

For more information...

Our club newsletter, *The Current*, is mailed or emailed to members and associates along with other materials of small-boat interest; our schedule is published in three or four editions throughout the year and event highlights often appear in small-craft publications (viz. *Messing About in Boats*, *Ash Breeze*, and www.tsca.net).

Visitors to meetings or special programs are always welcome but are advised to email jon.persson@snet.net or phone 860/767-3303 in advance to be sure there is room for you — you do *not* need to own a boat to participate. Write, email, or call us and we'll send a recent copy of *The Current* and email a club history and activity schedule.



Club members have built several craft for cruises and outings on the river and Sound.



To join/renew CROPC for 2006...

Name:

Mailing address:

Phones/email:

Family \$45___ Youth \$10___
Individual \$35___ Assoc. \$10___

We distribute many reminders and ad hoc notices by email; Associates receive only key informational mailings and the newsletter, *The Current*. **Our general website is located within www.tsca.net**

Other memberships held: TSCA?___
USRA?___ AOSA?___
AYRS?___ ACA?___

Checks should be made out to the **Connecticut River Oar and Paddle Club**: Mail to...
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The Connecticut River Oar and Paddle Club

*An Affiliate Chapter of the
Traditional Small Craft
Association*

- ...Fostering the enjoyment of small craft on the lower Connecticut River and Long Island Sound since 1983
- ...Exploring both traditional and innovative design and construction
- ...Encouraging awareness of history and marine ecology through hands-on education
- ...Sharing experiences and explorations on local waterways
- ...Maintaining a fleet of craft appropriate to the River and Sound



The Club...

The Connecticut River Oar and Paddle Club was established in 1983 to encourage explorations of the Connecticut River and to learn and teach more about the utility and seaworthiness of a variety of small craft. The club owns or has access to a number of interesting rowing and paddling boats, and is a resource for practical information on traditional and modern small boats of many types.

Our club boats and equipment are readily available at no charge for use by individual members and their guests.

In our role as the Connecticut River Chapter of the Traditional Small Craft Association (TSCA), we maintain a schedule of lectures and demonstrations by innovative boatbuilders and small-boat expedition skippers, educational construction projects, races on the River and Sound, island campouts, and river excursions and picnics on weekday afternoons and weekends.

Members and friends also participate in the John Gardner Small Craft Workshop at Mystic Seaport, Sail New London events, and the Middle Atlantic Small Craft Festival.

We also are happy to organize local cruises and on-water events in support of youth and adult education in the region.



Club and Member craft embrace a variety of types...and many uses over the four seasons.



Several membership categories are available to help support club activities.

In recent years we have designed or built several rowing or paddling craft: — *Current*, a 22-foot four-oared gig; *Aurelia*, a 15-foot decked canoe/kayak; and *Freshet*, *Apogee*, and *Perigee* — 21-foot single-, double-, or triple-station rowing boats; and two *Atlantic 17* two-station dories, *Solstice* and *Equinox*. The *Freshet* class has been raced and cruised in rough waters and has competed successfully in the Blackburn Challenge as well as in local races and cross-Sound outings.

Members' boats are varied and are not limited to a particular boating interest or construction type. Among us, we frequently can provide a boat—or a seat aboard one—for guests at on-water events.

The club also welcomes tax-deductible donations of small rowing, paddling, or sailing craft in recognition of its long-standing, educational role as a TSCA Chapter working with youth groups.

Contact us, make use of our resources, and enjoy your small craft to the fullest!



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