



2017 ACA National Paddlesports Conference

Nantahala Outdoor Center
Wesser, NC

Schedule

• Pre Conference Events

- Level 3: Surf SUP Instructor Certification Workshop
 - October 13-14, 2017
 - Location: Charleston, SC
 - Venue: James Island County Park & Folly Beach
 - Taught by: *Josh Hall*
 - Additional [Information](#) & Registration Fee ([online](#))
 - Type in course # 54093

- Level 3: Coastal SUP Instructor Certification Workshop
 - October 15-16, 2017
 - Location: Charleston, SC
 - Venue: James Island County Park
 - Taught by: *Josh Hall*
 - Additional [Information](#) & Registration Fee ([online](#))
 - Type in course # 54092

- Solo ACA Conference ASHI (American Safety Health Institute) CPR
 - October 18, 2017
 - 6pm-8pm
 - Location: Nantahala Outdoor Center
 - Venue: Solo Classroom
 - Taught by: *Solo Southeast*
 - Additional [Information](#) & Registration Fee \$35 ([online](#))

- Solo ACA Conference Wilderness First Aid
 - October 18-19, 2017
 - Starts at 8:00am
 - Location: Nantahala Outdoor Center
 - Venue: Solo Classroom
 - Taught by: *Solo Southeast*
 - Additional [Information](#) & Registration Fee \$160 ([online](#))



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- **Wednesday, October 18 – ACA Discipline Committee Meetings** (*NOC: Welcome Center*)
(*registration not required - open to all*)

- 10:00-11:30 ◦ Introduction to Paddling Committee (IPC) Meeting
- 11:30-1:00 ◦ River Kayak Committee (RKC) Meeting
- 11:30-1:00 ◦ Safety & Rescue Committee (SRC) Meeting
- 1:00 ◦ Lunch
- 2:00-3:30 ◦ River Canoe Committee (RCC) Meeting
- 2:00-3:30 ◦ Stand Up Paddleboarding Committee (SUPC) Meeting
- 3:30-5:00 ◦ Coastal Kayak Committee (CKC) Meeting
- 3:30-5:00 ◦ Prone Paddling Committee (PPC) Meeting
- 5:00-6:30 ◦ Rafting Committee (RC) Meeting
- 5:00-6:30 ◦ Surfski Committee (SSC) Meeting
- 5:00-6:30 ◦ Adaptive Paddling Committee (APC) Meeting
- 7:00 ◦ Social at [River's End Restaurant](#)

- **Thursday, October 19 – SEIC Meeting & Conference Registration**

- 8:00am-5:30pm ◦ [Safety Education & Instruction Council \(SEIC\) Meeting](#) (*Kleinrath Hall*)
(*registration not required - open to all*)
- 12:00 ◦ Lunch - provided for SEIC Meeting (*Lunch at Relias*)
- 4:00-7:00 ◦ NPC Registration / Check in opens (*Outfitter Store – 2nd Floor*)
- 7:00-until ◦ Paddlers Get Together at [Big Wesser BBQ & Brew](#)



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• Friday, October 20 – National Paddlesports Conference

- 7:00am ◦ NPC Registration / Check in continues (*Outfitter Store – 2nd Floor*)
- 8:30 ◦ Opening Session & Conference Welcome (*Big Tent*)
- Welcome
 - *William Irving: President, NOC*
 - *Wade Blackwood: Executive Director, ACA*
 - Conference Overview
 - *Sam Gaughan: Executive Director, Nantahala Racing Club*
 - *Chris Stec: Chief Operating Officer, ACA*
- 9:30 Meet with Discipline Chairs for the latest information:
- Coastal Kayak - John Browning, Chair of Coastal Kayak Committee ()
 - River Kayak – Mike Aronoff, Chair of River Kayak Committee ()
 - River Canoe - Beth Wiegandt, Chair of River Canoe Committee ()
 - Touring Canoe – Molly Gurien, Chair of Touring Canoe Committee ()
 - Stand Up Paddleboard – Raff Kuner, Chair of SUP Committee ()
 - Safety & Rescue – Sam Fowlkes, Chair of Safety & Rescue Committee ()
 - Rafting – Marcel Bieg, Rafting Committee Member ()
 - Adaptive – Joe Moore, Chair of Adaptive Paddling Committee ()
 - Surfski – Chris Hipgrave, Chair of Surfski Committee ()
 - Prone Kayaking – Adam Masters, Chair of Prone Kayak Committee ()
- 10:30 ◦ Break
- 11:00 ◦ Instructor Updates Begin
- These are for currently certified ACA Instructors seeking an Update as part of their certification maintenance requirement
 - On-Water Programs - Whitewater (*meeting locations TBA*)
 - Introduction to Whitewater SUP Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Chris Stec*
 - Advanced Whitewater SUP Surfing Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Trey Knight*
 - Women’s Whitewater Kayak Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Adrian L.*
 - Whitewater Kayak Clinic ()
 - Taught by:
 - Playboat Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Maria N.*
 - Basics of Creeking in a Kayak ()
 - Taught by:



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- Slalom Gates 101 ()
 - Taught by: *Lee Leibfarth*
- Bellyaking in Whitewater
 - Taught by: *Adam Masters*
- Introduction to Wildwater Racing Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Chris Hipgrave*
- Solo Whitewater Canoe Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Jimmy Holcombe*
- Basics of Mechanical Advantage for Swiftwater Rescue
 - Taught by: *Sam Fowlkes*
- Foot Entrapment Extraction Techniques for Swiftwater Rescue
 - Taught by: *Marcel Bieg*
- On-Water Programs - Flatwater (*meeting locations ??*)
 - Adaptive Paddling Skills Clinic – part I ()
 - Taught by: *Larry Gioia & John MacDonald*
 - Introduction to Surfski (*Lake Fontana*)
 - Taught by:
 - The 3 Pillars of Performance
 - Taught by:
 - Perfecting your Forward Stroke
 - Taught by: *Chris Hipgrave*
 - Introduction to the Art of FreeStyle Canoeing ()
 - Taught by:
 - Kayak Tour of Lake Fontana ()
 - Lead by:
 - Learn How to Roll your Kayak
 - Taught by: *NOC Instructor*
 - Tips & Tricks on How to Teach the Kayak Roll
 - Taught by: *Anne Sontheimer*
 - SUP Yoga (*11am-1pm*)
 - Taught by: *Anna Levesque*
 - Yoga for Paddling (*2-4pm*)
 - Taught by: *Anna Levesque*
- 4:30 ◦ All clinics, paddling trips and meetings conclude
- 5:30 ◦ Keynote Speaker: Jon Turk – [Crocodiles & Ice](#) (*Kleinrath Hall*)
- 6:30 ◦ Dinner on your own
- 6:30 ◦ [International Whitewater Hall of Fame](#) – exclusive reception with 2017 Inductees



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- Only 20 tickets available
- Additional registration required ([online](#))
 - \$100 donation requested to the IWHoF
- Transportation provided from NOC to Dave Mason's home on the banks of the Tuckaseegee River

• Saturday, October 21 – National Paddlesports Conference

- 7:30am ◦ Yoga ()
 - *TBD, ACA SUP Yoga Instructor*
- 7:45 ◦ Registration Desk Opens (*Outfitter Store – 2nd floor*)
- 8:30 ◦ Opening Session (*Big Tent*)
 - Update on the State of Paddlesports
 - *Chris Stec: Chief Operating Officer, ACA*
 - USCG Auxiliary – Paddlesports Program
 - *Rick Washburn: National Commodore*
- 9:30-12:30pm ◦ ACA Board of Directors Meeting (*Welcome Center*)
- 9:30-12:30 ◦ State Director Meeting (*Kleinrath Hall*)
 - Review ACA Statistics – *Chris Stec*
 - Ideas on how to make the ACA 'cool' in your state – *Omar Ramos*
 - Access & WaterTrails – *Mike Foreman*
 - Public Policy: Boat registrations – *Brett Mayer*
- 9:30-11:00 ◦ Paddlesports Youth Development Roundtable (*Tennis Court Tent*)
Moderator: *Sam Gaughan*
Panelists: TBD
- Can Teaching Paddling on Land be as effective as Teaching on the Water? (*Treehouse*)
- Discussion on the Challenges of Evaluating Instructor Candidates Consistently (*Solo Classroom*)
Moderator: *Kelsey Bracewell*
Panelists: TBD
- 10:00 ◦ IWHoF inductee Raft Trip (*by invitation only*)
- 11:00 ◦ Break
- 12:00 ◦ On-Water Programs - Whitewater (*meeting locations ??*)



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- Introduction to Whitewater SUP Clinic ()
 - Taught by:
- Advanced Whitewater SUP Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Trey Knight*
- Women's Whitewater Kayak Clinic ()
 - Taught by:
- Whitewater Kayak Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Jimmy Holcombe*
- Playboat Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Casey Jones*
- Basics of Creeking in a Kayak ()
 - Taught by:
- Terrain Based Learning in your Kayak
 - How to teach students to surf and spin out of your boat!
 - Taught by: *Anne Sontheimer*
- Slalom Gates 101 ()
 - Taught by: *Lee Leibfarth*
- Bellyaking in Whitewater
 - Taught by: *Adam Masters*
- Introduction to Wildwater Racing Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Chris Hipgrave*
- Tandem Whitewater Canoe Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Chris Stec*
- Boat Unpinning Scenarios for Swiftwater Rescue
 - Taught by: *Will Norris*
- Foot Entrapment Extraction Techniques for Swiftwater Rescue
 - Taught by: *Sam Fowlkes & Robin Pope*
- On-Water Programs - Flatwater (*meeting locations ??*)
 - Adaptive Paddling Skills Clinic – part I ()
 - Taught by: *Larry Gioia & John MacDonald*
 - Introduction to High Performance craft: Surfski, Slalom, Wildwater (*Lake Fontana*)
 - Taught by: *Chris Hipgrave*
 - Flatwater Kayak Racing Clinic
 - Taught by:
 - Introduction to the Art of FreeStyle Canoeing ()
 - Taught by:
 - Kayak Tour of Lake Fontana ()
 - Lead by: *NOC Instructor*
 - Learn How to Roll your Kayak
 - Taught by:
 - SUP Tour of Lake Fontana



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- Lead by:
 - Intermediate SUP Clinic (*Lake Fontana*)
- Taught by:

- 1:30
 - State Director - Raft Trip
 - ACA Board of Director - Raft Trip
- 4:30
 - All events, paddling trips and meetings conclude
- 5:00
 - The ACA Legends of Paddling Reception (*Big Wesser BBQ & Brew*)
 - Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar
- 6:00
 - [International Whitewater Hall of Fame](#) Induction Ceremony & Banquet (*Big Tent*)
 - 1 Ticket is included in your conference registration
additional tickets available for purchase ([online](#))
 - Welcome & Begin Dinner
 - Induction Ceremony
 - Video Premier
 - Announcement – 2018 ACA Leadership Academy

● Sunday, October 22 – National Paddlesports Conference

- 7:30am
 - Yoga ()
 - TBD, ACA SUP Yoga Instructor
- 8:00
 - Registration Desk Opens (*Outfitter Store – 2nd Floor*)
- 8:15-9:15
 - ACA Annual Membership Meeting – (*Big Tent*)
 - * *Vote for Olympic National Governing Body status for Paddlesports!*
 - ACA National Award presentations
 - Update from ACA President Peter Sloan
 - Open to all ACA members
- 8:30-9:30
 - [Southeastern Downriver Championships](#) – Registration & Bibs (*Nantahala River Put-in*)
 - Additional registration required
- 9:45
 - [Southeastern Downriver Championships](#) – Competitor Meeting (*Nantahala River Put-in*)
- 10:00
 - [Southeastern Downriver Championships](#) – Race Start (*Nantahala River Put-in*)
- 10:00-1:00pm
 - State Director Meeting continues (*Kleinrath Hall*)
 - Enhancing the IT & ITE Program in your State – *Kelsey Bracewell*
 - Open Session for Other Topics – *Chris Stec*



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- Final Session -
- Review 2017 Goals
- 2018 Goal Setting

10:00-1:00 ◦ ACA Board of Directors Meeting continues (*Welcome Center*)

10:00-1:00 ◦ Instructor Updates Conclude

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◦ On-Water Programs - Whitewater (*meeting locations ??*)

- Whitewater SUP Surfing Clinic – intro & intermediate ()
 - Taught by: *Trey Knight*
- Women’s Whitewater Kayak Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Anne Sontheimer*
- Whitewater Kayak Clinic ()
 - Taught by:
- Playboat Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Marcel Bieg*
- Basics of Creeking in a Kayak ()
 - Taught by:
- Slalom Gates 101 ()
 - Taught by:
- Introduction to Bellyaking in Whitewater
 - Taught by: *Adam Masters*
- Solo Whitewater Canoe Clinic ()
 - Taught by: *Fritz Orr*
- Learn how to Guide a Raft
 - Taught by: *NOC Instructor*
- Boat Unpinning Scenarios for Swiftwater Rescue
 - Taught by: *Will Norris*
- Foot Entrapment Extraction Techniques for Swiftwater Rescue
 - Taught by: *Sam Fowlkes*

◦ On-Water Programs - Flatwater (*meeting locations ??*)

- Adaptive Paddling Skills Clinic – part II ()
 - Must have already attended part I on either Friday or Saturday
 - Taught by: *Larry Gioia & John MacDonald*
- Introduction to Surfski (*Lake Fontana*)
 - Taught by:
- Intermediate SUP Clinic (*Lake Fontana*)
 - Taught by:



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12:00 ◦ [Southeastern Downriver Championships](#) – Awards (*Big Wesser BBQ & Brew*)

1:00pm ◦ National Paddlesports Conference concludes

● Post Conference Events

◦ Level 3: Whitewater Stand Up Paddleboard Instructor Certification Workshop

- October 22-24, 2017
 - Oct. 22 (5:00-7:00pm); Oct 23-24 (8:30am-5:00pm)
- Taught by: *Trey Knight*
- [Additional Information](#)
- Additional Registration Fee ([online](#))
- Location: Nantahala River

◦ Adaptive Paddling Workshop

- October 22-24, 2017
 - Oct. 22 (2:00-7:00pm)
 - Oct 23 (8:30am-5:30pm)
 - Oct 24 (8:30am-1:00pm)
- Taught by: *Joe Moore*
- Additional [Information](#)
- Additional Registration Fee ([online](#))
- Location: Western Carolina University

◦ Level 4: Whitewater Rafting – Paddle Instructor Certification Workshop

- October 23-27, 2017
- Taught by: *Marcel Bieg*
- [Additional Information](#)
- Additional Registration Fee (online)
- Location: NOC & Nantahala River