



Wooden Canoe
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Fall Newsletter NW Chapter WCHA

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Lightning Lakes beach scene, Manning Park, BC. Livdahl photo

Fall Meet: **Lightning Lakes, Manning Park, BC**

September 18--21, 2025

Pack your gear and canoe, and get ready for this year's Fall Meet at Manning! What better place to enjoy crisp fall weather, with good food, good friends and beautiful boats? Remember, we will be at Lone Duck campground #1, not our usual campground #2. The campground is larger, and the beach access different, so bring a canoe cart if possible. And don't forget your woolies and toques! See you there!

Fall Meet:

Directions:

- Easy to miss: From Hwy 3, east of Hope, BC, *turn right (south) after the Manning Park Lodge*, 41 km from the Manning Park west entrance, (park entrance marked by carved marmot). Follow signs to **Lone Duck Group Camp 1, Lightning Lake**, 4 km off Hwy 3

Accommodation—Rustic:

- Brand new picnic shelter with tables and wood stove; outside fire pit. Fire bans may be on, so plan accordingly.
- Flush toilets and cold running water. Showers available at nearby campground.
- Bring tarps for rain. Keep dogs on leash. Generous RV space. No hook-ups.
- Potable water available. Bring your own food plus potluck item.

Reminders: Passports!

- Bring potluck supper item for Saturday night—main, sides, salad and/or dessert.
- \$15 /person /night ; Wed Sept. 17 after 4 pm free! Kids and grandkids are welcome! Canadians bring firewood, if there is no fire ban. Bring **warm** clothes, hiking boots and sticks. **Bring canoe carts if possible**
- Gently used or new “valuables” for Saturday afternoon fundraising auction and \$\$\$!
- Musical instruments and voices for “campfire” sing-alongs
- Program information on our website: nwwoodencanoe.wcha.org

Program: (Weather may adjust Schedule)

- Wednesday: (Free day; arrive after 4 pm) No scheduled program
- Thursday: No scheduled program.
- Friday:
 - lunchtime: Picnic paddle to end of Lightning Lakes: Loons, beaver lodges, etc.
 - Evening: Arctic Exploring with Chris Cooper
 - Chilko Lake trip report
- Saturday:
 - Dawn Patrol
 - Mid-morning: Restoring a Rushton Indian Girl with Mike Elliott
 - Canoe Games
 - Afternoon: Introduce your canoe
 - Group photo
 - Auction
 - Evening: Wilderness Potluck Dinner
 - Short Chapter business meeting
 - Campfire
- Sunday
 - Dawn Patrol
 - Clean up, pack up. See you at Camp Bishop May 8—10, 2026!

Chilko Lake Pre-Meet Trip: September 10-15, 2025

This is an official invitation to the un-official chapter pre-meet get together at the edge of the world in a lovely place described by Chris Cooper. We will be at the Nu Chugh Beniz campground, at Chilko Lake in BC. This will be over the weekend before the official Manning Park Fall Campout.

Please reply to Mike Livdahl (michael.livdahl@gmail.com) or text at 206 355 0835 if you intend to attend or have questions. Text may be more reliable.

We will camp at the provincial park campground on the lake. Activities will be as weather and group inclinations permit. Feel free to meet up at the campground. If you would like to caravan into the lake we can meet at Williams Lake on the morning of Wednesday, September 10 for breakfast prior to heading in.

From what I have read, it is a 3 hour trip into the lake from there with higher clearance vehicles on rock resistant tires recommended for the last part. It should be a spectacular wilderness, Bear Spray recommended, drink directly from the lake event. Looking forward to see you all at Chilko and Manning! Happy Paddling, Mike Livdahl



The Cooper's large canoe on Chilko Lake Chris Cooper photo

A Canoe Comes Home! By Mike Livdahl

A Canoe with a remarkable NW Chapter pedigree showed up by mail last month! Erich Neupert reached out looking for a new home for his mother's Morris Elliott canoe. He is donating the canoe to the chapter. We hope to honor the canoe appropriately. By happy coincidence, I will be in California able to bring the home in October/November. The board will need to determine how best to pass on the canoe.

And it is a beauty, 14 foot, so convincingly finished that I thought it was a Bark Canoe when I saw the photos. Here is some of the canoe's story:

Hello Mr. Livdahl,

My name is Erich Neupert, from Sacramento, California. My mother Lou Marlowe (later married Hal Henkel) was a member of the Northwest Chapter of WCHA back in the mid to late 1990's. She lived in Bellingham at the time, and was friends of Ray and Beth Arcand, as well as Carl and Ruth Hoth. She purchased a 14.5' wooden/canvas canoe from Morris Elliott in 1997. I have inherited the canoe which has been hanging in my garage since 2011. My mother passed away in 2017. I've never used the canoe and will be selling my house in the next year. I am hoping to possibly donate the canoe to either a person or organization that knows the value of the canoe and would treat it well. I am reaching out to you to see if you can advise me of what I might do with the canoe. I would be willing to donate it to your organization, but I don't really have any way to transport it to Washington state.

Thank you for any advice you can give me regarding this.

A follow-on email:

I am excited that you will be able to use the canoe in a fund raiser for your organization. That's exactly what I had hoped for. I'm glad to hear you are already in the Bay Area so it won't be such a long drive to collect the canoe. You are free to come pick it up anytime that is good for you. I will only be away from Sacramento the first two weeks of September (road trip to Yellowstone and Tetons) otherwise anytime in the next several months is fine, no rush.

My mom had saved a few of the Northwest Chapter newsletters. In the Winter '96/'97 newsletter I saw that she had been asked by Ray Arcand to update the Chapter design so they could have patches made. Apparently, my mom used Carl Hoth's daughter Peggy's original design to make the new design for the patch. That appears to be the same design that is still used for the newsletter. I was wondering if there are any of those patches still around that I could get my hands on one?

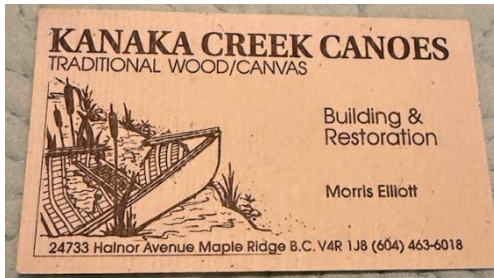
I found a card from Ted Turner from early 1997 asking my mom if she could do a small write-up about her canoe experiences that they would include in the newsletter. I found the write-up in the Summer 1997 newsletter. In it, she states how she had recently acquired the canoe from Morris Elliott, and that she was "painting it to simulate the look of birchbark and it is sitting balanced

across my dining room table until finished.” That is exactly what my mom would have done, and I never knew that she had hand-painted the birchbark design on it!

Also, my mom had saved a copy of the 1993 Wooden Canoe magazine, in which there was an article about the First Annual Northwest WCHA Canoe Regatta. My mom is the woman in the photo watching “Bill Paine seat caning”.

I took some photos and a video of the canoe which I will send to you as attachments to this email. While taking the photos I removed a padded bag that was inside the canoe. Amazingly, inside was a hand carved canoe paddle, which is inscribed “For Lou / 96, Made by Ray Arcand”. It is really a beautiful piece of work. For now, I am going to keep that paddle as a memory of my mom’s great times she had in Bellingham and with her Northwest Chapter friends.

Thanks again for making the effort to see that the canoe finds a good home.



Morris Elliott was an early NW chapter member and canoe builder; with Des and Boudi, he helped plan the first Spring meet, held in BC in 1995.



Lou Marlowe's Morris Elliott canoe, with simulated birch bark. Neupert photo

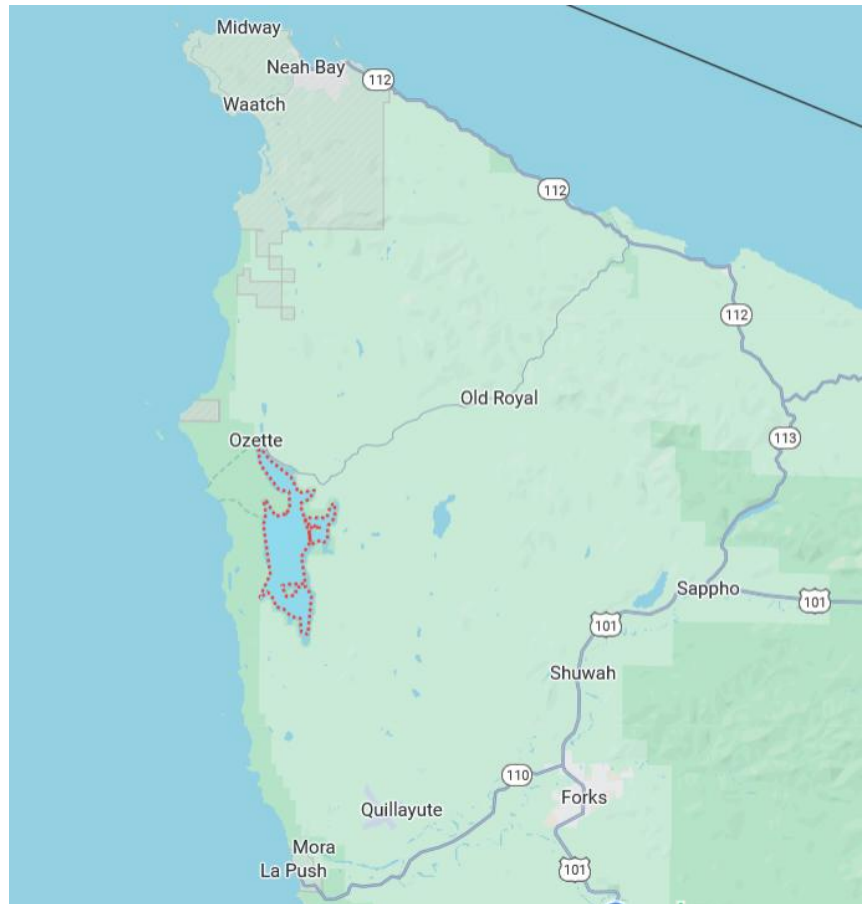
Ozette Lake Trip by Scott Christianson

Chip Asbury and his friend Rich Fromm and I travelled to the Olympic peninsula and Ozette Lake for a three day camp out at Ericson's bay. We had great weather the whole time with steady north winds.

After setting up camp we scouted for and found firewood down the beach, enough for the three nights. But it was far enough away that we used my canoe to transport it back to the beach closer to our camp. The mosquitos weren't too bad, the smoke from the campfire helped. It was quite blissful with no cell phone coverage there.

On day two we made our way by canoe to the trailhead out to the ocean and once out on the beach did some hiking there and had our great lunch. But on the way back and almost to our canoes we upset some wasps and Rich and I were stung multiple times. Chip escaped that one! The next day we decided to canoe down the lake, with the wind to Tivoli Island for lunch, then back into the wind! A lot of wind. But we were all in my canoe so did pretty good against it. After recovering and quite late at night we had a great Thai curry dinner prepared by Rich.

The last day was beautiful weather too and those north winds had picked up a bit of speed by the time we rounded a point and made our way back to the launching point. It was a great trip!



Rich Fromm, Chip Asbury, Scott Christianson R. Fromm photo



Chip Asbury in Cheemaun canoe R. Fromm photo



Canoeing Ozette Lake in loaded White "Guide" Fromm photo



Exploring the Pacific coast R. Fromm photo



Gourmet cooks Rich Fromm and Chip Asbury
R. Fromm photo

The Hudson Bay Girls excerpt from Paddling Magazine by Maddy Marquardt

An expedition team calling themselves the Hudson Bay Girls is canoeing from Lake Superior to Hudson Bay this summer (2025). The 1,2000 mile route will take them from Minnesota canoe country deep into Canadian wilderness and polar bear territory. The all-female team met while working with the Girl Scouts and Scouting America in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, and spent the winter preparing—between college classes—for the three month trip.

The historic route from Minnesota to Hudson Bay first entered paddling lore with Eric Sevareid's 1935 book *Canoeing with the Cree* but the Hudson Bay Girls' trip was inspired by Natalie Warren and Ann Raiho's 2011 expedition, documented in the book *Hudson Bay Bound*.

"Just hearing about Natalie and Ann's story as the first two women to publicly paddle that route was so inspiring," says team member Olivia Bledsoe. "I don't think it had ever occurred to me I could be on an all-female expedition."

Just as they were inspired by Warren and Raiho, the Hudson Bay Girls hope to encourage other young women to get on the water. "Is that a girl under there?" is a typical comment they hear on the portage trail as female canoe guides and trippers.

The Hudson Bay Girls—Emma Brackett, Abby Cichocki, Olivia Bledsoe and Helena Karlstrom—tackled their first portage trails as Girl Scouts, carrying 70 lb Alumacraft canoes in the Boundary Waters. "When a lot of people think of Girl Scouts, they think of philanthropy, crafts, cookies and softer skills," says Karlstrom. "Girl Scouts is more than that. We are truly empowering people to do really hard things, and get out in the wilderness."

"When I do something hard, I say to myself, 'It's not as hard as carrying an Alumacraft canoe over a two-mile portage,'" Cichocki agrees.



The Hudson Bay Girls pose amid some of their equipment, including fly rod.



Ryder Ellsworth enjoys a paddle in Steve and Joan's Old Town Charles River. Livdahl photo

Remember the New Dog Rules to Re-Enter US!

Dog owners traveling to the Meet should remember the new rules by the US Center for Disease Control regarding dogs entering the US, put in place in August 2024. The additional restrictions are designed to keep the US free from rabies in dogs. The system is tiered, with increased scrutiny as the danger of rabies exposure increases. Fortunately, Canada is considered as “low risk” for rabies, and movement across the US/Canadian border has only minor new requirements.

For dogs entering the US who have been in a canine rabies-free (US) or low risk (Canada) country the past 6 months, requirements are unchanged since August 2024:

- The **CDC Dog Import Form receipt**: this is a form, to be filled out on-line at [CDC.gov/importation/dog](https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dog). An automatic receipt is generated; print it or show on your phone. The form is free, lasts 6 months, and may be used for multiple border crossings. One is needed for each dog. It can be filled out ahead of travel, or on the day of travel.
- The dog must appear **healthy**.
- The dog must be **at least 6 months old**. (At this age, they assume the dog is fully rabies-vaccinated)
- The dog has a **microchip** that can be read by a universal scanner.

Dogs from a low-risk country meeting these requirements can enter the US at any land, water or air border crossing. Since rabies vaccines are required in Washington, it seems prudent to have **rabies vaccine certificates** on hand also, although this is not a CDC requirement.

Dogs entering the US from high risk countries need additional certifications that must be approved by the USDA in advance, and depending on where they were vaccinated, rabies titers may be required. This process can take weeks to months. The importation of puppies is presently not allowed.

Two Sailing Canoes Available!

For Sale: 18' Peterborough Sailing Canoe



This canoe was originally owned by the Boy Scouts of Canada, and they were going to dispose of it, but I felt it needed restoration as I believe it is a bit rare. Restoration was several years in the making as time permitted.

It is now completely restored including rib tops, some new planking, stem repair, new ash outwales, several new ribs, new canvas, new mast partner and step, new rudder and lee boards, original bronze hardware, original sale and new rigging, new varnish, motor mount.

I need to sell as am planning to move and the canoe needs a good home. The canoe is in Coquitlam, BC (suburb of Vancouver). I can transport to the US border, but you will need to cross the border with it.

Current price is \$1750 Canadian. Contact Rod Tait at 604 312 4784 or rod@orcaboats.ca
More photos at my web site at <https://orcaboats.ca/shop/boats-for-sale/>

Free: 1942 17' Old Town Otca



1942 17' Old Town Otca with the majority of its sail rig. Fiberglassed bottom, and missing rear seat. Usable as it is but a good candidate for restoration. It was given to me and I have too many other projects and boats. Free to anyone interested. Located in McCall, Idaho.

Pete Pride 208 315 5803 ppride@frontier.net Call or write for more information and pictures.

Spring Meet 2026: Camp Bishop, Lost Lake, Shelton, WA

May 8—10, 2026 Mark your Calendar!



Boudi Van Oldenborgh supervises the start of a race as part of one of his special regattas. Livdahl photo 2022



Boudi's upside down paddle race (left) and "good communication" race (above) Livdahl photos

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