

Petaluma Small Craft Center Coalition Treasurer's Report: FY0809

PSC3 puts butts in boats on the Petaluma River. We are dedicated to increasing and supporting human-powered boating, and constructing a public boathouse in the city of Petaluma.

The group concluded its fourth year of existence September 30, 2009.

Our members include North Bay Rowing Club, He'e Nalu O Marin & Sonoma Outrigger Canoe Club, Clavey River Equipment, Ohana Wa'a Outrigger Canoe Club, and several individuals. Any member of any of these groups is welcome to our monthly meetings or to join the PSC3 newsgroup.

We concluded the year with about \$4,000 banked at Petaluma's Healthy Community Consortium, our nonprofit fiscal agent. A portion of this account, a grant from the Petaluma River Festival Foundation, is reserved for promotional activities. While our cash reserves have increased somewhat each year, we still lack the necessary resources to accomplish our goals. These goals include mounting even a modest promotional campaign, delivering more extensive public programming, and constructing facilities for boaters.

Incorporation as a nonprofit in 2010 will free us to pursue projects we cannot do with our current association.

Last summer we continued our traditions of the free public Day on The River and weeklong multisport summer camps for young people. These events are entirely run by volunteers from our member clubs, who act as coaches, guides, teachers, and watercraft jockeys. Only our volunteers can make these popular and successful public services possible.

Last year we also continued participation in the Petaluma River Access Partners' "Blueprint for Action," developing an implementation and funding strategy for the Petaluma River Access and Enhancement Plan. As the initiators of the National Park Service staff assistance grant that supports this project, PSC3 volunteers work closely with city officials and other community members to further the project and assure that a public boathouse is among the planned features.

PSC3 is politically neutral. However we regularly submit letters of support for the city and local nonprofits' grant applications for projects or programs that increase human-powered-boating and water access in Petaluma.

We will again offer the free public Day on The River in 2010, as well as two weeks' of youth camps. A number of additional programs are under consideration for this year. These include a canoe and rowboat rental facility at the Turning Basin, Venetian gondola and dragon boat events, a sailing program, as well as increasing community visibility.

PSC3 values your support and asks for your ongoing assistance in promoting nonmotorized boating and building the boathouse. You can learn more, join, or donate at PSC3.org.