

# 8th Annual Bangor Paddle Smart Safety Symposium

For Beginner and Experienced Paddlers Alike!

**Saturday, April 12, 2008 from 5 to 9:30 p.m.  
Bangor Y on Second Street**

**Kicking off National Safe Boating Week!**

**An Informed Paddler is a Safer Paddler**

*The mission of Paddle Smart is to provide paddle sport safety education and information to our community and region, sharing our knowledge through demonstration and instruction while promoting stewardship of our waterways.*

Greetings!

We hope you're enjoying all this winter snow which is going to bring awesome spring water! Here are all the details for kicking off National Safe Boating week with the 8th annual Paddle Smart Safety Symposium. We hope you can join in supporting this event.

**We have scheduled this year's event the weekend prior to the Kenduskeag Canoe Race and will offer a series of race-related workshops.**

Old Town Canoe has once again shown its support for our event and graciously donated a Necky Elaho sea kayak as the major prize for the raffle. We welcome donations for table space from exhibitors to help defray expenses.

Thanks to support from individuals and organizations like yours we've been able to meet our goal of reaching out to the paddling public — more than 200 participants each year!. We've help spread the word of dangers inherent in the sport and to educate paddlers in risk reduction, which we believe leads to enhanced enjoyment and a reduced number or accidents! The focus of our event has been and continues to be — SAFETY —what folks need to know to be safe.

We'd love for you to share your important messages with the paddling community at our 8th annual event! We will be offering two outreach forums;

- (1) **45 minute presentations** in various locations throughout the Y
- (2) **interactive table displays** in the Bangor YMCA Gymnasium. (we are asking for folks to have some activity that conveys your message )

Please let us know if your organization will be interested getting your information out to the paddling community and helping us to create a safer paddling community. We welcome your participation and ideas! The event is **FREE** to the public with suggested

donations and space is also free to all exhibitors and volunteer presenters. This year we are asking exhibitors for table space donations at their discretion.

Please complete the following registration page to give us a brief description of your proposed seminar presentation focusing on some aspect of paddling safety. We'll review them all with an eye to time and content and how they dovetail with other proposals. As always, we'll have booth space for static and interactive displays in the gymnasium. Let us know your ideas on a display theme. Please include what supplies you may need when you arrive.

Thank you for your interest in this event! We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,  
Paddle Smart Coordinators:

*Karen Francoeur, Castine Kayak Adventures,  
Brad Ryder, Epic Sports,  
Mark Goff, Logistics  
Anne Powelson, Treasurer  
Al Johnson, U.S. Coast Guard ,  
Jeff Strout, Bangor Daily News,  
Ed Iverson, US Coast Guard, Southwest*

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**PADDLE SMART SAFETY SYMPOSIUM 2008**  
**APRIL 12, 5-9:30 Bangor Y Second St.**

\_\_\_\_ Yes! Our group would love to participate!

\_\_\_\_ No, we will be unable to attend this year.

\_\_\_\_ *I would love to volunteer with the event preparation*  
\_\_\_\_ *prior to the event* \_\_\_\_ *during the event*

*Please contact me at :* Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Please list members staffing your booth (for Nametags)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Number of Posters we can send you to help us promote the event

\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount enclosed \$.....(optional)

\_\_\_\_ We would love to sell raffle tickets prior to the event. Please contact us with details!

\*FYI: Each Exhibitor Will be provided with a 6 foot table and chairs. Please let us know if you will need electricity or any other needs. Presenters will be provided with a screen if necessary, Please provide any other necessary Audio Video that is necessary for your presentations. Setup begins at 3pm on Saturday. Please check in at the information desk.

More.....

1. Please Provide a description of what you will be displaying
2. Please Provide a short description of your presentation for consideration.

3. Speakers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Attach Speaker's Bio \_\_\_\_\_

5. \*Attach JPEG of Speaker's Photo for our Web

6. Please Check off any items that you will be needing

\_\_\_\_\_Electrical outlet

\_\_\_\_\_Wall space

(we can only tape things to the walls... some displays will be in center area)

\_\_\_\_\_Other

7. Suggestions to improve this year's event???? We welcome your input!!

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Visit the web for more info [www.castinekayak.com/paddlesmart.htm](http://www.castinekayak.com/paddlesmart.htm)

Please submit by Feb 4, 2008

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