

# Georgian Bay Storm Gathering 08

Co-sponsored by White Squall Paddling Centre and [www.PaddlingInstructor.Com](http://www.PaddlingInstructor.Com)

## Overview

The **Georgian Bay Storm Gathering** is for intermediate paddlers and instructors seeking one last weekend on the Bay before winter sets in. Together, we'll work through a practical yet informal weekend of sea kayaking with emphasis on changing conditions, safety/risk management, and open crossings. On-land workshops will include safety, coaching, trip planning, leadership and group management. On-water sessions will focus on navigation, boat handling, boat repair, leadership & incident management. Evenings will include socials and special presentations. The instructional team is volunteering for the weekend, in order to keep costs down. We expect everyone to come, ready to share, participate and have fun. Your development as a paddler will be entirely up to you. We're here to create opportunities for learning. Okay, here's the real reason. David and Tim wanted to get wet and cold in wind and waves with a bunch of other paddlers, then come back to warm cabins and tell lies about it in great detail.

Co-ordinators: David Johnston & Tim Dyer

Instruction Team: tba

Date: October 17 - Oct. 19

Location: Snug Haven Resort (<http://www.snughaven.ca>)  
RR #1, Nobel, Ont. P0G 1G0 (near Parry Sound)  
Provides access to sheltered and open Georgian Bay Coast

Registration: Registration is Limited!!  
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Please call to arrange payment and reserve your spot.  
Download registration forms from web and fax in to  
White Squall. Normal White Squall cancellation policy  
applies.

- PC Level 3:** Participation in this Gathering will constitute the first day of a Paddle Canada Level 3 Skills Course only for those wishing to apply. From Mon. Oct. 20 to Wed. Oct. 22, the completion of the Level 3 course will be conducted on Georgian Bay. Contact White Squall for details.
- Medical:** Any allergy or other medical condition that may affect participation must be made expressly clear in the registration forms, and verbally to organizers & group
- Pre-Requisites:**
- Paddle Canada Level 2 skills or equivalent
  - Ability to Roll on one side in waves less than 1 metre
  - Drysuit, Helmet & Complete Thermal Protection
  - A smiling face and lots of energy
- Cost:** \$150. Including Taxes Includes Friday/Saturday Accomodation plus all Instruction, lectures/socials  
\$595. plus taxes if you are a Level 3 Candidate (note that if you wish to stay over at Snug Haven on the Sunday night, there will be an additional charge-please contact us about that, Otherwise, you may camp at White Squall for free on the Sunday night.
- Accomodation:** Sung Haven Resort is just north of Parry Sound, Ontario and has small cottages that can accommodate from 4-9 people. They are all equipped with hot and cold water, electric stove, refrigerator, dishes, cutlery and all cooking utensils. All cottages have inside flush toilets and showers, combination kitchen and living room and separated bedrooms. Please bring your own sleeping bag.
- Meals:** All meals/drinks are participants responsibility. Though kitchen equipment and utensils are available, we suggest bringiing your own kit just in case! If you want to potluck it with other registrants, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with each other. Please make meals simple and quick!
- Alcohol:** Alcohol & Drugs have no place on the water  
Moderate consumption with the evening meal is fine.

**Boat/Gear:** Participants' responsibility  
If you need rental of boat/gear/drysuit, please contact White Squall to arrange separately  
A Complete Gear/Clothing List can be found at [whitesquall.com](http://whitesquall.com) in any of the skill/instructor course outlines

**Damage:** Due to hard rocks and big waves, there is a good chance that boats, paddles and gear will get damaged, broken or lost. You are responsible for your own gear and the Georgian Bay Storm Gathering or its sponsors will not be held responsible for any damaged or lost gear.

## **Schedule** (not finalized, but here is a brief overview)

Friday	10 - Noon	Welcome, Orientation Warm Up Paddle on the Bay
	1pm - 5:30pm	Rescues, Rolling, Bracing and Messing About
	Evening	Presentations and Social
Saturday	8:30 - Noon	Rough Water Skills Towing Strategies & Configurations
	1pm - 5:30pm	Scenario Practice
	Evening	Presentations & Social
Sunday	8:00am - 3pm	Snug Harbour Dock Seal Launch?!
		Journey to Red Rock Lighthouse & Mink Islands
	4pm	Closing Remarks and Farewell