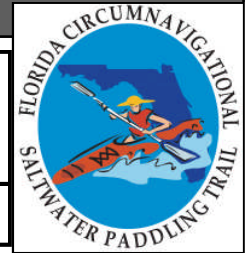


# *Florida Paddling Trails Assn News*

*Volunteer Stewards of the  
Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail*



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Florida Paddling Trails Assn Website: [www.floridapaddlingtrailsassociation.com](http://www.floridapaddlingtrailsassociation.com) (on line by Jan 15, 2008)

Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail Website: [www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.com](http://www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.com)

### **Florida Paddling Trails Assn is Born**

Florida has established the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddle Trail which extends along the coast from Big Lagoon State Park near Pensacola to Key West to Ft. Clinch State Park along the Georgia border.

In order to oversee the trail, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has decided to have a group of volunteers form a non profit corporation to act as stewards to oversee the trail. The inaugural meeting of this organization was held in Homosassa Springs on October 15, 2007. About 70 people from throughout the state attended this meeting. For organizational purposes, the trail has been divided into 26 segments with each segment having a Trail Keeper(s) to monitor and look after the campsites on the trail. The segments are grouped into regions from Region A (close to Pensacola) to Region I (close to Jacksonville). Each region elects a Director who organizes and directs his/ her Trail Keepers. The Directors form the Association Board of Directors, who elect a president for a one year term.

The first Florida Paddling Trails Association board of director's meeting was held at Cedar Key on Nov 13, 2007. These are the highlights:

- The mission of the Florida Paddling Trails Association is to promote thoughtful use, environmental awareness and volunteer stewardship for the Florida coast and associated river environments while providing an exceptional recreational asset for paddlers. The Association will supervise the overall management of the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails and other local, regional, state and federal entities and offer volunteer support to those managing adjoining paddling trails.
- Bylaws were adopted.
- The President of this organization will be Hank Brooks.
- A web site is being established.

#### **Message From Our New FPTA President**

Hank Brooks - [paddletrails1@gmail.com](mailto:paddletrails1@gmail.com)

A big thanks to the Regional Board members and all Trail Keepers who have volunteered thus far. The board members put in a long hard day on Nov 13 to get the organization off to a good start. Also thanks to the Maine Island Trail Association & Washington Water Trail Association for helping with our start up (see page 6).

We need your skills and time to help the FPTA continue to move forward (see page 5).

Kayaks on Snake Key by Doug Alderson





**calendar of events**

Date	Event	Location	Comments
Feb 17, 2008 Sunday	Region H Paddle & General Meeting	Meet at 1 pm at Kayaks, Etc 2626 Hwy #1 Vero Beach, 888-652-9257	All FPTA volunteers & supporters are invited to meet the board to ask questions and give input.
Feb 18, 2008 Monday	Board Meeting	Jupiter, Fl Area	FPTA Board Meeting
May 19, 2008	Board Meeting	Location not yet selected	FPTA Board Meeting

**Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail Segments**





**Florida Paddling Trails Association**  
**Regional Directors & Segment Trail Keepers**

As of November 9, 2007

<b>Region/ Segment</b>	<b>Boundaries of Trail Segment</b>	<b>Director &amp; Trail Keepers</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
<b>Region A</b>		Fred Borg	fred2128@comcast.net
1	<b>Pensacola/Fort Pickens.</b> Big Lagoon State Park to west end of Gulf Islands National Seashore	Robert Turpin	rkturpin@co.escambia.fl.us
2	<b>Santa Rosa Sound/Emerald Coast.</b> West end of Gulf Islands National Seashore to Grayton Beach State Park.	Fred Borg	Fred2128@comcast.net
3	<b>Panama City Beach/St. Andrews.</b> Grayton Beach State Park to St. Joseph Peninsula State Park	Fred Borg	Fred2128@comcast.net
<b>Region B</b>		Roy Ogles	rogles@mchsi.com
4	<b>Forgotten Coast.</b> St. Joseph Peninsula State Park to St. George Island State Park	Roy Ogles	<a href="mailto:rogles@mchsi.com">rogles@mchsi.com</a>
5	<b>Crooked River/Ochlockonee Bay.</b> St. George Island State Park to Wakulla Beach	Garry Breedlove	<a href="mailto:Biscuits_glb@yahoo.com">Biscuits_glb@yahoo.com</a>
6A	<b>Big Bend.</b> Wakulla Beach to Yankeetown	Georgia Ackerman	<a href="http://Georgiawildernessway.net">Georgiawildernessway.net</a>
6A		Bill Reynolds	<a href="mailto:bill@paddlelog.com">bill@paddlelog.com</a>
<b>Region C</b>		Marv Phelps	mphelps@tampabay.rr.com
6B 6C	<b>Big Bend.</b> Wakulla Beach to Yankeetown	FWC-Liz Sparks Brack Barker	<a href="mailto:Liz.sparks@MyFWC.com">Liz.sparks@MyFWC.com</a> Brack154@msn.com
7A 7B	<b>Nature Coast.</b> Yankeetown to Anclote Key State Park	Matt Clemons Chuck Morton	info@FloridaKayakCompany.com <a href="mailto:swampdad@juno.com">swampdad@juno.com</a>
<b>Region D</b>		Hank Brooks	paddletrails1@gmail.com
8	<b>Pinellas.</b> Anclote Key State Park to Fort DeSoto Park	Terry Hobbs John Ennis	<a href="mailto:nesscliffe56@yahoo.com">nesscliffe56@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:jennis4@tampabay.rr.com">jennis4@tampabay.rr.com</a>
9	<b>Tampa Bay/Longboat Key.</b> Fort DeSoto Park to Lido Beach	Connie Anderson Sharon Tarman Mike Younglove	<a href="mailto:conniecanoe@hotmail.com">conniecanoe@hotmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Sharon.tarman@mymanatee.org">Sharon.tarman@mymanatee.org</a> <a href="mailto:fmyounglove@mns.com">fmyounglove@mns.com</a>
10	<b>Sarasota/Venice.</b> Lido Beach to Stump Pass Beach State Park	Richard Storsberg Dick Pfaff	<a href="mailto:rstoresberg@scgov.net">rstoresberg@scgov.net</a> <a href="mailto:dikpfaff@msn.com">dikpfaff@msn.com</a>
11	<b>Charlotte Harbor.</b> Stump Pass Beach State Park to Cayo Costa State Park	Joe Mullen Ed Engel	Joemullen1@comcast.net <a href="mailto:paddlecarver@comcast.net">paddlecarver@comcast.net</a>

**Note:** 6A is from Wakulla Beach to the Aucilla River  
 6B is from the Aucilla River to the town of Suwannee  
 6C is from Suwannee to Yankeetown  
 7A is from Yankeetown to the Chassahowitzka River  
 7B is from the Chassahowitzka River to Anclote Key



<b>Region/ Segment</b>	<b>Boundaries of Trail Segment</b>	<b>Director &amp; Trail Keepers</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
<b>Region E</b>		Nancy Mac Phee	macpheen@leegov.com
12	<b>Pine Island/Estero Bay.</b> Cayo Costa State Park to Lover's Key State Park	Betsy Clayton	bclayton@leegov.com
13	<b>Rookery Bay/Ten Thousand Islands.</b> Lover's Key State Park to Everglades City	Vacant	
<b>Region F</b>		Krueger Nicholson	krueger50@hotmail.com
14	<b>Everglades/Florida Bay.</b> Everglades City to Islamorada	Everglades National Park	
15	<b>Florida Keys Overseas Paddling Trail.</b> John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park to Key West	Krueger Nicholson	Krueger50@hotmail.com
<b>Region G</b>		Gerry Gaudet	info@gonekayaking.com
16	<b>Biscayne Bay.</b> John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park to Oleta River State Park	Alan Nowell	Alan.nowell@sfeacu.org
17	<b>Hollywood/Ft. Lauderdale.</b> Oleta River State Park to Hugh Taylor Birch State Park	Jackie Vierow	Jackie@gonekayaking.com
18	<b>Pompano/Lake Worth.</b> Hugh Taylor Birch State Park to Lake Worth	Lynda Leixner	lsl@gonekayaking.com
19	<b>Palm Beach/Loxahatchee.</b> Lake Worth to Jonathan Dickinson State Park	Vacant	
20	<b>Hobe Sound/Ft. Pierce.</b> Jonathan Dickinson State Park to Fort Pierce Inlet State Park	Chuck Barrowclough	cbarrowc@martin.fl.us
<b>Region H</b>		Mike Beck	kayaksetc@msn.com
21	<b>Indian River/Pelican Island.</b> Fort Pierce Inlet State to Melbourne	Rick Follet	refollet@gmail.com
22	<b>Space Coast.</b> Melbourne to Smyrna Dunes Park	Traci Short/ Space Coast Paddlers	<a href="mailto:Traci.short@gmail.com">Traci.short@gmail.com</a>
23	<b>Tomoka/Pellicer.</b> Smyrna Dunes Park to Faver-Dykes State Park	Steve Cook Marty Sullivan	saltwater-dragon@gmail.com Jsullivan2@cfl.rr.com
<b>Region I</b>		Ray Hetchka	hetchka@mac.com
24	<b>St. Augustine.</b> Faver-Dykes State Park to Guana River	St. Johns Co. Recreation and Parks/Billy Zeits	bzeits@co.st-johns.fl.us
25	<b>Jacksonville.</b> Guana River WMA to Sister's Creek Marina	Shorty Robbins/City of Jacksonville	shortyr@coj.net
26	<b>Timucuan Trails/Fort Clinch.</b> Sister's Creek Marina to Fort Clinch State Park	Ray Hetchka	Hetchka@mac.com



## FPTA Help Needed

When you go paddling the first dozen strokes are the most difficult until you get your boat to plane. After that, paddling becomes easier as you settle into a stroke rhythm. The same is true with the brand new FPTA organization. We need lots of help to get this organization successfully off the launch pad. Since we are a volunteer organization, we are looking for “volunteer” hours from other helpers. Below is a list of the help needed and the person to call who is responsible for that area.

Title	Area of Responsibility	Contact
Strategic Marketing Manager	Marketing strategy, brand identification and building for FPTA and the Circumnavigational Trail	Contact Hank Brooks paddletrails1@gmail.com
Advertising Sales Manager	Sells advertising on FPTA web site & newsletter	Contact Hank Brooks paddletrails1@gmail.com
Creative Manager	Help with creative designs for marketing	<b>Filled by Bill Reynolds</b>
Media & Public Relations Manager	Promotes FPTA through public relations and the media	Contact Hank Brooks paddletrails1@gmail.com
Lawyer	To provide legal advice to the FPTA board as it is needed.	<b>Filled by Carlos Alvarez</b>
Technology Manager	Advises FPTA on best technology for web site, email communications, database and data storage & access.	<b>Filled by Bill Reynolds</b>
Web Master	Keeps the FPTA website content up to date (does not have to have technical knowledge of the web site).	Contact Hank Brooks paddletrails1@gmail.com
Newsletter Editor	Will publish the quarterly FPTA newsletter (collects and organizes articles for newsletter).	Contact Hank Brooks paddletrails1@gmail.com
Database Manager	Keep communications databases up-to-date	<b>Filled by John Norris</b>
GIS Mapping Manager	Able to prepare electronic maps for FPTA web site.	Contact Doug Alderson dougalderson@comcast.com

If you would like to volunteer to help with the campsites on the trail, contact the appropriate Trail Keeper listed in pages 3 and 4. If you have other special talents or skills, contact Hank Brooks at paddletrails1@gmail.com

Paddle Florida	FPTA Newsletter Name
A friend of the FPTA has started the Paddle Florida experience. This year they will paddle part of the Suwannee River from March 20 to March 27. Check out the detailed information and registration costs at <a href="http://www.paddleflorida.org">www.paddleflorida.org</a>	We need a catchy appropriate name for our newsletter. Something which emphasizes the nature of exploring Florida’s coast along the Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail and the ability to paddle adjoining trails. Please send your suggestions to paddletrails1@gmail.com
<b>Love Thu The Eyes of Children</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other. Karl - age 5</li> <li>• Love is when you go out to eat and you give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs. Chrissy - age 6</li> </ul>	



## FPTA Charter Memberships

Unfortunately, the State of Florida is not providing any funds to run the Florida Paddling Trails Association. While we are all volunteers, it does cost money to run the Association and the programs and improvements for the Circumnavigational Saltwater Trail (see page 7 for estimated annual budget). Start up costs include such things as incorporating costs, website costs, obtaining books and other materials from other water trails to be used as examples/ blueprints, office supplies. All of these costs have been paid out-of-pocket by board members. Future costs include such things as advertising materials, FPTA letterhead paper, copy/ duplicating costs, costs for signs/ other items for campsites. In short, we are living off the generosity of a few board members - which is not a good way to build a viable, long term organization since we have not gotten to the more expensive items. Ideas for raising funds include everything from having dues for the organization to getting donations to obtaining grants.

At this time we believe the quickest way of adding funds to our bank account (currently close to zero) is to offer Charter Memberships to those Florida paddlers who are as excited as we are to have the trail and this association established. Our Marketing & Membership Committee, with Ray Hetchka as Chairman, is working on this Charter Membership concept. This would include both benefits and a dues structure. Our target date to offer these membership is by mid-January 2008. If you can offer any advice, support or help in this area, contact Ray (see page 7).

### **Needed: Suggestions & Ideas**

We need your suggestions and ideas for the FPTA and the Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail. **Examples of ideas needed:**

- What are the benefits which the FPTA should offer for membership (why would you join)? Comments to Hetchka@mac.com
- What should the FPTA dues be for different types of membership? (Comments to hetchka@mac.com)
- How can we improve the Saltwater Paddling Trail? (Comments to krueger@hotmail.com)
- What great ideas do you have for a Saltwater Paddling Trails Handbook? (Comments to kayaksetc@msn.com)
- **Send us your email lists** of your organizations and clubs to add to our email list to get the word out about the FPTA. (Send to recumbentjohn@yahoo.com)
- How can we best get the word out about the FPTA and the Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail? (comments to recumbentjohn@yahoo.com)

### **THANKS TO SISTER TRAIL ORGANIZATIONS**

A big thanks to the Maine Island Trail Association (MITA found on the internet at [www.mita.org](http://www.mita.org)) and the Washington Water Trails Association (WWTa found on the internet at [www.wwta.org](http://www.wwta.org)). Both of these organizations have served as blue prints for what we are doing with the Florida Paddling Trails Association. A special thanks to Reed Waite, Executive Director of the WWTa and Doug Welch (Executive Director), David Mention (Trail Director) and Peg Willauer-Toby (Development Coordinator) of the MITA. These helpful people have spent time giving us encouragement. Both sister organizations helped by sending us things like their bylaws, chart of accounts, newsletters, information packets and trail handbooks. Without their help, our startup would have been much more painful. When paddling in the states of Maine and Washington, we encourage you to refer to their websites and consider joining their associations.

### **An Irishman Talks to God**

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an Important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give you me Irish whiskey".

Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy quickly looked up again and said, "Never mind Lord, I found one."



# FPTA

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## FPTA Estimated Annual Expenses

Annual Basis

<b>Income</b>	\$ 0
<b>Recurring Expenses</b>	
Website hosting & upgrades	\$700
Emailing service	300
Postage & box rental	700
Printing: trail handbook, brochures, advertising	3500
Office Supplies/ copies	1000
Cost to process dues by credit card	700
Replacement signs	250
Miscellaneous	500
<b>Sub Total of Recurring Expenses</b>	<b>\$7,650</b>
<b>One Time Expenses</b>	
FPTA Start up - Incorporation	\$500
Books from other Trails	350
Trail Signs	3000
<b>Sub Total of One Time Expenses</b>	<b>\$3850</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>
<b>Balance (Income less expenses)</b>	<b>- \$11,500</b>

Above expenses do not include Board of Directors travel or lodging for board meetings.

## Useless Trivia

- San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- The percentage of North America that is wilderness: 38%
- The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400