

Polo Loop

Filling your summer with fun!

Wow, summer is already here! We have had a nice little break, but now we're ready for some polo fun. Hopefully you can join us.

-Amy



\$10 for Summer Kayak Polo

We have two types of events planned for the 2012 summer: Training Days and Polo Days. In order to participate in either of these events or demo a polo boat, you must pay a *one-time* fee of \$10 (not profit). The fee can be paid when you attend your first event.

ACA Membership

We will be using American Canoe Association's liability insurance for our summer program. To participate in a Portland Kayak Polo summer activity, you will either have to pay an event fee or be an ACA member.

ACA Fee Options:

\$5 one day event membership

\$15/six months introductory membership

\$25/year for student/senior

\$40/year for individual*

\$60/year for family (2 adults + minors)*

*Discount available if you are a member of a PAC (e.g., OKCC)

If you are interested in purchasing membership, please bring a filled out [adult](#) or [minor](#) waiver to an event. If you are already an ACA member, please bring your current ACA number to an event.

Training Days

Kayak polo is an intense sport that utilizes both aerobic and anaerobic energy. Polo games are 20 minutes and played on a pitch much larger than the Matt Dishman Pool. Training days are aimed at getting people paddling. We will work on both conditioning and individual skills. We will not be using goals. Whitewater boats are welcomed, however the sessions will be designed for polo boats. If you need gear or want to try a polo boat, please contact us.

We will provide helmets with facemasks.

Equipment: Boat, PFD, whistle, paddle, spray skirt, weather appropriate clothing, water

ACA: Required

Summer Polo Fee: Required

Location: Cedar Island

Time: 6 pm (1-2 hours on the water)

Polo Days

Polo days will focus on strategy and team play. We will begin with a drills and strategy and finish with game play. We will be using floating goals. Whitewater boats are welcomed, however the sessions will be designed for polo boats. If you need gear or want to try a polo boat, please contact us.

We will provide helmets with facemasks.

Minimum number: Sessions will be cancelled if less than 6 people plan to attend.

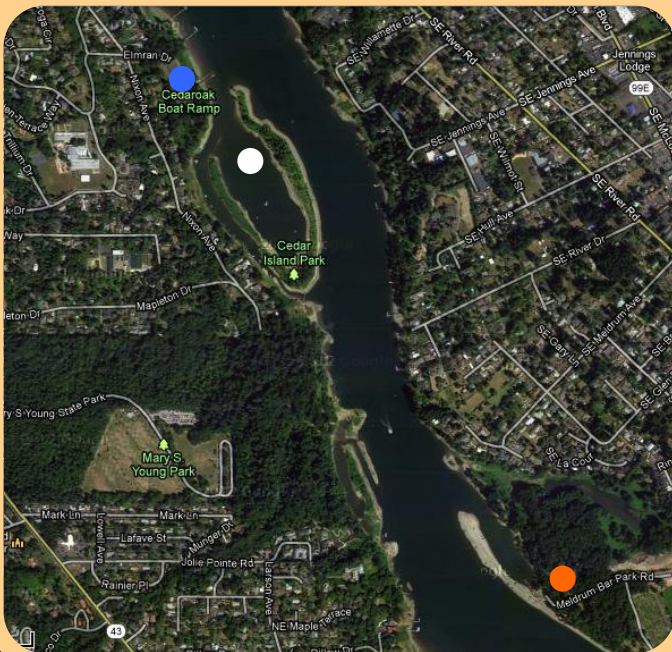
Equipment: Boat, PFD, whistle, paddle, spray skirt, weather appropriate clothing, water

ACA: Required

Summer Polo fee: Required

Location: Vancouver Lake or Clackamette Cove

Time: 4 pm until we are tired



Cedar Island

Training days will take place at the white dot. Location can be accessed either from the west side of the Willamette River by parking at Cedar Oak Boat Ramp (blue dot) or from the east side of the Willamette River by parking at Meldrum Bar Park (orange dot). Bathrooms should be available at both parking lots.



Big Float

We love having clean urban waterways for playing kayak polo. Please help us support the Willamette Riverkeeper and attend The **Big Float** on Sunday July 29, 2012. In order to promote polo and support the Willamette Riverkeeper, we will be dressing in our kayak polo finest and paddle as part of the volunteer Kayak Armada. If you want to paddle with us, please contact us.

Roaring River Slalom

Slalom kayaking is a great way to improve your boat control. Join us on the 25th and 26th of August for Alder Creek's **Roaring River Slalom**. Participants will receive an introduction to slalom on class II whitewater and have opportunities for practice and timed runs. **Participants who are summer members of Portland Kayak Polo will receive a coupon for a free kayak polo session.**

Polo Tournaments

In addition to our events, several tournaments will take place across North America. The two largest tournaments will be the Canadian and US national championships. Prior to the Canadian Nationals, Canada will host a training camp open to players of all levels. If you are travelling this summer and are interested in playing in a tournament or practicing with another club, we can help.

Canadian Training Camp

July 9-13, 2012
Innisfail, Alberta

Canadian National Championship

July 14-15, 2012
Innisfail, Alberta

US National Championship

October 19-21, 2012
San Marcos, TX

Calendar

JUNE

13

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

16

Polo Day
Location: TBD
Time: 4 pm

20

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

27

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

JULY

1

Polo Day
Location: TBD
Time: 4 pm

18

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

22

Polo Day
Location: TBD
Time: 4 pm

25

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

29

Big Float
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

AUGUST

1

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

5

Polo Day
Location: TBD
Time: 4 pm

8

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

15

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

22

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

25-26

Roaring River Slalom
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

29

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

SEPTEMBER

5

Training Day
Location: Cedar Oak
Time: 6 pm

8

Polo Day & BBQ
Location: TBD
Time: 4 pm

Alder Cup 2012

On Saturday April 28, 2012 we successfully hosted our first kayak polo tournament, the Alder Cup. Three teams (19 players total) competed in round robins and play-offs to win the coveted cup. Teams were remarkably well-balanced. By the end of two round robins each team had two wins and two losses, and rankings for the play-offs were determined using point differential. Ultimately, Team Green managed to beat Team Red and Team Purple in the play-offs to win. Thank you fans and participants for your support!



Thank you Alder Cup sponsors: Alder Creek, Oregon Canoe and Kayak, and KIND Healthy Snacks!



Caption Contest

Take a good look and e-mail us your favorite caption. Winner will receive a US Women's Kayak Polo magnet!