheesley



# TBSK January Paddle Picnic- Trout Creek Park

By John Marek & Hank Brooks with pictures by Tom Komar



TBSK prides itself on the fact that we paddle year round. In order to do this in a safe and enjoyable venue, we plan our January and February paddles in places which are protected from the wind. So if you dress properly for the temperature, usually in peel-able layers, you can get off your couch and enjoy being out on the water.



Our January paddle-picnic was at Trout Creek. While the weather forecast was for a high temperature of about 60 degrees, the tree lined creek protected us from any wind and the bright sun did an excellent job of keeping our body and spirits warm.



The advanced paddlers usually arrive a little early because they will be going a little farther and faster than the rest of us. This group, led by Terry Proeger and Carl



Boettger, were doing their pre-launch briefing when Hank approached and asked, "Does anyone want a home made brownie to make sure that you have sufficient energy for the paddle?" Many of the cookies were devoured quickly. The Easy Paddle group launched shortly after the advanced paddlers, both groups heading upriver



first.

The river's water level was a little low, but was sufficiently high so that we avoided hitting too many logs and snags. Along the way, the Easy Group reviewed forward rudder and edging boat control techniques, both quite useful on a river which twists and turns like the Hillsborough. Although not as plentiful as during the summer months, we saw a number of alligators, egrets, some white herons, plenty of buzzards waiting for kayakers to flounder and a beautiful roseate spoonbill.



On the paddle back we each started to imagine how great that hot food will taste when we get back to our picnic shelter. So, as usual, the paddle pace quickens a bit as we get closer to our take out. The river was beautiful, nature is always great, the food was very good (thanks Clay). Come join us!





# New Years Day Paddle January 1 2018 Trip Leader Eileen Burns

By Eileen Burns and John Marek



Photos from First New Years Day Paddle 2009  
3 Rooker bar



Eileen Burns continued the tradition she and her late husband George had started. The New Years Day paddle is a round- trip from Weedon Island through the St. Petersburg canals to Crisp Park, where a potluck meal is shared, and back. Trip leaders volunteer for Level I, II and III paddles, eats are provided by the paddlers and shelter is rented at Crisp Park .

Eileen sets up the paddles, recruits volunteers to transport food and to run a shuttle for one-way paddlers.

Over the years the event has been well-attended with as many as 33 members and spouses participating. Some have just driven to Crisp Park for lunch.



This year the weather did not cooperate! With forecast high winds and a small craft advisory in place, Eileen made the decision to cancel the paddle and replace it with an impromptu .

The weather at 9:00 AM at Weedon was deceptive: the temperature was in the low 60's and very humid. The breeze was still from the south and not yet troubling. Three Club members showed up for the impromptu: Eileen, John Marek and Dave Schmidt. Kathy Selles met the group at Weedon Island to transport their food to Crisp Park. Dave had just flown in from Wisconsin the night before and thought the weather for paddling was wonderful.

At about 9:30 the impromptu group started paddling. The wind swung around, sped up out of the north and the temperature started dropping. With minimal paddling we crossed Bayou Grande going south in low water at 3- to 3 1/2 MPH. The trees were starting to shake and bend as the wind accelerated. Brief gusty showers blew through.

We arrived at Crisp Park at about 11:15 AM and immediately began changing into warmer clothes.

Kathy Selles was patiently waiting there with our food. She was bundled up in a jacket and hood. Soon we were joined by Ralph and Lila Stair and Al and Barbara Tillson. Each had brought an excellent hot dish to share.



John provided the sparkling drink (unfortunately – cold!) so the group could have the traditional toast to the New Paddling Year.

By the time the return paddle started the temperature had fallen to the low 50's, which felt like the high 40's, and the wind continued to blow.

The canals protected us from the worst of the wind, but we knew what was coming. The paddle back up Bayou Grande was made directly into the wind, into what felt like 15+ mph. The group couldn't stop paddling without being blown backward so we forged on until we reached the backside of the mangroves.

The incoming current was behind us and there was almost no boat traffic. We did see dolphins and white pelicans. All in all, a good time was had by all. It was an invigorating way to start off the paddling year.





# Editing Your Profile on tbsk.club

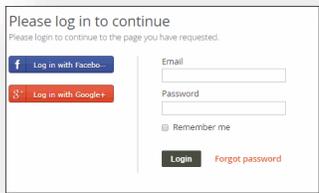
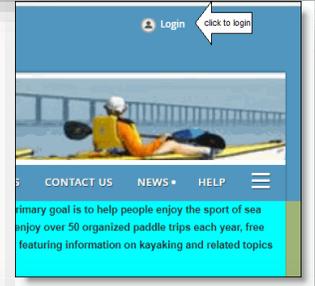
By Bill Biles



From time to time we need to, or want to change our profiles whether we move, change our phone # or email address. And it is actually very easy to do and I am going to show you the easiest way.

So, once you have opened the tbsk.club website we must login using our login details.

Click on the login icon to take you to the login page.



Once logged in the login icon little guy will change to your Name at the upper right corner of the website



You can do two things here go to profile page or Change your Password. We want to edit our profile page so click on your name.



And your Profile page will open, and you will see in upper left a black bar with the word Edit in it and next to it says your directory profile which will show you your whole profile

We want Edit so click on the black bar with the word edit on it.

This will take you to a page that allows you to make your changes on.

Here you can change your name, you can add a picture or clip art (what is called a avatar).



We want Edit so click on the black bar with the word edit on it. This will take you to a page that allows you to make your changes on. Here you can change your name, you can add a picture or clip art (what is called a avatar). You can change email address add type of boat , length and type of water you like to paddle.



When you are done just hit save at upper Left or Lower Left and you will go back to the Directory Profile view You have updated your profile!

There is a lot of things you can do on the Profile Page . View your event registration ,email subscriptions, and pay your dues which we will get into that I other issues



# 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 Gary Bernier [gwbarnier@gmail.com](mailto: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](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>

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](mailto:jbrook5@tampabay.rr.com)



# 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:
  - 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.



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>

**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. Jill Lingard is the FPTA President, and Hank Brooks is this Region's Director for FPTA. (Our region is Hillsborough, Pinellas, & Manatee)

- Feb. 10 Palm Beach Paddle Fest
- March 3 Everglades Challenge,, Ultimate Florida Challenge, Ultra Marathon



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



**Paddle Florida** <http://www.paddleflorida.org/>

- February 10-16, 2018: The Great Calusa Blueway
- March 10-16, 2018: Choctawhatchee Challenge
- April 6-8, 2018: Suwannee River Paddling Festival

To register for trips: <http://www.paddleflorida.org/services/preview-and-register-for-trips-5165.html>



**Tampa Bay Watch:** <http://www.tampabaywatch.org>  
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Feb 23-24 ,2018 Bay Life Art Exhibit



**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/>



**Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful:** <http://keptampabaybeautiful.org>

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



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

- Raptor Fest Feb 3 , 2018 Boyd Hill Nature Trail
- Hidden Coast Paddle Festival Oct 3-7 2018 Held in Cedar Key <http://www.hiddencoastpaddlingadventure.com/index.php>



**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>



## NON TBSK KAYAKING EVENTS AROUND FLORIDA



**SECOND ANNUAL**

UF/IFAS Nature Coast Biological Station

**WORKOUT ON  
WATERFRONT  
WoW**

*Saturday, February 24, 2018 in Cedar Key, FL*

**Coastal Heritage 5K**  
Runners of all ages can follow a route winding through downtown Cedar Key and along the historic waterfront. Race starts 9 a.m. at Lil Shark Park (192 2nd St) in Cedar Key. Register for any events at Active.com in advance or day of race.

**Atsena Otie Kayak Challenge**  
For kayakers ages 18 and above. Starts at the beach in downtown Cedar Key at 10:15 a.m., runs around and through Atsena Otie Key and back to the beach.

**Repurpose-It-Regatta** invites all ages to build your own boat from recyclable materials and enter the race at G Street and 3rd Street starting at 11:15 a.m. (Boats with children require 1 adult).

*Lunch and a silent auction will be held at noon.*

Proceeds from this event will support a new aquarium at the UF/IFAS Nature Coast Biological Station, Support to Cedar Key School and International Coastal Cleanup scheduled fall 2018.

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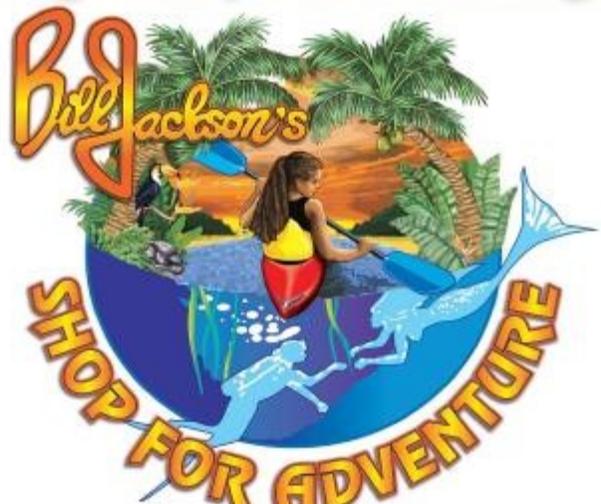
# Visit our Sponsors for the Best Kayaking Equipment and Advice!

## 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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# Pinellas Before Europeans

By Bryan Katz



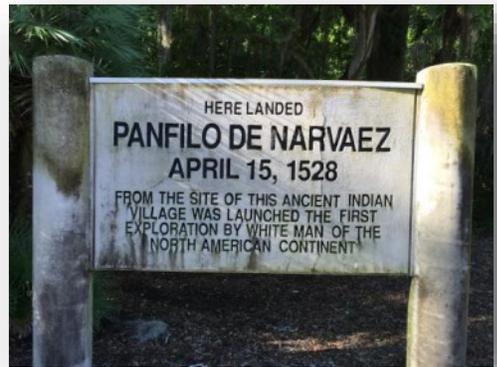
This note provides a bit of background on historical sites near our club's regular paddling areas.

We all know that Phillippe Park with its huge Shell Midden was the hub of a large Native American settlement. Another large dirt and shell midden was just south of the Courtney Campbell, and several middens



were across the Bay at the East side of the Courtney Campbell Bridge.

Just a short paddle to the east of Phillippe Park is the Upper Tampa Bay Park. The archaeological district within the park includes 18 sites that date from 4,000 to 5000 years ago. The interpretive building houses exhibits on the archaeological district, and nature trails, boardwalks, and canoes are also available.



A mound dating to around 1,000 AD can be found off Park Street at Jungle Prada Park in south St. Petersburg. The Jungle Prada area was the site of a thriving Tocobaga Indian village and is considered the 1528 landing site



of the Spanish explorer Panfilo de Narvaez. The wooded property overlooking Boca Ciega Bay is now a St. Petersburg city park, and the rest is a Sacred Land Preserve, which houses a museum and education center where visitors can see artifacts (shells and pottery) from more than 500 years ago.

Maximo Park in south St. Petersburg has an archeological site dating to 800 AD consisting of several large shell middens that run along the beach on Boca Ciega Bay. In the nearby woods is a nature trail that runs along the top of the old midden. If you look close you'll see that the mound runs 1,200 feet along the shore from the woods through the picnic area.

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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!

- Jo Ann Rill
- Jan Majewski
- Tom Malone
- Jan Majewski

## This Months Renewals

- Leslie Taylor
- Glen Almcrantz
- Ted Jordan
- Betty Dawson
- Robert Chierico



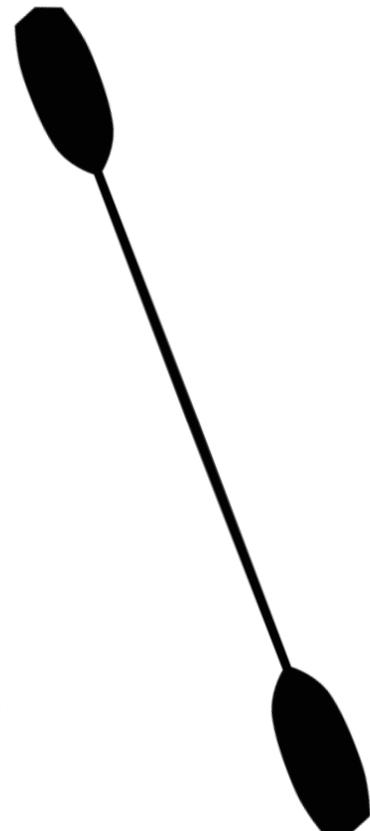
## Treasurer's Report

Nov 2017

<b>Beginning BALANCE</b>	5510
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	50
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
picnic	
Shelter Rental	\$192
Holiday Party	\$60
Bill Jacksons	369
Table and	\$300
Chair Rental	\$190
total	\$743
<b>Ending Balance</b>	5067

## NEXT MONTH'S SPEAKER

For our March 12th meeting, TBSK member Bill Staab will provide us great stories and photos of his two paddling trips near Vancouver Island.



The Tiki Bar is open  
Photo Bill Biles

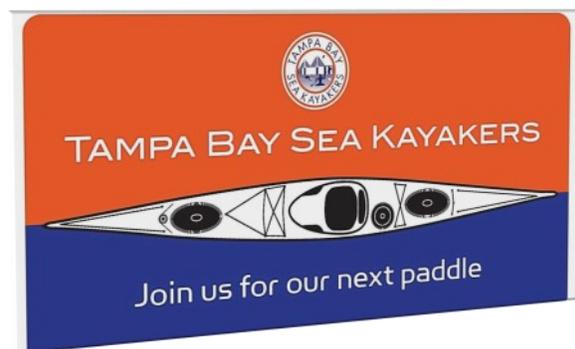


## Tampa Bay Sea Kayakers Become A Member

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!



**Tampa  
Bay Sea  
Kayakers**

