

bird cooking in mom's great oven. Well, the macaroni was plentiful and we all had our fill.

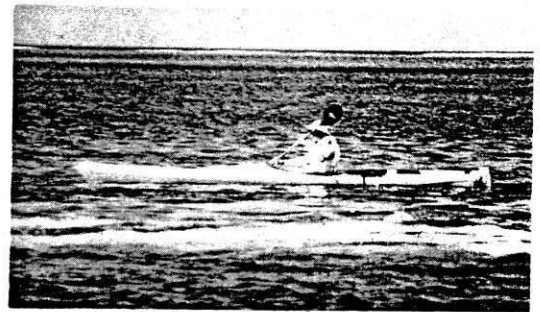
The next morning we were scattered about the rocky shore trying to get a clear view of how big that large storm centre to the south was and in what direction it was moving. Would it mess up our long 20-km paddle of open water back to our cars? Not being able to do anything about it we had our morning meal and packed (one doesn't load a kayak) the boats for the last time. We set off following the chain of islands that stretched 13 km to the south and once at the end turned east into Snug Harbour. The day was surprisingly calm with waves only 30 cm high. Heading south towards the storm with the sun above we saw fascinating colors and shapes in the cloud formations. However, the sky overhead and behind us was a beautiful clear blue. A sunbeam would occasionally light up the waters around us creating a Caribbean kind of feeling.

Paddling the seaward (or is it lakeward?) side of the islands, we had fun bouncing in the chop of the large lake

swells reflecting off the rocky island chain. Making good time, we reached the last island of the chain, dominated by a large lighthouse that captured our attention and activated our camera shutters. More lighthouses at the mouth of Snug Harbour made for easy navigation for the two-hour paddle across the open water. There was no wind and the water was glassy with the large lake swells making for a relaxing bob towards the harbor.

Just as we were reaching the mouth of the harbor the wind picked up, sending Rob scurrying to get his now stringless kite into the air with his long arms. Then out came mine and then Sandy's. I had my first successful flight; my modification of adding a longer tail proved its worth. So the last kilometre of the trip had me harnessing the wind to pull me into the dock, with Rob keeping up beside me with his now drifting, kiteless craft (his arms got tired).

Before zooming away in our cars, we watched the big red ball slide slowly behind the watery horizon; it was that Caribbean feeling all over again.



## WCA mailbox

(A new column to provide highlights of the information sent to the WCA. For more details, contact Marcia Farquhar.)

• ORCA, the Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association, offers instructor courses in moving water, lakewater, and canoe tripping, as well as river rescue workshops. They also have a resource centre of publications, films, and VHS cassettes. Contact ORCA, 1220 Sheppard Ave. E., Willowdale, Ontario, M2K 2X1, phone 416-495-4180.

• A conference on "Ontario's Wetlands, Inertia or Momentum" will be held 21 and 22 October 1988 in Toronto. Contact Ontario Wetlands, Federation of Ontario Naturalists, 355 Lesmill Rd., Don Mills, Ontario, M3B 2W8.

• "Forests for Tomorrow," a coalition of five Ontario environmental groups, seeks to ensure that forestry companies will be required to adopt environmentally sound management practices. The group will be participating in hearings on forest management starting in May 1988. For information contact the Sierra Club, 303 - 229 College Street, Toronto, M5T 1R4; phone 416-596-7778.

• The Ontario Environment Network publishes an Environmental Resource Book of organizations along with their publications and audio-visual materials. The Network also holds meetings and workshops across Ontario. Contact P.O. Box 125, Station "P", Toronto, M5S 2S7; phone 416-588-3843.

• The government of Ontario has created "Environmental Youth Corps." Naturalist and related groups will be eligible to receive funds, primarily during the summer, to hire young people, 15-24, to work on projects related to conservation, environmental protection, and resource management. For more information contact any of the following Ministries: Ministry of Skills Development, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment.

• The following organizations send the WCA their newsletters:

- Save the Rouge Valley System: "News of the Rouge,"
- Iroquois Canoe and Outing Club,
- Club Amis D'Eau (based in Québec),
- The Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association: "Kanawa,"
- The Ontario Recreational Canoeing Association: "Canews."

• The WCA is a member of the following organizations and receives their periodicals:

- The Federation of Ontario Naturalists: "Seasons,"
- The Canadian Nature Federation: "Nature Canada."