

# Southern Connecticut Small Craft Symposium

June 14, 2014 at Lighthouse Point Park New Haven, CT

From 10:00 am through 5:00 pm

## Off-Water Lectures

*Updated May 25, 2014*

**Adaptive Paddling:** This is the art and science of bringing people with physical challenges to the sport of paddling. A lot of work goes into learning how to prepare the boat to fit the needs of each participant and put them on the water safely, but the rewards of this effort are enormous.

**Presenter:** TBA, New Haven Parks

**Biography:** TBD

**Time:** 10:00

**Location:** **Area B -1 on map**

**Reading the River:** Are you ready for moving water? Can you “read” a river? Do you have a “throw bag” and know how to use it? How about a knife? What are the dangers of strainers or low-head dams? Let’s get started with the basics!

**Presenter:** Dave Faber of Connecticut Outdoors, LLC

**Biography:** Dave is owner of CT Outdoors, a paddle shop near Waterbury, CT

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Location:** **Area B -1 on map**

**Basic Small Craft Navigation and Charts:** It is easy to launch, but not always clear how to reach your destination or find your way back. Plan to return by adding basic on-water navigation to your toolbox.

**Presenter:** Egbert Most, Instructor for Waterbury Power Squadron.

**Biography:** Egbert, has been boating for 30 years and paddling for 5 years and has varied outdoor interests.

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Location:** **Area B -1 on map**

**Weather Awareness Part I:** the best-laid plans can be thrown off course by a sudden squall. Weather data, weather knowledge and weather awareness are key to a successful outing. Join our workshop on weather and gather some new elements for your weather toolbox.

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**Weather Awareness Part II:** A continuation of part I

**Presenter:** Egbert Most, Instructor for Waterbury Power Squadron.

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**Getting the Most from Your Forward Stroke:** Does your stroke have too much splash and not enough dash? Are you down in the mouth because you are not “up in the front”? What are the key elements to help you work less as you move your craft more? Join us to learn to have more fun on the water.

**Presenter:** Elizabeth O’Connor of Changing Tides PaddleCraft  
**Biography:** Elizabeth is 6-time Women’s US Marathon Champion, 2003 World Championships US Team member, ACA L4 Open Water Coastal Kayak Instructor Trainer and SCSCS Coordinator.  
**Time:** 4:00 pm **Location:** [Area B -1 on map](#)

**Choosing Your Small Craft:** There are a wide variety of small craft types out there. How do you know what craft is best suited for you and the type of paddling you want to do? Join the discussion to learn about different boat types, conditions they are designed for and why. We’ll touch on hull-design; different materials boats are made from; safety factors and boat fitting.

**Presenter:** Phil Warner  
**Biography:** Phil is an ACA certified L4 Open Water Coastal Kayak Instructor  
**Time:** 3:00 pm **Location:** [Area B -2 on map](#)

**Communicating from Your Boat:** Cell-phones, VHF Radios, and other signaling devices – what works best for each situation? How do you use them and whom can you call? What can you do to enhance your visibility on the water and how do we handle emergency situations?

**Presenter:** TBA, US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
**Biography:** TBD  
**Time:** 10:00 am **Location:** [Area B -2 on map](#)

**Small Boaters and Cold Water Immersion:** Fishermen, hunters, paddlers, and sailors - cold water can kill. Learn its threats and how to protect yourself - a stimulating and information-laden lecture.

**Presenter:** Mark Chanski, CT-Dept Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)  
**Biography:** Mark is part of the CT DEEP, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation - Boating Division  
**Time:** 11:00 am **Location:** [Area B -2 on map](#)

**Kayak Fishing:** What kind of fish can you expect to find and how do you catch them from your kayak or canoe. Learn about how to rig your line and your boat to help catch the big one.

**Presenter:** TBA, New Haven Parks  
**Biography:** TBD  
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**Equipment for Successful Kayak Angling:** This talk will focus on boat-specific requirements for those most interested in angling from a small paddle craft.

**Presenter:** Gary Brummett, [Connecticut Outfitters](#)  
**Biography:** Gary is owner of Connecticut Outfitters a outdoor shop in Wethersfield, CT  
**Time:** 1:00 pm **Location:** [Area B -2 on map](#)

**Essential Equipment for the Recreational Paddler Day Trip:** What will you need? What might you need? What could you do without for a day trip on the water? We are here with answers specific to you and your craft. Learn how to perform your own paddle craft safety check.

**Presenter:** Phil Warner,  
**Biography:** Phil is an ACA-certified L4 Open Water Coastal Kayak Instructor  
**Time:** 4:00 pm **Location:** [Area B-2 on map](#)

## Off-Water Demonstrations

**Photo Opportunities:** Bring your camera and let your child have their picture taken in a kayak or with Coasty.

**Providers:** Various  
**Time:** All day **Location:** [Area C on map](#)

**Vessel Safety Checks:** Bring your boat for a free safety check and safety report.

**Providers:** TBD, US Coast Guard Auxiliary  
**Time:** All day **Location:** [Area C on map](#)

**Building West Greenland Kayaks:** We will compare methods of building West Greenland kayaks. We will investigate a stitch and glue boat, made of fiberglass and plywood, and a traditionally inspired skin on frame (SoF) boat. We can remove the skin from the SoF boat to reveal the structural elements. We will compare the pros and cons of each building technique.

**Provider:** Doug Ford  
**Biography:** Doug is an ACA certified L 3 Kayak Instructor and boat builder  
**Time:** All day starting at 11:00 **Location:** [Area G on map](#)

**Flare Demonstration:** What are the different flares and how do they work? Come as see and learn which are best for different situations. If you are a boater and have expired flares bring them in for disposal.

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**Boat Demo:** Come try a kayak, or Stand up Paddleboard (SUP). You must sign a waiver and receive a wristband to participate in this activity. Bring clothing suitable for possible immersion.

**Providers:** TBD, [New Haven Parks](#)  
**Time:** All day **Location:** **Area D on map**

**Stand-Up Paddle Board:** this trendy craft is now seen on all types of waters from sea coast to lakes and even white water. See one up close as we demonstrate its use, show basic strokes, and discuss where to paddle and review types of boards and paddles.

**Provider:** LL Bean Outdoor Discovery School  
**Time:** 10:00 am **Location:** **Area E on map**

**Solo Canoeing Maneuvers:** the canoe a great choice for transporting a lot of equipment. Unfortunately, many are relegated permanently to the back yard when new owners realize how difficult they can be to maneuver, especially for only one paddler. See how to make this traditional and romantic craft move and maneuver gracefully where you want it to go.

**Provider:** Gordon Dayton of [Changing Tides PaddleCraft](#)  
**Biography:** Gordon is an ACA certified L4 Coastal Kayak and L2 Canoe Instructor.  
**Time:** 11:00 pm **Location:** **Area E on map**

**Personal Flotation Devices (Life Vests) – Effective Use:** On-water fatalities are on the rise. Statistics show that most fatalities occur to boaters who do not have or properly wear a PFD. Learn the basic types of vests, which are best for your sport and how and when to wear them. Enjoy our realistic in-water demo!  
*Don't be a statistic – it won't kill you to wear your PFD!*

**Provider:** Mark Chanski, [CT-Department of Energy & Environmental Protection](#)  
**Biography:** Mark is a member of DEEP Bureau of Outdoor Recreation - Boating Division  
**Time:** 12:00 noon **Location:** **Area E on map**

**Kayaking Maneuvers and Recoveries:** discover how to make your boat do more than just move forward as this group of paddlers demonstrates basic boat handling skills and capsized recoveries.

**Providers:** Elizabeth & Gordon, [ChangingTides PaddleCraft](#)  
**Biography:** Elizabeth & Gordon are ACA certified L4 Coastal Kayak Instructors  
**Time:** 1:00 pm **Location:** **Area E on map**

**Kayak Bracing and Rolling:** bracing is an everyday skill. Rolling is the ultimate in self-rescue. These skills can be valuable to learn and captivating to watch but can be impossible to master without a certified instructor.

**Providers:** TBA, [Sebago Canoe Club](#)  
**Biography:** Certified ACA L2 and L4 Coastal Kayak Instructors and experienced trip leaders.  
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**The Recreational Kayak – Seaworthiness and Rescue:** this is perhaps the most common small craft on inland and coastal waters today. It is an easy craft to acquire but can be problematic to handle and recover. Learn techniques and precautions for this popular craft.

**Provider:** TBA  
**Biography:** TBD  
**Time:** 3:00 pm      **Location:** **Area E on map**

## Tours

**Lighthouse Tours:** Get a chance to take a walk up the lighthouse discovery so of the history and enjoy the view

**Guides:** TBA, [New Haven Parks](#)  
**Times:** Tours begin at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm      **Location:** **Area H on map**

**Nature Tours – Wetland Birding:** Come learn what waterfowl and other birds you might see along your trip on the waterways.

**Guide:** TBA, [New Haven Parks](#)  
**Time:** **Tour begins at 10:00**      **Location:** **Area F on map**

**Nature Tours: Exploring the Parks Wildlife:** Learn about the flora and fauna that call the park their home.

**Guide:** TBA, [New Haven Parks](#)  
**Time:** Tour begins at 4:00 pm      **Location:** **Area F on map**

**Kayak Tours:** Enjoy some time on the water after the symposium (weather permitting). Bring appropriate clothing, plan on getting wet. *Limited space - please pre register for this tour.*

**Guides:** TBA, [New Haven Parks](#)  
**Time:** Tours begins at 6:00 pm      **Location:** **Area C on map**