

April 28, 2020 - Jacqui's London England Solo Kayak Outing

Spring Time In Jolly Old England

Jacqui Morgenstein is stuck in England. She has family there and had planned to spend a quiet Winter visiting with them.

Now the Covid-19 epidemic stranded her there for the duration.

Their restrictions were even more draconian than were ours but she and Henry made it through and now she has the liberty to move around outside and recreate and partake of the Spring weather.

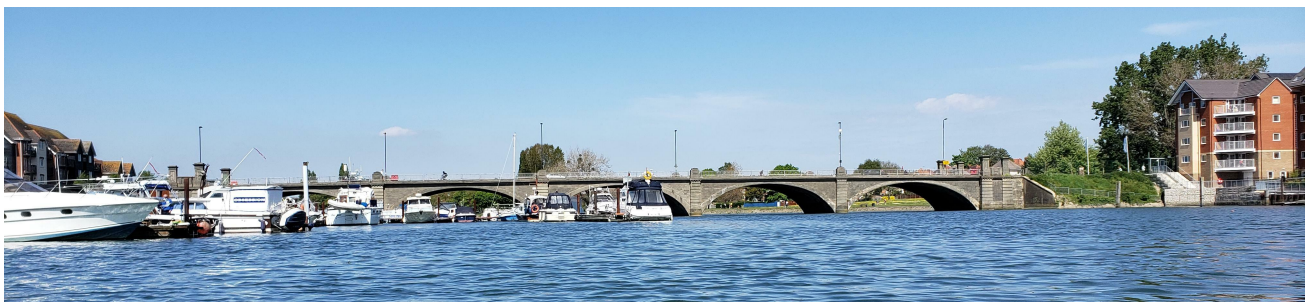
Here are some photos of her first outing on a river near here home.



Here's the new kayak - a Perception Expression 11.5



She rather dwarfs my little Toyota Yaris!



I paddle on the lower, tidal reaches of the River Itchen right in the heart of Southampton. This is south of Cobden Bridge.



There are lots of people in the riverside park. It's MUCH safer on the river!



Just to the left is the Boat club I used to paddle from. The one that's closed so I can't use it and had to buy my much nicer boat. This picture is from the north, looking back towards the bridge.



Further up-river. Spring is pretty advanced now:

I fear that my email service will have indigestion if I include any more, so I'll stop here and send more another day.

I live in a town 30 miles SW of London called Southampton. The nearby river has a tidal range of about 11.5ft. That makes a difference when I paddle.

The police here are doing a pretty good job of moving people on when they gather to talk at park benches - that's mostly the teenage girls! But there are still far too many people walking in this big city for me to feel safe except on the river. so I am ecstatic to finally have a boat with which to do that!

The weather has finally broken and we've had steady rain most of the day. I see no hope of a return to the fabulous sunshine we've had all month. So I'm really glad to have had 3 days of paddling in it. So, I'm lucky!

Do get your boat out as soon as your weather gets warm enough. Your car is a safe space and so is your boat once you are out on a reasonably large body of water. They say that in countries where they contact trace, no-one has caught Covid outside. It's indoors that the virus clouds hang in the air. Outside in the wind and the UV light it doesn't stand a chance.

Keep safe and sane,

Jacqui

We miss you, Jacqui and we wish you well.

Send us more photos.

Norm Fred