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Comox Bay Paddle (event) Fri Jul 22, 2011 Leader: **William Wright** Co-Leader:

The keystone kayakers muddled thru a stuttered start of misplaced mitts and missing miscellaneous bits. Once sorted, the motley mountaineers made it onto the river only to be embraced by a brisk breeze and choppy seas , on the now turning tide.

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The advance party decided to slip into the Comox Marina, not only to enjoy a city cruise but to negate the steady sou'easter. In so doing, the lagging party zoomed on by and then, wondered as to our whereabouts upon arriving at the Spit.

Finally regrouping for a fine mix of vittles and conversation, calming seas seemed to forecast a more pleasant journey home. The push across the Bay seemed a bit far for some and the group chose to take two separate routes back.

The Royston party enjoyed a serene sunset paddle amongst the ghosts of our past and only the sun was missing, however hard it attempted to make an appearance. We had a tide sufficient enough to slip through the breakwater of aging wrecks and continue our adventure across Comox Bay.

There was enough water in the bay to allow us not to face the increased river flows and paddle through a grassy channel that permitted a short passage into the marina - one was heard to remark of our route through the reeds "like deepest Africa from Conrad's Heart of Darkness".

We entered the Airpark Marina to see that we had caught the advance group and were able to spend some moments reflecting on a most pleasant evening. Our group was composed of a couple of guests and a new member who all were in fine spirits from another exhilarating experience.



Winter Snows Above a Summer Beach [William Wright photo]



Supper at the Spit [William Wright photo]



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Approaching the Royston "Recks" [William Wright photo]



Ruins Succumbing to the Sea [William Wright photo]



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Paddling Amongst Giants of the Past [William Wright photo]



Returning Up the River [William Wright photo]

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