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OPAF First Dive and First Paddle Launch in Michigan

April 27, 2010 – Waterloo, Iowa – OPAF will be hosting two First Clinics in Michigan the weekend of May 22-23, 2010. First Dive Intro to Scuba Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 22 at the Williamston High School Pool facilities in Williamston, Michigan and sponsored by Capital City Scuba and Knit-Rite, Incorporated. First Dive gives amputees and those with physical challenges the chance to “Feel The Freedom” that adaptive scuba offers. Clinic will be lead by First Dive Director, Stacey Minton and assisted by John and Connie Iszler of Capital City Scuba as well as Barbara Thompson from Dive Pirates Foundation. There is no cost for First Dive, but registration is required for pre-screening medical purposes. Space is limited so sign up today! More information and registration forms can be found on the OPAF website at www.opfund.org or by calling Capital City Scuba at 517-853-9500 or visit www.capitalcityscuba.com or the OPAF office at 319-235-4318.

OPAF will launch the inaugural First Paddle Clinic on Sunday, May 23 at the Michael Jones Pool facilities at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Clinic is being sponsored by SOAR (Special Opportunities in Advanced Rehabilitation) and will offer clinic participants the chance to try kayaking in a safe and sound environment and with specialized adaptive equipment. Clinic will be lead by American Canoe Association certified instructors and assisted by avid kayaking enthusiasts and volunteers. There is a limit of eight participants for this inaugural clinic and a registration fee of \$20. For more information and registration, please contact Chris Casteel at 734-552-9225 or email at CTCasteel@comcast.net.

OPAF is proud to host two First Clinics in the same weekend for the O & P population of Michigan and looks forward to other adaptive recreational sports programs and clinics in the future!

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