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# Quiet Water Symposium

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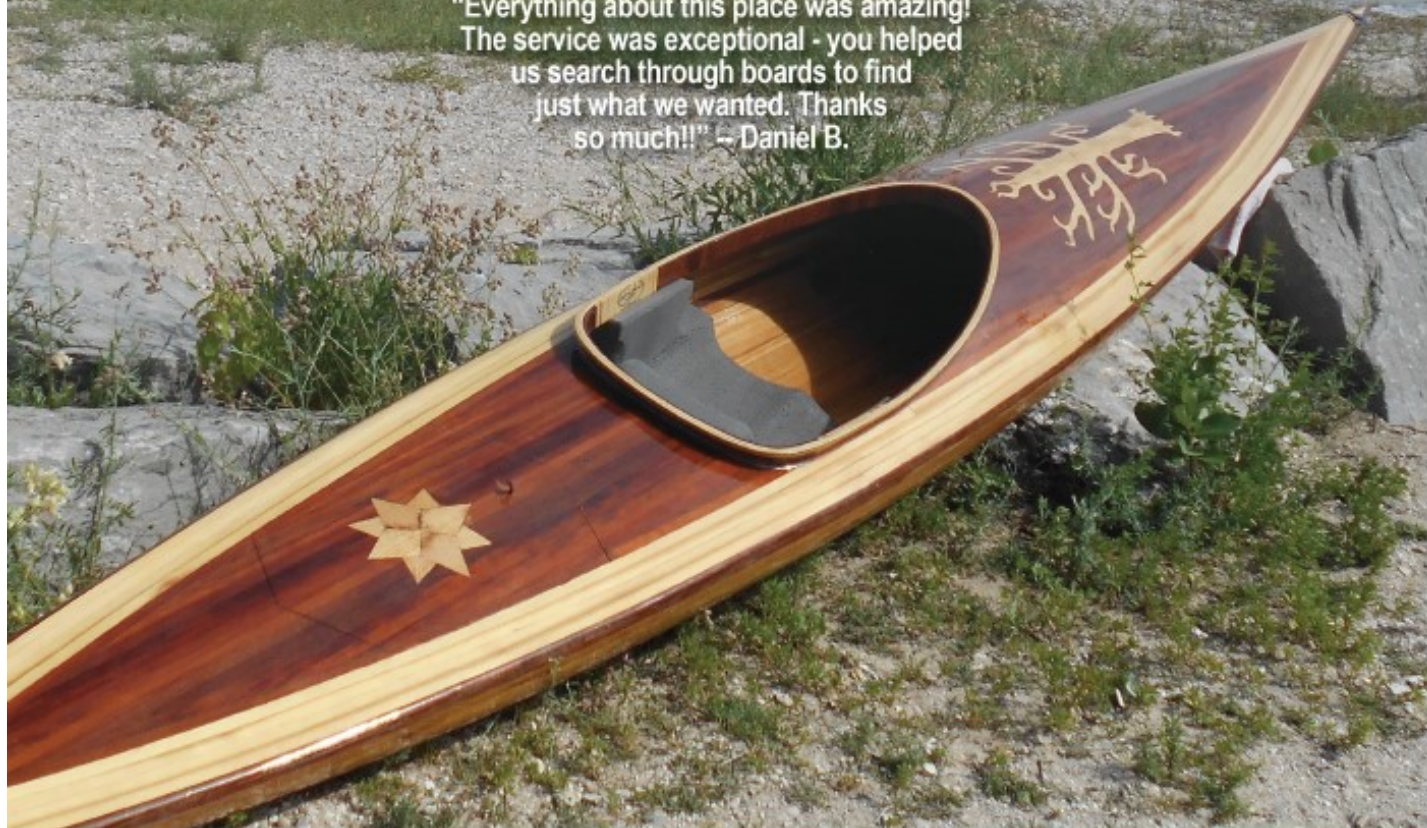


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### **Using This Program -**

This program should be your guide to the 22nd Quiet Water Symposium. Here you will find maps to locate each venue as well as speaker topics, bios, times and locations. You can use this program to find the booths of the many organizations that support the symposium. In addition, it has maps to help you locate all of our guest accommodations including restrooms, food and our information booth. Should you need personal assistance, stop one of our volunteers, wearing the easy to spot red vests or red bandanas.

The Quiet Water Society hopes you will keep this show program and use it as a reference to help you contact and patronize the organizations and businesses that attend the show and advertise here.

### **The Mission of the Quiet Water Society:**

To educate the public and to encourage participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation; to promote public concern for the water resources of the Great Lakes Region; to support the environmental stewardship; and, conservation of natural resources and to plan and execute annual and special events for any or all of these purposes.

### **Building on Our Mission—Quiet Water Society Grants**

In furtherance of our mission the Quiet Water Society uses funds generated from the Quiet Water Symposium to provide grants. Each year the Quiet Water Society considers applications for grants from non-profit civic organizations and clubs. As you look through this show program, please keep an eye out for the reports from the 2016 grantees. If your organization is in need of financial assistance for projects that are in harmony with our mission, you may want to visit our web site and apply to be one of our 2017 grant awardees.

[QuietWaterSociety.org](http://QuietWaterSociety.org)

# The 22nd Annual Quiet Water Symposium

## Greetings from Our Show Chairman

### Welcome Friends!

For the 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the Annual Quiet Water Symposium (QWS) brings people together who love the outdoors. Our speakers' program allows attendees to meet experts in many areas of non-motorized outdoor recreation. The exhibit floor is packed with displays of how to, where to, and why to get outdoors.

QWS offer beginners and experts a chance to learn more about outdoor clubs, friends' groups, watershed protection activities, boatbuilding skills, outfitters' services and equipment suppliers. Our goal is that you leave the event with new knowledge, new plans, and new friends.

The focus of QWS 2017 is safety. Last year, we saw an increase in the number of drownings in the Great Lakes compared to 2015. The Great Lakes Surf Rescue Project lists 55 drownings in 2015 and 98 in 2016. Not all of these were swimmers, anglers, sailors, SUP paddlers or kayakers but people involved in all of these activities can be found in the statistics. Therefore, we have asked our speakers this year to include safety in their presentations.

One of our most popular QWS speakers, who has always emphasized safety, is Cliff Jacobson. Cliff is back this year and here are his thoughts on the use of personal flotation devices: *"The only time I take off my PFD is for lunch stops along the river. My greatest fear on a canoe trip is that I will lose my life jacket. I take this fear seriously and instill it in all who paddle with me. When I remove my PFD at a riverside stop, I stuff the vest under the seat of my canoe so it won't be forgotten and an errant breeze won't blow it away. I keep my vest in my tent while we're camped."*

We are also pleased to welcome Hap Wilson to QWS. Hap is a lifelong paddler and explorer. He is presenting two sessions today and will share a wealth of knowledge and a burning passion for forests and rivers. Read his thoughts on the dangers of not being honest with yourself and your companions: *"Few canoeists like to admit that they are, in fact, novice paddlers, and quite often will attempt running a particular rapids, or route, beyond their capabilities. Inexperience coupled with peer pressure are nasty canoe partners."*

QWS is the work of a dedicated core of volunteers, who have again given many hours to bring you the 2017 symposium. Some have served since the 1<sup>st</sup> QWS in 1996. Special recognition is given this year to Rich Bailey, who is stepping away from his roles at QWS as Exhibit Manager and Webmaster. Rich was chief problem solver for our exhibitors and the go-to guy for web communications. Thanks Rich, for your many years of service.

QWS would not exist without our sponsors. Special thanks to our friends at the MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources who have stood by us for 22 years to bring you the best possible event. Thanks also to the Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Division, who is our "Show Sponsor," and to Williams Subaru, who is our "Main Stage Sponsor."

And thanks to all who have joined us today. Do not leave without learning at least one more way to be safe. Listen to Cliff and Hap. Wear your PFD and be honest with yourself and your companions. Then enjoy the adventure!

Gary De Kock  
2017 QWS Planning Committee Chair





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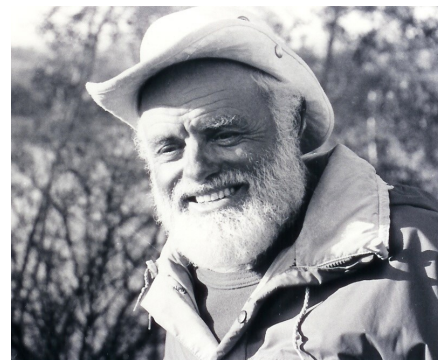
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# The Quiet Water Society Honors Great Stewardship

## The Verlen Kruger Award

**Verlen Kruger**, a world record canoeist from Delta Mills, Michigan, was named "The River Guardian" at the 2003 Quiet Water Symposium. This was a heartfelt honor from the entire mid-Michigan paddling community. Verlen was recognized for his outstanding achievements and records in paddle sports, for bringing international awareness to our environmentally sensitive waterways, and for fostering stewardship of our treasured water resources.



As a further honor to Verlen, the award was named for him for subsequent years, becoming "The Verlen Kruger Award". It is given annually to a person (or persons) who has supported and promoted paddle sports along with water conservation, education, or history in Michigan. The recipient of this award receives a commemorative paddle, and a brick on which the date and the name of the recipient is engraved. A duplicate brick will be added to the walkway around the Verlen Kruger Memorial located by the Grand River in Portland, Michigan. The recipient's name is also engraved on a plaque that is housed at the AuSable River Center in Roscommon, Michigan.

The Quiet Water Society congratulates Dean Sandell the 2017 Kruger Award recipient. Working within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Dean Sandell was an early advocate for Michigan water trails. Working with other visionaries, he helped get public funding for the Michigan Heritage Water Trails Program in 2002, and then consulted on the designs of a water trail on the St. Joseph River, the Tip of the Mitt, and around Drummond Island. Dean was one of the first two landscape architects hired to join the foresters in the MDNR. He is also an avid outdoorsman, paddler, and an award winning photographer. His experience as an educator dedicated to the sustainable use of our state's and nation's natural resources has helped to bring our water resources to new generations of paddling enthusiasts.

## Verlen Kruger Award Recipients

2003	2004	2005	2006
Verlen Kruger	James C. Woodruff	Janet Gross & Dave McCune	Gloria Miller
2007	2008	2009	2010
Albert Schultz	Dan Smith & Mike Smith	Karl Pearson	Charlie Parmalee
2011	2012	2013	2014
Doug Carter	Jay Hanks	Russ Hicks	Jean Kinnear
2015	2016	2017	2018
Ron Sell	Tiffany & Patrick Van DeHey	Dean Sandell	

*"Skill and strength are less important than spirit when facing the unknown."* Verlen Kruger

## The Quiet Water Symposium Planning Committee



The Quiet Water Symposium is one way in which the Quiet Water Society fulfills its mission to promote non-motorized outdoor recreation. The Society is supported in this by the Quiet Water Symposium Planning Committee which does the day to day work of organizing the Symposium. Over the course of the last year the Planning Committee has met 12 times in the Lansing area to create the event you see here today.

If you are ready to give back to the outdoors, some of what you have gained from the pleasures of recreation, talk with someone at the Door Prize/Information booth or at the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club exhibit. We need volunteers to join our committee to help with event promotion, production of this magazine, exhibitor recruitment and many of the other tasks required to put

on a successful event.

Even if you cannot attend planning meetings regularly, it is possible to support the Quiet water Society by working online, before the event on Friday during set up or on the day of the show. Check out our new web site at [QuietWaterSociety.org](http://QuietWaterSociety.org) for more ways to volunteer that will keep The Quiet Water Symposium part of our community for generations to come.

The members of this year's Planning Committee are: Emma Bailey, Richard Bailey, Robin "Sweep" Barfoot, Doug Carter, Gary De Kock, Linda De Kock, Allen Deming, Virginia Fila, Pat "Flipper" Harrington, Russ Hicks, Kathy Kulchinski, Jerry Link, Tim Machowicz, Rod Ritchison, George Stockman, Anita Twardesky and Joe Lessard, Dwight Washington, Cindy Burkhour, Tim Muhich and Fiona Fairity

This year is the 22nd anniversary of the Quiet Water Symposium. Some members of our committee have served since the first symposium in 1996. This represents over two decades of effort by volunteers who continue to give back to the sport. Their hope is simply that you who love to move on water, wheels and foot will continue to come together to learn, teach, share and laugh. The symposium staff hopes and trusts that, you will help us bring together others who share a love for the outdoors and for the lessons we learn when we venture beyond the familiar.

Thank you to all who join us and who return year after year to keep the community of outdoor enthusiasts alive and well. We believe that as long as nature provides a path, we and our friends will set out to discover where it leads. Please help us keep this belief alive by joining the 2018 Planning Committee as we build the 23rd Quiet Water Symposium. You can find out more on opportunities to share your talents and keep the symposium going by dropping us a line or an e-mail.

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## Congratulations to our 2017 Photo Contest Winners

Our thanks to the many photographers that volunteered to share their efforts for a good cause. Their excellent submissions made the job of the judges a very difficult one. In the end eight photos were selected for use in publicizing the 2017 Quiet Water Symposium. These photos were used on our posters, counter cards, billboards, advertisements and on the cover of this publication. If you recognize these photographers here at the symposium, make sure to stop them and share your appreciation: Gary DeKock, Rich Bailey, Gabriel Hokestra, John Ferguson, Teresa McConnell and Mark Walton.

Watch our Facebook page for the opportunity to submit your photos for use in the 2018 effort.



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## Main Stage (Auditorium off the Lobby)

**Cliff Jacobson**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Canoeing Secrets**



The focus is on how to “tune” a canoe for casual and wilderness travel. Learn how to install “blind” lining holes at cutwater, choose and safely store tracking lines, install knee-pads & foot-braces, correct the seat height, re-position thwarts to make more space for gear, select straight and bent-shaft paddles, correctly fit a life jacket and portage yoke and pack the canoe efficiently for a wilderness trip.

Cliff Jacobson is one of North America’s most respected outdoors writers and wilderness paddlers. He is a retired environmental science teacher, an outdoors skills instructor, a canoeing and camping consultant, and the author of more than a dozen top-selling books and a popular video on canoeing and camping. Cliff is a distinguished Eagle Scout, a recipient of the American Canoe Association’s prestigious Legends of Paddling Award and a member of the ACA Hall of Fame.

**Gary & Joanie McGuffin**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **The award-winning film, "Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven"**



Just after the First World War, the tangled wilderness of Algoma and Lake Superior's expansive North Shore inspired Canada's most famous artists - The Group of Seven. 100 years later, explorers Gary and Joanie McGuffin and art historian Michael Burtch, set out to discover where these iconic masterpieces were created. Canoeing, portaging, bushwalking in the artist’s paddlestrokes to find the exact waterfalls, headlands, and beaver dams has been both great challenge and great adventure.

Gary and Joanie McGuffin are explorers and conservation photographers particularly known to the QWS visitors for their long distance wilderness journeys and their photographic and instructional books. More recently they co-produced this beautiful award-winning film that marries art, adventure and conservation.

**Kevin Callan**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Scotland's Spey River Whisky Tour**



Kevin paddles down the Spey River in northland Scotland and tastes some local whisky along the way. The Spey is classed as the third longest and fastest running river in Scotland. Paddling and whisky sampling along northern Scotland's Spey River - can't get any better than that.

Kevin Callan is the author of several outdoor books and has produced a number of award winning films. He's a columnist for Explore Magazine and CanoeRoots and was made Patron Paddler for Paddle Canada. Check out his You Tube channel KCHappyCamper.

**Jared Munch**

**1:00 to 1:45 PM**

### **A SUPerior Adventure**



During the summer of 2015 Jared Munch became the first person to ever circumnavigate Lake Superior via Stand Up Paddle Board (SUP). His presentation will cover topics from planning to trip execution. A slideshow of pictures around the lake as well as a short documentary of the trip will be shown. Jared will also be showing surfing and whitewater SUP paddling in the Lake Superior watershed during this presentation.

Jared Munch is an ambassador for the sport of Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) and C4 Waterman. Coming from a background of whitewater canoeing and whitewater kayaking, Jared uses his knowledge to promote safety and proper paddling techniques of paddle sports.

## Main Stage (Auditorium off the Lobby)



**Hap Wilson**

**2:00 – 2:45 PM**

### **Mapping Canada's Canoe Route**

The story behind a new guidebook illustrating the Trans Canada Trail Path of the Paddle - Closing the 750 mile gap between Manitoba and the Superior Shore

Hap Wilson is a recipient of the Bill Mason Award for lifetime River Conservation, author of 12 books, International Fellow of the prestigious Explorer's Club, has traveled over 60,000 km. by canoe, artist and photographer.



**John E. VanBarriger**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **Soloing the Wisconsin State Riverway in Autumn**

The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway is a 92-mile gem. As one of the longest freeflowing stretches of river in the Upper Midwest, its forested islands and numerous sandbars make an ideal destination for quiet water paddlers and campers. Writer/photographer John Van Barriger sought solitude there in a multi-day trip in late September and, after an on-water injury, again in October. Van Barriger will discuss critical water levels, lightning storms, wildlife and, unfortunately, first-aid procedures

John Van Barriger is an award-winning writer/photographer and chair of the "[SupportTheFirst.org](http://SupportTheFirst.org)" campaign, which aids first responders in rural and wilderness areas and educates outdoor enthusiasts on the prevention of wildfires and other emergencies. A lifelong outdoorsman, Van Barriger considers himself outrageously lucky to have paddled, hiked, camped, backpacked, biked, motorcycled or gone scuba diving on five continents.



**Darlene Patterson**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **Baffin Island: Zooming In On The High Arctic/Photography And Adventure**

Join Darlene Patterson as she shares her adventure in this land of the midnight sun. Colorful stories will include three different experiences. 1. Photographing and teaching at the Nunavut Arts and Crafts Association (Inuit arts and crafts). 2. Canoeing the historic Soper River using inflatable S.O.A.R. boats and a PakBoat (and camping in a polar bear enclosure). 3. Surviving a solo backpacking trip in the Pang Pass when the wind peaked at 188 kph.

Darlene Patterson has been exploring remote places in the world since the late 1980s. Early on they consisted of paddling in the Boundary Waters which led to working for the Voyageur Outward Bound School. Through the years, she has trekked as far north as the Canadian Arctic (2001, 2013) canoeing and backpacking, completed a 2015 canoeing remote expedition in Finland/Norway paddling on the Reisa River, and paddled on the Amazon River in Peru in 2007.



*A lake is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature. ~Henry David Thoreau*

## Quiet Water Society Grant Monies in Action

### The Rapids Has Returned to Eaton Rapids

The rapids in Eaton Rapids has returned after an absence of 172 years. The West Sanitation Low-head Dam located on the Grand River was breached on June 20 and completely removed on June 21, 2016. It was replaced with nearly 1,800 tons of terminal moraine glacial boulders creating a six-weir rapids roughly 200 feet in length with a drop in elevation of 42 inches. The project was designed by Dr. Sandy Verry of Ellen River Partners, Grand Rapids, MN. He was on-site for the as-built survey while the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation's Construction Unit from Allegan provided the heavy equipment operators and four pieces of equipment. Eaton Rapids rented four more machines. Work wrapped up on June 30, 2016.

A crew of seven worked in the river for eight days and finished on time. As soon as the barricades came down on June 30, dozens of people of all ages began to migrate into the site to inspect the rapids and listen to the river sing after being muted for over seventeen decades. On-lookers and the curious viewed the daily work from the Knight Street bridge, backyards of homes on the east side of the river, and from a lineup of vehicles on the vacant Horner Woolen Mill property situated on the north side of the river. The Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center opened adjacent to the access site and began renting kayaks, canoes, and bicycles by August. It has become a photogenic site as numerous engagement and senior pictures have used the river's rapids as a backdrop. The rapids even turned up on the cover of the local phone book! The newly named Mill Pointe Park's rapids ribbon cutting was held on October 22. Visitors can also visit the new Eaton Rapids Craft Company gastropub which is located just west of the rapids and Mill Pointe Park.

The site was visited by a delegation from Flint to examine its natural rock ramp and learn how Eaton Rapids completed a nearly half-million dollar project for just under two hundred thousand dollars. An unexpected surprise was the uncovering of five red oak timbers dating back to the Civil War-era cribbing that first spanned the river at this site. These timbers were hand-hewn and dove-tailed beams that each measured 10"x12"x15' in length.



The park is slated to become one of the **Type A** "signature access sites" on the Michigan DNR's future Grand River Water Trail. These sites will have ADA kayak and canoe launches, parking for multiple vehicles, restrooms/changing rooms, interpretive signage, trash receptacles, canoe and kayak storage racks, potable water, wayfinding and informational kiosks, and should be ideal for novice paddlers. These sites should also be located near urban settings providing paddlers access to nearby restaurants, bars, shops, and be featured prominently on maps.

The project was a cooperative effort between the Quiet Water Society, City of Eaton Rapids, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, MSHDA, DNR Parks and Recreation and Fisheries Divisions, Eaton Conservation District, Eaton Rapids Township, Hamlin Township, and numerous donors. The irony was that it took nearly seven years to arrive at the construction phase which only took eight days to complete! There is seldom an opportunity in one's lifetime to give back to the community in a meaningful and lasting fashion. By

removing a man-made impediment nearly 100 years old and returning this stretch of the Grand River to a more normal condition, we have been able to provide to future generations a gift that began with the last glacier's deposit of rocks and boulders on the Starr farm near Bellvue and ended up as a singing and laughing rapids in the city's namesake. - **Russ Hicks** (Russ Hicks is the president of the Quiet Water Society and a Winner of the coveted Verlen Kruger Award)

*I have never seen a river that I could not love. Moving water . . . has a fascinating vitality. It has power and grace and associations. It has a thousand colors and a thousand shapes, yet it follows laws so definite that the tiniest streamlet is an exact replica of a great river. -- Roderick Haig-Brown*

## The Grand River Room (east side of Exhibition Hall)



**Hap Wilson**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Best Trips in the Canadian Shield**

From canoe-eating rapids to polar bears to pristine lakes where you can see the bottom at 80 feet - the Canadian Shield wilderness offers the world's best canoeing, 5,000 years of mystical aboriginal history and no shortage of variety. The Canadian Shield has it all.

Hap Wilson is a recipient of the Bill Mason Award for lifetime River Conservation, author of 12 books, International Fellow of the prestigious Explorer's Club, has traveled over 60,000 km. by canoe, artist and photographer.



**Mark and Hugh Walton**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **Using the Budd Train to Enhance Your Wilderness Canoe Experience in Canada.**

Kruger expeditions used the Canadian Budd Train to access the Spanish River Provincial Park. The train dropped us and our canoes off at Biscotasing on Biscotasi Lake in the Spanish River Provincial Park and we spent 6 days canoeing our way through the Canadian wilderness to the train stop at Sheahan Ontario. The Spanish River and Biscotasi Lake are favorites for back country canoeing.

Mark and Hugh Walton are frequent speakers at the Quite Water Symposium. Mark and Hugh are avid canoeists and sailors, and like to take their Kruger Canoes on extended wilderness trips. Recent extended trips include the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Apostle Islands, French River, Missinaibi River, Bustard Islands, Killarney Provincial Park, Pictured Rocks, and the circumnavigation of Philip Edward Island.



**John E. VanBarriger**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Packing the Perfect 'Oh Sh!t Kit', a Murphy's Law Adventure Guide**

Whether you're planning a pond paddle or multi-week adventure, a good emergency kit can help you get safely back home when trouble arises. Writer/photographer John Van Barriger shares the contents of his "Oh Sh!t" emergency bag, as well as critical items that most first aid kits leave out. Van Barriger, who's discovered a multitude of ways to hurt himself while paddling and camping, also will tell tales of how these items became necessary kit components.

John Van Barriger is an award-winning writer/photographer and chair of the "[SupportTheFirst.org](http://SupportTheFirst.org)" campaign, which aids first responders in rural and wilderness areas and educates outdoor enthusiasts on the prevention of wildfires and other emergencies. A lifelong outdoorsman, Van Barriger considers himself outrageously lucky to have paddled, hiked, camped, backpacked, biked, motorcycled or gone scuba diving on five continents. When not paddling, he upholds Midwestern "cultural values" by homebrewing beer and making cheese.



**Tom Funke**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

### **50 Hikes on the North Country Trail**

Join Tom Funke, author of the book "50 Hikes on the North Country Trail", as he shares stories about the 4600 mile long National Scenic Trail. He will share stories of trail magic, tips and tricks to hiking the trail, favorite segments, popular and not so popular segments of trail

Tom Funke is author of 50 Hikes on the North Country Trail and 50 Hikes in the Upper Peninsula. Funke has hiked over 2000 miles of the NCT.

## The Grand River Room (east side of Exhibition Hall)

**Jay Hanks**

**2:00—2:45 PM**

### **Michigan's High Country Pathway**

The High Country Pathway is a premier semi-wilderness hiking and backpacking trail in the northeastern Lower Peninsula. Discover the natural beauty of this area and information on how you can plan your own trip.

Jay has been paddling and hiking for 40 years. He is the current President of the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club and has led trips for the Club for 30 years. He has planned and led trips in Michigan, the Eastern United States, and Canada.



**Henry Davies**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **Kayaking the Manitou Islands of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**

In 2016, four of us paddled and hiked the Manitou Islands of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. We kayaked 65 miles including 8 and 9 mile crossings of the Manitou Passage. We also hiked 50 miles of trails on the islands, carefully avoiding most of the poison ivy.

Henry Davies has been paddling most of his life. His early paddling involved wilderness canoeing on the rivers of Wisconsin and the lakes of the Boundary Waters. More recently he has been sea kayaking in the upper Great Lakes. He has paddled multi-day trips including Pukaskwa Provincial Park, several trips to Isle Royale National Park, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Grand Island Recreation Area, Lake Superior Provincial Park, and the "Grand Traverse" between the UP of Michigan and Door County Wis.



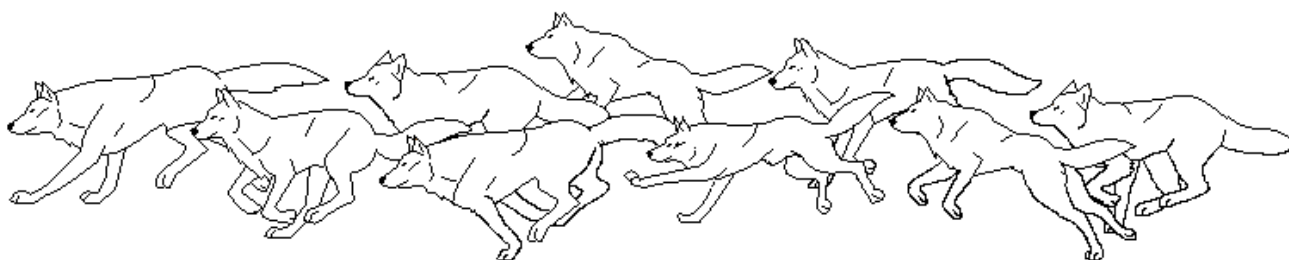
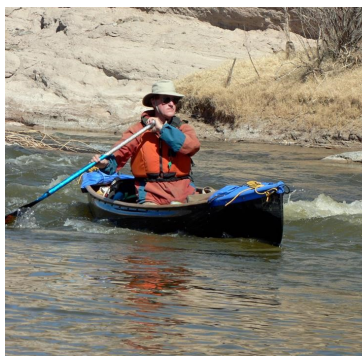
**Cliff Jacobson**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **DRESS RIGHT FOR CANOEING**

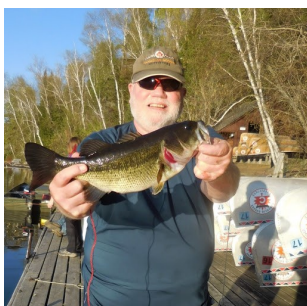
Staying warm and dry on a canoe trip when the weather howls bloody murder, requires good gear and superior skills. We'll examine what works best and why. Much of today's outdoors gear is designed for hunters, anglers, backpackers and climbers, not wilderness paddlers. Cliff will outline some "equipment peeves" and review appropriate clothing for a wilderness canoe trip.

Cliff Jacobson is one of North America's most respected outdoors writers and wilderness paddlers. He is a retired environmental science teacher, an outdoors skills instructor, a canoeing and camping consultant, and the author of more than a dozen top-selling books and a popular video on canoeing and camping. Cliff is a distinguished Eagle Scout, a recipient of the American Canoe Association's prestigious Legends of Paddling Award and a member of the ACA Hall of Fame.



*What is there that confers the noblest delight? What is that which swells a man's breast with pride above that which any other experience can bring to him? Discovery! -- Mark Twain*

## The Red Cedar Room (North of the entry gate)



**Chris Hanna**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **Eat, Paddle, Love II**

Backcountry canoe trips are all about eating, paddling, and loving it! The art of planning and packing can put the fun and food back by reducing bulk and weight, tasting better, and saving time and dollars. The presentation will provide less emphasis on recipes, but on key ingredients, multi-use equipment, packing tips, and free resources. There will be something for everyone, especially first-timers new to backcountry travel.

Chris has been a lifelong paddler taking family canoe trips on lakes and rivers. As the designated chief cook and bottle washer on family trips, packing has become an art.



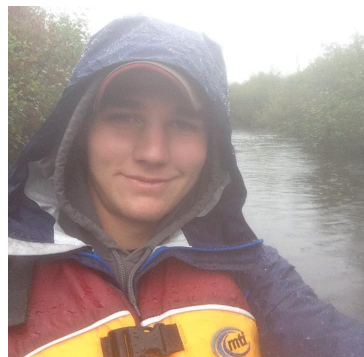
**Thomas Hurst**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

### **Isle Royale National Park: Wolves Moose and Paddling**

This program will focus on the changing dynamic with the Wolves and Moose of Isle Royale National Park. With only two known wolves on Isle Royale in 2016 Moose predation was functionally zero. The moose population is increasing rapidly. The National Park Service is considering options to reintroduce wolves. Tom will present based on many years working as a Moosewatch leader and teacher on the island. The program will look at the island as an ecosystem, learning environment and paddling and hiking destination

Tom is a Southwest Michigan natural resources and woodworking instructor with over 30 years teaching and guiding at all levels from kindergarten to graduate school. One summer way back he took an ecology class on Isle Royale and has not missed a summer at the island since.



**Nick Meekhof**

**2:00—2:45 PM**

### **16 Islands in Michigan You've Never Heard Of**

A virtual tour of some of Michigan's best kept island secrets and how to visit them. From icy, remote crags in Lake Superior to scenic urban river islands, here is a lineup of excursions you'll want to add to your Michigan bucket list.

Nick Meekhof is a farmer, writer, and lifelong adventurer. He has worked for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on issues of watershed restoration, coastal erosion, and natural shoreline landscaping. Find Nick's articles on The Post Calvin, the MSU-Extension, and Gociety.com. When he's not planting apple trees or writing about Michigan's recreational opportunities, he can be found exploring the rivers, forests, and small towns all throughout Michigan, finding hidden gems in unconventional places.



**Kevin Callan**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **Father and Daughter Canoe Tripping Tips**

The Happy Camper shares his advice on how to canoe with your family, focusing on both fun and safety in and off the water.

Kevin Callan is the author of several outdoor books and has produced a number of award winning films. He's a columnist for Explore Magazine and CanoeRoots and was made Patron Paddler for Paddle Canada. Check out his You Tube channel KCHappyCamper.



**Gary & Joanie McGuffin**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **Building the Lake Superior Water Trail at the Heart of a Continent**

Canada celebrates the completion of a national dream 25 years in the making - a 15,000 mile Trans Canada Trail linking the country coast to coast to coast. Together with the Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy, Gary and Joanie have played a major role in building one of the Trail's most spectacular sections, the Lake Superior Water Trail.

Gary and Joanie McGuffin are explorers and conservation photographers particularly known to the QWS visitors for their long distance wilderness journeys and their photographic and instructional books. More recently they co-produced this beautiful award-winning film that marries art, adventure and conservation.

## The AuSable Room (North of the entry gate)

**Mack Truax**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Paddling the Longest Canoe Trail in the Northeast**



The 740 mile Northern Forest Canoe Trail is the longest trail in the Northeast. Of the eighty-seven paddlers that have completed the 740 mile trip since established in 2006, only twenty-five have been entirely self propelled. Do you want to be next on the list? This fast paced presentation is loaded with tips on planning, preparing and overcoming challenges for distance paddling.

Mack is the first person to successfully thru-paddle the 740 mile Northern Forest Canoe Trail in back-to-back seasons and currently holds the solo speed record of 22 days. At 62, Mack is a retired executive and managed a sales and marketing team of 75. Setting goals has followed Mack into his retirement and he continues to lead by example.

**Randy Oleynik**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **Two Ordinary Riders- A cross country high wheel bike adventure**



On August 13, 2016 Randy and Amy Oleynik, a father and daughter team, dipped the rear wheel in the Pacific Ocean and started riding east. For the next 53 days, they crossed the country ending with their front wheel dipped in the Atlantic Ocean in Boston. Join Randy for a pictorial view of places you see and all the wonderful people you meet when you are riding a high wheel.

Randy Oleynik has been a cyclist since a young boy. He grew up on a bicycle like most kids his age and started riding tours after college. Then Randy moved on to unsupported bicycle trips with close friends travelling around Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky. After catching the antique bike bug in 1993 and starting to ride high wheels, he dreamed of recreating the cross country trip that Thomas Stevens did in 1886. Joined by his daughter Amy, that finally happened in 2016. Randy also enjoys mountaineering and canoeing

**Tim Gallaway**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **A Primer on Traditional Kayaking**



Where did kayaking come from? What's with those skinny wooden paddles? Why do people paddle those strange pointy kayaks? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we explore the fascinating history and culture of kayaking and trace its path from the Arctic to your local beach and how ancient techniques and skills are still relevant to the modern paddler.

Tim began his kayaking career as a guide and ACA instructor at Woods & Water Ecotours in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan when he was in college. He cut his rough water teeth on the rocky shores of Lake Superior and Lake Huron and quickly took to Greenland style paddling.

**Stephanie Gandulla**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

### **Paddling through History: The Shallow Shipwrecks of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary**



Along the picturesque shorelines of northwestern Lake Huron lay the remains of dozens of historic shipwrecks. These relics of the "Shipwreck Century" are protected in NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the only freshwater marine sanctuary in the United States. Learn the fascinating histories of these archaeological sites and the best ways to paddle and experience them firsthand.

Stephanie Gandulla is a maritime archaeologist based at NOAA's Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena, Michigan. She has participated in projects in the rivers of the southeastern U.S., the Baltic, the Caribbean, the Arctic, and the South Pacific, and now focuses her research on the well-preserved shipwrecks of the Great Lakes.

## The AuSable Room (North of the entry gate)

**Bear Paulsen**

**2:00—2:45 PM**

### **Paddling & Hiking in the Northern Yukon**



The Snake River flows near the Arctic Circle. Bear and his wife Claire spent 18 days exploring the Wernecke Mountains from the river. The trip was full of whitewater and rugged mountain scenery. In the middle of the trip they left the river and spent 6 days backpacking around Mount MacDonald. Nearly all the hiking was above treeline. At the end of the trip they spent time exploring historic Dawson City, site of the Klondike Gold Rush.

Bear Paulsen feels at home exploring wilderness areas throughout North America. He spends his longest trips canoeing and winter camping as these methods of travel allow extended trips into remote areas. He also happily backpacks too, sometimes even during canoe trips! He's spent well over three years of his life hiding from the real world in tents. Bear is the General Manager of Northstar Canoes.

**O. Ross McIntyre**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **Canoe or Kayak? North Channel, Cuba, Croatia**



When paddlers visit some of the world's most beautiful places, they may find themselves confronted with the risk of hypothermia, or hostile shores, or sudden weather changes. This now ancient paddler, recounts three recent trips where he had to think about the risks involved vs. the pleasure gained. Since he is going to be talking about it, either his judgement is good, or he is just plain lucky. The talk is based upon recent trips to the North Channel of Georgian Bay, the Adriatic coast of Croatia, and the south coast of Cuba.

O. Ross McIntyre is a retired physician and cancer center director who has been spending his retirement doing all the things he couldn't do as a younger person. His memoir, "Paddle Beads", describes his 65 years of paddling experience.

**George Stockman**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **Paddling Wonderful Whitewater Rivers Across the US**



Many rivers are both beautiful and exciting and are accessible to canoeists and kayakers. Or one can relax more with a guided raft trip. Learn what makes a whitewater run challenging or even dangerous. Enjoy and discuss some pictures and footage from popular rivers such as the Youghioheny (PA), Chattooga (GA), Arkansas (CO), and Payette (ID), and also some little known gems like the Nescopeck (PA) and Gros Ventre (WY).

George Stockman has canoed rivers from Oregon to Maine and from Canada to Texas. He loves flatwater, whitewater, and canoe racing. He has been active in the American Canoe Association since 1975 in organizing and participating in both flatwater & whitewater racing. He has canoed many wonderful rivers, including Browns Canyon of the Arkansas (CO), Cheat Canyon (WV), the Green River Canyon (WA), and the New (WV).



**Putting together a first rate slate of speakers is a Herculean task. The Quiet Water Society wishes to thank Linda DeKock for her superb effort on the 2017 Quiet Water Symposium speaker panel.**

**When you see Linda today stop and let her know you appreciate her efforts, she deserves your praise.**

**In fact if it is not too much trouble let everyone you see in a red vest or bandana know how much you appreciate their efforts.**

## The Betsie Room (North of the entry gate)



**Cynthia Donovan**

**9:30—10:30 AM**

### **Paddling and Other Adventures on the Zambezi River, Zambia**

The Zambezi River in Zambia includes Victoria Falls, the largest waterfall in the world. Join me for tales of paddling kayaks, canoes, and river rafts on the river, as well as enjoying biplane and micro-light flights, tiger fishing, bird watching, tracking local wildlife and enjoying local food and culture. Based on photos from those travels, the presentation will include travel tips and ideas for those interested in going to an amazing place.

Cynthia Donovan has been traveling and living in Africa since 1991, as a faculty member at MSU. She has traveled to the Zambezi River region and Victoria Falls 6 times, and traveled extensively in Southern Africa. During her latest trip, in March 2016, she kayaked the river and micro-lighted over the Falls. Having grown up paddling northern Minnesota and later Michigan with LOAPC, she seeks out the chance to get on the water wherever she goes.



**Jonathan M. Ahlbrand, Commander USCG Auxiliary**

**10:45—11:45 AM**

### **Paddling Safety and Cold Water Considerations**

According to US Coast Guard statistics, canoes/kayaks are ranked as the #2 vessel type for deaths on the water. A key contributing factor is water temperature. Most paddlers do not consider water temperature and the potential risk it poses. This presentation will provide insight into the science of cold water and risk management as well as rescue and recovery.

Jonathan M. Ahlbrand: Jonathan is an active member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Commander of the Lansing Flotilla, he is boat crew qualified and operationally certified. As a USCG Auxiliary leader, he focuses on public education and "on the water safety" for all.



**Russ Hicks**

**12:00—12:45 PM**

### **It's About Dam Time**

Eaton Rapids developed on the banks of the Grand River due to the power of moving water. Nine dams were built to harness this water which, by 1900, effectively destroyed the rapids. Follow the seven year effort that Russ Hicks and the community undertook in removing one of these dams and replacing it with a natural rock rapids which was constructed in 2016.

Russ Hicks is a long-time paddler and canoe restoration expert. He is a retired educator and has been a tireless Quiet Water Symposium organizer since the first show 22 years ago. He is the president of the Quiet Water Society.



**Andrea Knepper**

**1:00—1:45 PM**

### **Engaging Young Paddlers**

Engaging youth in paddle-sports doesn't have to be difficult. We'll share ongoing strategies we use to get youth involved and keep them involved. Short term: It has to be FUN! And challenging, with opportunities for autonomous learning. Long term: Community and authenticity are key. So is providing concrete benchmarks of skill, opportunity to paddle with experienced paddlers, and leadership development opportunities. Come with questions and thoughts – we love talking about this!

Andrea holds her 5 Star Sea Paddler Award and was the 2nd American to earn the UKCC Coach Level 3 Award. She is the founder and director of Chicago Adventure Therapy, where she works with youth in Chicago who would otherwise be unlikely to have access to outdoor sports.

*Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another." ~Erma Bombeck*

## The Betsie Room (North of the entry gate)



**Gwen Botting**

**2:00—2:45 PM**

### **Accessible Adventuring: Canoeing the Manistee with Youth with Visual Disabilities**

Kids need true adventure! Hear how a 4-day adventure on the Manistee River made positive changes in the lives of 10 young people who are blind or have low vision.

Gwen Botting is a parent of a 22-year-old college graduate who is blind. She was president of Michigan Parents of Children with Visual Impairments for 12 years, served as a volunteer and board member of Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (OUB) for 7 years, and the Executive Director of OUB for 5 years. She teaches cooking, gardening, nature, and social skills to children who are blind or have low vision. Gwen holds bachelor degrees in Chemistry and in Music.

**Dr. J. Marty Holtgren, Dr. Stephanie Ogren**

**3:00—3:45 PM**

### **The Grand Rapids Sturgeon Story: Bringing People Back to the River**

The story of a majestic fish and a city reconnecting to its river has the ability to capture imaginations and unite communities. The Grand Rapids story with the lake sturgeon, the largest and longest lived fish in Michigan, provides a thread that ties culture, history and science together. Through there is much to learn about lake sturgeon population in the Grand River, the species has already inspired curiosity and brought community groups together.

Dr. Stephanie Ogren is currently the Science Education Manager for the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Over the past 15 years she has completed extensive research on evaluating the effects of aquatic restoration techniques and Lake Sturgeon restoration.

Dr. Marty Holtgren works in the Tribal Coordination Unit of Michigan DNR's Fisheries Division. He has led research and restoration of lake sturgeon for over 18 years and given presentations on the topic across North America.



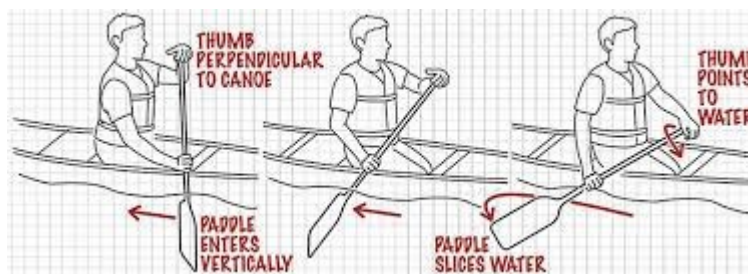
**Matt Chapman/ Wendy Ogilve**

**4:00—5:00 PM**

### **Restoring the Rapids in the Grand River for Everyone!**

This presentation will illustrate historical uses of the Grand River, showcase the complexities of the project, provide a current project update, and explore the environmental, economic, and social benefits associated with a revitalized Grand River corridor. The goals of this project are to expand recreational uses, improve aquatic habitats, enhance environmental quality of the community, and boost tourism, business growth and employment opportunities along the riverfront in Grand Rapids and throughout West Michigan.

Wendy joined the Grand Valley Metro Council in 2013 as the Director of Environmental Programs. Matt came to Grand Rapids Whitewater in 2015 after serving as the Executive Director of Alternatives in Motion for four years.



*Swift or smooth, broad as the Hudson or narrow enough to scrape your gunwales, every river is a world of its own, unique in pattern and personality. Each mile on a river will take you further from home than a hundred miles on a road. -- Bob Marshall*

## Ongoing Demonstrations



### **Wooden Canoe Restoration The Wooden Canoe Shop Gilbert Cramer**

#### **Canoe Re-canvassing Demonstration In the Arena All Day**

Gil Cramer started restoring canoes in 1984 and incorporated The Wooden Canoe Shop in 1987. In 1995, he retired from his day job, teaching, and became a full time canoe and boat restorer. Gil works alone on wooden canoes and small wooden boats that can weigh up to about 600 lbs. "I started when my brother bought an old Shell Lake canoe at a garage sale and couldn't keep it from leaking. " If you need help on a restoration project, call Gil at 419-636-1689

### **Strip-built Boat Building Mackinaw Watercraft, LLC Allen Deming**

#### **Demonstration, On Going - East Wall of the Arena**

Allen will be demonstrating the art of building wooden boats from cedar strips. This technique can be used to construct all manner of paddle craft, sail boats and small craft. Deming's designs have been features at boat shows, art galleries, museums and in magazines worldwide.

In 2009 Allen began offering introductory boat building and paddle making classes out of the Mackinaw Watercraft shop in Grand Ledge, MI. He is proud to have shared his skills with over 500 students, men, women and youths.

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### **Fly Tying Ongoing all day**

#### **By Phil Stevens at the Red Cedar Fly Fishers exhibit**

The Red Cedar Fly Fishers have done demonstrations of fly tying for 20 years at QWS. We tie flies and answer questions about fly fishing and about our club.

### **Rope gymnastics Ongoing all day in the Arena By Tim Gallaway at the Qajaq USA exhibit**

Qajaq USA works to preserve, study and promote the traditions and techniques of Greenland kayaking while seeking to further the appreciation and development of Greenland-style kayaking in the United States. Rope gymnastics is an ancient Inuit form of sport, which demands and develops balance, strength, flexibility, coordination and pain tolerance. Originally done with harpoon line stretched between two supports, the exercises toughen the hands which may allow you to paddle long hours without developing blisters. Many of the maneuvers are extremely strenuous and painful. Performing them helped to build mental and physical toughness, qualities that were very useful for the hard life of a kayak hunter.

### **Sharpening of an Edged Tool Ongoing all day in the Exhibit Area**

#### **By Jonathon LeValley at the LeValley Outdoors L.L.C. exhibit**

Features a basic demonstration of sharpening any edged tool using bench stones (no power tools, guides, gimmicks, etc.). Jonathan will walk you through sharpening a chisel (a typical single-bevel edged tool) a knife and an axe.



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## 2017 Quiet Water Symposium Schedule

Williams Subaru Main Stage	Founders Brewing Red Cedar Room	EagleMonk Brewery Grand River Room	AuSable River Room	Betsie River Room
9:30 - 10:30 AM <b>Cliff Jacobson</b> Canoeing Secrets	Presentations in the Founders Brewing Red Cedar Room start at 12:00 noon	9:30 - 10:30 AM <b>Hap Wilson</b> Best Trips in the Canadian Shield	9:30 - 10:30 AM <b>Mack Truax</b> Paddling the Longest Canoe Trail in the Northeast	9:30 - 10:30 AM <b>Cynthia Donovan</b> Paddling and Other Adventures on the Zambezi River, Zambia
10:45 - 11:45 AM <b>Joanie and Gary McGuffin</b> The Making of the Film "Painted Land: In Search of the Group of Seven"		10:45 - 11:45 AM <b>Mark Walton Hugh Walton</b> Using the Budd Train to Enhance Your Wilderness Canoe Experience...	10:45 - 11:45 AM <b>Randy Oleynik</b> Two Ordinary Riders- A Cross Country High Wheel Bike Adventure	10:45 - 11:45 AM <b>Jonathan Ahlbrand</b> <i>Commander USCG Auxiliary</i> Paddling Safety and Cold Water Considerations
12:00 - 12:45 PM <b>Kevin Callan</b> Scotland's Spey River Whiskey Tour	12:00 - 12:45 PM <b>Chris Hanna</b> Eat, Paddle, Love It	12:00 - 12:45 PM <b>John Van Barriger</b> Packing the Perfect "Oh Sh!T Kit", a Murphy's Law Adventure Guide	12:00 - 12:45 PM <b>Tim Galloway</b> A Primer on Traditional Kayaking	12:00 - 12:45 PM <b>Russ Hicks</b> It's About Dam Time
1:00 - 1:45 PM <b>Jared Munch</b> A SUPerior Adventure	1:00 - 1:45 PM <b>Thomas Hurst</b> Isle Royale National Park: Wolves, Moose, and Paddling	1:00 - 1:45 PM <b>Tom Funke</b> 50 Hikes on the North Country Trail	1:00 - 1:45 PM <b>Stephanie Gandulla</b> Paddling Through History: Shallow Shipwrecks of Thunder Bay...	1:00 - 1:45 PM <b>Andrea Knepper</b> Engaging Young Paddlers
2:00 - 2:45 PM <b>Hap Wilson</b> Mapping Canada's Canoe Route	2:00 - 2:45 PM <b>Nick Meekhof</b> 16 Islands in Michigan You've Never Heard Of	2:00 - 2:45 PM <b>Jay Hanks</b> Hiking and Backpacking on Michigan's High Country Pathway	2:00 - 2:45 PM <b>Bear Paulson</b> Paddling and Hiking in the Northern Yukon	2:00 - 2:45 PM <b>Gwen Botting</b> Accessible Adventuring: Canoeing the Manistee, Youth with Visual Disabilities
3:00 - 3:45 PM <b>John Van Barriger</b> Soloing the Wisconsin River State Riverway in Autumn	3:00 - 3:45 PM <b>Kevin Callan</b> Father and Daughter Canoe Tripping Tips	3:00 - 3:45 PM <b>Henry Davies</b> Kayaking the Manitou Islands of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore	3:00 - 3:45 PM <b>Ross McIntyre</b> Canoe or Kayak? North Channel, Cuba, Croatia	3:00 - 3:45 PM <b>Dr. J. Marty Holtgren</b> <b>Dr. Stephanie Ogren</b> The Grand Rapids Sturgeon Story, Bringing People Back to the River
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## Door and Raffle Prizes the Fine Print



### Grand Prize/ Door Prizes – The Fine Print

**Grand Prize:** This prize is available only to those who purchase Grand Prize tickets. These are different from our Door Prize tickets and may be purchased at the Door Prize/Information table at a cost of \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00. These tickets are only for the canoe. Clearly enter your name and phone number on half of the ticket and deposit it at the **Win this Canoe** table in the Grand Prize drawing. The Grand Prize Wenonah Solo Plus is provided through a grant from the Quiet Water Society with assistance from The Power of Water.

**Grand Prize Drawing:** The drawing will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 5:00 PM. You need not be present to win the canoe but you must be available to claim it within 24 hours of the drawing. If the owner of the winning ticket is not in the room when it is drawn, the phone number on the ticket will be called. If the owner of the first winning ticket does not respond within 24 hours, a second ticket will be drawn and the owner allowed 24 hours to respond and so forth until a winner is found.

**Tax Information:** The winner of the Grand Prize will be required to provide proper identification including social security number, to the organizers.

**Door Prize Tickets:** All paid attendees to the show receive one free Door Prize ticket and may enter it at the Door Prize/Information table. Additional Door Prize tickets can be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Door Prize tickets cannot be used for the Grand Prize drawing.

**Door Prizes:** These are drawn on the hour from 11 AM until 5 PM. All winning tickets must be turned in and all prizes claimed by the end of the show. Prizes will be held until 5:30 PM. You may elect to deposit your ticket(s) in the General Drawing where there are a number of prizes worth a lower dollar amount or in the Specific Drawings. Specific Drawing items are on display and are typically of higher value.

**Door Prize Exceptions:** There are some date and time sensitive prizes that must be claimed by the times posted by the prize packages or another ticket will be drawn until the prize is claimed.

**Good Luck to All!**

**All proceeds generated by the sales of raffle tickets will be used to further the mission of The Quiet Water Society.**



*“Come forth into the light of things, let nature be your teacher.” –William Wordsworth*

## Raffle and Door Prize Donors

A very special thanks to those businesses and individuals who have donated to our door prize selection. Please stop by and visit their booths and patronize their businesses.

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### **The Quiet Water Symposium Code of Conduct**

The Quiet Water Symposium (QWS) serves as a platform for education, discussion, and the presentation of ideas that promote human powered outdoor recreation and help conserve our Great Lakes resources. In pursuit of these goals, the Quiet Water Society embraces the right to free speech while also being aware that there may be many sides to every issue and many possible solutions. The viewpoints of our many guests, exhibitors, speakers, and demonstrators are their own, and may not necessarily represent the views of the Quiet Water Society, its board members, or its many volunteers.

#### **Therefore, the Quiet Water Society requires that:**

- Exhibitors, speakers, and demonstrators must keep their activities and the activities of their group, employees, and volunteers confined within the area assigned to them by the QWS Planning Committee.
- Interactions with event staff, guests, exhibitors, speakers, and demonstrators must be held in a civil and professional manner.
- Conduct or behavior must not be disruptive to the event.

If members of the QWS Planning Committee find that any action of guests, exhibitors, speakers, or demonstrators violates these requirements, event staff will attempt to resolve the situation. In cases where agreement on a solution cannot be found, parties may be asked to leave the site. In the most extreme cases, parties may be restricted from future participation in the event.

The QWS Code of Conduct is included as a part of exhibitor registration. Submission of the exhibitor form indicates acceptance of the Code of Conduct. This will help make it possible for all parties to interact in a positive way.

# The Quiet Water Society Grants in Action

## Specific Objectives and Purposes of the Quiet Water Society

The Quiet Water Society works to educate the public and encourage participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation, to promote public concern and support environmental stewardship and conservation of natural resources of the Great Lakes region, and to plan and execute annual and special events for any or all of these purposes.

## Building for the Future

In furtherance of our objectives, the Quiet Water Society uses surplus funds from the Quiet Water Symposium to provide grants. Each year, the Quiet Water Society considers applications for grants from non-profit civic organizations and clubs. As you look through this program booklet, please keep an eye out for project reports from the 2016 grantees. If your organization is in need of financial assistance for projects that are in harmony with our objectives, you are encouraged to visit our website and apply to be one of our 2017 grant awardees.

## 2016 Distributions

Funds totaling **\$5,000** were distributed in 2016 for:

- Campus to Coast – MSU Outdoors Club (\$600)
- Looking Glass Expedition - MGROW (\$1,000)
- Spoonville Trail Phase II – Ottawa County (\$500)
- Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind (\$1,000)
- MGROW Grand River guidebook (\$900)

Port Austin Symposium youth program - Chicago Adventure Therapy and Riverside Kayak Connection (\$1,000)

Look for project descriptions within the pages of this program to see how these industrious groups are doing.

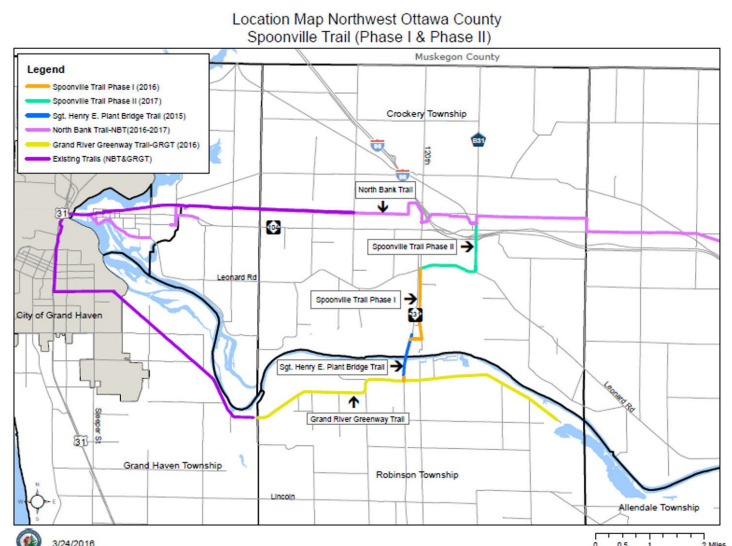
## The Spoonville Trail

The Spoonville Trail is a 3.8 mile non-motorized pathway in Northwest Ottawa County. This pathway is designed to connect popular regional trail routes – the Grand River Greenway Trail (south of the Grand River), the Sgt. Henry E. Plant Memorial Pathway (crossing the Grand River), and the North Bank Trail (north of the Grand River). Once completed, these trails will form a loop of non-motorized pathway known as the “Grand Connection.” The Grand Connection will allow users to travel from the shore of Lake Michigan to the Grand Rapids urban area.

The Spoonville Trail will be constructed in two phases. Phase I (1.8 miles) was completed in September 2016. This Phase includes a bump-out overlook where users can enjoy unique and scenic views of the Grand River. In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) constructed a Native American educational terrace on the north side of the bridge to educate users on local Native American culture and heritage.

Construction of Phase II is anticipated to be completed by fall 2017. This is the remaining 2 miles of pathway that will complete connection to the north side of the Grand River. Phase II will feature a pathway crossing the Crockery Creek Natural Area where users can partake in cycling, hiking, and bird watching opportunities.

The Quiet Water Society is a valued funding partner of Phase I and Phase II of the Spoonville Trail project. Funds from the Quiet Water Society have been used for construction of Phase I and will be used for construction of Phase II.



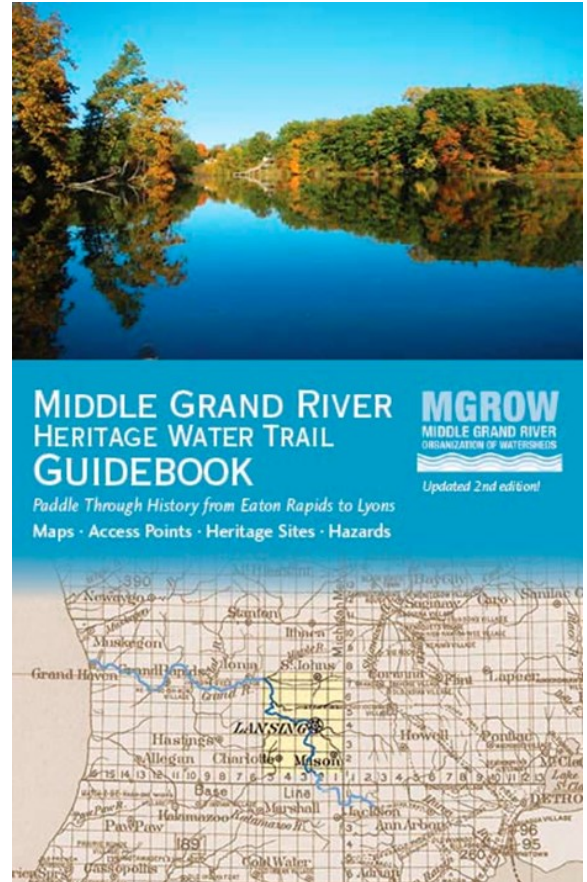
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### MGROW Heritage Water Trail Guidebook, 2016

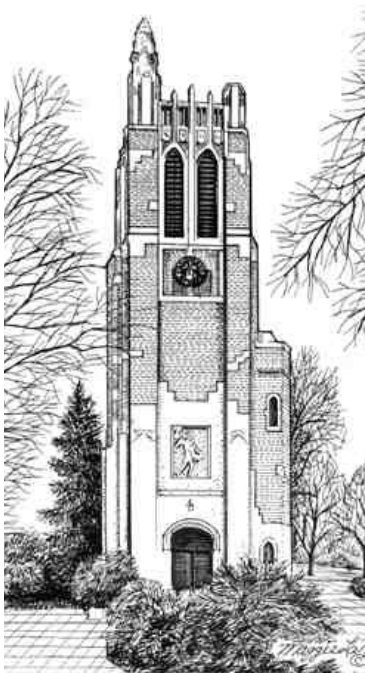
The Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds invites you to paddle through history from Eaton Rapids to Lyons. The Middle Grand River Heritage Water Trail app, companion booklet and webpages are intended to immerse you in an experience that merges the past with the present. Paddling information is provided to make planning a trip easy and enjoyable. Historical information is provided to inspire you to connect with the river and its heritage in a unique way.

The new edition features improved easy-to-read maps with a single QR code per page. The booklet is printed on waterproof paper for easy on-the-water use. You will find six easy, scenic trip routes for beginning paddlers.

With your smartphone's GPS feature turned on, the app provides you with your exact location on the river. As you near a site of historic importance, the screen will activate, providing you with an image and a brief description of the site. A link will allow you to get more detail, from a webpage. Learn more about the app and guide at <http://www.mgrow.org>.



### Campus to Coast 2016



Campus to Coast is a paddle sport adventure race put on by the Michigan State University Outdoors Club. It is a 160 mile event that begins on the edge of the MSU campus in Okemos and ends in Grand Haven at Lake Michigan. This race is open to everyone, with the requirement that whatever water craft you use must be man-powered and that you must be self-supported. Each year we are able to hold this race with the generous support from our volunteers and sponsors. We use this event as a way for our club to promote an outdoor activity as well as a way to buy and replace gear for future years.

The weather for the 2016 race was amazing, which was probably one of the biggest reasons why so many teams finished! Another reason might have been that some of the snow melt water was still around, yielding fast finishing times. Speaking of quantities, C2C 2016 had 120 participants, which means it filled up. The steady increase of participants over the years has helped us to not be overwhelmed. A record number of participants and finishers also meant that the return transport had to be stepped up a notch compared to previous years.

## The Quiet Water Society Grants in Action



### Looking Glass River Expedition 2016

The Looking Glass River Expedition was held June 2-5, 2016, and brought kayakers and canoeists from throughout Michigan to the DeWitt area to paddle, camp and enjoy the community. The 31-mile event was organized by the Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW), with support from Friends of the Looking Glass River and the Clinton Conservation District.

“We want to make people care about the river that flows through our back yards,” said Gloria Miller, MGROW board member and president of Friends of the Looking Glass River. “The Looking Glass has clean water and beautiful scenery. It also faces many challenges. When people get out on the river and experience it from a canoe or kayak, they learn first hand about the need to take better care of it.”

The event kicked off Thursday evening, June 2, with group camping at Riverside Park in DeWitt.

Friday, June 3, began with an opening ceremony in the morning, followed by presentations on the Looking Glass watershed and aquatic invasive plants. Participants kept arriving and unloading their human-powered watercraft, bringing the number of paddlers to 46.

With assistance from the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club, a van and trailer transported paddlers and boats upstream to Waters’ Edge Park on the river at Wood Road and Round Lake Road. With everyone on the water, the group paddled 3.5 miles downstream back to DeWitt. They encountered one logjam that required portaging but volunteers were on the riverbank ready to help.

The paddlers landed at Riverside Park in time for a visit from Sue Leeming, DeWitt’s Mayor Pro Tem, and Dan Cos, DeWitt City Manager. After dinner at a choice of local restaurants, there was live music at Riverside under the pavilion and a second night of camping.

Saturday morning, June 4, the paddlers launched for the 10 miles to Heritage Park in Wacousta and arrived in camp just before the rain. They sat under the pavilion, ate dinner, enjoyed more live music and traded river stories.

On Sunday, June 5, the group completed the final day of the expedition, paddling nearly 17 miles to Portland where the Looking Glass River joins the Grand River. The adventurers went their separate ways but they had made new friends and gained a new appreciation for the river.

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### Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, Inc.

Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind, Inc. collaborated with Running Blind, a non-profit from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to produce the OUB Running Blind Adventure Camp from July 12-July 19, 2016, for youth aged 13-19. The camp included 4 days and 3 nights canoeing and rustic camping on the Manistee River.

The trip started with a night at “base camp” at Pine River Paddlesports and included a hands-on learning experience with Maureen Stine on forests, animals and water. Five campers participated and set out to paddle approximately 20 miles each day for 3 1/2 days. In addition, five staff members who also have low vision or are blind made the trip. Most had little or no experience with canoeing. The majority of our staff and volunteers also had little experience with river canoeing. This may have contributed to one canoe capsizing and one being swamped within the first 90 minutes of the 4-day trip. However, the excellent guidance of George Stockman of the Lansing Oar and Paddle Club, and Hal Wolfe of Running Blind, led to a successful solution of “catamaraning” canoes into pairs. This helped our young people understand the need for creativity and teamwork to accomplish a challenging task since we still had about 50 miles of paddling ahead of us.



There was a lot of fun to be had, with “beaver tail slapping”, swimming, short races, and lots of camaraderie. Everyone was also pretty tired at the end of each day, with tents to be put up and dinner to be made, but it was a good kind of tired. The weather mostly cooperated until the last day, which was quite wet and cold and so we stopped the trip about an hour early. Everyone had had enough.

One camper said that she originally didn’t want to come on the trip, but she made some really good friends and had a great time and loved canoeing! Another one said, “I was not totally sure about canoeing, but once I started it, I felt super confident. It's an adventure!” Trips like this Adventure Camp help our kids develop life-skills, self-confidence, independence, and that indescribable inner sense of accomplishment. It allowed all to experience the beauty of nature and to learn to respect the power of water, wind and rain and to meet challenges with creative thinking and resourcefulness.

The \$1000 grant we received from Quiet Water Symposium paid for almost all of our food and supplies for the trip (actual cost: \$1093). Thank you for supporting this worthy project of introducing canoeing to young people with visual disabilities. It is a very accessible sport and a great way to experience nature and test yourself against the elements. It was a truly great experience and your support made a huge difference.

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**The Quiet Water Society has a long history of supporting events such as the Grand River Expeditions. In this article Doug Carter takes a look back at the 2010 adventure.**

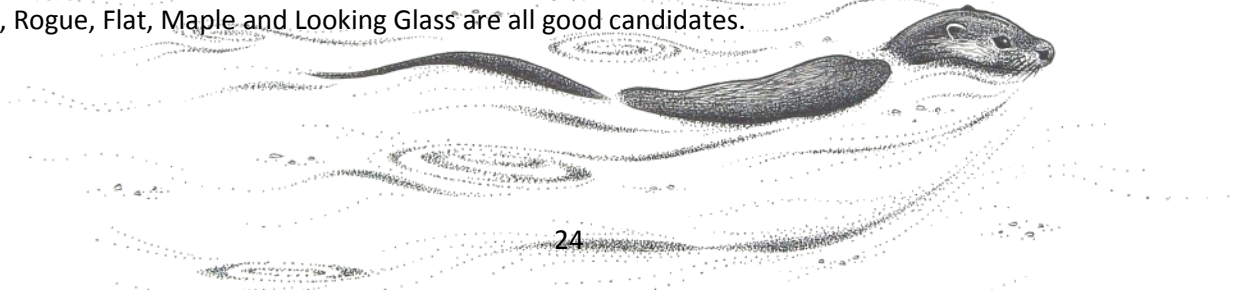
Grand River Expedition 2010 was a 13-day public journey of discovery and celebration of Michigan's longest river. The Grand runs 262 miles from northern Hillsdale County to Lake Michigan at Grand Haven. Michigan's second largest watershed includes a population of over one and a-half million. Goals of the Expedition included documenting and explaining the numerous public benefits the Watershed provides us. This increases public knowledge and appreciation of the Grand River, and how it connects communities across the region. It will generate greater stewardship for the river.

Conducting the Expedition relied on local communities and businesses, native Americans, historical and educational groups, and watershed, boating and conservation organizations – some 165 partners. New watershed groups in the Upper Grand and Lower Grand took on major roles in planning and coordination of the event.

Some 300 paddlers joined us on the river, and hundreds more on the riverbanks. Extensive and positive press coverage reached thousands more. We were welcomed at each stop with music, educational events and ceremonies celebrating their community and the river. Community leaders signed the "Official Expedition Paddle" as a commitment to work with their neighbors for greater protection and stewardship for the river.

The wide variety of birds, fish species, mammals, invertebrates and plant life indicate a relatively healthy and improving stream corridor. The beauty of the river and its banks surprised and pleased even the most ardent critics. Limited water quality testing showed signs of an urban stream returning to life. We found no real major "hot spots" or critical areas. While results were very positive, non-point sources of pollution, runoff, erosion and sedimentation are evident. Public outreach and education is required, since some people continue to act without respect and concern for the river and its banks.

Look for another Grand River Expedition in 2020. And smaller trips are planned for the Grand River tributaries - the Thornapple, Rogue, Flat, Maple and Looking Glass are all good candidates.



## The Quiet Water Society Grants in Action

**Great ideas lead to great synergies. Below Doug Carter discusses some of the positive impacts generated by the Grand River Expeditions.**

Following the great success of and positive public reaction to the 2010 Grand River Expedition, leaders felt the time was right to pursue opportunities to enhance stewardship of the watershed and pursue some goals identified but not yet achieved.

The new **Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds** (MGROW), formed in 2001, serves the Grand River from Eaton Rapids to Lyons. Along with its sister groups for the Upper and Lower, it provides citizen-based, non-profit protection to the entire Grand River Watershed, including the sub-watersheds of the Thornapple, Rogue, Flat, Maple, Looking Glass and Red Cedar rivers. In addition to providing leadership and service within its own region, MGROW will take the lead on future educational expeditions on the Grand River in 2020 and on tributary streams as appropriate.

In 2016, MGROW joined with the Upper Grand River Watershed Coalition (Upper Grand) and the Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW) to form and maintain a working **Grand River Watershed Partnership** (Partnership). The Partnership will meet on a regular basis to discuss common issues, objectives and projects. Leadership of the Partnership will rotate every two years, with LGROW taking the initial turn. They have established a Facebook page, "GrandRiverPartnership", to help facilitate information sharing throughout the watershed. The Partnership plans to conduct a watershed-wide public forum every two years, to be hosted by the official Partnership Chair.

**Enhancement of canoeing/kayaking information and facilities.** During the 2010 Expedition, it was obvious the Grand River could use improvement in safe, adequate facilities and information on public recreation. There were very few campsites, portage and signing around dams needed improvement and maps and other public guides needed to be developed. In recent years, there has been improvement. Several dams have been removed, and more removals are planned. Water trails have been established in many parts of the river. A large coalition of conservation and user groups, communities, public agencies and local businesses are working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) on a Grand River Water Trail, from Jackson to Lake Michigan. Hopefully, this will result in a much brighter future for public, water-based recreation on the Grand.- Doug Carter

*(Doug Carter played a key role as a planner for the 2010 Grand River Expedition. Doug is a winner of the prestigious Verlen Kruger Award and was a longtime member of the Quiet Water Society.)*



*"Have you also learned that secret from the river; that there is no such thing as time?" That the river is everywhere at the same time, at the source and at the mouth, at the waterfall, at the ferry, at the current, in the ocean and in the mountains, everywhere and that the present only exists for it, not the shadow of the past nor the shadow of the future."*

— Hermann Hesse, Siddhartha

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**The Quiet Water Society's dedication to conservation of our Great Lakes natural resources has led to a continued involvement with the Grand River Expedition organization. In this article, Doug Carter discusses the evolution of the mission and spirit of guardianship that began with Verlen Kruger and continues to this day.**

Rather than reproduce the 2010 Grand River Expedition right away, we decided to conduct smaller trips down Grand River tributaries, as a way to focus on the entire watershed. We agreed to conduct a tributary trip every two years, with a full Grand River Expedition every ten years.

In August, **2012 the Thornapple River** Watershed Council, with the help of some 35 partners, conducted the first of these tributary expeditions. The event attracted some 150 paddlers, 48 of whom made the entire trip. An exploration of the river's headwaters area was conducted on the first day, with the rest of the trip on the water.

Some 50 paddlers explored Kent County's **Rogue River in June, 2014**. With the help of some 25 partners, the event was led by the Southwest Michigan Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The Rogue has been named as a "Home River" by Trout Unlimited National. It is also one of only 16 Michigan stream systems designated as a state "Natural River", under a 1970 law to recognize, manage and protect the most outstanding rivers in the state. A headwaters land tour kicked off the Expedition, followed by two days floating the river, from Sparta to the Grand River. There were heavy storms, so boaters were able to view some flooding issues up front and personal. There were no real problems, but numerous log jams and deadfalls in the upper stretch presented some challenges.

In **June, 2016, the Looking Glass River** north of Lansing, was explored by 46 boaters and numerous other citizens that joined the group in DeWitt and Wacousta. Over three days, boaters floated the 31- mile segment from near US-127 to Portland. The Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds (MGROW) conducted the event, with support of the Friends of the Looking Glass, Clinton Conservation District, Lansing Oar and Paddle Club, Friends of the Maple and many other partners.

At local communities, campsites and other points along each of the rivers, participants were exposed to presentations and displays on topics related to their streams. Here's a sampling of the topics: mussel populations; aquatic invasive plants; native American history; bass fishing; restoration projects; dam removals; storm water management; erosion control; and aquatic systems sampling and testing. The general public was invited to attend these presentations, as well as meet with the paddlers on the way down the river.

A tributary expedition is planned for 2018 – likely candidates are the Flat River and the Red Cedar/Middle Grand area. Check [www.mgrow.org](http://www.mgrow.org) for details.—Doug Carter

*(Riverologist, Doug Carter continues to play a key role as a river guardian to the Grand River water shed. Doug is a winner of the prestigious Verlen Kruger Award and was a long time member of the Quiet Water Society.)*



# The Quiet Water Society

The Quiet Water Society is a non-profit charitable 501(c)(3) corporation. It was founded to:

- educate the public and encourage participation in non-motorized outdoor recreation
- promote public concern for the water resources of the Great Lakes region
- support environmental stewardship and conservation of natural resources
- plan and execute annual and special events for any or all of these purposes.

Since 1996, this group of unpaid volunteers has organized and sponsored the Quiet Water Symposium (QWS) as its primary tool for achieving its mission. Our primary source of revenue is from Symposium ticket sales and commercial vendor fees. We are proud to offer non-profit groups their booth space on a no charge basis.

Besides covering the costs incurred in producing QWS, we have been able to make grants to several environmental and conservation efforts. Throughout this program you will find updates on these efforts from our grantees.

If you would like to know more about the Quiet Water Society, please visit our web site at: [QuietWaterSociety.org](http://QuietWaterSociety.org) or attend one of our meetings as posted on the web site. Everyone is welcome.

## Becoming a Part of the Quiet Water Symposium

**Volunteering:** Volunteers are the life blood of the Symposium. Without a dedicated group of volunteers, QWS could not happen. There is always a need for volunteers to be involved in the long term planning and promotion of the Symposium. There is also a need for day of the show volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Symposium, please visit our home page or speak with one of the staff during the show. Paddling, cycling and outdoor organizations are especially encouraged to get involved in the work of producing the Quiet Water Symposium.

Each year the Quiet Water Society faces a critical decision; Do we have the human resources to put on another show? In all honesty the 2018 symposium is in jeopardy. After long and meritorious service two of our board members have retired. With five years of shepherding the show under his belt our Show Chairman Gary DeKock is stepping down as well. If this show is to continue we need your help. To find out what you can do contact us through the web site.

**Exhibiting:** Are you a member or do you know of an organization, boat builder, or vendor who would like to exhibit at the Symposium next year? Our web site will be open for registrations for the March 3, 2018 show later this summer.

**Presenting:** We are always looking for new presentations for future Symposiums. If you would like to make a presentation at a future Symposium, please visit our web site. Our current schedule allows for 33 presentations and will be finalized by mid summer of 2017.

**The Verlen Kruger Award:** Nominations for the Verlen Kruger Award can be made through our web site. Nominations are open until December 15th of each year. In 2016 the Quiet Water Society instituted new guidelines for Kruger Award nominations. Nominations must be renewed every two years to keep previous nominees eligible.

## Become a Friend



For photos, videos and the latest news, "Friend" us on Facebook  
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*"The old school of thought would have you believe that you'd be a fool to take on nature without arming yourself with every conceivable measure of safety and comfort under the sun. But that isn't what being in nature is all about. Rather, it's about feeling free, unbounded, shedding the distractions and barriers of our civilization—not bringing them with us."*

— Ryel Kestenbaum,



## Upcoming Events

**April 29, 2017**

### **The Hugh Heward Challenge**

**Dimondale, MI**

The Hugh Heward Challenge is open to all paddlers. Experienced paddlers may wish to paddle the “full Hugh,” a 50-mile route; recreational paddlers may wish to consider the two abbreviated routes: the 25-mile “half Hugh” or the 13-mile “quarter Hugh.” All three routes finish at Thompson Field in Portland, Michigan, the site of the Verlen Kruger Memorial. This event takes place rain or shine.

For more information check Facebook—Hugh Heward Challenge

**MAY 26 to 29, 2017**

### **27th Annual WMCKA Symposium**

**Memorial Day Weekend**

**YMCA Camp Pentalouan's (Big Blue Lake)**

Geared towards the beginning to intermediate kayaker, the WMCKA Symposium offers 2 1/2 days of jam-packed kayak instruction with a very low instructor/student ratio. Instruction takes place on and in the warm water of Big Blue Lake.

On land instruction takes place on the grounds of Camp Pentalouan which offers you all the comforts of home.

For more information check Facebook—West Michigan Coastal Kayaker's Association

**June 14, 2017**

### **TCBA Northwest Tour**

Indigo Bluffs Resort, Empire, MI 49630

NorthWest Tour is a five day bicycle tour in the beautiful Sleeping Bear Dunes and Leelanau areas of Michigan's northwest Lower Peninsula. The tour features great scenery on good roads through many small towns and tourist areas and one campground.

For more information or to sign up visit: [biketcba.org](http://biketcba.org)

**June 17, 2017**

### **Classic Boat Show and Small Craft Festival**

**Michigan Maritime Museum South Haven, Michigan**

The 36th annual boat show at the Michigan Maritime Museum will be held afloat and on shore in conjunction with South Haven's HarborFest. Classic and traditional small craft - row, paddle, sail and motor - will be featured throughout the day as well as toy boat building for kids. The US Coast Guard Motor Life Boat (USCG 36460 MLB) and the 1929 Chris Craft Cadet, *Pouf*, have been added to the Museum's on-the-water exhibits. USCG 36460 MLB was used as the featured rescue boat in the recently released Disney Film, *The Finest Hours*. For more boat show information and registration forms contact the museum at 260 Dyckman Ave., (at the bridge) South Haven, Michigan 49090, Tel: 269 637 8078 or go to [www.MichiganMaritimeMuseum.org](http://www.MichiganMaritimeMuseum.org).

**Friday, June 23 thru Sunday, June 25, 2017 8th Annual Port Austin Kayak Symposium**

**Village of Port Austin, Michigan**

Riverside Kayak Connection is happy to present the 8th Annual Port Austin Kayak Symposium (PAKS). We welcome you to join us in the beautiful Village of Port Austin, Michigan, on the shores of Lake Huron.

Port Austin Sea Kayak Symposium is a small, friendly symposium where the teaching is entirely student driven. Tell us what you want to learn and we will coach you at your own speed in a fashion in which you learn.

For more information or to register, visit: <http://riversidekayak.com/port-austin-kayak-symposium.html>

**July 2 - August 19, 2017**

### **Lake Superior Voyageur Canoe Brigade**

**Hosted by Naturally Superior Adventures**

**Wawa, Ontario Canada**

To celebrate Canada's 150th birthday in the summer of 2017, Naturally Superior Adventures is recreating the Canadian fur trade experience with the Lake Superior Voyageur Canoe Brigade.

The program consists of 6 guided, all-inclusive wilderness adventures in replica 36-foot voyageur canoes. Starting July 2nd from Sinclair Cove in Lake Superior Provincial Park, each “brigade” will travel 6- to 10-day legs, finishing August 19th at Old Fort William in Thunder Bay. For more information visit: [www.naturallysuperior.com](http://www.naturallysuperior.com)

## Upcoming Events

**July 1, 2017**

**Parade of Paddles/ Parade de Pagaies**

**Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada**

This event welcomes paddlers to decorate their canoes and kayaks in red and white and join an historic Voyageur brigade in a paddle parade! Pass through the recreational lock at the Sault Ste. Marie Canal National Historic Site, and follow the St. Marys River along the waterfront of Sault Ste. Marie to kick off Canada Day.

For more information visit: Facebook - Sault Canal National Historic Site, twitter @SaultCanalNHS, and our website [www.parksCanada.gc.ca/sault](http://www.parksCanada.gc.ca/sault). For more information email [info-saultcanal@pc.gc.ca](mailto:info-saultcanal@pc.gc.ca) or call 705-941-6205.

**July 12 to 16, 2017**

**TCBA Summer Tour**

**Burt Lake State Park**

**Indian River, MI**

The tour runs from Wednesday, July 12th to Sunday, July 16th. We will ride out of Burt Lake State Park with short routes for Wednesday and Sunday, and long and short rides for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Rides could be as long as 70 miles or as short as you want to make them.

For more information or to sign up, visit: [biketcba.org](http://biketcba.org)

**August 26, 2017**

**Paddle & Pour Fest**

**Port Huron, MI**

This is a 10.2 mile paddle around the Island Loop National Water Trail in Port Huron Michigan. (Novice routes included too). The paddle is followed with a celebration at Bakers Field Park with bands, beer tent and food vendors.

For more information visit: [paddleandpourfest.com](http://paddleandpourfest.com)

**Aug 30, 2017 to Sep 3, 2017**

**DALMAC**

**Michigan State University Pavilion**

The Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinaw Bicycle Tour is Michigan's annual, fully-supported, epic end-of-summer bicycle camping tour. Four routes wind northward through Michigan's countryside and quaint small towns, from East Lansing (for the 4 and 5 day routes), Lake City (for the 3 UP route), and from Grayling (for the 2 East Route) to northern destinations, ending in Mackinaw City, St. Ignace, or Rudyard. Each route varies in distance, providing just the right challenge for all cyclists, whether beginner or experienced, relaxed paced or speedy.

For more information or to sign up visit: [biketcba.org](http://biketcba.org)

**September 15-16, 2017**

**Annual Paddle Antrim Festival**

The Paddle Antrim Festival features a two-day kayak event through Northern Michigan's Chain of Lakes with many local events all weekend long. Paddlers can choose to paddle one or both days and travel anywhere from 7 to all 42 miles of the route with many exit points along the way. For more information, go to [www.paddleantrim.com](http://www.paddleantrim.com)

**Saturday, March 3, 2018**

**The 22nd Annual Quiet Water Symposium—E. Lansing, MI**

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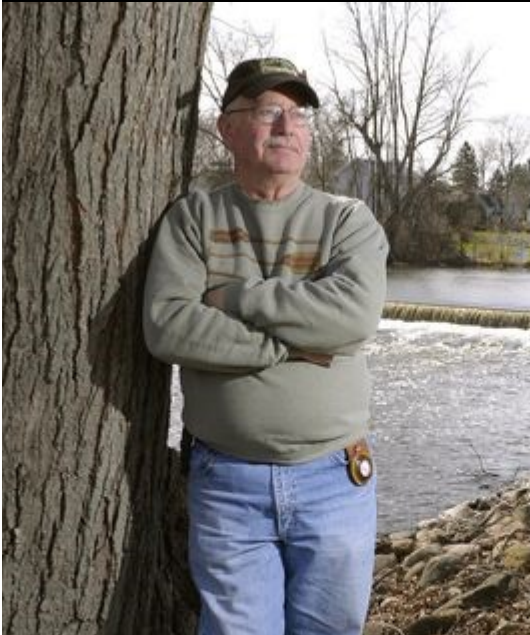
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## A Message From the Quiet Water Society Board President



**sym-po-si-um:** n. *any meeting or social gathering at which ideas are freely exchanged; a conference organized for the discussion of some particular subject.*

Welcome to the 22nd Annual Social Gathering At Which Quiet Outdoor Ideas Are Freely Exchanged! What was resurrected from its early days in Battle Creek back in the eighties has now become the largest single-day event of its kind anywhere in the country. It's brought to you through the cooperation of Michigan State University, our sponsors like Williams Subaru, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and others listed here in the program, and through the time our volunteers and Planning Committee members put forth to bring another successful show to you, our friends in the outdoor community

Three of our Quiet Water Society Board of Directors pull double duty. Allen Deming and yours truly chaired the show from 2007-2013 and Gary DeKock is chairing his fourth and final show this year. As Allen and I can attest, three or four years is just about all that one can reasonably expect from a volunteer who is "on point." Including Rich Bailey's 21 years of dedication to the cause, the four of us represent nearly 75 years of organizing and show days. But the end result is quite satisfying. And for the show to remain viable and remain the Midwest destination on the first Saturday in March every year, we really do need some assistance. And that is where you can help us.

The Quiet Water Society and the Quiet Water Symposium Planning Committee are in need of some young, young-at-heart, energetic, and enthusiastic folks who will listen to that "inner outdoor voice" and come and join us as we begin to plan for the 23rd consecutive Symposium. As a few of us begin to "age out" of the energetic portion of the job, we are, none the less, continuing to remain enthusiastic! As you take the "long meander" around the Pavilion today, please consider how you can help us continue in our mission which, after all, is dedicated to preserving and protecting our wonderful Great Lakes so that current and future generations may enjoy these watersheds, inland lakes, and our inland seas. Thank you for your consideration of my proposition.

For those of you who are first-time visitors, you should know that the overall theme of the 2016 show was about encouraging our youth to turn off the electronic devices and go outside and play, paddle, fish, run, camp, explore, and, in general, just look around at their natural surroundings whether in a backyard, county park, state park, or national park. We encouraged adults to take children outside. Our show program covers celebrated all manner of youngin's enjoying paddling, fishing, swimming, and, just plain having fun outside. But there can be a dark side to this and that brings me to this year's theme:

### **Safety in the out-of-doors.**

Last year was a particularly perilous one on the water as, week after week, it seemed that we experienced an increase in near-drownings and drownings. The single best insurance policy for water users is to wear a PFD (Personal Floatation Device). Whether you paddle, row, or fish, visit some of today's vendors and try on some PFD's. Find one that fits and is comfortable. Find one or two for the kids, too. Then next summer wear them! As a former DNR Small Craft Safety Instructor, American Red Cross Small Craft Instructor Trainer, and YMCA Waterfront Director, I have spent many years of my life in the pursuit of safety on the water. Just owning a SUP, kayak, or canoe and wearing a PFD does not absolve us of safety training and safely using these quiet conveyances to the bays and backwaters of our state. Awareness of our surroundings while on the water is vital. If paddling or fishing on a river, are there dams to be encountered? Michigan has more than 2,600 dams on its streams and rivers. There are more than 230 dams on the Grand River and its tributaries alone. And low-head dams are called Drowning Machines because of their dangerous hydraulic or boil at the foot or toe of the dam. Low-head dams are particularly dangerous from the upstream side because of their unseen horizontal plane from riverbank to riverbank. During high water or rain events, the water flow may be so fast that paddlers, once clued into the presence of the dam, may be too close and are sucked over the dam into the boil below. Awareness of the weather is also important to those of us who venture out onto lakes and rivers in our canoes and kayaks. What are the weather reports? We have been fortunate to have had representatives of NOAA at QWS. Identification of cloud types can be the difference between getting back to the cottage or just being lucky to get to shore if caught in a fast-moving thunderstorm or wind event.

## A Message From the Quiet Water Society Board President

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Lastly, awareness of skill level is significant. If you're with friends or family, you must swim or paddle with the weakest participant's abilities in mind. Not everyone is an Olympic swimmer or paddler. Swimming and paddling lessons are offered through the YMCA, American Red Cross, the American Canoe Association, Paddle Canada, and through many city and county parks' summer programs.

In August 2011, I wrote an article on paddling safety for Wooden Canoe Magazine. I ended with these thoughts about what I called "cavalier canoeing, i.e. paddling and boating without wearing a PFD. So why wear that hot PFD? Because we are all too important to someone and loved by too many to become a 'drowning without a PFD' entry in the 2011 (sic 2017) data base." As they used to say on Hill Street Blues, "Be careful out there."

Russ Hicks

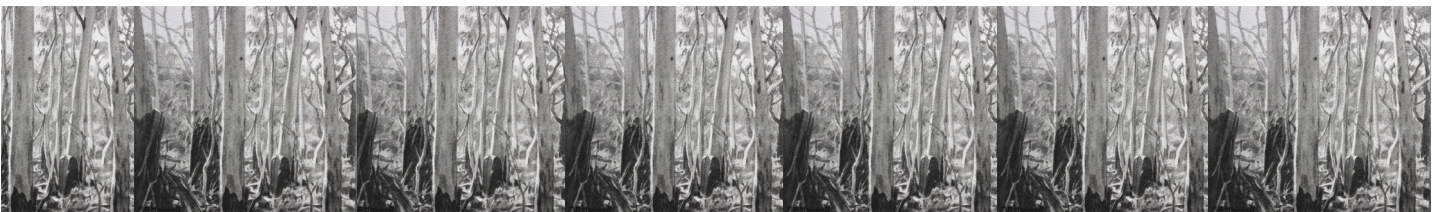
(Russ Hicks has been a key member of The Quiet Water Symposium since its beginning and the only president the Quiet Water Society has ever had. He is also a recipient of the prestigious Verlen Kruger Award.)

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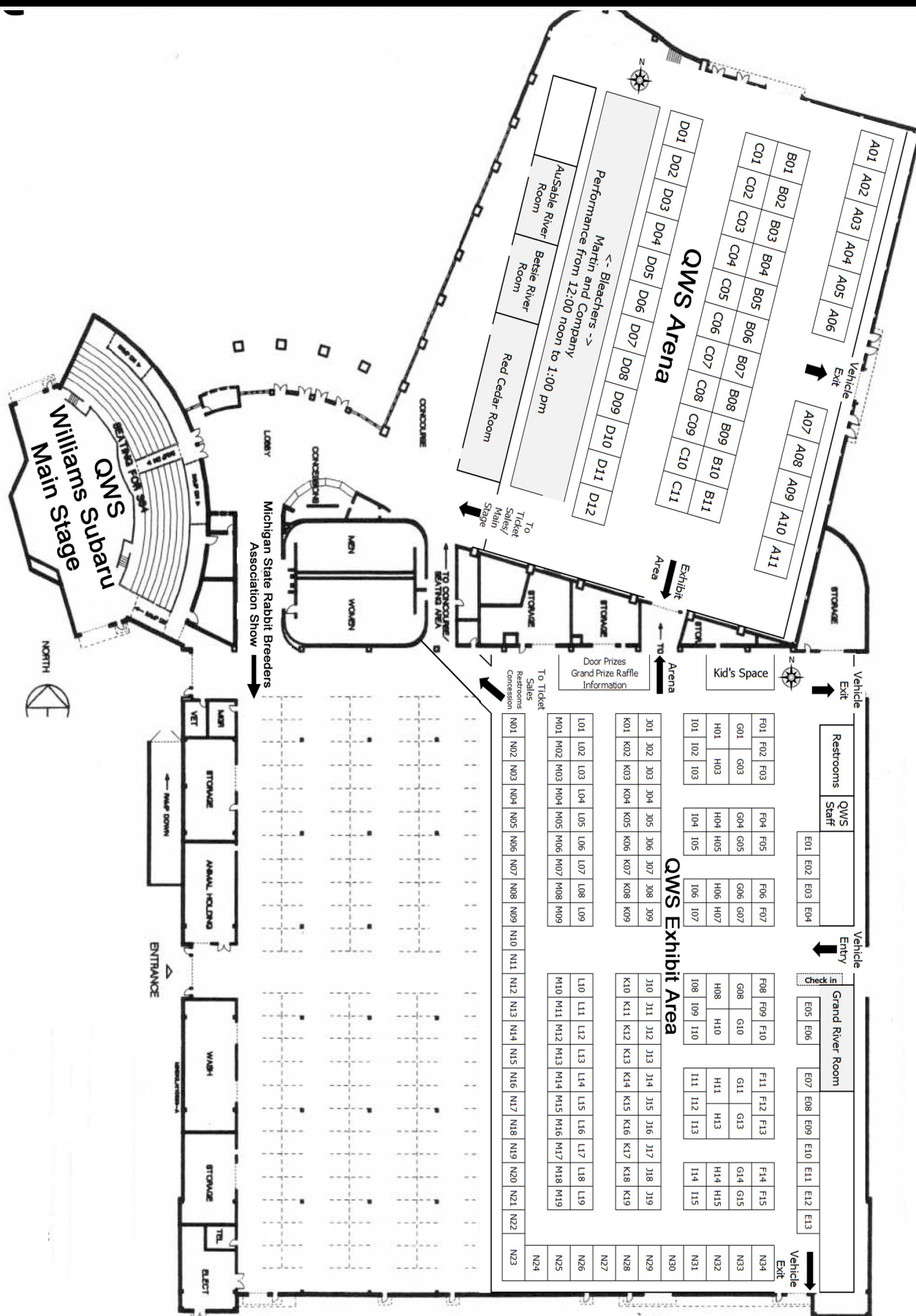
Department of Natural Resources conservation officers encourage Michigan residents and visitors to:

- **Wear a life jacket.** More than 80 percent of drowning accidents in the United States are due to people not wearing their life jackets. In Michigan, anyone under the age of 6 must wear a life jacket when on the open deck of any vessel, but wearing a personal flotation device is recommended for everyone.
- **Avoid drinking alcohol.** Nearly half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. Studies show that passengers are 10 times more likely to fall overboard when they have consumed alcohol.
- **Make sure the boat is properly equipped and equipment is in good working order.** In addition to all legally required equipment, such as life jackets and fire extinguishers, always carry a first-aid kit, nautical charts and an anchor. Make sure navigation lights are working properly.
- **File a float plan.** Always let a family member or friend on shore know the "who, what, when and where" of your trip. Let them know when you are expected to be back. Give them phone numbers for the local emergency dispatch center and U.S. Coast Guard in the event you don't return when expected.
- **Maintain a sharp lookout.** Stay alert for other boats, swimmers, skiers and objects in the water. This is especially true when operating in crowded waterways, at night and during conditions of restricted visibility.

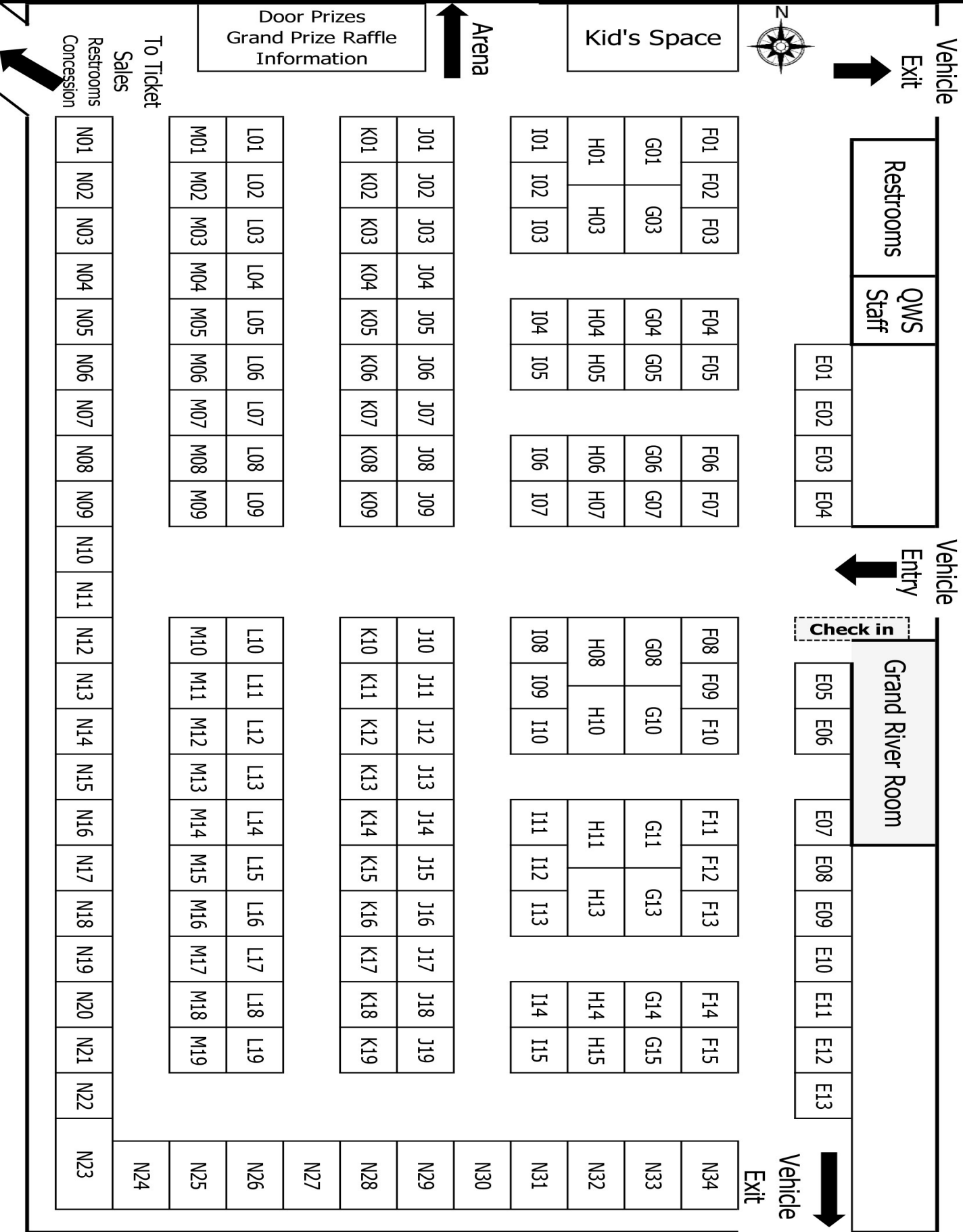


*"It is not so much for its beauty that the forest makes a claim upon men's hearts, as for that subtle something, that quality of air that emanation from old trees, that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit."*

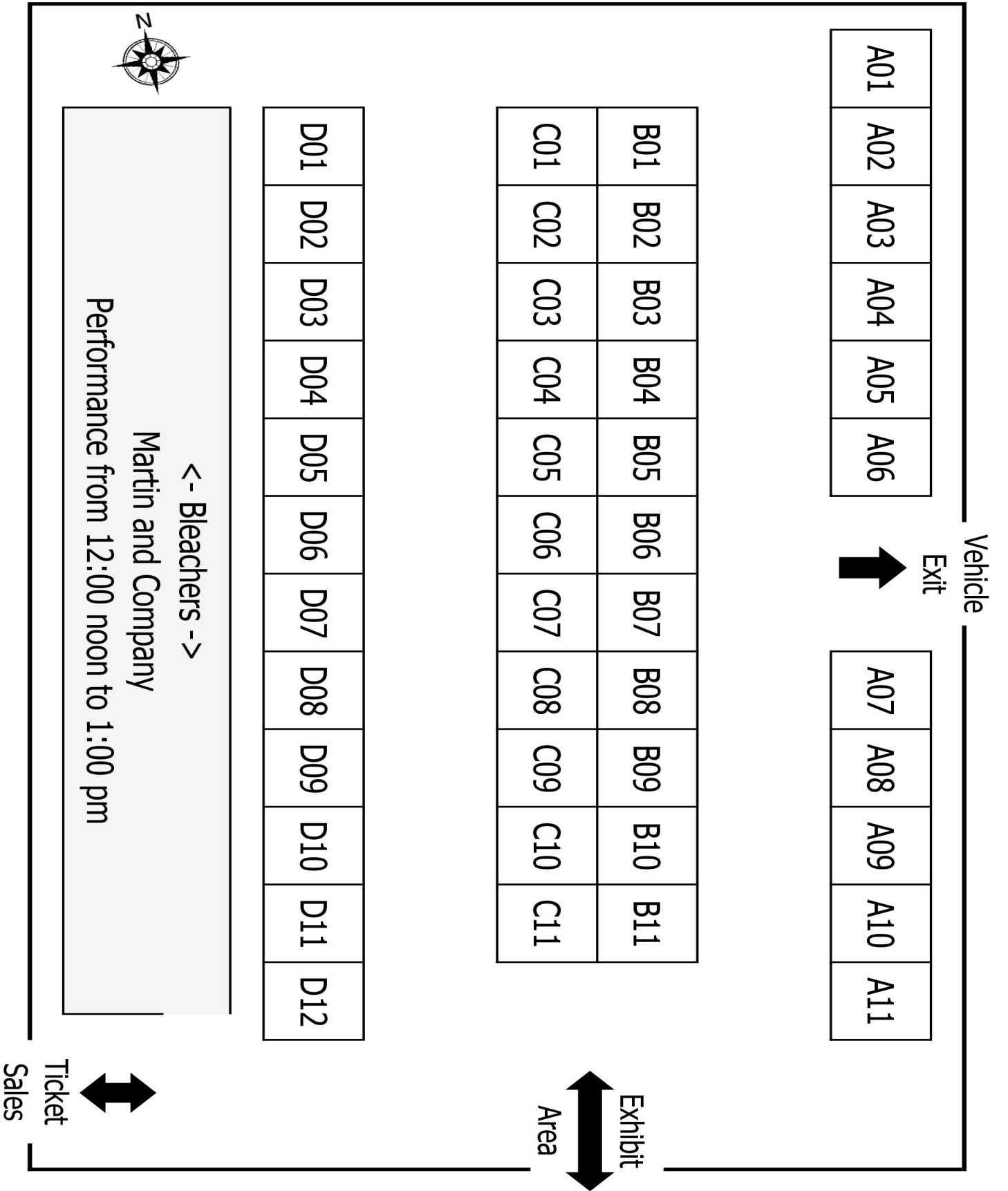
—Robert Louis Stevenson



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Long gone, long 'fore he'll be back." — M.J. Eberhart*

## Quiet Water Symposium Exhibitors (Alphabetically w/Booth Numbers)

<b>M08</b>	<p>4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Denise Noble</li> <li>• nobledenise@rocketmail.com</li> </ul>	Michigan 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge promotes youth involvements in hiking, backpacking, paddling, and fishing - No child left inside!
<b>B03</b>	<p>Aluu Paddles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck Smith</li> <li>• cbryansmit@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Aluu Paddles is a local, custom builder of Greenland style kayak paddles. Dealer inquiries encouraged.
<b>K03</b>	<p>American Canoe Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lynn Dominguez</li> <li>• domin1la@cmich.edu</li> </ul>	The American Canoe Association is the largest and oldest paddlesports organization in the United States. We have member benefits in the areas of education, stewardship, competition, and recreation.
<b>K09</b>	<p>Aquatic Adventures of MI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kim Parker</li> <li>• kimparker@aquaticadventuresofmi.com</li> </ul>	We sell SCUBA fun. Offering classes, equipment, travel and service.
<b>D04</b>	<p>AuSable River Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pam Tucker</li> <li>• pandjtucker@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Features a 24' AuSable Riverboat and a 16' flat back cedar strip canoe. Raffle tickets on sale for a cedar strip canoe built by volunteers as a fundraiser for AuSable River Center.
<b>K07</b>	<p>Avian Species Nesting Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry Link</li> <li>• link_gerald@yahoo.com</li> </ul>	Display of woodworking projects for wildlife. Books, plans, newsletters, and other media to assist the novice woodworker in making suitable nesting boxes and other structures for wildlife.
<b>F07</b>	<p>Barry County Parks and Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Hinton</li> <li>• parks@barrycounty.org</li> </ul>	Learn more about the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail and McKeown Bridge Park.
<b>J19</b>	<p>Bike Tour Vacations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Plaunt</li> <li>• jim@biketourvacations.com</li> </ul>	We lead small bike tours across the Great Lakes region.
<b>J13</b>	<p>Blueways of St. Clair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lori Eschenburg</li> <li>• leschenburg@stclaircounty.org</li> </ul>	We offer 17 water trails in 9 bodies of water, all in St. Clair County. We have 7 ADA Kayak/Canoe Launches in our county. We have the first National Water Trail in the State of Michigan, the Island Loop Route!
<b>J09</b>	<p>Boy Scouts of America Troop 125</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mike Fila</li> <li>• michaelfila@rocketmail.com</li> </ul>	The Boy Scouts will talk about some of their recent trips and are always ready to help recruit more scouts to the organization. There will also be some used equipment for sale.
<b>E06</b>	<p>Boy Scouts of America Troop 141</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chuck Leibrand</li> <li>• troop30600@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Scouting helps mold future leaders by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun.
<b>L12</b>	<p>Brookhaven Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Johnson</li> <li>• jeffjohnsonriverguide@yahoo.com</li> </ul>	Brookhaven Lake is 100% private and no fishing license is required. Experience the best fly fishing in your life! The whole lake is yours. Located in the Clare, Michigan, area.

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<b>F12</b>	<p>Campus to Coast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eleanor Rappolee</li> <li>• msuoutdoorsclub@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Campus to Coast is a 160 mile, paddle sport, adventure race in April put on by the MSU Outdoors Club. The race starts in Okemos on the Red Cedar River and ends in Grand Haven. Proper gear and skill are essential.</p>
<b>N20</b>	<p>Canoe Reflections LLC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally Van Cise</li> <li>• sally@canoereflections.com</li> </ul>	<p>One-day and three-day canoeing/camping trips for women, on the Manistee River, near Manton, MI. Gear and food provided (we prepare "real" food!). Guidance in paddling and camping as needed.</p>
<b>OV1</b>	<p>Capital City Scuba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connie Iszler</li> <li>• contact@capitalcityscuba.com</li> </ul>	<p>Capital City Scuba, Inc. is one of the premier dive shops in the Great Lakes Area and is the only scuba business in the Lansing area serving recreational, technical, rescue, scientific, and divers with disabilities.</p>
<b>H05</b>	<p>Chicago Adventure Therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrea Knepper</li> <li>• andrea@chicagoadventuretherapy.org</li> </ul>	<p>Using kayaking, orienteering, camping, cycling, and rock climbing, Chicago Adventure Therapy helps underserved youth in Chicago have a lasting positive impact on their communities and become healthy adults.</p>
<b>J03</b>	<p>Chippewa Nature Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle Bagnall</li> <li>• kbagnall@chippewanaturecenter.org</li> </ul>	<p>The Chippewa Nature Center is free and open to all, year-round, with 1,200 acres to explore. Free paddling maps and more.</p>
<b>L08</b>	<p>Chota Outdoor Gear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Brown</li> <li>• mark@chotaoutdoorgear.com</li> </ul>	<p>Since 1998, Chota has designed and built quality footwear for paddling, portaging and fly fishing. We build our products to be comfortable, durable and lightweight to make your time outside more enjoyable.</p>
<b>L04</b>	<p>City of Eaton Rapids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Troy Stowell</li> <li>• tstowell@cityofeatonrapids.com</li> </ul>	<p>The Eaton Rapids Outdoor Recreation Center opened in late summer 2016 to allow residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the Grand River through kayak and bike rentals.</p>
<b>L16</b>	<p>Clark Lake Yacht Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Tanis</li> <li>• hharris@voyager.net</li> </ul>	<p>The Clark Lake Yacht Club is a sailing, social organization located in Brooklyn, MI.</p>
<b>J05</b>	<p>Clinton River Watershed Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amanda Oparka</li> <li>• amanda@crwc.org</li> </ul>	<p>CRWC will have information on our WaterTowns program, up to date paddling information for the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair water trails and other information on recreation in the watershed.</p>
<b>K14</b>	<p>Coldwater River Watershed Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Samuel Pyle</li> <li>• tylercreekgolf@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Promoting and preserving local watershed for 20 years through grant work and education.</p>
<b>A05</b>	<p>Columbia Wooden Boat Works</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Russ Hicks</li> <li>• ikanoe2@core.com</li> </ul>	<p>Old Town Canoe repair center located in Eaton Rapids.</p>
<b>J15</b>	<p>CreekKooler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruce Yelvington</li> <li>• bruceyelvington@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>A floating cooler designed with dual wall construction, top quality insulation, for superior ice retention. CreekKooler navigates behind a kayak/canoe providing easy access to beverages, ice and food.</p>

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<b>A01</b>	<p>Crossing Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Hood</li> <li>• oldvoyageur@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Crossing Water is a humanitarian relief agency doing frontline crisis intervention and disaster relief work in Flint, Michigan during what has come to be known as the Flint Water Crisis.</p>
<b>J18</b>	<p>Diego's Custom Woodworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Fagundo</li> <li>• pr2lman@msn.com</li> </ul>	<p>Handmade, one of a kind custom canoe and kayak paddles. Made in Michigan!</p>
<b>M06</b>	<p>DNR-Parks &amp; Recreation Division</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miguel Rodriguez</li> <li>• rodriguez2@michigan.gov</li> </ul>	<p>Michigan State Parks offer numerous parks, recreation areas, trails, and waterways where outdoor recreation enthusiasts can engage in their favorite outdoor activity.</p>
<b>K12</b>	<p>Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anita Twardesky</li> <li>• anita@riversidekayak.com</li> </ul>	<p>Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative is a community-driven regional effort to coordinate non-motorized transportation in the Downriver area.</p>
<b>M15</b>	<p>Earth's Edge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karl Tucker</li> <li>• karl@earthsedgeusa.com</li> </ul>	<p>The latest in Kayaks and Canoes. Paddles and many accessories along with Earth's Edge gear and show specials.</p>
<b>G04</b>	<p>Eastern U.P. Regional Planning &amp; Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ellen Benoit</li> <li>• ellen@eup-planning.org</li> </ul>	<p>Water and Land Trail information on the Eastern Upper Peninsula region. Slide show, maps, brochures, information, etc.</p>
<b>K05</b>	<p>Eaton Conservation District</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sue Spagnuolo</li> <li>• sue.spagnuolo@macd.org</li> </ul>	<p>An interactive display where you can learn about Eaton Conservation District resources and how you can help keep our water clean.</p>
<b>E01</b>	<p>Eaton County Parks and Friends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clay Summers</li> <li>• csummers@eatoncounty.org</li> </ul>	<p>Eaton County Parks will be opening its newest and 10th county park which features 160 acre freshwater lake located conveniently between Charlotte and Eaton Rapids on M-50.</p>
<b>A07</b>	<p>Eckert Exhibit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Eckert</li> <li>• mike.eckert@tds.net</li> </ul>	<p>Wood strip canoe along with a cut-away section showing the steps involved with the process. Explanations of the boatbuilding process are provided by Mike who has designed and built over 25 canoes.</p>
<b>J02</b>	<p>Fenner Conservancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jenny Mensch</li> <li>• programs@mynaturecenter.org</li> </ul>	<p>Fenner Nature Center is an environmental education center of 134 acres. The Center offers opportunities for environmental education, outdoor recreation, and volunteerism all within the City of Lansing.</p>
<b>K08</b>	<p>Fine Line Studio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Bleijerveld</li> <li>• jeffbleijerveld@mac.com</li> </ul>	<p>We do pen and ink sketches, primarily of birds and sell prints and blank note cards. These are high quality pen &amp; ink prints on 100# Cougar smooth digital cover, and commercially printed on a Kodak digital printer.</p>
<b>N19</b>	<p>Flint Knapping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gregory Shepherd</li> <li>• gregoryshpherd@yahoo.com</li> </ul>	<p>Exhibit will feature furs, hides and an area where flint knapping will be demonstrated. There will be an explanation of the art of flint knapping and baskets of different rocks used in the process.</p>

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<b>N12</b>	<p>Fresh Water Vacation Rental</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mark Hurliman</li> <li>• Markhurliman@yahoo.com</li> </ul>	<p>We are a vacation rental service. We own and manage vacation rental property throughout Michigan, providing vacation booking service for guest and property owners.</p>
<b>G06</b>	<p>Friends of Park Lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ray Kotke</li> <li>• kleenax@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>To inform attendees about the growing possibilities of outdoor quiet water/land recreation in the Bath Township/Park Lake area along with information on new Nature Preserve plans and water trails.</p>
<b>G05</b>	<p>Friends of the Looking Glass River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gloria Miller</li> <li>• glormil727@aol.com</li> </ul>	<p>Friends of the Looking Glass has attended QWS every year since 1997 and have seen the appeal and growth. We are proud to be invited every year and share our appreciation of our state's outdoor opportunities.</p>
<b>F05</b>	<p>Friends of the Maple River</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jon Morrison</li> <li>• morrisonj@clinton-county.org</li> </ul>	<p>The Maple River has open stretches for paddling with good access and crosses US 127 just 1/2 hour north of Lansing. Learn more about the Friends of the Maple River and the Maple River Watershed.</p>
<b>J06</b>	<p>Friends of the Rouge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sally Petrella</li> <li>• spetrella@therouge.org</li> </ul>	<p>Friends of the Rouge is a non-profit organization that promotes restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River in metropolitan Detroit. Find information about paddling the river as well as other volunteer events.</p>
<b>B06</b>	<p>Friends with Boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walter Peebles</li> <li>• peeblesw@msu.edu</li> </ul>	<p>Skin-on-frame boats from traditional Irish currachs and Welsh coracles to more modern rowboats and kayaks.</p>
<b>D01</b>	<p>Gasper Exhibit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fred Gasper</li> <li>• Rkpaddles@hotmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Display of a Swifty 12 glued lapstrake sailboat with leg-o-mutton sail and a variety of wooden oars and paddles.</p>
<b>M05</b>	<p>Girl Scout Troops 30290/30600</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roberta Somerville</li> <li>• daisytroop30290@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Girl Scouts earn petals/badges, join a troop, explore nature and the outdoors, and participate in the cookie sales program.</p>
<b>I07</b>	<p>Grand River Environmental Action Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenny Price</li> <li>• kpricephotos@comcast.net</li> </ul>	<p>GREAT has been at the event the last 8 years. We will be telling the world about GREAT's activities of cleaning the river and paddling the areas around Jackson County.</p>
<b>N03</b>	<p>Grass River Natural Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Dake</li> <li>• james@grassriver.org</li> </ul>	<p>GRNA is a 1500-acre preserve in Bellaire, Michigan that offers educational programs, over 7 miles of hiking opportunities, and is along the Chain of Lakes Water Trail.</p>
<b>L05</b>	<p>Great Lake Paddlers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linda Kortesoja</li> <li>• ljlkwater@gmail.com</li> </ul>	<p>Paddling group out of Southeast Michigan - We paddle rivers and lakes, organize formal and informal paddles that can be day long, after work or weekend trips.</p>
<b>M10</b>	<p>Great Lakes Paddlesports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Garczynski</li> <li>• tony@glmo.net</li> </ul>	<p>Great Lakes Paddle Sports offers kayak demos and rentals, featuring the same high-quality kayaks we sell. Located in Port Huron, we offer pick-up/drop off services at two sites: 7th Street and Baker's Field.</p>



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<b>E04</b>	Green/Colorado River canoe/Heavner Canoe • Dean Unick • Deanalfred@Gmail.com	Display of the beat up canoe and solo paddler (also beat up) that paddled the Green and Colorado Rivers last summer 1,300 miles through Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, and Arizona.
<b>N17</b>	Headwaters Trails, Inc • Rex Mathewson • jmjrpm@aol.com	Information on the Shiawassee Heritage River Trail in N. Oakland, Genesee and Shiawassee counties.
<b>E03</b>	Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental • Alan Heavner • alanheavner@heavnercanoe.com	We have been a family-owned and operated business for over 50 years, with over 200 canoes and kayaks for sale or rent. Experience wilderness canoeing close to home. Canoe or kayak the beautiful Huron River.
<b>F10</b>	Hiawatha Shore to Shore of North Country Trail • Bill Courtois • wmcourtois@ababsurdo.com	Hiawatha Shore to Shore volunteers maintain, promote, improve, and enjoy the North Country National Scenic Trail with the assistance of government and community partners.
<b>F04</b>	Homewaters Recreational Real Estate • Steve Shaw • steve@homewaters.net	Recreational Real Estate. Lake and river front homes and cabins in Northern Michigan.
<b>J04</b>	Huron River Water Trail • Pam Labadie • plabadie@hrwc.org	The Huron River Water Trail is a 104-mile inland paddling trail connecting people to the river's natural environment, its history and the communities it touches. A variety of paddling experiences await you.
<b>N18</b>	Ingham County Parks • Jeff Gehl • jgehl@ingham.org	General information on availability of facilities and rental activities in Ingham County Parks.
<b>N30</b>	Inland Seas Education Association Boat Building • Adam Burks • adam@schoolship.org	We design, build, and use Skin-on-frame SUPs with youth to teach wooden boatbuilding skills and on-water safety and promote stewardship.
<b>E09</b>	Inland Seas Education Association • Courtney Bierschbach • cbierschbach@schoolship.org	We are a non-profit that provides Great Lakes ecology and research programs aboard a traditionally rigged schooner including daily field trips and overnight programs.
<b>F11</b>	Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association • Kristine Bradof • kbradof@irkpa.org	Trip-planning and other park information plus merchandise for sale from a nonprofit, member-supported partner of Isle Royale National Park and Keweenaw National Historical Park.
<b>M01</b>	Jacobson Exhibit • Cliff Jacobson • cliffjacobson4@gmail.com	Cliff Jacobson is a professional canoe guide and outfitter, a wilderness canoeing and camping consultant and the author of over a dozen top-selling books on camping and canoeing.
<b>N08</b>	Johnson's Workbench • Tim Johnson • Tim@theworkbench.com	The finest hardwood lumber, softwood lumber and marine plywood available... along with the tools, machinery and products to make it all happen.

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<b>C10</b>	Kapteyn Exhibit • Bryan Kapteyn • bktreenut@att.net	A take apart sailing dinghy made entirely from redwood. The plans were Chesapeake Light Craft of an Eastport nesting pram, however the panels were made from solid redwood rather than okume or maranti.
<b>E02</b>	Keweenaw Adventure Company • Sam Raymond • sam@keweenawadventure.com	We are your headquarters for Keweenaw Peninsula and Isle Royale National Park sea kayaking and Copper Harbor mountain biking! Guided day trips, all-inclusive overnight trips, lessons, rentals & outfitting packages.
<b>L02</b>	Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy • Gary McGuffin • info@themcguffins.ca	Books and DVDs for sale with a display about the Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy
<b>K06</b>	Lansing Bike Co-op • Aaron Fields • lansingbikecoop@gmail.com	We provide a welcoming space for taking transportation into our own hands. We empower our community through bike education and access. We offer classes, repairs, membership, and give new life to old bikes.
<b>J01</b>	Lansing Oar and Paddle Club • Jay Hanks • witewtr58@aol.com	For 30 years, LOAPC has promoted all aspects of human-powered watercraft in the mid-Michigan area. LOAPC members are active in river clean-ups and river-related projects throughout the Lansing area.
<b>E07</b>	Lansing Rowing Club • Cheryl Engfehr • cheryl.engfehr@gmail.com	The Lansing Rowing Club provides facilities and companionship to people who want to row. Beginner classes and group rows are offered throughout the season. Summer racing options also available.
<b>L15</b>	Lansing Sail and Power Squadron • John Busley • busleyjohn@att.net	The Lansing Sail and Power Squadron promotes safe boating through class room and hands on classes.
<b>N34</b>	Lansing Sailing Club • Susanna Tellschow • tellsch@gmail.com	Get started in sailing, become an Associate Member. Membership includes use of our club boats on a first come - first sail basis, participation in our "Learn to Sail" program and in other club activities.
<b>L17</b>	League of Michigan Bicyclists • Ben Saint-Onge • ben@lmb.org	The League of Michigan Bicyclists works to improve safety and standing of bicyclists on Michigan roadways. Through advocacy, outreach, and engagement, we are working to make Michigan a more bicycle-friendly state.
<b>N15</b>	Lee's Adventure Sports • Jonnie Johnson • contact@leesadventuresports.com	Skiing, kayaking, backpacking, mountain climbing, or something in between, we offer premium products from the leading outdoor brands.
<b>E05</b>	Les Cheneaux Islands Area Tourist Association • Amy Polk • welcomecenter@lescheneaux.org	The Les Cheneaux Islands area lies east of the Mackinac Bridge, along the northern shore of Lake Huron. The 36 island archipelago provides sheltered channels and two small villages to explore.
<b>G08</b>	LeValley Outdoors L.L.C. • Jonathon LeValley • jon@levalleyoutdoors.com	Features a basic demonstration of sharpening any edged tool using bench stones (no power tools, guides, gimmicks, etc.). I walk through sharpening a chisel (a typical single-bevel edged tool) a knife and an axe.

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<b>M09</b>	<p>LIAA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harry Burkholder</li> <li>• burkholder@liaa.org</li> </ul>	michiganwatertrails.org - Michigan's comprehensive water trail website will have an interactive display showing all the water trails throughout Michigan and other interactive features.
<b>H07</b>	<p>Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wendy Ogilvie</li> <li>• wendy.ogilvie@gvmc.org</li> </ul>	Promoting the LGROW Spring Forum, April 13, the River Rally 2017, May 8-11, and the Grand Rapids Revitalization Project to remove five aging low-head dams from the Grand River.
<b>A09</b>	<p>Mackinaw Watercraft</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allen Deming</li> <li>• Allen@MackinawWatercraft.com</li> </ul>	Display of wood strip canoes, kayaks and paddles designed and built by award winning craftsman and artist Allen Deming. Allen will also provide a continuous demonstration of his boat building skills in the booth.
<b>K16</b>	<p>Macomb County Sea Kayaker's Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Rudolph</li> <li>• crudolph8@gmail.com</li> </ul>	This is a club of one person (so far) who is looking for fellow sea kayakers in the eastern Macomb County area.
<b>D06</b>	<p>Matuli Paddle Surf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Matulis</li> <li>• matulipaddlesurf@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Matuli is a Michigan stand up paddle board and surfing company. Stand up and catch the wave.
<b>J17</b>	<p>McIntyre Display</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ross McIntyre</li> <li>• o.ross.mcintyre924@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Ross McIntyre and his wife Jean spent 40 years together paddling the great wilderness rivers of North America. "Paddle Beads" is Ross's inspirational and moving memoir of those trips.
<b>K13</b>	<p>Meekhof Exhibit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nick Meekhof</li> <li>• Nick.Meekhof@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Nick is a farmer, writer, and lifelong adventurer. When he's not planting apple trees or writing about Michigan's recreational opportunities, he can be found exploring rivers, forests, and small towns.
<b>M19</b>	<p>Michigan Audubon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lindsay Cain</li> <li>• lcain@michiganaudubon.org</li> </ul>	Michigan Audubon connects birds and people for the benefit of both through conservation, education, and research efforts in the state of Michigan.
<b>L09</b>	<p>Michigan Back Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Rademacher</li> <li>• ron@michiganbackroads.com</li> </ul>	Michigan Back Roads books for sale.
<b>A06</b>	<p>Michigan Chapter WCHA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debbie Darga</li> <li>• dmd421@comcast.net</li> </ul>	The Wooden Canoe Heritage Association is a non-profit organization devoted to preserving, studying, building, restoring, and using wooden and bark canoes.
<b>D10</b>	<p>Michigan Forest Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Parker</li> <li>• lisa.parker@michiganforests.org</li> </ul>	Exhibits promoting the wise and sustainable management of Michigan's woodlands and forests. MFA members (professional foresters, forest landowners and forest lovers) will answer questions.
<b>N09</b>	<p>Michigan Geocaching Org. (MiGO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephen Fritz</li> <li>• beenhere@frontier.com</li> </ul>	Display of worldwide activity of Geocaching. This is an activity which promotes hiking, biking, paddling, climbing, and diving while in pursuit of hidden caches using GPS technology.

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<b>N13</b>	Michigan Maritime Museum • Ashley Deming • ashley@mimaritime.org	The Michigan Maritime Museum preserves Great Lakes maritime culture and heritage through contemporary exhibits, on-water experiences, and educational programming.
<b>N10</b>	Michigan Sea Grant • Cindy Hudson • hudsoncy@msu.edu	Learn more about the Great Lakes and how Michigan Sea Grant, through education, research and outreach, is helping to foster economic growth and conserve Michigan's coastal and Great Lakes resources.
<b>J14</b>	Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance • Nancy Krupiarz • info@michigantrails.org	Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance, the statewide voice for non-motorized trail users, helps people build, connect and promote Michigan's trails.
<b>L07</b>	Michigan United Conservation Clubs • Shaun McKeon • smckeon@mucc.org	MUCC is the nation's largest statewide grassroots conservation organization. We are dedicated to protecting hunting, fishing, trapping and all forms of outdoor recreation in Michigan.
<b>F14</b>	Microlite Trailers Gunlake Paddlesports • Jim Mulder • info@gunlakepaddlesports.com	Display of the latest microlite trailers, we also like to use this event to showcase our newest products for the year and also display some kayaks.
<b>H06</b>	Middle Grand River Organization of Watersheds • Loretta Crum • lcrum@mgrow.org	We protect and preserve the history and natural resources of the Middle Grand and tributary streams. We sponsor river expedition events every 2 years leading up to Grand River Expedition 2020.
<b>K04</b>	Mid-Michigan CISMA • Erin Jarvie • erin.jarvie@macd.org	Display by Mid-Michigan Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and Ingham Conservation District about invasive species, especially aquatic invasive species, for paddlers. Free educational materials!
<b>J08</b>	Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council • Theresa Lark • midmeac@gmail.com	Mid-MEAC works to translate environmental concerns into action through education, advocacy, and volunteer opportunities. Mid-MEAC is focused on river protection, responsible land use and clean air.
<b>F09</b>	Moosejaw Mountaineering • Tiffany Hannay • thannay@moosejaw.com	Moosejaw Mountaineering is probably at least your third favorite outfitter, with giveaways and a drawing! Visit employees who are knowledgeable, experienced paddlers. Probably the most fun you will have all year.
<b>E10</b>	Motor City Dragons - Dragon Boat Team • Csilla Gutay • cgutay@ford.com	Learn about Dragon Boating, the fastest growing water sport in the world! A TEAM Sport with 20 paddlers in a 40' Dragon Boat. Learn from Motor City Dragons, a Breast Cancer Survivor and Co-Ed Supporter Team.
<b>L18</b>	MSU Bikes • Tim Potter • pottert@msu.edu	MSU Bikes is dedicated to promoting bicycling as a healthy and environmentally sustainable transportation option for the MSU community. The MSU Bikes Service Center is a full service bike shop.
<b>G13</b>	MSU Outdoors Club • Luke Rookus • rookusluke@gmail.com	The MSU Outdoors Club is the primary club on campus for all outdoors activities including paddling, hiking, rock climbing, adventure travel and more and is open to all students of any experience level.



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<b>N22</b>	MSU Sailing Center • Ken Warshaw • warshaw@msu.edu	Sailing & paddling classes, kayak, SUP & canoe rentals, environmental programs, group events, memberships and customized programs. Open to the public and all ages.
<b>N11</b>	Naturalist Scouts • Larry Lindsay • larrylindsay@centurylink.net	The Naturalist Scouts is a Venture Crew (3799) under the Boy Scouts. The group's three main goals are Adventure Camping, Public Service, and Knowledge Of The Outdoors.
<b>L01</b>	Naturally Superior Adventures • David Wells • info@naturallysuperior.com	We focus on paddling and hiking Canada's Lake Superior coast. Our lodge/B&B is on Superior and we are your source for kayaking, canoe, SUP and certified instruction.
<b>H10</b>	North Country Trail - Jordan Valley 45° Chapter • Peggy Jones • pjonesazeek@voyager.net	Information about hiking the North Country Trail between Kalkaska and Harbor Springs, MI. and how to get involved in building and maintaining trails for fitness and fun.
<b>I11</b>	North Country Trail; Chief Noonday Chapter • Larry Pio • nalcoman1@aol.com	Our chapter links trails from Barry County (just southeast of Grand Rapids), thru the northeast corner of Kalamazoo County, and then thru all of Calhoun County.
<b>J07</b>	Northern Forest Canoe Trail • Mack Truax • marthe@northernforestcanoetrail.org	Visit the Northern Forest Canoe Trail (NFCT) booth to learn more about America's longest inland water trail. Thru-paddler Mack Truax will present about having kayaked the Northern Forest Canoe Trail...twice!
<b>B11</b>	Northstar Canoes • Bear Paulson • bear@northstarcanoes.com	Northstar Canoes has a clear direction. Guided by renowned canoe builder Ted Bell, we are focused on crafting exceptional canoes for experienced paddlers but even a novice can paddle one.
<b>I04</b>	Odyssey Gear Rental • Don Heck • donh@odysseygearrental.com	Generally a set-up of a typical back country campsite with ancillary back packing related items for purchase.
<b>A08</b>	OldManKayaks • R. Adrian Aten • ron@hogpath.com	Boat builder display of stitch-and-glue and skin-on-frame kayaks. One is a baidarka with Northwest Coast First Nation artwork called "Sacred Eagle". Presented by OldManKayaks.com.
<b>K17</b>	Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind • Gwen Botting • gwen@oubmichigan.org	Our mission is to build life skills, self-confidence and independence for children and young adults who are blind or have low vision. Summer sessions include many traditional camp activities.
<b>N16</b>	Out Your Backdoor • Jeff Potter • jeff@outyourbackdoor.com	Out Your Backdoor shows off a wide range of Lansing-area outdoor recreation initiatives along with hard-to-find media, gear and tools.
<b>N04</b>	Paddle Antrim • Deana Jerdee • info@paddleantrim.com	Paddle Antrim is a non-profit working to protect the waterways in Antrim County by connecting people to them through paddling. We focus on stewardship, education, & increasing access.

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<b>N05</b>	Paddle Sports Factory Outlet • Aleshia Smith • Aleshia@paddlesportwarehouse.com	Kayaks, canoes, SUP boards, river tubes, paddles, life vests, dry bags, dry boxes, water shoes, sunglasses, canoe/kayak trailers, tube and kayak repair products and so much more. Located in Scottville, MI.
<b>I05</b>	Paw Paw Paddle Works • Richard Barnhart • rab37689@gmail.com	Features custom canoe, kayak and standup paddleboard paddles. Also selling mini paddles as ornaments.
<b>N29</b>	Pearson Exhibit • Karl Pearson • karlpearson2@gmail.com	Display of a catamaran rowing rig that is stable, easy to handle and able to handle many conditions.
<b>K15</b>	Pedal Across Lower Michigan • Bettina Brander • tinabrander@gmail.com	PALM is a week-long bicycle tour for all ages. Average mileage is between 40-60 miles/day, longer options are available. Visit us at <a href="http://www.palmbiketour.org">http://www.palmbiketour.org</a>
<b>L14</b>	Peregrine • Jason Jacques • jason_vince30@hotmail.com	Features a display marketing a kayak keel guard, canoe guard, paddle guard, and accessory garments.
<b>L13</b>	Phil Stagg Photography • Phil Stagg • phil@staggmachine.com	Michigan has so many waterfalls! Come visit the author of the WATERFALLS OF MICHIGAN Guidebooks! He will be selling and autographing books as well as other Michigan waterfall related souvenirs.
<b>K11</b>	Port Austin Kayak Symposium • Tiffany VanDeHey • info@riversidekayak.com	Port Austin Kayak Symposium, held on Lake Huron, is a small, friendly symposium with instruction for all levels of kayakers.
<b>A02</b>	Qajaq USA • Tim Gallaway • sailexplorer22@gmail.com	Qajaq USA works to preserve, study and promote the traditions and techniques of Greenland kayaking while seeking to further the appreciation and development of Greenland-style kayaking in the United States.
<b>D03</b>	Red Cedar Fly Fishers • Phil Stevens • philsteve11@gmail.com	The Red Cedar Fly Fishers have done demonstrations of fly tying for 20 years at QWS. We tie flies and answer questions about fly fishing and about our club.
<b>M07</b>	Risdon Rigs Inc. • Clyde Risdon • risdon3p@risdonrigs.com	Risdon Rigs manufacturers snow shoes, snow shoe kits, and sled dog equipment.
<b>N01</b>	River Town Adventures • Paul Brogan • rivertownmi@gmail.com	Opened in 2014 along the Grand River in downtown Lansing, we are a full service livery and boat shuttle service with the goal of giving people an opportunity to explore the two beautiful rivers in the Capital City area.
<b>J10</b>	Riverside Kayak Connection • Tiffany VanDeHey • tiffany@riversidekayak.com	Riverside Kayak Connection's booth will have kayak gear for sale and information on kayaking in Southeast Michigan.

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<b>L19</b>	Roscommon County Economic Development Corporation • Adele Woskobojnik • adele@visithoughtonlake.com	Roscommon County (home of Michigan's Other Great Lakes) promotes canoeing, kayaking, fishing and it's Blue Water Trail.
<b>N27</b>	SailMichigan.org • Michael Angell • michael@sailmichigan.org	SailMichigan is an online resource which provides water access and sailing information to Midwest water enthusiasts. Users can easily search for lake access points, maps, and events.
<b>C03</b>	Savage River Works Inc • John Diller • sales@savageriver.com	Savage River designs and builds ultra-light composite racing and tripping canoes, kayaks & SUPs. We are dedicated to providing our customers with the highest quality watercraft in the industry.
<b>L06</b>	School for Outdoor Leadership Adventure Recreation • Bill Morse • solarpublicrelations@solaroutdoors.org	S.O.L.A.R. is a southeast Michigan based social club. Whether you are a beginner or experienced wilderness enthusiast, S.O.L.A.R. members offer classes and trips for all skill levels and interests.
<b>K18</b>	Sierra Club Great Lakes Program • Dorthea Thomas • dorthea.thomas@sierraclub.org	Learn more about invasive species, coastal health and polluted runoff, toxic pollution, habitat loss, water diversion and about what you can do to protect the Great Lakes.
<b>K19</b>	Sierra Club Michigan • Cecilia Garcia • cecilia.garcia@sierraclub.org	For five decades, the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club has organized the bold action of citizens working together to protect and restore our Great Lakes state's health and heritage.
<b>F06</b>	Simply Native Foods • Prescott Bergh • prescott@simplynativefoods.com	Features quick cooking, wild rice cereal with seeds and fruit that is packed for outdoor adventurers. Created from plants indigenous to North America, with optimal protein/carb ratio for endurance on the trail or water.
<b>B01</b>	Southeast Michigan Kayak Builders • Jerry Smith • jerryrsmith99@gmail.com	Information on do it yourself kayak construction.
<b>H13</b>	St. Stephen's Community Church • Pat Barnes-McConnell • pbarnesmc@gmail.com	The Sewing Guild of St. Stephen's is widely known for the quality of its unique aprons, throws, lap robes, pillows and other items. Sales of these items support the Church's Greer Community Learning Center.
<b>G11</b>	Summit Sports / ACK • Michael Greshock • eastlansingstore@summitsports.com	Onsite sales of kayaks, SUPs and accessories.
<b>M14</b>	Synthia Marsh Jewelry • Synthia Marsh • synthiamarsh@gmail.com	A Michigan metalsmith showcasing agates, greenstone, Petoskey stones, puddingstones, etc., as well as various forms of native Michigan copper. My jewelry pieces are organic, natural and casual in design.
<b>L03</b>	The Happy Camper • Kevin Callan • info@kevincallan.com	Kevin Callan is the author of thirteen books and a Patron Paddler for Paddle Canada. He presents across North America and has been a key speaker at all the major canoe events for over 25 years.

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<b>N31</b>	<p>The Power of Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trey Rouss</li> <li>• info@thepowerofwater.net</li> </ul>	Michigan and the Midwest have lots of great river paddling and we can help you have more fun more safely than you ever thought possible!
<b>D09</b>	<p>The Ski Hut</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jared Munch</li> <li>• munc0010@d.umn.edu</li> </ul>	Jared Munch is an ambassador for the sport of Stand Up Paddle Boarding (SUP) and C4 Waterman. Jared uses his knowledge to promote safety and proper paddling techniques in all paddle sports.
<b>M04</b>	<p>The Stick Man</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jerry Haley</li> <li>• haleyacres1@sbcglobal.net</li> </ul>	Features walking sticks, hiking staffs, campfire pokers, hot dog forks, tables, benches and stools which are all made of rustic wood.
<b>F08</b>	<p>The Woodchuckery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Davis</li> <li>• debdavis51@gmail.com</li> </ul>	White birch bird houses, carved wood spoons, rustic furnishings.
<b>B04</b>	<p>The Wooden Canoe Shop, Inc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gil Cramer</li> <li>• woodencanoeshop@yahoo.com</li> </ul>	Features restoration services for wood canvas canoes and all types of small wooden boats.
<b>C11</b>	<p>Thomsen Boats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michael Thomsen</li> <li>• olpard@tc3net.com</li> </ul>	One wood strip-fiberglass boat, either a canoe or a rowing shell. I will also have a selection of canoe, SUP and kayak paddles for sale.
<b>M03</b>	<p>Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stephanie Gandulla</li> <li>• steph.gandulla@noaa.gov</li> </ul>	Protecting the Great Lakes and their rich maritime history through research, education and resource protection. The sanctuary works to ensure that future generations can enjoy these underwater treasures.
<b>C06</b>	<p>Traditional Small Craft Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	Exhibit of traditional small boats built by our members and demonstrations of boat building crafts.
<b>N02</b>	<p>Trailspotters of Michigan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Funke</li> <li>• tfunke1968@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Let Trailspotters outfit your adventure. Make us your source for car spotting, shuttles, event logistics, tours, guides, gear rental & sales, packages and outfitting.
<b>L10</b>	<p>Tri-County Bicycle Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Stockwell</li> <li>• dstockwe52@gmail.com</li> </ul>	Learn about the mission of TCBA and the fun and recreation opportunities offered by our organization.
<b>M12</b>	<p>Two Tracks Bow and Wool</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Deshler</li> <li>• Chuck@twotracksbow.com</li> </ul>	We hand make almost all of our products. We raise our sheep and use the wool for various items. I also make custom wood bows and walking sticks, fire steels and other wood/outdoor products.
<b>B10</b>	<p>Unadilla Boatworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ron Sell</li> <li>• unadilla@att.net</li> </ul>	Northstar Canoes, paddles and gear. Canoe repair, restoration and custom outfitting. Custom sailing canoes.



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<b>G07</b>	Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance • Paul Rentschler • prentschler@asti-env.com	Information about the Upper Grand River and the Upper Grand River Water Trail
<b>N21</b>	US Coast Guard Auxiliary • Jonathan Ahlbrand • ahlbrandj@comcast.net	The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed, volunteer component of the US Coast Guard. We support all of its non-military missions to include boating safety education and more.
<b>K01</b>	Van Barriger Exhibit • John Van Barriger • john.e.van.barriger@gmail.com	John is president of Support The First, Inc., which aids first responders in rural and wilderness areas and educates outdoor enthusiasts on the prevention of wildfires and other emergencies.
<b>N25</b>	Walton Exhibit • Mark Walton • mark.l.walton@gmail.com	Drop by this exhibit to chat about wilderness canoe trips and see the Kruger Canoe display.
<b>D07</b>	Wenonah Brands • Torry Moore • torry@sandstone-sales.com	We will be exhibiting Wenonah Brands Products, including Wenonah Canoe, Current Designs Kayaks, C4 Waterman SUP and one boat of T-Formex (Royalex new replacement).
<b>N14</b>	West Marine • Alaina Perry • mgr00184@westmarine.com	Ask our experts about boat parts, sailing, fishing, paddling or any other question about your life on the water.
<b>K02</b>	West Michigan Coastal Kayakers Association • Lynn Dominguez • domin1la@cmich.edu	WMCKA is a member supported club that promotes the safe, fun, and invigorating activity of sea kayaking on the Great Lakes. We host an annual event to provide instruction to beginner and intermediate kayakers.
<b>N07</b>	West Michigan Environmental Action Council • Elaine Isely • esisely@wmeac.org	WMEAC has worked with communities in West Michigan on water trail planning, implementation, and improvement. We will present resources for water trail managers and users interested in regional destinations.
<b>J16</b>	West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition • John Morrison • director@wmtrails.org	Learn more about trails you may not know about, and how WMTGC is working to improve connectivity, way finding, and more as we continue our efforts to prove Michigan really is the Trail State.
<b>F01</b>	Williams Subaru • Jeff Williams • jwilliams@williamsautoworld.com	Subaru vehicles on display.
<b>M02</b>	Wilson Exhibit • Hap Wilson • ecotrailbuilders@gmail.com	Hap has traveled over 60,000 km by canoe. He has received the Bill Mason Award for lifetime River Conservation, authored 12 books, and is an International Fellow of the prestigious Explorer's Club.

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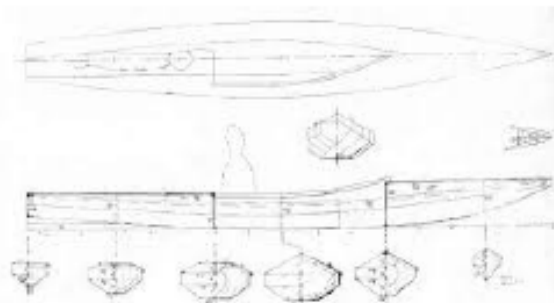
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<b>A01</b>	Crossing Water	<b>G04</b>	Eastern U.P. Regional Planning
<b>A02</b>	Qajaq USA	<b>G05</b>	Friends of the Looking Glass River
<b>A05</b>	Columbia Wooden Boat Works	<b>G06</b>	Friends of Park Lake
<b>A06</b>	Michigan Chapter WCHA	<b>G07</b>	Upper Grand River Watershed Alliance
<b>A07</b>	Eckert Exhibit	<b>G08</b>	LeValley Outdoors L.L.C.
<b>A08</b>	OldManKayaks	<b>G11</b>	Summit Sports / ACK
<b>A09</b>	Mackinaw Watercraft	<b>G13</b>	MSU Outdoors Club
<b>B01</b>	Southeast Michigan Kayak Builders	<b>H05</b>	Chicago Adventure Therapy
<b>B03</b>	Aluu Paddles	<b>H06</b>	Middle Grand River Org. of Watersheds
<b>B04</b>	The Wooden Canoe Shop, Inc.	<b>H07</b>	Lower Grand River Org. of Watersheds
<b>B06</b>	Friends with Boats	<b>H10</b>	NCT - Jordan Valley 45° Chapter
<b>B10</b>	Unadilla Boatworks	<b>H13</b>	St. Stephen's Community Church
<b>B11</b>	Northstar Canoes	<b>I04</b>	Odyssey Gear Rental
<b>C03</b>	Savage River Works Inc	<b>I05</b>	Paw Paw Paddle Works
<b>C06</b>	Traditional Small Craft Association	<b>I07</b>	Grand River Environmental Action Team
<b>C10</b>	Kapteyn Exhibit	<b>I11</b>	North Country Trail; Chief Noonday Chapter
<b>C11</b>	Thomsen Boats	<b>J01</b>	Lansing Oar and Paddle Club
<b>D01</b>	Gasper Exhibit	<b>J02</b>	Fenner Conservancy
<b>D03</b>	Red Cedar Fly Fishers	<b>J03</b>	Chippewa Nature Center
<b>D04</b>	AuSable River Center	<b>J04</b>	Huron River Water Trail
<b>D06</b>	Matuli Paddle Surf	<b>J05</b>	Clinton River Watershed Council
<b>D07</b>	Wenonah Brands	<b>J06</b>	Friends of the Rouge
<b>D09</b>	The Ski Hut	<b>J07</b>	Northern Forest Canoe Trail
<b>D10</b>	Michigan Forest Association	<b>J08</b>	Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council
<b>E01</b>	Eaton County Parks and Friends	<b>J09</b>	Boy Scouts of America Troop 125
<b>E02</b>	Keweenaw Adventure Company	<b>J10</b>	Riverside Kayak Connection
<b>E03</b>	Heavner Canoe & Kayak Rental	<b>J13</b>	Blueways of St. Clair
<b>E04</b>	Green/Colorado River canoe/Heavner Canoe	<b>J14</b>	Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance
<b>E05</b>	Les Cheneaux Islands Area Tourist Association	<b>J15</b>	CreekKooler
<b>E06</b>	Boy Scouts of America Troop 141	<b>J16</b>	West Michigan Trails & Greenways Coalition
<b>E07</b>	Lansing Rowing Club	<b>J17</b>	McIntyre Display
<b>E09</b>	Inland Seas Education Association	<b>J18</b>	Diego's Custom Woodworks
<b>E10</b>	Motor City Dragons - Dragon Boat Team	<b>J19</b>	Bike Tour Vacations
<b>F01</b>	Williams Subaru		
<b>F04</b>	Homewaters Recreational Real Estate		
<b>F05</b>	Friends of the Maple River		
<b>F06</b>	Simply Native Foods		
<b>F07</b>	Barry County Parks and Recreation		
<b>F08</b>	The Woodchuckery		
<b>F09</b>	Moosejaw Mountaineering		
<b>F10</b>	Hiawatha Shore to Shore of North Country Trail		
<b>F11</b>	Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association		
<b>F12</b>	Campus to Coast		
<b>F14</b>	Microlite Trailers Gunlake Paddlesports		

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<b>K01</b>	Van Barriger Exhibit	<b>M01</b>	Jacobson Exhibit
<b>K02</b>	West Michigan Coastal Kayakers Association	<b>M02</b>	Wilson Exhibit
<b>K03</b>	American Canoe Association	<b>M03</b>	Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary
<b>K04</b>	Mid-Michigan CISMA	<b>M04</b>	The Stick Man
<b>K05</b>	Eaton Conservation District	<b>M05</b>	Girl Scout Troops 30290/30600
<b>K06</b>	Lansing Bike Co-op	<b>M06</b>	DNR-Parks & Recreation Division
<b>K07</b>	Avian Species Nesting Education	<b>M07</b>	Risdon Rigs Inc.
<b>K08</b>	Fine Line Studio	<b>M08</b>	4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge
<b>K09</b>	Aquatic Adventures of MI	<b>M09</b>	LIAA
<b>K11</b>	Port Austin Kayak Symposium	<b>M10</b>	Great Lakes Paddlesports
<b>K12</b>	Downriver Linked Greenways Initiative	<b>M12</b>	Two Tracks Bow and Wool
<b>K13</b>	Meekhof Exhibit	<b>M14</b>	Synthia Marsh Jewelry
<b>K14</b>	Coldwater River Watershed Council	<b>M15</b>	Earth's Edge
<b>K15</b>	Pedal Across Lower Michigan	<b>M19</b>	Michigan Audubon
<b>K16</b>	Macomb County Sea Kayaker's Club	<b>N01</b>	River Town Adventures
<b>K17</b>	Opportunities Unlimited for the Blind	<b>N02</b>	Trailspotters of Michigan
<b>K18</b>	Sierra Club Great Lakes Program	<b>N03</b>	Grass River Natural Area
<b>K19</b>	Sierra Club Michigan	<b>N04</b>	Paddle Antrim
<b>L01</b>	Naturally Superior Adventures	<b>N05</b>	Paddle Sports Factory Outlet
<b>L02</b>	Lake Superior Watershed Conservancy	<b>N07</b>	West Michigan Environmental Action Council
<b>L03</b>	The Happy Camper	<b>N08</b>	Johnson's Workbench
<b>L04</b>	City of Eaton Rapids	<b>N09</b>	Michigan Geocaching Org. (MiGO)
<b>L05</b>	Great Lake Paddlers	<b>N10</b>	Michigan Sea Grant
<b>L06</b>	School for Outdoor Leadership Adventure Recreation	<b>N11</b>	Naturalist Scouts
<b>L07</b>	Michigan United Conservation Clubs	<b>N12</b>	Fresh Water Vacation Rental
<b>L08</b>	Chota Outdoor Gear	<b>N13</b>	Michigan Maritime Museum
<b>L09</b>	Michigan Back Roads	<b>N14</b>	West Marine
<b>L10</b>	Tri-County Bicycle Association	<b>N15</b>	Lee's Adventure Sports
<b>L12</b>	Brookhaven Lake	<b>N16</b>	Out Your Backdoor
<b>L13</b>	Phil Stagg Photography	<b>N17</b>	Headwaters Trails, Inc
<b>L14</b>	Peregrine	<b>N18</b>	Ingham County Parks
<b>L15</b>	Lansing Sail and Power Squadron	<b>N19</b>	Flint Knapping
<b>L16</b>	Clark Lake Yacht Club	<b>N20</b>	Canoe Reflections LLC
<b>L17</b>	League of Michigan Bicyclists	<b>N21</b>	US Coast Guard Auxiliary
<b>L18</b>	MSU Bikes	<b>N22</b>	MSU Sailing Center
<b>L19</b>	Roscommon County Economic Development	<b>N25</b>	Walton Exhibit
		<b>N27</b>	SailMichigan.org
		<b>N29</b>	Pearson Exhibit
		<b>N30</b>	Inland Seas Education Association Boat Building
		<b>N31</b>	The Power of Water
		<b>N34</b>	Lansing Sailing Club
		<b>OV1</b>	Capital City Scuba



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May 2, Tuesday, 5:30PM  
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The background of the entire poster is a photograph of a person in a kayak on a calm body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, hazy clouds. Bare trees are visible in the background, their silhouettes softened by the mist. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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