



Rocky Mountain Canoe Club State of the Paddling Union for 2020

Weird Year!

Does that sum it up? If not, please read on for a more detailed recap of RMCC in 2020.

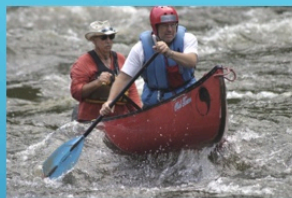
I start with THANKS!

Thanks to the club officers who kept the trips, classes, membership, finances, website, and club equipment organized and ticking:

- Zach Allen, Quartermaster
- Bill Ashworth, Membership
- Kathy Ashworth, Treasurer
- Lynne Carpenter, Tripmaster
- Dan Custer, Webmaster
- Debbie Hinde, Instruction Poobah
- Annette Oshana, Media Maven



KATHRYN MUTZ
PRESIDENT



BILL ASHWORTH
MEMBERSHIP



DEBBIE HINDE
INSTRUCTION POOBAH



KATHY ASHWORTH
TREASURER



ZACH ALLEN
QUARTERMASTER



LYNNE CARPENTER
TRIPMASTER



ANNETTE OSHANA
MEDIA MAVEN



DAN CUSTER
WEBMASTER

2020 OFFICERS

Thanks to the 11 event coordinators whose efforts are the backbone of our club:



- To Mat Bozek for setting us up for the January permit party at his HOA in Broomfield.
- To Bill Ashworth for hosting our November annual meeting on Zoom and to Jeff Keeler for orchestrating the photo show at the meeting.
- To all the members who joined in activities – live or virtual – with masks and social distancing regardless of rain, shine, heat, cold, w---, or Covid-19.

2020 Activities:

The year started with a record number of Permit Party participants and a robust schedule for both trips and classes. Some of both were cancelled, especially in the March to May period. To get us through the bleak days of early spring we “Journey’d at Home” from the Grand Canyon to the Escalante in Utah, and from Bowron Lakes in British Columbia to Key Largo and Key West, Florida. If you missed them, see these journeys at <http://rockymountaincanoeclub.net/category/trip-reports/> By summer, we were checking with county health departments and land management agencies, adopting their covid precautions, adding a communicable diseases addendum to our event liability waiver, and getting out on the water again.

Despite the pandemic, we had a surprisingly active year. In total, 319 members and guests – mostly from Poudre Paddlers and High Country River Rafter – participated in 19 activities, including canoe instruction classes, meetings/parties, and paddling trips. The following charts list our 2020 activities and compare 2020 activity statistics to those of previous years.

RMCC 2020 Trips and Events						
	Date	Trip/Event	Trip/Event Coordinator	Location	Event Type	# attend
1	Jan. 11	Annual Permit Party	Lynne Carpenter	Clubhoue, Broomfield, CO	Meeting	63
2	Jan. 19	Canoe Stroke Practice	Lynne Carpenter	Meyer's Pool, Arvada, CO	Class	10
3	Feb. 14	Conversation on Water	Kathryn Mutz	Mutz/Pauls, Boulder, CO	Class	15
4	Feb. 23	Tandem Communications	Debbie Hinde	Meyer's Pool, Arvada, CO	Class	8
5	March 28	Joint Clubs Paddle	Mutz/Ashworth/Bozek	S Platte: Evans to Kersey/Kuner, CO	Day River	cancelled
6	March 30	Quick Start Canoe	Jeff Oxenford	Bear Creek Lake Park,	Class	cancelled
7	April 4	South Platte	Mat Bozek	Brighton to Ft. Lupton	Day River	cancelled
8	April 11 - 12	Gunnison River	Mat Bozek	Escalante to Whitewater	Multiday River	cancelled
9	April 21 - 30	Buffalo River	Tracy Hays	Arkansas	Multiday River	cancelled
10	April 26	Packing and Rigging Class	Bill Ashworth	Ashworth, Boulder, CO	Class	2
11	May 2 - 3	Yampa	Dan Custer	South Beach to Duffy Mt, CO	Multiday River	cancelled
12	May 11	Quick Start Canoe	Jeff Oxenford	Bear Creek Lake Park,	Class	cancelled
13	May 11	Beg. River Safety & Rescue	Debbie Hinde	Virtual	Class	51
14	May 23 - 25	Niobrara River	Bill Ashworth	Valentine NE	Multiday River	cancelled
15	May 23 - 25	White River	Mat Bozek	Rangely, CO	Multiday River	cancelled
16	May 30	Canoeing Essentials - Flatwater	Debbie Hinde	Macintosh Lake, Longmont, CO	Class	18
17	June 5 - 12	Upper Missouri River	Mat Bozek	Ft. Benton to James Kipp, MT	Multiday River	3
18	June 7	Canoeing Essentials - Moving	Debbie Hinde	Yarmony Bridge, CO River	Class	14
19	June 13	Gross Reservoir	Bill and Kathy Ashworth	Osprey Pt, CO	Day Flatwater	9
20	July 11	N. Platte River	Debbie Hinde	Glendo to Guernsey, WY	Day River	11
21	July 15 - 24	Montana Trio	Karen Amundson	Clearwater and Flathead Rivers, MT	Multiday River	11
22	August 1 - 2	Colorado River	Kathryn Mutz	Rendezvous at Radium, CO	Multiday River	12
23	August 8	Pueblo Reservoir	Karen Amundson	Pueblo, CO	Day Flatwater	11
24	August 15	Macintosh Lake	Bill Ashworth	Longmont, CO	Day Flatwater	cancelled
25	Sept. 19 - 20	Niobrara River	Kerry Edwards	Valentine NE	Multiday River	10
26	Sept. 22	Barr Lake	Kathryn Mutz	Aurora, CO	Day Flatwater	6
27	Oct. 3 - 4	Colorado River	Bill Ashworth	Loma to Westwater, CO to UT	Multiday River	20
28	Oct. 9 - 18	Lake Powell	Karen Amundson	Bullfrog to Escalante arm, UT	Multiday Flat	7
29	Nov 14	Annual Meeting	Kathryn Mutz	Virtual	Meeting	38
					TOTAL	319

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Membership										
# households	100	90	112	113	108	112	117	123	124	108
# members								189	187	167
# ACA members								84	71	79
Trips, Events, and Instruction										
Scheduled	11	22	24	19	27	36	26	24	36	29
Cancellations	?	?	2	1	9	13	4	1	7	10
Attendance										
Permit Party #	20	20	30	22	15	28	33	41	45	63
Rendezvous #	30	30	54	40	41	21	33	24	35	12
Annual Meeting #	20	25	25	31	30	30	40	31	38	38
Instruction/Paddling #								24	43	50
Instruction/Other #								10	48	68
Net # Trips, Events & Instruction										
	?	?	22	18	18	22	22	23	29	19
# Coordinators	6	10	14	11	17	18	16	17	22	11
Total Attendance	170	269	303	253	243	258	266	316	380	319

Paddling:

Of our 29 events, we had 10 paddling trips:

- 4 in Colorado and 6, at least partially, out-of-state
- 4 day trips and 6 multi-day trips
- 4 flatwater and 6 river trips

New club trips this year included Mat Bozek's Upper Missouri River and Karen Amundson's Montana Trio. Trip reports from these and other trips are available on our website trip reports at <http://rockymountaincanoeclub.net/category/trip-reports/> Old favorites included the Niobrara in Nebraska, Glendo to Guernsey on the North Platte in Wyoming, and a smaller-than-usual Rendezvous on the Upper Colorado River.

Instruction:

We started the year at Meyer's pool with stroke practice and tandem communications, but the pandemic put a major dent in planned pool sessions and 'Quick Start' canoe instruction at Bear Creek Lake Park. Nevertheless, Bill Ashworth held a small Packing and Rigging class, and Instruction Poobah Debbie and her instructor crew held a virtual introduction to river safety early in the season. Debbie rescheduled and improvised to hold both flatwater and moving water Canoeing Essentials classes. For more detail on this year's instruction events and instructors, see Debbie's annual meeting powerpoint at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11vxxvuZqI8iZcurpSJcoQ8vs0D6yj_ZT/view?usp=sharing

2021 trips are already being scheduled!

Our first VIRTUAL event of the new year will be the Permit Party – Saturday, January 9th, 7:00. See the website calendar for details.

** What permits would you like to get?*

** What trips would you like to join?*

** What trips would you like to coordinate?*

Membership:

Membership decreased about 13% to 108 households with 167 members, although we welcomed several new and returning members to the club. Membership chairman, Bill Ashworth, compiled and distributed an electronic roster in the fall including all members who did not opt-out of the roster. Members who joined late in 2020 were added to the roster, but their dues will be applied to 2021.

Watch your email for a reminder to renew your membership in the next couple of months. At renewal time, we will be asking everyone to sign our new Covid waiver addendum along with the annual RMCC waiver to save trip coordinators the trouble of soliciting that extra bit of paperwork. We encourage RMCC members to join ACA (a few more did in 2020) and to sign the ACA on-line waiver to avoid having to sign ACA waivers at each boating event.

Finances:

The club continues to be financially sound. Treasurer Kathy Ashworth reports a net loss of about \$98 with an ending balance of \$6,752.52. The majority of our income was from membership dues and the remainder from registration fees for the Canoeing Essentials class. The majority of our expenses were for event expenses, including club's ACA dues and nominal compensation for our instruction program.

Website:

Webmaster Dan Custer continued to refine and add to our website and got new members set up to receive posts and GoogleGroup access. Projects in progress include creating a virtual signup sheet for the January permit Party and uploading back issues of the club's Voyageur's Companion Newsletter to the website. If you have old newsletter issues – electronic or paper copies – please contact Dan to get them uploaded for all to enjoy.

As always, Dan is happy to upload your trip reports and photos and welcomes comments, notices of broken links, and other contributions to the website. Pieter Brintjes has volunteered to assist Dan with the website and we appreciate his help.

Club Equipment:

The club's inventory of loaner equipment grew a bit in 2020 – See the list of available loaner equipment on our website under the Resources tab. Members can borrow equipment for private as well as RMCC trips. And we welcome donations to our club equipment collection. We recently added donations of paddles, painters and a PFD from Karen Amundson. Thanks Karen! And thanks to Ken Hilt who has offered to help Quartermaster Zack Allen with tent repair. For a tour of some of our equipment, see Zack's annual meeting video tour in the 2020 Annual Meeting folder at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Qz3X-RRtfZuGAj5RxAxzZgr7OA052bYB>

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting – held virtually on November 14th – closed out this year's events. The meeting was well attended – 31 households with an estimated 38 individuals. The pot luck food was, unfortunately, lacking, but our officers reported on the year's activities and statistics, we shared photos of some of our paddling adventures (see these in the Annual Meeting folder at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Qz3X-RRtfZuGAj5RxAxzZgr7OA052bYB>), and had a short discussion of ideas for 2021 activities.

As is tradition, we elected officers with thumbs up voting. With that vote, we reelected most of our 2020 officers and welcome back Kit Williams as RMCC Tripmaster.

Rocky Mountain Canoe Club		
2020 Financial Summary		
Beginning Cash	\$6,850.74	
Receipts:		
Dues 2020	\$1,070.00	
Dues 2021	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$338.54	
Total Receipts	\$1,408.54	
Disbursements		
Newsletter	\$0.00	
Internet	-\$340.76	
Dues (ACA)	-\$125.00	
Brochures	\$0.00	
Events	-\$120.00	
Other	-\$921.00	
Disbursements	-\$1,506.76	
Ending Cash	\$6,752.52	
Total Receipts	\$1,408.54	
Disbursements	-\$1,506.76	
Net Change	-\$98.22	



In closing . . .

That is all from me for 2020, but I look forward to planning, paddling, and working with you all in the new year. 2021 is bound to be a less weird year! Please send your ideas to me or other board members and keep paddling!

If you have a bit of extra time in the new year:

- Volunteer to lead or co-lead a trip or help with Tripmaster duties – contact Tripmaster Kit
- Donate unused boating equipment – contact Quartermaster Zack
- Present a Zoom event in the dark days of winter – contact Kathryn
- Keep your fellow members posted on water conservation issues and volunteer activities – post to the Google Group

Officer email contact information is always available on our website Contact page at <http://rockymountaincanoeclub.net/contacts/>

In the meantime –

Have a great holiday season and see you at the January 9th Permit Party.

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