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Patuxent Riverkeeper News and Events

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Dear Nancy,

Here are some events and notes of interest to the Patuxent Riverkeeper community. Please let us know of any errors that should be corrected. We invite suggested additions to future advisory calendars. If you know of upcoming events that should be listed in these advisories, please let us know about them: info@paxriverkeeper.org.

Learn to Repair a Wooden Boat



The Miss Katie is a classic wooden punt of the sort that used to be commonplace on the Patuxent. Gone are the days. The craftsmanship needed to build and maintain these beautiful work horse boats is fast disappearing. This boat, on loan from the Calvert Marine Museum needs a new bottom and master carpenter and boat builder Gary Steiwing will teach up to 5 lucky learners how to do it. Patuxent Riverkeeper is hosting a series of 3 summer classes in evenings in July to remove the old hull and fashion a custom replacement under Gary's the experienced direction and one on one mentorship. At the end of the series, we'll launch the boat and see if your workmanship will float! There will be a \$60 materials and

tutorial fee for each learner. Register before June 15th at: info@paxriverkeeper.org.

New Canoe and Kayak Launch



A new floating dock was installed at Wootens Landing (near Lothian) on June 7th. The dock was loaded onto a trailer and driven to the river. A group of volunteers and staff from Anne Arundel County helped to unload the new dock and slide it into the river. The dock is now in place and anchored to two pilings. A ramp will be installed to allow access to the dock. Watch the website for details on the installation and information about the use of the new launch.

Bernie Fowler's Patuxent River Wade In

June 10, 2012 at 1 pm
Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
Join former Senator Bernie Fowler and other dignitaries as they wade into the river for the 25th anniversary of this great event! Mr. Fowler started the "white sneaker" test as a means of checking water clarity. His ingenuity has led to multi-tributary events across Maryland showcasing efforts to save our rivers

wade in

and streams. Before and after wading, enjoy environmental demonstrations, exhibits and activities.

Star-Spangled Sailabration

June 13-19

Baltimore Harbor

Star-Spangled Sailabration is an international parade of more than 40 tall ships and naval vessels. These ships sail into Baltimore for the national launch of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner. Star-Spangled Sailabration will feature free tours of the ships, waterside festivities, an airshow featuring the Blue Angels, and the world-premiere of "Overture for 2012," composed by Philip Glass. Those with a good view of the Bay (Calvert County residents and others) should be able to see the ships as they arrive and/or depart Baltimore Harbor. For more information and a schedule of events visit: www.starspangled200.com.

WSSC Meetings and Public Comment Opportunity



WSSC is holding a duet of public information meetings in order to share information with the public collect public commentary on issues of interest and concern related to the Triadelphia/Rocky Gorge Dams.

* Rocky Gorge Meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012 from 7-9 p.m. at the Laurel Library, 16501 507 7th Street, Laurel, MD 20707

* Triadelphia Meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 from 7-9 p.m. at the Izaak Walton League-Wildlife Achievement Chapter, 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd, Mt Airy, MD 21771

To allow as many people as possible to express their opinions, speaking times may be limited to 5 minutes or less. A summary of the meeting will be developed and posted on WSSC's website. To help with planning, WSSC would like to know in advance how many people might like to speak at each meeting. Please sign up to speak by contacting Ms. Tracy Eberhard at teberhard@eaest.com and indicate which meeting you plan to attend, and the organization you represent. Written comments may be submitted until July 19th to: Patuxent Watershed Study;c/o EA Engineering, Science and Technology, 15 Loveton Circle; Sparks, MD 21152.

Great American Backyard Campout

June 23, 2012

Patuxent River Park (Prince George's County)

Camp under the stars. This event is designed for first-time campers, and provides an opportunity for families to connect with nature and instill a love of the great outdoors.

Date: 6/23/2012

Time: 1pm

Where: Prince Georges County - 16000 Croom Airport Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Cost: \$25 Registration Fee supports wildlife and conservation projects.

Disability Accommodation: Register at least a minimum of two weeks in advance of the program start date to request and receive a disability accommodation. All ages

Contact: Stephanie Jacob

Phone: 301-627-6074

Website: www.pgparks.com

Workshop - Watershed Pollution Source Detection: Road, Stream & Shoreline Surveys

The quickest way to improve the quality of a waterway is to bring watershed activities into full compliance with clean water laws. On Saturday June 30th and again on Wednesday, July 11th a workshop on this topic will be held at the Annapolis Branch of the Anne Arundel County library. During this workshop we'll show you how to identify pollution sources by driving watershed roads, surveying streams and cruising shorelines. The workshop will run from 9:30 am to Noon on both dates. To register for the free workshop go to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/997BNWX>

While this workshop is co-sponsored by the Severn River Association, it's open to all.

For more information contact:

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Invest in Rivers, Invest in River Watchdogs

This is a huge and challenging year for Patuxent Riverkeeper. New offices, new Board members, fresh river improvement initiatives and fresh challenges. Our eighth year of empowering river communities, building a bigger choir and responding to citizen calls for help in seven counties. Your contributions make it all possible. Your membership dues and occasional donations help keep gas in the boats, enforcement actions going forward, the phones ringing and the wheels turning in scores of unsung deeds to help keep the business of protecting one Maryland's most important waterways on the front burner for citizens, legislators and policy makers. Our vigilant presence and our independent voice helps make the Patuxent a scary place for polluters and wonderful place for all who love her now and into the future. Please donate to support this cause. You can make a donation online and there are also three ways for you to save money while supporting your Patuxent Riverkeeper. Call (301-249-8200 x7) or email (info@paxriverkeeper.org) for more information on any of these exciting ways to help support this important work:

- **Bonus tax credits for cash...** Get enhanced tax credit! Donate to support the Patuxent Water Trail. Donations totaling \$500 or more within the same taxable year are eligible for Community Investment Tax Credits" worth an added 50% deduction from your state income tax bill. Reserve yours early as we have a finite amount of tax credits the State will allow us to offer to our members! Can't afford \$500 this year? No problem, any of your donations in support of our work are appreciated and are fully deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.
- **Tax deductions for boats...** Do tax breaks float your boat? Donate your floatable functioning boat to Patuxent Riverkeeper for a tax deduction for the full sales price. With boat sales sluggish due to an even more sluggish economy, many seeking to sell a boat are having a difficult time doing so. Donate it to Patuxent Riverkeeper instead so you can take advantage of a tax deduction for the appraised value. We work with local Marinas and national boat brokers to recondition and resell these boats under favorable terms. Various criteria and conditions apply. Call us for more information.
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