

Monica Schroeder

Having organized the Friday Chill Paddle for three years and in 2010 having organized the Thursday Paddles for the LICCBH, I would like to be considered for the Steering Committee.

My related experience includes being on the Board of Directors for the East River Kayak Club and boating in New York Harbor since 1986 (7 years professionally on a commercial vessel, the Schooner Pioneer, competitively as part of a rowing crew and for the past 7 years on kayaks.)

Additionally, I have always felt strongly about contributions made by community organizations, especially those contributing to education, the outdoors or the arts. I have been employed by American Youth Hostels, Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association Youth Programs, SPROUT (recreation for Adults with Developmental Disabilities) and volunteered for a number of other organizations.

I hope to be involved in assisting the the LICCBH in fulfilling its potential as an educational, recreational and community organization through the continuation & development of programs and through building partnerships with other boating, educational and community organizations.

Find a brief C.V. below.

Sincerely,
Monica Schroeder

Monica Schroeder C.V.

Board of Directors Experience
East River Kayak Club

Professional work experience for Not for Profit Organizations

South Street Seaport Museum, Education Department
Museum Educator - developed programming and lead adult & children's programs
(3 years)
First Mate & Volunteer Co-ordinator Schooner Pioneer
(7 years)

American Youth Hostels

Travel Co-ordinator domestic & international youth bicycle and hiking trips (1.5 years)

S.P.R.O.U.T.

Trip leader for developmentally challenged adults

Lenox Hill Neighborhood Settlement House

Children's Art Program Director & Socialization Skills group leader (3 years)

Volunteer Experience

Long Island City Community Boathouse

Chill Paddle and Thursday Paddle Trip Co-ordinator

East River Kayak Club

Trip Co-ordinator & web design

South Street Seaport Museum

Building Schooner Harvey Project, assisted woodworkers

Related Experience & Skills

FCC issued Marine Radio License

Man overboard training

Dead reckoning (chart & compass) navigation

Kayak self & assisted rescue training

Captain of Women's Curragh (historic Irish rowboat) Rowing Team

Certified scuba diver (PADI)

Snorkeling

Certified in First Aid, CPR & Dibrillator

Sailing Crew Travel

NY Harbor to Wilmington, North Carolina Round Trip (6 month educational project)

NY Harbor to Baltimore (2 trips)

NY Harbor to Philadelphia

NY Harbor to St Mary's & St. Michael's, Maryland

Kayak & Other Outdoor Travel

Belize - lagoon & ocean paddling

Maine - multi day offshore island kayak/camping 2005, 2006, 2007

Adirondacks - kayak camping, multi day

New Hampshire, Mount Washington, winter snowshowing

Maine, Allagash River, 100 mile canoe/camping, multi day

New Hampshire, summer hiking, a number of presidential peaks

Other Professional Skills

Medical & Scientific Illustration

Professional Photoshop Retoucher and corporate trainer
Fluent in conversational German, both written & spoken

Education

Stuyvesant High School

Hunter College B.A. Fine Arts, concentration in Drawing & degree in Child Psychology, focusing on learning development

Questionnaire

1) In what LICCB programs have you participated, and in what capacity? How else have you helped the boathouse?

In 2007, 2008 & 2009 I organized and ran the Friday Chill Paddles.

In 2010 I organized and ran the Thursday Paddles

Raised \$2,000 by doing two fundraising paddles, September, 2010

I worked with Robert DiMaio and Pete Seeger to create a promotional video for the LICCBH

2) Where would you like to see the boathouse go in the next year? How would you make this happen?

I would like to see the LICCBH further fulfill its potential as a professional not-for-profit through the development of educational programs for volunteers and to encourage skilled volunteers to participate further in our programs.

I would use my past professional educational & volunteer co-ordinator experience.

Use my current relationships and foster new relationships in the boating community and local community.

3) What unique or needed skills would you bring to leading the LICCB?

Professional experience working in the not-for-profit sector (South Street Seaport Museum education department and American Youth Hostels Youth travel division)
Previous experience as a Board member for a local kayak organization (East River Kayak Club)

7 years as crew on a New York Harbor based commercial vessel.

Sailboat & kayak safety training

4) What specific aspects of the LICCB are you most eager to improve? (There are a lot of possibilities here: sound finances, sponsor relationships, representation at harbor functions, safety, volunteer appreciation and motivation, equipment maintenance, creative and reliable programming, communication, engagement with

educators, etc.)

Of those items listed my experience lends itself most to volunteer appreciation & motivation as well as engagement with educators. Education both for the volunteers and also education given by the volunteers to local schools and the community.

5) What have you enjoyed most in your time with the LICCB and how would you like to share that with others?

The experience of kayaking, and especially with our great view view of Manhattan, is a wonderful experience and I've enjoyed sharing it with people over the past seven years.