

## History of North American Canoe and Kayak - NACK

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>						
4/15/05	Original founding members are organized and commit to the goal of forming a new club based on Long Island. <table><tbody><tr><td>Gordon Dayton</td><td>Pamela Selkin</td></tr><tr><td>Elizabeth O'Connor</td><td>Stuart Selkin</td></tr><tr><td>Douglas Ford</td><td>Timothy Williams</td></tr></tbody></table>	Gordon Dayton	Pamela Selkin	Elizabeth O'Connor	Stuart Selkin	Douglas Ford	Timothy Williams
Gordon Dayton	Pamela Selkin						
Elizabeth O'Connor	Stuart Selkin						
Douglas Ford	Timothy Williams						
4/21/05	First draft of bylaws (constitution) of the as-yet unarmed club. Work on the bylaws continues through July 05.						
5/7/05	The name North Atlantic Canoe and Kayak - NACK is agreed upon for the club.						
6/1/05	On or about this date Derek Hutchinson agrees to act as an adviser to the club.						
6/6/05	Articles of Incorporation for the Not-For-Profit Corporation are filed with the State of New York .						
6/7/05	NACK, Incorporated is posted on the New York State website as a domestic Not-For-Profit (Type-B) Corporation.						
6/26/05	Paddle America Club agreement is submitted to the American Canoe Association. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registration of the six founding (board) members (all are ACA members).</li><li>• Registration of Derek Hutchinson as a new ACA member through NACK.</li></ul>						
7/4/05	First draft of the Website is posted for review by board members only.						
7/8/05	Application is made to register the domain name: "www.GetTheNACK.org".						
7/8/05	First official meeting of the Board of Directors with recorded minutes.						
7/15/05	Final draft of the membership form is accepted for use.						
7/16/05	Board of Directors Meeting. Bylaws are enacted and plans are made for first General Meeting.						
7/27/05	First General Meeting of NACK takes place at Connetquot Library at 7:00 pm.						
8/5/05	Board Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Website: <a href="http://www.GetTheNACK.org">www.GetTheNACK.org</a> is officially posted on the Web</li><li>• Election of Chairman and Officers Pro-Tem for 2005</li><li>• Assignment of temporary Committee Chairmen.</li></ul>						
8/8/05	First members Skills Assessment takes place at Lake Ronkonkoma: Basic Assessment, FW & AFW						

levels.

- 8/14/05 Member, Elizabeth O'Connor, for the fifth year running, defends her title as National Sea Kayak Women's Marathon Champion at USCA Nationals, Warren PA. For the first year she also wins title of National Womens ICF Champion.
- 8/20/05 First club paddle organized from Osprey Park. Mastic, NY to Fire Island following a morning Assessment. Participants land and cross to view the Atlantic Ocean.
- 8/26/05 General Meeting: Wayne Horodowich of University of Sea Kayaking is Guest Speaker. Wayne offers his personal support to the growth of NACK.
- 9/3/05 NACK Training, Assessment and Certification (TAC) Program formulated and Criteria for member Skills Assessment posted to the website.
- 9/4/05 First ACA Sanctioned Paddle Trip takes place: Labor Day Paddle and Assessment at Sebonac Inlet and Scallop Pond. Members rehearse first demo team maneuvers. SIT session christened.
- 9/17/05 First ACA Sanctioned Outreach Event: Booth and Demo at Captree State Park Harvest and Seafood Festival. Unveiling of NACK skills Demo Team: E. O'Connor, G. Dayton & D. Troup - announced by S. Selkin.  
  
Member, Elizabeth O'Connor appointed to SEI Chair & DIF Function for ACA Atlantic Division  
  
Member, Gordon Dayton appointed to Coastal Kayak Chair for ACA-Atlantic Division.
- 9/21/05 First Schedule of Events Posted: Fall 2005.  
  
First club contest announced: Trip Planning Competition.
- 10/9/05 First NACK Peer Practice session scheduled at Lake Ronkonkoma.
- 10/14/05 First NACK Campout & Paddle weekend on the North Fork of LI.
- 10/19/05 First formal membership cards issued.
- 10/29/05 First NACK sponsored training session: SKSA Coldwater Clinic @ Timber Point Park.
- 11/11/05 Members Gordon Dayton & Elizabeth O'Connor represent NACK and Atlantic Division at ACA Annual Meeting.
- 12/14/05 First General Board Election: Board Member At Large.  
  
First NACK Section formed: NACK Kayak Drill & Demo Team  
  
First retail discount arranged specific to NACK members at EMS.
- 12/21/05 First Board Policy issued & posted to website: Work Policy.
- 3/22/06 First General Executive Election: Executive Committee Reaffirmed.

- 5/12/06 Trip Leader Training program initiated with 10 candidates.
- 6/4/06 NACK participates in first ACA-Divisional function: Training Week at Camp Sebago.
- 6/18/06 First on-water General Meeting at Lake Ronkonkoma - Peer Practice.
- 7/29/06 Current President of NACK, Gordon Dayton, appointed as Clubs Liaison to ACA-SEI Council.
- 10/21/06 First "Paddle Out Hunger" paddle on the Connetquot River to benefit local Ministeries; leader: Dan Troup.
- 11/2/06 NACK Wins ACA "Stroke of Achievement Award" for excellence in program development.
- 5/5/07 First Event of the NACK Racing Section - May Day on the Bay race, Empire Kayaks.
- 5/22/07 First NACK Summer On-water meeting at Smith Point on Narrow Bay.
- 9/9/07 First Annual Lobster Paddle - paddle on Shinnecock Bay & Dinner at Dockers Restaurant.
- 11/17/07 First NACK Canoe Training offered: ACA Essentials of Kayak Touring by Gordon Dayton.
- 1/12/08 First NACK Awards Dinner at Cull House, West Sayville, NY. Steve McDonald organizes awards to Roy Baillard (Presidents Award), Ivan Chase (Training Award) and John Weickert (Most Valuable Paddler).
- 1/19/08 NACK participates in Wilderness First Aid Training by SOLO (Stonehearth Outdoor Learning Opportunity) organized through SKSA-Ltd.
- 5/24/08 First NACK Instructor Assistantship program completed. Roy Baillard and Steve McDonald awarded ACA Essentials of Kayaking (L2) Instructor Certification.
- 5/25/08 Elizabeth O'Connor, ACA Training Committee Chair, achieves ACA Open Water Coastal (L4) Instructor Trainer Certification and ACA Level 4 Assessor Status. There are now three ACA Certified Assessors in NACK.
- 6/21/08 NACK Demo Team members Steve McDonald, Ann Kaiser, Gordon Dayton and Elizabeth O'Connor captured on film by My Long Island TV at Kayakathon, Riverhead, NY benefitting Riverhead Foundation, Peconic Baykeeper and Long Island Sierra Club.
- 7/12/08 First Annual NACK Founding Day Picnic. Founding members, Elizabeth O'Connor and Gordon Dayton are awarded Honorary Life Memberships for dedicated service in founding, guiding and