

KAYAKING REPORT 2011

Director: Carol Green

Coordinators: Carol Green & Gwen Martinuk

Kayak Membership: 72 Female: 49 Male: 22 Youth: 1 (male)

Income: SARP: 71 x \$40 = \$2840 1 x \$10 = 10 <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$2850	Income: Kayak Program: 71x\$15=\$1065.00 1x\$7.50=\$ 7.50 <hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$1072.50
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Total Income:\$3922.50

Courses:

Throughout the summer, from May to September, there were 9 kayak courses offered.

One of the courses was offered as a youth course but as there was only 1 registered the course was filled with adults.

Introductory Level 1:

7 courses with 42 participants, 19 were non members

Level 2:

6 participants, 1 non member

River/Currents:

8 participants, 1 non member

The charge for a course depends on whether a participant is a member or not & if the participant has a kayak.

- Members with kayaks pay \$60
- Members without kayaks pay \$75
- Non members with kayaks pay \$90
- Non members without kayaks pay \$110

Course Income:

May 1/11	\$515 *
June 5	\$505 *
June 26	\$485
July 5/11	\$380
July 13	\$590
July 19	\$390
July 24	\$320*
Aug 13/11	\$560*
Sept11/11	\$420
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	\$4165.00

Course Expenses:

pool rental:	\$224.25 x 2 = \$ 448.50
instructor:	\$300.00 x 5 = \$1500.00
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	\$1948.50

Neil Trouton was the paid instructor for 5 courses.

* Don Wilcox instructed 3 courses & Gwen Martinuk instructed 1 course.

Each generously donated their time & expertise to the kayak program resulting in a saving to SARP of \$1200.

Kayak Sale:

1 Dagger	\$160
2 River Runner	\$180
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	\$340

Program Expenses:

Downtown Activity Centre hall rental:	
\$16/hr x 4 + HST	\$ 71.68
whistles + HST	\$ 39.72
PFD X 2	\$150.00
16' kayak	\$700.00
10 wetsuits +	\$130.00

2paddles -----
\$1091.40

Total Kayak Income:

\$ 5577.50

Net Kayak Income :

\$2,537.60

Total Expenses:

\$3039.90

The Fun Things

The kayak season was launched in April with a potluck & information session & discussion on hypothermia led by Don Wilcox & Neil Trouton, along with a slide presentation of SARP kayakers camping trip to Myrtle Lake.

Neil had samples of new products. Valhalla donated gloves, hat, portable deck storage for door prizes.

MAY 14th, a warm, sunny day for SARP's Open House & Demo Day. Gwen Martinuk presented a well attended seminar "So You Think You Want to Kayak" followed by a demo of kayaks brought by Valhalla, Copper Island Diving & Inner Space.

Member registration was brisk. The registration process could be improved. Often people trying to register were held up by people asking questions about the various programs.

The annual potluck & paddle was held at the White Lake. Thanks to the Wilbys who offered their lake front property to SARP kayakers & to Joyce & Peter Wessel who arranged it.

Member Drop In

Member drop ins were offered in June, July & August at Canoe Beach. These are mostly for the benefit of newer members but are open to all. Times & days varied to try to accommodate working people. Some were held at 6p.m., others at 8a.m. Some were cancelled due to bad weather or no leader. Attendance varied from 15 to 0.

On two occasions 5 kayaks were taken by trailer to White Lake & the Marine park so members without kayaks were able to participate. A planned trip to Gardom Lake was cancelled due to poor weather.

Group Trips

There were 15 day trips offered starting in May & ending in early October. These included White lake, Kalamalka, Shuswap river, Thompson river, Little Shuswap, Salmon river, Salmon Arm bay, Mara lake, Hidden lake, Eagle river & Shuswap lake.

Multi day trips included Sugar lake, Mica dam & for some of the more experienced kayakers a trip to the Gulf Islands.

Summary:

The season was successful despite the usual weather & scheduling challenges. Many new members & non members learned how to kayak safely. Financially we have shown a profit & managed to upgrade some of the equipment. We were able to acquire 10 wetsuits at a greatly reduced rate from a kayak program that was shutting down. We may now be able to start courses in the lake earlier than usual.

Many thanks to all who helped make the season a success.

This program could not run without the core of volunteers who regularly made themselves available to help with things like registration, assisting our instructors with teaching courses, arranging & leading trips & drop ins, loading & hauling boats.