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Santa Cruz Surf Kayak Paddlefest

Santa Cruz, CA
March 16-18, 2012
www.asudoit.com/paddle_fest

South West Kayak Symposium

San Diego, CA
March 23-25, 2012
www.aqua-adventures.com

Bay Area Paddlefest

Fremont, CA
April 21-22, 2012
www.thebayareapaddlefest.org
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Kern River Festival

Kernville, CA
April 21-22, 2012
www.kvrc.org/festival.htm

Explore North Coast Kayak Social

Trinidad, CA
May 3-6, 2012
www.explorenorthcoast.net

Great Russian River Race

Healdsburg, CA
May 12, 2012
www.greatrussianriverrace.com

Sunrise Mountain Sports Kayak Festival

Livermore, CA
May 19-20, 2012
www.sunrisemountainsports.com

29th Upper Clackamas Whitewater Festival

Estacada, OR
May 19-20, 2012
www.upperclackamasfestival.org

Reno River Festival

Reno, CA
June 15-17, 2012
www.renoriverfestival.com

California Canoe & Kayak Paddlefest

Rancho Cordova, CA
June 16-17, 2012
www.calkayak.com

South Sound Traditional Inuit Kayak Symposium

Union, WA
June 15-17, 2012
www.qajaqpnw.org

AquanFest

San Mateo, CA
June 23-24, 2012
www.aquansports.com
See ad on page 31

Big Bear Paddlefest

Big Bear Lake, CA
July 7-8, 2012
www.bigbearpaddlefest.com

Scheels Paddle Sport Demo

Sparks, NV
July 14, 2012
www.scheels.com/events

Eppies Great Race 39

Sacramento, CA
July 21, 2012
www.eppiesgreatrace.org
See ad on page 32

Wavechaser Paddle Series

Various NorCal locations
Various dates
www.wavechaser.com

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▷NEWS

Sea Bird Breeding Season

Spring is the time for the birds and the bees. And this is no exception for sea birds. They are flocking to our coasts, preparing to breed and raise chicks on offshore rocks, islands and coastal cliffs. Over 600,000 seabirds return to central California each year to feed in the rich waters of California's national marine sanctuaries and beyond. While these amazing birds are fascinating, keep in mind that they and other marine wildlife need space to feed, rest, and care for their young. Seabirds are especially sensitive to kayakers coming too close to their breeding colonies. You don't want to spook the birds off their nests—to avoid this, Seabird Protection Network recommends staying 1,000 feet from rocks and islands to avoid disturbing their natural behavior, or causing harm to their chicks. Multiple small disturbances or a single large one, could cause colony abandonment.

Also, California now has Special Closures, marine protected areas surrounding six sensitive breeding colonies in the San Francisco Bay Area. Find out more at www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa or request a free waterproof guide on Special Closures from Bodega Head to Año Nuevo from the Seabird Protection Network: 415-970-5244; or email: California.Seabirds@noaa.gov

And for more information on Common Murres, one of the sea birds found on our coastline, you can read the Critters from Kayaks article in the Spring 2011 issue (available online at www.calkayakermag.com, if you didn't save a printed copy).

2012 Tahoe Keeper Certification and Costs

Tahoe Keepers is the organization tasked with stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the Lake Tahoe watershed. This pristine

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