Southern Connecticut Small Craft Symposium

March 31, 2012 at Wilbur Cross High School, New Haven, CT From 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

SCSCS Information Booths & Displays

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US Coast Guard, First District: The First District is an agile, expert military organization providing the best possible service in Maritime Safety, Homeland Security, National Defense, and Environmental Protection. In all that we do, we strive to earn the respect of the American people; for they are the reason we serve. We are committed to dedicated teamwork and comprised of empowered and inspired individuals who live our core values of honor, respect, and devotion to duty. Visit us at <u>www.uscq.mil/d1/</u>

US Coast Guard Auxilliary: From northern Maine to Lake Champlain, from Western Massachusetts to Rhode Island, Cape Cod and the Islands, more than 2,300 members of the Auxiliary serve recreational boaters and the Coast Guard to protect people from the sea and the sea from people. Learn more at <u>www.a013.uscgaux.info</u>

Changing Tides PaddleCraft: A Connecticut paddlesports training company. We are proud that our Instructors are trained and Certifid by the American Canoe Association - the benchmark for paddling Instruction in North America. Together our staff span a broad range of paddling disciplines, bringing depth of experience and love of the outdoors to the art of building your paddling skills. Visits us at <u>www.CTPaddleCraft.com</u>

New Haven Parks: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Trees is responsible for the stewardship of the City of New Haven's entrusted assets for the enhancement of the City, the enjoyment of its citizens and for initiating and conducting recreational programs and activities for all New Haven citizens. Learn more at www.CityofNewHaven.com/Parks

CT DOEE, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Boating Division: we are working hard to keep Connecticut's waterways safe, clean and fun for all boaters. We look to every boat operator to help us in our efforts by knowing and obeying the laws and regulations as well as exercising sound environmental practices. Enjoy your time on our waters. Make the sound choice to boat safely and responsibly. Learn more about us at <u>CT-DEP / boating</u>

American Canoe Association: focus on paddlesports: canoes, kayaks, SUPs, rafts, rescue...and FUN! The American Canoe Association (ACA) is a member based, national nonprofit organization serving the broader paddling public by providing education related to all aspects of paddling; stewardship support to help protect paddling environments; and sanctioning of programs and events to promote paddlesport competition and recreation (*aka FUN!*). Learn more at <u>www.AmericanCanoe.org</u>

Waterbury Power Squadron: we are a unit of the United States Power Squadrons (USPS), the largest all-volunteer, not-for-profit, boating education organization in the U.S. The USPS mission is to promote recreational boating safety through <u>civic service</u>, <u>self education</u> and fellowship to members of a <u>Fraternal Boating Club</u>. Waterbury Power Squadron offers many opportunities in this three-fold mission and invites you to explore our <u>Web Site</u> to see how membership in Waterbury Power Squadron can help you *Expand Your Boating Horizons*

Connecticut Fund for the Environment: a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and improving the land, air and water of Connecticut and Long Island Sound. Visit us at <u>www.CTEnvironment.org</u>

The Sound School: The Sound School Regional Vocational Aquaculture Center is accredited inter-district, college preparatory, high school, one of the 19 vocational agriculture centers in Connecticut, and a part of The New Haven Public School System. We are the first (full-time center) to concentrate in the study of aquaculture and marine trades. Learn about us at <u>www.soundschool.com</u>

Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) – CT Chapter: Flat water and Whitewater paddling, hiking, mountaineering, bicycling, skiing, conservation and outdoor education in Connecticut and the Northeast USA. Learn more about us at <u>CT-AMC.org</u>

Drinkable Air, Inc: The World Leader in Water Generation From Humidity in the Air. Our patented technology converts moisture from the air we breathe into an unlimited safe and reliable supply of Clean, Fresh and Pure Drinking Water! Get more details at www.Drinkable-Air.com

BassYaks: Bassyaks is a small shop in Southeastern Connecticut that builds what many feel to be the most adjustable, maneuverable, trolling motor system in the world. While keeping the cost down and the performance up, we allow you a better kayaking experience at a very affordable price. Visit us at <u>www.BassYaks.com</u>

OS Systems: Since 1983, OS SYSTEMS has designed and manufactured over 90,000 quality drysuits, along with Thermal Wear and related drysuit accessories, for sport, military and commercial diving, search and rescue/recovery (diving and surface water), maritime and Coast Guard exposure protection, marine biology, aquaculture, fishing & hunting, water skiing, wakeboarding, personal water craft, sailing, canoeing, rafting, white water and sea kayaking. Visit us at <u>www.OSSystems.com</u>

Collinsville Canoe and Kayak - CCK: Collinsville Canoe & Kayak is a family owned business that's been in the same location in Collinsville since 1990. Our building now encompass all 10,000 square feet! The Farmington River is our backyard! That allows us to offer rentals as well as test paddles. We believe in the "support small independent business" movement. More details at: <u>www.CCKStore.com</u>

Small Boat Shop: Proudly serving Fairfield and Westchester counties since 1980. In addition to an extensive selection of small boats and related accessories, The Small Boat Shop offers a variety of services. These include tours, instruction, rentals, small boat storage and repair. We are located in Rex Marine and our dock on the Norwalk River is only a half-mile paddle from Long Island Sound. Learn more at www.TheSmallBoatShop.com

Connecticut Sea Kayakers, inc. (ConnYak): ConnYak is a not-for-profit club devoted to sea kayaking. Membership is open to all paddlers interested in sharing the diverse activities associated with this sport. Learn more about us at <u>www.ConnYak.org</u>.

Kayak Waveology: offers boats, gear and advanced ACA and BCU instruction, serving Eastern CT and Rhode Island. Learn more at <u>www.KayakWaveology.com</u>

Connecticut Outdoors, LLC: Along with our kayak & canoe store, we at Connecticut Outdoors, LLC have a love for nature, animals and the outdoors. We are life-long residents of Connecticut, having our roots in Waterbury. We specialize in: Kayak and Canoe sales, Recreation, Fishing, Surf, etc. Visit us at <u>www.4ctoutdoors.com</u>.

North Atlantic Canoe and Kayak: Based on Long Island, New York, NACK serves paddling interests throughout the Northeastern United States. We believe that a strong commitment to training and assessment fosters personal growth. We encourage all members to safely explore the limits of their capabilities in order to best enjoy their chosen aspect of paddling. Together we seek adventure in paddling. Visit us at www.GetTheNACK.com

Sebago Canoe Club: is a volunteer run, 501C3 nonprofit, membership organization in Canarsie, Brooklyn with direct access to the beautiful waters of Jamaica Bay. Our members include kayakers, canoeists, sailors, rowers, and flat water racers. We are proud of our 75-year history and we continue to attract members of every age and interest and from every ethnic background and financial group. Learn more about us at <u>http://www.sebagocanoeclub.org/</u>.

Sea Kayaking Skills and Adventures: SKSA incorporated in 2000 with the mission of providing the people of all ages and skill level with a source of quality, adaptive education for paddle sports, kayaking in particular. SKSA was founded to provide a highly qualified training resource for the Long Island area. SKSA is here to to guide the novice paddler in developing fundamental skills, to introduce paddlers at all levels to new aspects of the sport, and to help advanced paddler to achieve higher levels. Visit us at www.SKSA-ltd.com

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