

## **Mirant/Dickerson Whitewater Course Update- June 1, 2010**

The whitewater course at the Mirant/Dickerson power station is a critical asset to those BCE members wishing to paddle for training or recreational purposes. As such, maintaining a working relationship with Mirant is important to ensure that we have access to this resource.

Peter Jons has joined the BCE executive committee to continue to foster this relationship, and act as the liaison between BCE and Mirant. Pete's role will be to be the primary and point of contact between BCE and Mirant, obtaining course availability and flow information from Mirant, and passing it along to BCE members as appropriate.

There are several planned course closures this summer; also there are times when the course will be used by fire/rescue personnel for swift water rescue training. During those days, BCE members will need to share the course.

The dates that the course will be closed this year are:  
June 1-3, June 9, June 16, June 17, July 12-15

The dates that you'll have to share the course with other groups are:  
June 13, June 22-24, June 20, June 27, June 30, July 25-29, August 22, Aug 25-27, September 18-20.

A few reminders about course usage:

Anyone who uses the Dickerson Generating Station whitewater course must sign Mirant's waiver form and submit it to Security personnel upon entry to the facility.

All users and visitors of the Mirant whitewater course shall be registered and approved by the Bethesda Center of Excellence (BCE) and present the appropriate 2010 BCE cards to security personnel upon entry to the facility. Entry will not be granted without BCE documentation.

All users and visitors to the Mirant whitewater course shall be escorted to and from the course by Mirant security personnel. To contact Dickerson generating station's security personnel for escort from the course call 301 601 6551.

Finally, like the snowstorm in the winter which caused Mirant to close the course to kayakers for an extended period, Mirant has the right to close the course if they - including the security guards - feel that severe weather could pose a safety issue to people on the course. If there are signs of lightening in the area, Mirant can close the course and keep it closed until 30 minutes after the storm has passed.