

Sunset and Full Moon Paddle on Webster Lake Thursday, August 11, 2022

The paddle is to launch from Point Breeze Restaurant/Marina located on Webster Lake at 114 Point Breeze Road.

We plan this to be a relaxed paddle going out on the lake just before sunset and paddling to an area near Goat Island to watch **the Sunset which is at 7:55 PM**. We will begin launching at **6:30 PM**. We will be paddling into parts of middle pond. **The moon rises at 8:14 PM**. The long-range weather forecast looks good for Thurs 8/11 with highs in the low 80's partly cloudy with only a 20% chance of rain. **If the forecast changes for the worst (rain) we won't go out to paddle. I plan to paddle clouds or not, but if it is raining we will cancel.** If it is just cloudy and we can't see either a sunset or a moonrise we will go out and come in before it is very dark.

There will be room for a few vehicles near the Marina Launch site but when it is filled, you can park your vehicles back up the hill in the restaurant parking lot. Park on the grass end of the restaurant parking lot to leave room for the patrons of the restaurant. Please don't jam up the Marina parking lot or the restaurant parking lot, leave room near the restaurant for dinner patrons to park and leave room in the Marina Parking lot for boaters with slips to have a place to park.

We want to be sure all paddlers get back safely. We are asking you to sign up so we will know how many people are paddling with us.

6:00 PM till 6:30 PM Registration.

6:30 PM Launching all boats, kayaks, canoes, and any other type of paddle craft down at the Marina

6:55 PM we all head out to start our paddle.

The course will depend on the weather as well as the boat traffic so follow the leader.

7:55PM Sunset and we should be watching it a short distance from the takeout out by Goat Island or wherever is best that evening.

8:14 PM Moonrise is 20 minutes after sunset so **make sure you all have flashlights and whistles.**

In order to give us an idea of how many plan to attend please send me an email at: ernieb@charter.net with your name email and phone number. This will help with the registration process. There is no fee.

For safety reasons and to cover the law everyone must have a life vest and please wear it. You should also have a bright flashlight because we are paddling in the twilight & after sunset. A flashlight is all the light you need and it should be handy to signal to any approaching boats that you are paddling and you need to flash your light's to avert a collision. It is not necessary to have a flashlight on all the time when it gets dark. Having a flashlight **always on is not recommended** as it **will ruin your night vision** and that of other paddlers, **so only turn on a light when you sense danger or** need to see something clearer. A **signaling device (horn, whistle, or bell)** is strongly advised as **it is a state law** to carry one. **Blow your whistle to alert the safety boat and the rest of the paddler's if someone is in trouble.** A paddle will be necessary too unless you are using a paddle boat or a Hobie Kayak.

We will have a pontoon boat leading an one following throughout the paddle in case we have any weary paddlers and for safety reasons.

Directions to Point Breeze Restaurant: If traveling from North or South get off Interstate Highway 395 at exit # 1.

Travel South on Route 193 / Thompson road about 1.2 miles to the entrance of Point Breeze road on your left. There is a large sign for Point Breeze Restaurant right where you turn. Note that Point Breeze Road is opposite the Hospital Emergency Room Exit. The restaurant is ½ mile down Point Breeze Road, just keep going till you see the big white building. The launch site is down South Point Road (big hill) and to the left into the Marina. Follow the yellow track on the map below: Launch site N42° 2.0485' W71° 50.3417'

