

Paddling Sports Month: The Florida Paddling Trails Association

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President
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Association

David Chen is a retired Podiatric Physician who became President of the Florida Paddling Trails Association (FPTA) in 2024. He is an enthusiastic paddler, whose interest was sparked by exposure to the paddling sports during his tenure as a Scouting Leader.

He is a certified ACA (American Canoe Association) L2 Kayak Instructor, and in 2018 founded the South Florida Paddlers, a Facebook based paddling club that serves the Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Monroe county areas. He enjoys exploring and paddling all the great waterways of Florida and introducing others to the same.

Chen is an advocate for preservation of the remaining waterways and environmental preserves in the State of Florida. As President of the FPTA, he leads a team of volunteers who have the same mission. He is constantly looking for ways to increase safety and access for paddlesports activities in the State.

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