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New Members

Member Name: Terry W. Wright, Jr
Membership Type: family
Member's Family: Laura Lee Wright

The HCC cordially welcomes new members to our club. New members are the life blood of the HCC, so be sure to provide opportunities for all our new members to paddle by coordinating more trips.

Market Place

Items For Sale

Item: Share my Rental Unit to store your canoe or kayak!
Description: I had to go out and rent a full sized 20'x10' rental unit in order to store my kayak, and I'm interested in subletting space to other canoeists or kayakers and share the rent.
Near the 225 and 610 interchange, in the aptly named "Boat Shed" storage units. There is room for 6 or seven more canoes or kayaks.
Asking Price: \$15/mo.
Contact Name: Harmon Everett
Contact Phone:
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Items Wanted

Please contact the Newsletter Editor, Cecilia Gill at whitewaterider@yahoo.com to post any items that you may have for sale or desperately need.

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Texas Coastal Paddling Trail at Galveston Island State Park

by
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Saturday evening, June 21st, a wild storm came through League City at the head of a rare summer cold front. In my neighborhood that meant a beautiful full rainbow against the dark storm clouds to the east, and a wonderful morning in the 70s, something we might not see again for months. Several friends and I were able to take full advantage of the cool (relatively) temperatures and took our two sea kayaks and open canoe onto the Galveston Bay waters at Galveston Island State Park.



This is the location of one of the newly-formed Texas Coastal Paddling Trails. I've paddled the area before but not since it was an "official" trail (see



<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fishboat/boat/paddlingtrails/coastal/galveston/> for more details about the trail). My friend Marilyn Kircus and I daringly (??) defied tradition in once again paddling an open canoe on the open water, both using kayak paddles, so we easily kept up with the more conventional sea kayaks paddled by Becky and Henry.

We paddled about 5 miles before noon, stopping to enjoy a cohort of white ibises and pink roseate spoonbills taking in the scenery from, what else, a bird observation tower. They seemed to be enjoying it immensely for the better view of the silly humans bouncing around on the bay waters in kayaks and canoe. Brown pelicans weren't very bashful either, perched on the artificial geotextile tubes that function as breakwaters and research subjects for coastal erosion projects. There were quite a few kayakers and fishers out on the water, just lovely to be there and taking it all in. We were happy to see a black skimmer, an oystercatcher, little blue and great blue herons, the ibises and roseate spoonbills, and even an irritated black-necked stilt protecting its nest and many other of the shorebirds that make the park home.



Wish you could have been there too. You'll have to give it a try some day. For a glimpse at the conditions and vicarious enjoyment, I have posted a few pictures at: <http://community.webshots.com/album/563882340hCVkKn?vhost=community>