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The RICKA Family Picnic

Date: August 23rd

Location: The Pavilion at Ft. Getty in Jamestown

Time: 8am to 4pm

Bring family and friends and come join the fun!

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There will be plenty of activities to appeal to everybody at this year's party.

A number of both flatwater and sea kayaking paddles are scheduled to leave from Fort Getty (sea kayakers can choose from level 2, 3 and 4 trips, all leaving at 9am; see bulletin board for flatwater paddles).

A catered southern barbecue from Becky's Barbecue in Middletown will include barbecued chicken and pulled pork, a variety of sides, soft drinks, watermelon and dessert. Vegetarian and kids' meals are available. See the registration form.

Other Activities:

Activities at Fort Getty include swimming, fishing and volley ball (the net is there; just bring a ball). There is ample room for ball games, badminton, or most anything else. Organize an activity and bring the necessary equipment.

Cost and Registration: \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 and under.

Feel free to invite friends and relatives, whether members or not! The RICKA member prices applies to all.

Use the attached form. Make checks payable to RICKA and mail them to:

Charlie Larocque, 561 Seven Mile Road, Hope, RI, 02831-1850

IMPORTANT

We **must** let the caterer know by **August 15th** how many will be attending. Please make sure you get your registration form (for members and guests) and check to Charlie before then.

Please note: This is a *non-alcoholic* event.

Lunch will be served around 1 pm.

When arriving at Ft. Getty, tell the guard you are attending the RICKA Picnic and you will be admitted without charge.

Directions:

From South County area:

Take Route 95 North to exit 3 to Route 138 East. Turn left at light where Route 138 East merges with Route 1. Take the Jamestown/Newport Bridge exit (Route 138 East). Follow Route 138 East to Jamestown via the

Jamestown Bridge. Take Helm Street exit onto access road and go straight at the stop sign. Follow road out and take a right at the stop sign onto North Road. Go straight at 4 way intersection and follow road out past Mackerel Cove Beach. After the beach take first right onto Fort Getty Road and continue onto the gate house and check in.

From Providence area:

Take Route 95 South to Route 4 to Route 1. Take the Jamestown/Newport Bridge exit (Route 138 East). Follow Route 138 East to Jamestown via the Jamestown Bridge. Follow directions above.

From Newport:

Follow Route 138 West over the Newport Bridge. Take the Jamestown exit. Bear right at the yield sign and continue until stop sign. Turn left onto Conanicus Avenue and go straight at the intersection. Follow road approximately one-half mile and take a right onto Hamilton Avenue. Go straight at stop sign and follow road out past Mackerel Cove Beach and take first right onto Fort Getty Road. Continue on road to the gate house and check in.

2009 RICKA AWARDS

In our club of 500 members, the driving force that makes things happen is a cadre of dedicated volunteers without which this club could not function.

In any given year the club coordinates nearly one-hundred paddles and offers training in basic paddling skills plus rolling clinics. The club has 8 indoor meetings a year with speakers who address subjects and issues important to us, both as kayakers and as people who love and respect the waters that we use for our sport. The club publishes a newsletter 11 times a year and has typically had at least one and sometimes two group outings a year. Many of our volunteers work behind the scenes organizing the membership records; the accounting of the clubs treasury; maintaining the web site and bulletin boards; and keeping paddling calendars timely and accurate.

It is important to recognize these individuals. What follows is a list of those that have served the club with their time and talents in 2008.

Trip coordinators are the individuals who brought together the necessary details and used their local knowledge to schedule a trip for one or more of our paddling activities – whitewater, flatwater and sea kayaking.

Special recognition goes to members nominated by their paddling chairpersons as individuals as having consistently given that extra effort that has helped the club keep true to its charter and to prosper and grow.

These members' efforts will be recognized with a small

token in the form of personalized, insulated water bottles imprinted with the RICKA logo. These bottles will be presented at the picnic on August 23rd.

Trip Leaders:

Barbara Day, Benn Thompson, Betty Melon, Bill Brown, Bob Hogan, Bob Martin, Bryan Johnston, Burt Nowell, Carol Costanza, Chris Ratcliffe, Chuck Horbert, Ed Mullen, Elaine Andrews, Eric Eckilson, Gregg O'Brien, Henry Dziadosz, Jason Riendeau, Jean Josephson, Jean Mcinerney, Jim Cole, John Scharlin, Karen Ogden, Kent Cameron, Kevin Bowen, Lee Parham, Linda Konvalinka, Mary Lou Anderson, Melanie Lamoureux, Mike Bouley, Mike Bussell, Mike Rock, Paul Bender, Ray Peters, Richard Copeland, Ron Chichowski, Shannon Kelley, Sharon Albert, Steve Riendeau, Terry Yeaw, Tony Moore, Wayne Leary.

Special Recognition:

Bill Brown, Bill Luther, Bob Martin, Brian Dolan, Carleen McCosker, Cat Radcliffe, Cheryl Thompson Cameron, Chuck Horbert, Elaine Andrews, Eric Eckilson, Eric Johnson, Frank Matta, Henry Dziadosz, Jim Cole, Joe Sherlock, Julie Riendeau, Louise Price, Mark Roberts, Mike Rock, Peter Gengler, Peter Hill, Ralph Wernett, Sue Matta, Sue Sirois, Tim Motte, Wayne Leary, Barbara August, Alan August, Terry Meyer, Charlie Larocque, Mike Bussell, Kevin Bowen, Caryl Salisbury

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FLATWATER TRIPS

Late cancellations & changes to trips will be posted on the Flatwater Message Board. Please check before leaving for a trip.

If you would like to sign up for the e-mail list, send an e-mail to StoneFoxFarm@juno.com and write “Join Flatwater list” in the subject line.

Note: Inflatable PFD's (life vests) are not acceptable for paddling on RICKA Flatwater trips or Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips.

August 5th Sunset / Full Moon Paddle on 100 Acre Cove in Barrington. Meet at 6:30 pm.

Leaders: Jean Josephson
kayakjmj@yahoo.com 401-245-5523 ,
Gregg O'Brien goh243@aol.com 401-473-8132 and **Sharon Albert**
s504business@yahoo.com 401-942-3378.

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Head Lamps or flash light required.

The put-in for Hundred-Acre Cove and the Barrington River is on Route 114 (the Wampanoag Trail) in Barrington.

Go south on 114 and take the last

August 15th Lower Pawtuxet River. Cranston RI. Meeting at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, no shuttle required. Leader: Leader Bill Brown
kayakbill222@aol.com and A.J. Note: Bill prefers e-mail communication. If you would like more information and do not have e-mail, please call Cheryl at 401-647-5887 **Bring a lunch.**

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

No shuttle needed for this trip

Directions to the put-in: From 95 South take exit 17- From 95 North take exit 16. Both exits lead to Elmwood Avenue. Drive south on Elmwood until you come to the traffic light at Elmwood and Park Avenue. Take a left onto Park Avenue (A mobile station will be on your left). Stay straight on Park until you can go no

further (Park Avenue will end) and take a right onto Broad Street. Go ½ mile on Broad Street. You will see a gazebo on your right. Take a right at the gazebo and follow the road right in the parking lot.

August 16th Quaddick Reservoir-Thompson CT. Meet at 10:00am at the Post Office in Chepachet. Leader: Henry Dziadosz henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313.

Suitable for all. Bring a lunch. We may jump in for a dip on the lunch break. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Meet at Chepachet Post Office 10:00am and we will drive to the put-in.

Chepachet Post Office meeting place for Quaddick Reservoir coordinates **N41 54.797 W071 40.138 (next to the old CVS)**

From Rt. 295 - Take 295 North or South to exit 7B Greenville, Route 44 west. Follow Rt. 44 West for approx. 10 miles to Chepachet Post Office on your right.

From Rt. 146 South - Take Slatersville Exit. Turn right onto Rt. 146 A. At light by Slatersville Plaza, go straight on Rt. 102 South. Follow Rt. 102 South for seven miles to intersection with Rt. 44 in Chepachet. Turn left onto Rt. 44 East and continue about one quarter mile to the post office

From Rt. 146 North - Take Slatersville Exit. Turn left off ramp onto School Street. At intersection by Slatersville Common and Church, veer left onto Green Street. Continue through Slatersville to first light at Rt. 102. Turn left onto Rt. 102 South. Follow Rt. 102 South for six miles to intersection with Rt. 44 in Chepachet. Turn left onto Rt. 44 East and continue about one quarter mile to the post office.

The Rhode Island Canoe/Kayak Association (Rhode Island Canoe Association, Inc.), although safety conscious, cannot guarantee your personal safety in club activities. You are responsible for the adequacy of your own skills, training and equipment when engaging in or attending RICKA activities. A PFD—worn as intended by the manufacturer—is a requirement for all RICKA trips.

Couple cheat death twice in 24 hours

ROSENDALE, N.Y., June 25 (UPI)—A New York couple cheated death twice in 24 hours, first when their canoe upended in surging rapids and then when a tree crushed their windshield as they drove.

“I should live in a protective bubble,” Kieran Liggan, 24, told the (Kingston, N.Y.) Daily Freeman.

When the couple escaped uninjured from a back window of their Nissan after an 80-foot tree fell through the car’s windshield, “I was like, ‘Seriously, are you freaking kidding me?’” Liggan said.

A day earlier, they were stranded for 40 minutes in the Esopus Creek, a Hudson River tributary 85 miles north of New York City whose rapids were swollen due to recent rains. Police and fire crews eventually rescued them.

Liggan’s father said the couple surviving back-to-back accidents Sunday and Monday was a Father’s Day blessing.

“My father passed away about three months ago, and I have a feeling that he’s looking over them,” Bill Liggan said.

“With the creek, my thought was, thank God they were all wearing their life jackets,” he told the newspaper. “With the tree, another second sooner, the tree would have come down on top of the windshield instead of the bottom of the windshield.”

“I can’t tell if I’m lucky or unlucky,” Kieran Liggan said. “I believe that there is definitely somebody out there pulling the strings. My husband said ... it’s like there’s two people — one person wants us dead and one with a little bit more pull wants us alive.”

She didn’t know why the tree fell, but noted the sky was clear at the time.

August 22- Providence River- East Providence RI. Meet at 9:00 am. Leader Bill Brown kayakbill222@aol.com Note: Bill prefers e-mail communication. If you would like more information and do not have e-mail, please call Cheryl at 401-647-5887.

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Leaving the put-in you will head north-west towards the hurricane barrier. Entering the open water below the hurricane barrier there may be some chop, especially with a south wind. Tidal currents are generally not a problem. There can be swells coming up the bay in the open area.

Rounding the corner, passing tugboats on your right, you pass through the barrier and enter the quiet Providence River. The electric company will be on your left and great views of the city ahead. After passing under the first bridge you are in and under the city. Waterfire braziers line the center of the river. The Providence court house and RI School of Design (RISD) are on your right.

Bearing to the left you come into Water Place Park. The Providence Mall is in front of you. Paddle under the mall and the train tracks and continue up river until you run out of water. It is best to do this section at higher tides.

Directions: Take 195 East from Providence and then take the Riverside Rt. 44 exit .. just over the Washington Bridge. Bear right off the exit and make your VERY FIRST RIGHT TURN. (This comes up quickly so watch for it). Take this road to the end and turn left. The launch is a boat ramp on the right a short ways down- just after a large dirt parking lot.

August 23rd. RICKA summer party at Fort Getty.

First Annual RICKA BBQ at Fort Getty on August 23rd. Click on link for your reservation.

August 30th, 2009 - 6th Annual North River Trip. 10:30 am Arrival with a 11:30PM (SHARP) Launch. Leader Ron Cichowski (508)868-3471 or n3303j@erols.com Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the

flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Please be there and ready to shuttle at 10:30am.

Trip is suitable for Day Touring or Ocean Kayaks and Kayakers that can paddle comfortably at 2.5 knots in still water.

Description: No overhanging branches or trees. The river is sufficiently wide enough for any length boat. A little bit of quick water at the bridges and one natural narrow. Enough fetch in some spots that windy conditions can produce white peaks on some of the waves but not significant enough to swamp an average boat. A bit of power boat activity as you work your way to the end, but so far it all has appeared courteous and aware of kayak/canoe limits. A large portion of the river is posted as a "No Wake" zone.

The put-in is in Pembroke MA with parking for about 15 vehicles. (N 42° 05.992' W070° 49.124') The take-out is about 8 land miles down in Marshfield at Ocean View Marina on Route 3A (N42.09.829' W070 44.552). The paddle distance is 11.8 miles. It represents a relatively easy 4 hour trip (UNLESS the wind is against you!). There is a pine grove with a small beach area about 6 miles into the trip which is a good stop point for snack/lunch break.

DIRECTIONS to meeting place and put-in:

From **Massachusetts Route 3 EXIT #12** proceed on **Route 139 West 2.3** miles to the intersection with **Route 53**.

Continue on **Route 139 West 0.8** miles to the Traffic Light and intersection of **BROADWAY**.

Turn **LEFT** on **BROADWAY** and proceed **0.3** miles to the fork with **ELM** Street.

Bear **LEFT** on **ELM** Street and proceed **0.6** miles to **INDIAN HEAD** Street.

Turn **LEFT** on **INDIAN HEAD** Street and proceed **0.3** miles to **LAUNCH SITE** at end of street on right.

<http://www.kayakpilot.com/NorthRiver.htm>

1. [MAP Launch Site](#)

Day blsday@verizon.net Home 508-987-0549 and Karen Ogden kao@charter.net Bring a lunch. Trip suitable for all.

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Almost 500 acres of land and 200 acres of water comprise the natural environment at Buffumville Lake. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers built Buffumville Dam in 1958 in response to the floods of 1936, which caused tremendous property damage and took many lives in the region. It is now an outdoor recreation spot providing hiking, fishing, swimming and an excellent paddling destination.

You can drive down to the water and off load your boats and then park in the lot. Any size boat.

on Norton Reservoir and a get together at Lee Parham's waterfront home after the paddle. Bring a dish to share. Costume or funky hat optional.

Details to come.

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Our leaders provide directions as a courtesy to paddlers however, you are responsible to refer to a map and familiarize yourself with the trip location.

“If you fall overboard, you have one hand on the canoe, one on your paddle—which are you going to use for the life jacket?”

—William Rohland, response officer for Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 24-02, on not wearing a PFD

SAVE THE DATE: August 23rd!

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Save the date for the first annual RICKA family picnic and paddle, to be held at the Pavilion at Fort Getty in Jamestown.

Bring your boat and your family for a day of fun and food with your fellow RICKA members. There will be both sea kayak and flatwater paddles along the Jamestown shore and Dutch Harbor, plus swimming and fishing for the non-paddlers. Enjoy a catered barbecue with all the fixings and attend an award ceremony recognizing club members who have volunteered their time and talents to promote our sport and make it safer for our members and the public at large. Other activities being considered are a swap meet and/or an auction.

Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under. Attendance is limited to RICKA members, spouses/partners and families. Please fill out the form below and mail with check to reserve your space.

MemberName: _____

Total Number Attending: _____

Number of Adult Meals: _____ X \$10 \$ _____

Number of Adult Vegetarian Meals: _____ X \$10 \$ _____

Number of Kid's Meals (12 & under): _____ X \$5 \$ _____

Please send check to :

**Charlie Larocque
561 Seven Mile Rd.
Hope, RI 02831-1850**

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Boy survives 8-mile river ride on toy truck

Reuters, July 14, 2009

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - A boy celebrating his third birthday was unhurt and apparently unfazed after he floated nearly eight miles down a river riding atop his toy truck, police said.

The boy's family was camping at a popular park near Fort St. John, in northeastern British Columbia, on Sunday when the boy wandered off unnoticed and somehow entered the

nearby Peace River, Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Monday.

The boy's parents at first thought he was playing with other relatives at the campsite. But police were later alerted and had begun a search when a boater found the boy, and the toy, about 7.8 miles away.

After a nearly two-hour journey down the swift-moving river, the boy had no injuries and was apparently unaware of the danger he had been in.

"He was very excited to see the police," said RCMP Constable Jackelynn Passarell.

A local news report said the boy made sure the boater who found him also retrieved the toy truck.

SEA KAYAK TRIPS

Cape Ann Circumnavigation

Coordinator: Carole Costanza
c2sea@verizon.net)

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2009

Time: 9:00am

Sakonnet Point

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 4
Coordinators: Todd Moore
Put-in: Sakonnet Point Town Boat Launch
Directions: The boat launch is located at the end of RT-77.

Fort Wetherill

Date: Sunday, August 16, 2009

Time: 9:00am

Description: Level: 4
Coordinator: Tony Moore
Put-In: Ft. Wetherill
Directions: Follow Rt. 138 and exit into downtown Jamestown on the East side of the island. Head south on the main street which turns into Walcott Ave., turn left at the sign for Ft. Wetherill. Follow this road to the park, turn right into the park (Brick restrooms on right) then take a quick left to the boat launch parking area.

Slocum River

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 2 & 3
Contacts: Carleen McOsker
(carleenmco@charter.net)
Kevin Bowen
Directions:
Directions from Providence on Rt 195, exit at Faunce Corner (Exit 12), go right at end of ramp onto Faunce Corner Rd. At Route 6 (Liberty Travel, Mobil station) go straight across onto Old Westport Rd. At the fork, bear left (it's more like straight) onto Chase Road and continue to end (about 3.5 mi.) At the end (Russells mills Rd) take a right, go about 1 mile. Watch for Davoll's Store - yellow building on left. Take the left after the store, which begins Horseneck Rd. About 1/4 mi. down you will see the Town Landing Launch on left near tennis courts and a dirt parking area. The Slocum River is one of the most

Maine man paddles 740 miles from NY to Maine

June 29, 2009

FORT KENT, Maine—A 67-year-old man has become the first to paddle his kayak without assistance 740 miles over the Northern Forest Canoe Trail from New York to Maine.

It took Gil Whitney 57 days to complete the journey from Old Forge, N.Y., to Fort Kent, Maine. The retired tractor-trailer driver from Lakeville, Maine, shed 30 pounds and survived nine days of rain, a spill in Class IV whitewater and a close encounter with a swimming black bear.

Whitney's wife, Kathy, reported his arrival in Fort Kent on Saturday on a blog.

Northern Forest Canoe Trail officials say there have been solo canoeists, but Whitney is the first solo kayaker. The trail follows historic American Indian paddling routes through northern New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine and part of southern Quebec.

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beautiful salt water rivers in New England. The level 2 trip will explore the river and possibly venture into Little River. The level 3 trip will exit the Slocum River and explore the coast before returning by way of Allen's Pond.

RICKA BBQ and Paddles

Date: Sunday, August 23, 2009

Time: 9:00am

Description: Level: 2, 3, & 4
Location: Ft. Getty, Jamestown
catered BBQ begins serving at 1:00
RSVP details on the RICKA Home Page

Potter's Cove, Jamestown

Date: Sunday, August 30, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 4
Coordinators: Tony & Aline Moore
Put-in: King's Beach, Newport, RI
Directions: From Newport follow Ocean Drive out to Brenton Point State Park. About 1/2 mile east of the Park, watch for the Kings Beach/Fishing Access sign (near Price Neck). The access road is easy to miss.

SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

You must show your RICKA card to receive these discounts:

Claude's Cycles:

Wood canoes & fiberglass canoes 8% off.
Canoe & power sports accessories 10% off.
Snowshoes 10% off. 50cc scooters 3% off.
Receive an additional 2% discount on canoes and 50cc scooters when you pay by bank check. Discounts apply to non-sale items.
· 10 Cedar Lane, Foxborough, MA
· 508-543-0490 (call for directions)
· www.claudescycles.com

Northwind Sports:

· 10% RICKA discount.
· 267 Thames St., Bristol
· 401-254-4295
· www.northwindsports.com

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10% off accessories.
· 489 Old County Rd, Westport, MA
· (508) 636-0300
· www.ospreyseakayak.com

Ocean State Adventures:

10% discount for RICKA members.
· 99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol
· 401-254-4000
· www.kayakri.com

Canoe Passage Outfitters:

Glass and Kevlar boats, 10% off retail;
polyethylene boats 15% off retail;
accessories, trips and instructions, 10% off regular prices.
· 277 Water Street, Warren 401-289-2754
· www.canoepassage.com

The Kayak Centre:

Glass boats 6% off normal retail; plastic boats 10% off normal retail; accessories with boat purchase 15% off, 10% off all other times for RICKA members.
· Brown and Phillips Streets, Wickford
· 1-888-SEA-KAYAK
· www.kayakcentre.com

Quaker Lane Outfitters:

All canoes & kayaks 10% off;
accessories 20% off.
· 4019 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown
· 1-800-249-5400

WaveLength Magazine

Offers a \$10 introductory "Club Sub" for new subscribers (regularly \$15).
Send a check with your name, mailing address and a note saying you're a RICKA member to:
WaveLength Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7.
www.WaveLengthMagazine.com

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

We have rental boats available for people on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month from our vendor Great Canadian. (Membership requirements are waived for those paddlers renting boats on our rental nights) We have a limited number of kayaks and canoes that may be reserved for a fee. To reserve a boat, call Great Canadian at 1-508-865-0010.

If you have questions about any of the following trips, contact Cheryl at StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887. Unless otherwise noted, trips are suitable for all experience levels.

“Into to Paddling Nights” will be solely devoted to paddlers interested in learning basic strokes that will allow them to better control their boat, whether they paddle a canoe or kayak. Great Canadian will rent boats for these nights as well. “Introduction to Paddling nights” are free of charge and included with your membership or boat rental! Trips are not offered on these evenings.

Notice: due to space constraints, complete details can't be printed here. check the web site for additional details about these trips, as well as directions.

July 30th 6:15 pm “intro to Paddling Night”. Manchaug Pond, Sutton MA

Questions ? Contact Cheryl
StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887.

Manchaug Pond in Sutton. See web site for directions

GPS coordinates: N42 05.533 W071 46.040.

August 4th 6:15 pm Ranger night at Harrisville Pond. Rentals Available

Ranger Nights are offered every month, we are guided by National Park Service Rangers on interpretive paddles. Suitable for all levels of experience. Questions ? Contact Cheryl StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887. Join National Park Ranger,

Suzanne Buchanan for the “Lazy Days of Summer Paddle” and enjoy fun and games on the water with us. This is a networking paddle, we will be joined by the Blackstone Valley Interpretive Network volunteers, who are fantastic storytellers.

The pond and above where the Clear River enters, is listed by the state as pristine water, the state's highest rating for water quality.

GPS coordinates for the put-in: N 41 58.258' W071 40.738'

August 11th 6:15 pm Seekonk River, Pawtucket, RI Questions ? Contact Cheryl StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-588. Spray skirts recommended, wind waves and chop possible.

First, paddle about 1/2 north first to get a spectacular view of the Pawtucket Falls on the Lower Blackstone. Then turn around and head for Bold Point (about 5 miles). The name Pawtucket means “Great Falls”.

Please check a map or use mapquest before leaving for this trip.

GPS coordinates: N 41 52 159 W071 22 816

August 13th 6:15 pm “Intro to Paddling Night” Bowdish Lake, Gloucester, RI.

Questions ? Contact Cheryl
StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887.

GPS put-in coordinates are: N41 55. 408' W071 45.493

August 18th 6:15 pm. Blackstone Gorge-Blackstone MA. Rentals Available.

Questions ? Contact Cheryl
StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887. Join us as we are guided by Naturalist Julie Riendeau on this interpretive paddle. Suitable for all levels of experience.

The Blackstone Gorge : GPS Coordinates: N42 00.923 W071 33.165

August 25th Annual VIP and Paddle Club Pot luck picnic. Rentals Available

Questions ? Contact Cheryl
StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887.

Suitable for all levels of experience. NPS Ranger Valerie Paul will be there to guarantee plenty of fun.

For the Spring Lake Party and paddle, we will put in at the boat ramp on Black Hut Road. There will be a van or car there to shuttle our potluck contributions to the party over to the beach. Please bring your favorite pot luck picnic dish to share.

RICKA SEA KAYAKING LEVELS

RICKA does not assign ratings to paddlers. We assign difficulty levels to our trips. A trip's difficulty rating is a guide for judging if you have the skills to participate in a trip.

Every paddler must decide for themselves to participate in a group trip. Your decision should be based on some of the following considerations: the difficulty level of the trip; the forecasted weather conditions; your skill and experience level; your comfort level with the other participants

Every paddler that decides to participate in a group trip shares responsibility for the safety of the group as a whole.

Level 1: No previous kayak experience required.

Level 2: Participants should be able to:

Paddle 6 miles in a day.

Perform a wet exit.

Perform an assisted deep water rescue.

Maintain a heading for short distances without the use of a rudder.

Turn a kayak using forward and reverse sweep strokes.

Level 3: Participants should be able to:

Perform skills listed under Level 2.

Paddle 13 miles in a day.

Control a kayak in 15- to 20-knot winds.

Feel comfortable in 2-3 foot waves.

Handle SURF and BEACH LANDINGS.

Level 4: Participants should be able to:

Perform the skills listed under Level 3.

Paddle 15 miles in a day.

Control a kayak in 20 knot winds.

Handle large ocean swells.

Level 5: Participants should be able to:

Perform the skills listed under Level 4.

Paddle 20+ miles in a day.

Control a kayak in 25 knot winds.

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Wilderness Systems Sea-Two Expedition Kayak (double) with rudder. Yellow, 90 lbs., 17'3" long by 30". 2 spray skirts, 2 paddles, 2 adult life preservers. Always stored indoors. Very lightly used. Always stored indoors. A steal at \$799.00. Call MAC at 401 245-8813 or e-mail at maclynie@verizon.net (7/23)

Partially completed Pygmy kayak kit, stitch & glue construction. Includes enough mahogany and teak for a 2nd boat. Wood Rockguard Journey paddle, composite Nimbus paddle, dry suit (med/lg). 2 dry bags, camera bag, bilge pump, numerous tapes, books, plans, magazines. \$1200 or b.o. for everything. Call 508-823-1426 (7/22)

Wilderness Systems Cape Horn 145 (14' 5")— yellow with multichine hull in good condition and stored year-round in a garage. Has rudder and built-in compass and fishing pole holder. Will include a sprayskirt and paddle. \$600 or best offer. Photos available. Also for sale is a Yakima Hully Roller and Maeko Saddle set for \$70.00. Call Fred @ 401-467-2183 or e-mail: cygnusfff@verizon.net (7/22)

Mad River Rampage whitewater canoe. Solo boat; used lightly for 3 years and stored in garage ever since. Fully outfitted with sidewall reinforcing foam, custom(izable) saddle, electric bilge pump, air bags, waterproof storage compartment. Vinyl rails. Suitable for big water, extreme rocker, extremely stable (primary & secondary). Manufacturer's description of this model [here](#), discussion of merits [here](#). \$475. **Also** available, Rampage more heavily used, similar outfitting & storage. Wood rails, \$250. Will sell one or the other. Offers considered. Alan, 401-725-3344 or webmaster@ricka.org. (7/19)

NRS Sprayskirt – neoprene sprayskirt for Dagger kayak or any kayak with cockpit opening 34-36" in length and 18-20" wide, I have two size L sprayskirts for waist sizes 33-37". \$25 each or B.O. Call 439-5570. (6/19)

Necky Arluk 1.9 Kevlar, only 40 lbs; FAST; 18 feet long; 22 inches wide; yellow deck, ivory hull, grey bulkhead hatches; Very good condition; some hull scratches (nothing unusual) and sunfading, but excellent seaworthiness. \$1000. Call 508-631-3375 or amy.tidwellcrwe@gmail.com (5/31)

Necky Elaho, Red, Length: 15'8" Width: 22.5" The Elaho is a low profile touring playboat. Its multi-chine diamond hull and rocker combine to make a very playful and maneuverable kayak. Polymer construction makes this boat incredibly durable. Excellent condition. \$800 obo. Will email pictures upon request. Call Rick at 401-864-5457 or ricktjader@cox.net (5/22)

Boreal Inukshuk Red Touring Kayak 16ft with rudder. Everything is in good shape, a few scratches on the bottom. 650.00 APaul041@hotmail.com (2/23)

Old Town Penobscot 16 canoe. One owner, stored indoors. Good condition. Superb all-around canoe, and a great tandem. Loves moving water. Selling to make room for a solo canoe. Located in eastern CT. \$500 Contact Wayne at wsmith16@charter.net(2/3)

Betsie Bay Recluse 19 feet by 20.5 inches. Fast, fun boat, and a good roller. New hatches, decklines forward of cockpit, gel seat insert, and backband. Sprayskirt included. \$1,500.00 Contact Wayne at wsmith16@charter.net (2/3)

Hull-A-Port kayak rack, used once, new July 08, \$ 85.00 Pat 401-480-3508 (10/4)

P&H Capella RM166 Lava red poly sea kayak with a skeg, 3 bulkheads, and a day hatch. Length 16' 7", Beam 22" Weight 54 lbs. Good condition, great overall performance and a fine boat for the Bay! Cost-\$750 Contact Joe Sherlock 603-325-0046 email sherlock244@gmail.com (9/28)

Garage-clearing sale! 2 Kokatat GoreTex Deluxe Sea Skirt (almost new used approx 5 times) the two I have are identical to this except no pooling reinforcement colour is mango \$65 ea OBO. Yakima set of Mako Saddles and Hully Rollers (fits one Kayak). Will supply with Yakima Bow/Stern tie downs. Used for approx three years in great condition \$70 OBO, could add Yakima Subaru Forrester Might Mounts for another \$15. A pair of NSI thigh padz new in packet \$8. nicholas.fairweather@skye-tek.com (9/16)

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