

# PADDLER

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## May Meeting

Monday, May 21st, 7pm at the J.C.C.

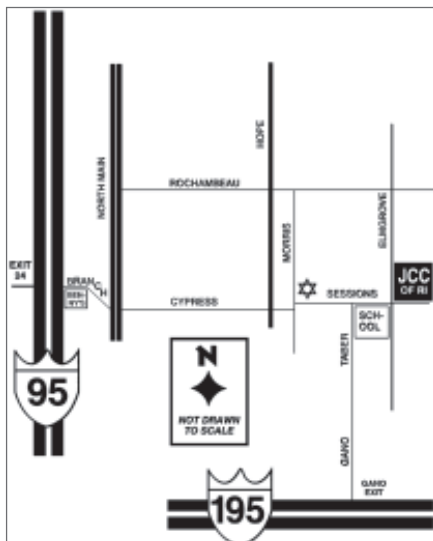
### Andy de Long: Hood River Expedition

Eleven years ago, RICKA member Andy de Long decided to devote most of his vacation and spare time to traveling, with a focus on wilderness expeditions.

In July 2006 he paddled 18 days down the Hood River in northern Canada—a classic Arctic river, 210 miles long from a put-in at a lake near the source to the Arctic Ocean. As it crosses the treeless tundra, the Hood River combines lake travel with great river runs, a series of unrunnable rapids and the highest waterfall north of the Arctic Circle (higher than Niagara). This presentation will cover the trip from its start in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories to its finish at the Arctic Ocean.

Andy has undergone rigorous wilderness training, and has organized multi-week trips, including three arctic trips. One of those journeys was a combination of backpacking over the Brooks Range to a put-in spot on the Northern slope, followed by a 50 mile raft trip down the Hulahula River to the Arctic Ocean.

Join us on May 21st for our last indoor meeting of the season!



#### Directions to the Jewish Community Ctr., 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence:

From Rt. 95 South take Exit 24 & turn left onto Branch Avenue. (From Rt. 95 North take Exit 24 & turn right onto Branch Ave.) Go past Benny's. Cross North Main Street and continue up the hill (past Kentucky Fried Chicken). At the top of the hill cross Hope St. and continue one block to the end at Morris Ave. Go left, then immediately right onto Sessions St. Go down the hill to Elmgrove Ave. The JCC will be across the street.

## ACA OFFERS FREE DOWNLOAD FOR NOVICE PADDLERS

4/30/2007

In partnership with PaddleDogNation, ACA is pleased to announce release of *The Beginner's Guide to Canoe & Kayak Paddling*. The 26-page guide is now available as a free download. "*The Beginner's Guide to Canoe & Kayak Paddling* is a very appealing, beneficial tool for paddlers and paddlers-to-be," says Pamela Dillon, ACA Executive Director. "It provides solid information in a creative design that makes it both fun and educational. We are very proud that PaddleDogNation has partnered with the ACA on this project allowing free electronic downloads of the Guide." "In talking with paddlers around the country and on our discussion boards, we found that the novice paddler is often overwhelmed with what they need to know for a safe paddling experience," says Bill Reynolds, President of PaddleDogNation.com, "so we worked with a team of paddling experts and instructional designers to create *The Beginner's Guide*. It uses plain language and answers most of the questions new paddlers have."

*The Beginner's Guide to Canoe & Kayak Paddling* covers everything a

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novice paddler needs to know:

- Paddling terms and jargon
- Paddling gear, both essential and optional
- How to pack your boat
- The fundamentals of paddling
- Basic safety tips and issues
- How to care for and maintain your boat

The Guide includes several practical checklists and forms to help both the novice and experienced paddlers: a gear checklist, a pre-launch checklist, and a float plan.

National Safe Boating Week is May 19 - 25, and the ACA and PaddleDogNation.com have set a goal of "a million free downloads in May," as part of a coordinated effort to raise awareness of safe canoe and kayak paddling. Get your free download at [www.americancanoe.org](http://www.americancanoe.org).

## DEMO DAYS

Take advantage of demo days to try out and compare new boats. Manufacturer representatives will be on hand to answer questions.

### May 20th: Great Canadian Canoe & Kayak

River Bend Farm, Uxbridge 10am-4pm.

Contact: (508) 865-0010 or (800) 98-CANOE;  
[www.greatcanadian.com](http://www.greatcanadian.com)

### May 12 & June 2: Wildwood Outfitters

271 Main Street, Wakefield, RI

Contact: 401-789-1244, [www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com](http://www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com)

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**The Blackstone River Watershed Association is looking for stream team survey volunteers.**

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? Would you like to learn more about the plants, animals and natural resources in your backyard and how you can advocate to protect them?

If so, the BRWA is looking for volunteers in the Blackstone Valley area to conduct a shoreline survey along the West and Mill Rivers this May.

Please plan to attend the shoreline survey training workshop to be presented by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Riverways on Monday, May 14th at 6:30PM - River Bend Farm Visitor Center on Oak Street in Uxbridge. Refreshments will be served.

For more information or to register, please contact Michelle Walsh, Stream Team Coordinator at 508-450-8331 or via email at [info@thebrwa.org](mailto:info@thebrwa.org).

*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.*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS: TO ADVERTISE IN THE PADDLER

The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 6th.

Send an mail to: [editor@ricka.org](mailto:editor@ricka.org) for rates, sizes and details.

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# Poling Upriver on the Spring Freshet

By Mike Bussell

4/2/07

Nice day Saturday, temps in the low 50's. Had just come back from a 4-hour paddle with my 7-year-old middle daughter, out into the lake behind the house. Paddled the whole distance to the double dam waterfall 2 miles down the lake. Portaged around the falls and paddled the lower lake too.

On the return trip I had to struggle UP the steep portage trail. Too steep to carry on slippery pine needles, the canoe had to be pulled up the hill. To get help up the steep hill, I showed her how to wrap the painter around a sapling and apply pressure to the line as I tugged it up the incline. It was cool to be below, looking up at my little one belaying the line as I struggled the 17' canoe up the trail. Her little booted feet braced against the bottom of the sapling, teeth gritted, as she pulled in slack line and kept tension on the line. She did a great job, because the canoe never slipped back.

Soon we were back home, and I had promised my youngest, the 6-year-old, I would take her up the river. The river was running at a full level—high, but not menacing—just the expected level during the spring melt. Well, I had grabbed my poling pole and as we worked our way out of the slackwater flowing into the reservoir we hit the swiftwater.

I had been telling my 6-year-old daughter we were going to be going up through the 'fast' water and she would have to sit steady and still in the bow seat once I stood up to pole up river.

I pole with a frisky dog hopping in and out, so with my little one sitting still it wasn't a problem—good ballast, actually. We hit a good piece of Class I swiftwater with little wavelets and with the good depth of the water we cruised right upriver with no problems. Kept going under the stone bridge and continued along to a sandy beach. We hadn't gone too far, just about a half mile or less upriver.

This is when I started getting all soft and emotional. How many lucky guys are there that can hop in a canoe with their little ones and spend the day paddling and exploring out the back yard? How many lucky guys can put the apple of their eye in the bow of a canoe and pole upriver on the spring freshet and have it be like an everyday jaunt? I remember thinking how unique an occasion it was for father and daughter.

Too soon, we turned around and headed home through the 'fast' water. She looked back at me and asked if we were going through the rapids like her older sister (my 9-year-old daughter, whom I'd taken on her first whitewater river last fall). I told her we'd be going through the 'rapids' we just came up this time, but soon she'd be able to do a real rapid with me.

On the way back as we got closer to my 'canoe launch' in the back woods, my wife and her friend with a passel of kids were waiting for us. My little one at this time asked if she could stand up like her dad, to show off I imagine, in front of her "audience." She stood up in the bow and paddled the rest of the way standing up, just like her dad does. Poling upriver on the spring freshet!

# Weeds Threaten Aussie Canoe Race

May 04, 2007 Australia Sunday Mail

Queensland's major annual canoeing event will be cancelled unless the State Government acts to clear water hyacinth clogging Brisbane River. Queensland Canoeing executive officer Mark Priestly said yesterday it was pointless trying to hold the 100km race because canoeists could not get through the weed.

It would be the first time the race had been cancelled since it began 31 years ago and would be a major loss for charity as the October event raised \$18,000 last year for cancer research and support for families.

About 200 competitors generally entered the two-day event. Mr Priestly said his organisation did not expect the Government to clean up the weed just because of their needs. "But it has to be done from an environmental point of view," he said. "The amount of water wasted and absorbed by the hyacinth is enormous."



Australian Water Association member Steve Posselt estimates the water hyacinth outbreak in the Brisbane River could be costing the city as much as 2 megalitres of water a day. At 140 litres per person per day, this is enough water for 14,000 people. Esk Shire Mayor Graeme Lehmann has called on the State Government to act quickly on the infestations.

## WHITEWATERTRIPS

**Sunday, May 20th**

**Farmington River, Riverton, CT  
Launch at 11AM, Shuttle at 8AM**

RSVP required – contact leaders - Bill Luther, Prijon@juno.com. 508-761-7961; Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 401-765-1741

The shuttle convoy will leave North Scituate, RI at 8AM sharp in case you want to follow others to the river. Meet in the IGA parking lot behind McDonald's. The shopping center is on your right on RT 6 just over the Johnston city limits.

A 10-mile trip on the Farmington River. We will put in at the Riverton Picnic Area and take out at Satan's Kingdom State Recreation Area (before the Satan's Kingdom's rapids). This section includes quickwater with short class I and II rapids. This is a beginner trip, but prior quickwater experience is required - you must have directional control of your boat at all times. You must bring a wetsuit, drysuit or spare clothes in case. Bring a lunch. Please be sure that your boat has adequate floatation in case you fall out of your boat and it broaches mid-stream.

Directions: Take I 84 to exit 39 – Route 4 towards Farmington. Follow Route 4 through Farmington Center to Unionville. Turn right on to Route 177 – Lovely Street. Follow Route 177 for approximately 4.5 miles to Route 44. Take a sharp left on to Route 44 West – Albany Turnpike. After 4.7 miles you will pass Satan's Kingdom Recreation Area on the right – that is our take-out. Continue west on Route 44 until you reach Route 181 – River Road. Bear right onto Route 181. At the next light, continue straight onto West River Road.

## WRWA River Run June 16, rain or shine

Kayakers and canoers can participate in either a family-fun course or a competitive paddle, beginning at Hix Bridge and finishing at the Head of Westport.

Kayak rentals are available on race day at a discounted price from Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures. Transportation of kayak to race start is included. Call Osprey Sea Kayak at 508-636-0300 to reserve a boat. If you would rather help volunteer for the race, call the Westport River Watershed Association at 508-636-3016.

Pass through the American Legion Forest and after approximately 5 miles turn right on Route 20 – you will cross a bridge over the Still River. Shortly after (.2 miles) Route 20 turns right onto Main Street. Turn right and continue on Route 20. The put-in is just down Main Street (.1 miles) at the Riverton Picnic Area across the street from the Hitchcock Chair Factory.

**Sunday, June 24th**

**Lower Deerfield River, Charlemont, MA Shuttle time TBD (see below)  
RSVP required**

Bill Luther Prijon@juno.com 508-761-7961; Erik Eckilson, eckilson@cox.net, 401-765-1741

We will put in at the Zoar Picnic Area (below the Gap) and take out at the East Charlemont Picnic Area – about 9 miles. Appropriate skills and equipment required – quickwater with class I and II rapids.

Check the whitewater message board the morning of the trip - we will shuttle 2 hours after power company begins its release. If you want to check yourself, the dam release phone number is 1-800-452-1737 and the dam code is 255123.

Directions: Take the Mass Pike West, to Route 91 North to Exit 26, Route 2 West for about 17 miles to the Indian bridge. Take the right just before the bridge onto Zoar Road - look for the sign "Rowe/Monroe". Make a left at the end and proceed under the railroad bridge. Continue on the road until you reach the Zoar Picnic Area on the left.

## SEA KAYAK TRIPS

**PLEASE REVIEW OUR RICKA SEA KAYAK PADDLING BASICS on the RICKA WEB SITE ([www.ricka.org](http://www.ricka.org)).**

**Saturday, May 12, 10 AM  
Sachuest Point, 3rd Beach,  
Middletown Level 3/Cold Weather Gear**

Contacts: Bob Hogan, 401-935-5592, hogan\_r@earthlink.net and Bill Rogers

## Maine Canoe Symposium June 8, 9, 10

Learn traditional canoeing and camping skills from the best paddlers in North America. Reservations: 207-647-3721  
Information: 207-892-3121  
Email: [mcs@canoemaine.com](mailto:mcs@canoemaine.com)  
[www.maine canoe symposium.org](http://www.maine canoe symposium.org)

Try some thrilling rock-gardening or play in the breakers off the reefs. Be prepared for a surf landing at 2nd Beach. Helmets are highly recommended. Directions: Third Beach, Newport: (CRMC designation n/a, Middletown town beach) Directions from north, take Rt 138 South to Rt 138A, turn left. Take Rt 138A to a left turn on Green End Ave. [From the west side of Narragansett Bay, take Rt 138 over the Jamestown and Newport Bridges. After the Newport bridge, continue straight (not downtown exit) on Rt 138 to exit for Admiral Kalbfus Rd. At stoplight, turn left (east), cross Rt 138/114 onto Miantonomi Ave and continue crossing Rt 138A onto Green End Ave.] Continue 1.5 miles to 3rd Beach Rd, take right (south) to the beach area. This site offers a nice, protected, sandy beach fronting the Sakonnet River. There is a concrete boat ramp and areas marked off for swimming, boating, and anchoring..

**Sunday, May 13, 10 AM  
Point Judith Pond (Salt Pond)  
Wakefield, RI**

**Level 2 / Cold Weather Gear**

Contact: Tim Motte, 401-783-6287, [ttamotte@cox.net](mailto:ttamotte@cox.net)

Another excellent paddle for those newcomers and folks who are taking their boats out of storage. Always monitor the weather radio and wear only appropriate cold weather paddling clothes. Point Judith Pond (Salt Pond) from Marina Park, South Kingstown  
Directions from Providence & North: Route 95 south to Route 4 exit (left hand exit). Route 4 South to Route 1 (approx 10 miles). Route 1 South to Tower Hill (Route 138 West intersection; approx 3.2 miles).

Continue South through intersection to Town of Wakefield (South Kingstown) to Salt Pond/ South County Hospital Exit (5.0 miles) At end of ramp turn left onto Salt Pond Road. Boat Launch is approx. 0.4 mile.

Directions from the South: Route 95 North to CT Exit 91 to Route 2 South. Route 2 South to Route 78 (Westerly bypass; 1.5 miles). Route 78 to the end; intersects with Route 1 (4.4 miles). At intersection go left on Route 1 North. Route 1 North to South Kingstown (20 miles). At end of exit ramp turn right. Boat ramp approx 0.2 mile on left.

**Saturday, May 19, 10 AM  
Greenwich Bay, East Greenwich, RI  
Level 2-3/Cold Weather Gear**

Contact: Jerry Bernardini, 401-886-4735, [jbern9@cox.net](mailto:jbern9@cox.net).

Launch from Goddard Park Boat ramp. Bring money for clam chowder and clam cakes at Ziggy's. Please dress for the

# SEA KAYAK TRIPS

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temperature of the water and in appropriate paddling clothing.

Goddard State Park, East Greenwich: (Rhode Island State Park) Directions from Rt 95, take Rt 4 south, exit at Rt 401 (which comes up quickly) into E. Greenwich. Continue to town and take a right at the stop light onto Main St. (Rt 1) Proceed south several blocks and take left onto Forge Rd at bottom of hill. Continue east on Ives Road to the Park. During summer enter at far end of Park through main entrance, off season can enter at west end thru two large white stone pillars, (not the horse farm/farmers market entrance). This is a year-round facility is managed by the State of Rhode Island. The public boat launch is at the west end of the park, not at the swimming beach area. It is just above the "D" in Goddard on the above map. The large gravel parking lot is huge. Nice because you can park under the trees under a hot summer day. It is also protected from wind on cooler days. During season there are public restrooms available in the Park not too far from the launch.

## **Saturday, May 26, 10 AM** **Sakonnet Point, Little Compton, RI** **Level 3-4 / Cold Weather Gear**

Contacts: Carleen McOsker, 508-636-0546 or [carleenmco@charter.net](mailto:carleenmco@charter.net) / Jon Scharlin, 401-521-5222, [ojphoto1@cox.net](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)  
Expect surf, rock gardens and beach landings. Helmets are strongly recommended. Wind determines the paddle level.

Sakonnet Harbor Fishing Access, Little Compton: Directions from Rt 195, exit on Rt 24 in Fall River, south. At Fish Rd (Exit 6) go south to tee and turn right. Go to end and turn left (south) on Rt 77. Continue to end at Sakonnet Point Road at the southern end of Route 77. There is a single-width concrete boat ramp across a beach into Sakonnet Harbor, a sheltered basin with access to the Sakonnet River and the Atlantic. There is a parking area for trailers across the road. Parking next to the beach can squeeze in 6 or more kayaking cars. Parking is limited to 48 hours.

## **Sunday, May 27, 10 AM** **Quonoy Pond And Potluck Party\*** **Charlestown, RI,** **Level 2 / Cold Weather Gear**

Contact: Tim Motte  
Great for newcomers and seasoned paddlers.

\*The potluck will be at about 3:30PM at the home of Christy Russell, 4 Lakeside Drive, Charlestown. You are welcome to attend the party even if you don't paddle first.

Quonochontaug State Fishing Area and Breachway, Charlestown: (State Fishing Access) Directions from Rt 1, exit at West Beach Rd. Go straight to the end of the road which will eventually bear slightly right and turn into a dirt road along a breachway. The State-owned 49-acre parcel runs parallel to the east side of the Quonochontaug Breachway. The parking area and pond/launch is at the very end. Parking is available at the end of West Beach Road for about 30 cars and boat trailers. The boat ramp located at this site is not the best to launch kayaks because the currents running through the breachway can be quite swift. The sandy beach at the very end of the road is a better spot for kayak launching, which is not in the breachway current. There are no portable toilets on site but nearby bushes provide limited discrete privacy.

## **Monday, May 28, 10 AM** **Newport Memorial Day Paddle** **Level 4 / Cold Weather Gear**

Contact: Tony Moore, 401-560-0168, [tsunamikayak@juno.com](mailto:tsunamikayak@juno.com)  
Launch from King's Beach on the shore drive. Expect surf, rock gardens and beach landings. Helmets are strongly recommended.

## **Sea Kayak Trip Ratings**

**Level 1:** No previous kayak experience is required.

**Level 2:** You should feel comfortable: Paddling 6 miles in a day. Check the weather forecast. Wind can make any paddle seem endless. Performing a wet exit. Performing a self rescue. Performing an assisted deep water rescue. Maintaining a heading for short distances without the use of a rudder. Turning a kayak using forward and reverse sweep strokes.

**Level 3:** You should be able to: Perform skills listed above. Paddle 13 miles in a day. Check the weather forecast. Wind can make any paddle seem endless. Paddle in 10-15 knot winds and 2-3 foot waves. Surfing may be required for beach landings.

**Level 4:** You should be able to: Perform the skills listed above. Paddle 15 miles in a day. Paddle in 20 knot winds. Handle large ocean swells

**Level 5:** You should be able to: Perform the skills listed above. Paddle 20+ miles in a day. Paddle in 25 knot winds

Kings Beach Fishing Access, Newport: 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 ramp is in bad shape but suitable for hand launching. There is parking for about 15 cars. There is additional parking and access for hand launching kayaks on the beach about 100 yds to the west of the fishing access. This launch is directly into the open ocean and can be dangerous in heavy weather.

## **Saturday, June 2, 10 AM** **Slocum River, South Dartmouth, MA** **Level 2 or 3**

**Level 2 paddle** remains in the River.  
Contacts: Carleen McOsker, 508-636-0546 or [carleenmco@charter.net](mailto:carleenmco@charter.net) / Mary Ann Beirne

**Level 3 paddle** includes a possible trip to Allen's Pond. Contact: Jon Scharlin, 401-521-5222, [ojphoto1@cox.net](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)  
Slocums River -Town Landing Launch, Dartmouth, Mass.: 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.) Watch for Davoll's Store - yellow building 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. Site has restrooms and running water in Season.

## **Sunday, June 3, 10 AM** **Narragansett : Dutch Island From URI** **Bay Campus, Level 2**

Contact: Tim Motte, 401-783-6287, [ttamotte@cox.net](mailto:ttamotte@cox.net)  
South Ferry beach: URI Bay Oceanography Bay Campus.: (CRMC designation public access) Directions from Rt 1 (north or south); from Tower hill go down Bridge Town Rd, (east), across the river and up to the light at Rt 1A. Cross the road onto South Ferry Rd. (There is a Brooks Pharmacy on the corner.) You can also reach this corner by coming south on Rt 1A from Jamestown Bridge (Rt 138) area, or north from Narragansett on Rt 1A. Watch for signs for the URI Bay Campus and NOAA. Launch from the beach at the very end of South Ferry Rd. Parking can be tight, so you may want to drop your boat and gear off at the beach and then park your vehicle in the Campus lot just above it.

## FLATWATER TRIPS

### May 12th - rain date May 13th Great Swamp, Taylor Landing, Kingston, RI Shuttle at 10 AM

Leader Henry Dziadosz  
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[Hdziadosz@hotmail.com](mailto:Hdziadosz@hotmail.com) 401-567-0313

The Great Swamp, located in the southern part of Rhode Island, provides perhaps the most intriguing canoe trip in the state. The trip is an excursion into hidden jungle-like retreats that cannot be reached any other way. Here, you will float into a vast state-owned management area on one river, paddle across a shallow but wide pond, and then finish your trip on another river that snakes

its way through dense vine-draped vegetation. Directions. From Rt. 1 South or North take Rt. 138 heading WEST. Follow this to the intersection with Rt. 110. Right after this intersection on your LEFT is the put in. Watch for the sign.

This can also be reached from Rt. 95 North or South. Take the exit for Rt. 138 and follow it EAST.

### May 19th, 9:30AM shuttle Charles River: Medfield to Natick

Leaders: Louise Price [Weezrad@aol.com](mailto:Weezrad@aol.com)  
508-529-3402 and Pat Cabral

#### JustALucyDay@aol.com

Bring a lunch. Trip is suitable for all boats and levels of experience. Trip is just over 11 miles, paddlers in shorter boats may find the distance to be too long.

Considered one of the prettiest stretches of the Charles River. Bring lunch, lots of water and sunscreen. 11 mile trip. Directions: Rt. 495 to exit 19 Milford/Medfield. Right onto Rt 109 E to Medfield. At approx. 2.6 miles at the big white church take a right and then immediate left continuing on Rt 109 E. Go approx. 6 miles and you will see Tesca Bros Concrete on your right and the Eastside Restaurant on your left. Take left at house next to the Eastside Restaurant. Put-in is in back.

### May 20th Whitewater Trip for Experienced flatwater paddlers. See whitewater listings for details.

### Saturday, May 26th, Shuttle at 5:30 Evening paddle on the Blackstone: River Island Park to Manville

Leader: Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net)  
(401) 765-1741. RSVP required – please contact leader.

A 4-mile trip requiring good boat handling skills. The first mile is rocky and contains a few sets or rapids. We will put-in at River Island Park in Woonsocket and takeout at Manville Dam in Cumberland. Suitable for shorter boats (15 feet and under) and for people with good boat control. Directions: From the North: Take Route 146 south into Rhode Island. After the Pound Hill road exit, watch for the Route 104 Downtown Woonsocket exit. Take that exit. At the bottom of the ramp notice the brown Visitor Center sign. Park in a lot behind the Museum of Work and Culture.

From the South:

Take Route 146 north. In North Smithfield, 146 splits - make sure you stay to the left. After the split take the next exit, Route 104. Follow the brown visitor center signs at the bottom of the ramp. Park in a lot behind the Museum of Work and Culture.

### May 27th, 9:30AM Quonochontaug Pond, Charlestown

Leaders: Louise Price [Weezrad@aol.com](mailto:Weezrad@aol.com)  
508-529-3402 and Cheryl Thompson  
Cameron [StoneFoxFarm@juno.com](mailto:StoneFoxFarm@juno.com) 401-647-5887. Bring a lunch. Suitable for all levels of experience.

Directions from the North: Take Rt. 1 to West Beach Road on left. (It's after East Beach Road and just past a big Texaco Station) (From Westerly area: Take Rt. 1 to West Beach Road on your right (it's a short way past the Rt. 216 turn). From both directions: Turn onto West Beach Road. Go straight to the very end of the road, which will eventually bear slightly right and turn into a dirt road along a

## SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

### Sakonnet Boathouse:

7% off MSRP of glass boats, 12% off MSRP of plastic boats, 15% off accessories with a boat, 10% off accessories any time. Final sale prices as marked.

169 Riverside Dr, Tiverton · (401) 624-1440 · [www.sakonnetboathouse.com](http://www.sakonnetboathouse.com)

### Ocean State Adventures:

10% discount for RICKA members.  
99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol · 401-254-4000 · [www.kayakri.com](http://www.kayakri.com)

### The Kayak Centre:

Glass boats 7% off normal retail; plastic boats 12% off normal retail; accessories with boat purchase 15% off, 10% off all other times for RICKA members. Brown and Phillips Streets, Wickford Village · 1-888-SEA-KAYAK ·

[www.kayakcentre.com](http://www.kayakcentre.com)

### Canoe Passage Outfitters:

Glass and Kevlar boats, 10% off retail; polyethylene boats 15% off retail; accessories, trips and instructions, 10% off regular prices. · 120 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA 02780 · (800) 689-7884 · 277 Water Street, Warren, RI, (401)245-9025

· [www.canoepassage.com](http://www.canoepassage.com)

### Compass Cayak:

RICKA members will receive a free Compass Cayak hat after purchasing a Streamer open cayak from any Compass Cayak dealer. Call (401) 635-9990 or email [compasscanoe@cox.net](mailto:compasscanoe@cox.net) to request yours. [www.compasscanoe.com](http://www.compasscanoe.com)

### Northwind Sports:

10% RICKA discount.  
267 Thames St., Bristol · 254-4295 · [www.northwindsports.com](http://www.northwindsports.com)

### Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:

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

### Quaker Lane Outfitters:

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

### Salt Pond Watersports

10% off all canoes & kayaks, 20% off accessories. Located at Rampoint Marina, 2 William Schmid Dr, S. Kingstown · (401)-782-2866

Eastern Mountain Sports will match all retailers' club discounts (take a copy of the Paddler with you to verify other club discounts). [www.ems.com](http://www.ems.com)  
· Garden City Shopping Center, Cranston (401) 944-5500

· 1313 West Main Road, Middletown (401) 846-6766

· The Shoppes at Blackstone Valley, Millbury, MA 508.865.6776

### Wildwood Outfitters

10% discount on kayaks and accessories and will match competitors with proper verification.

· 271 Main Street, Wakefield

· 401-789-1244

· [www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com](http://www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com)

WaveLength Magazine offers a \$10 introductory "Club Sub" for new subscribers (the regular price is \$15). Send a check with your name and mailing address along with a note saying you're a RICKA member to: WaveLength Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7. [www.WaveLengthMagazine.com](http://www.WaveLengthMagazine.com)

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breachway. The parking area and pond/launch is at the very end.

### May 30th, 7PM

#### 100 Acre Cove, Barrington Full Moon/Sunset Paddle

Head lamp or flashlight required for night paddles. Leaders: Sharon Albert [s504business@yahoo.com](mailto:s504business@yahoo.com) (401) 942-3378, Gregg O'Brien [goh243@aol.com](mailto:goh243@aol.com) (401) 580-5147 & JeanMarie Josephson [kayakjnmj@yahoo.com](mailto:kayakjnmj@yahoo.com) (401)245-5523

Directions: 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 turn-around before 114 becomes a two-way road. (If you miss it, go through the next intersection and turn around in the parking lot of the Congregational church.) Just after the turnaround (you're now heading north), a sign on the right that says Walker Farm. Turn in; it's the town dock and boat ramp.

### Saturday, June 2nd, 10 AM Wickford Harbor Backwaters

Leaders: Barbara and Alan August [webmaster@ricka.org](mailto:webmaster@ricka.org) 401-725-3344. Suitable for all levels. Bring a lunch.

Directions: Wilson Park boat ramp. Paddle in the calm, wind-protected waters among the islands and marshes. A great opportunity to see osprey, great blue heron, green heron, great egrets, cormorants, bufflehead ducks, and maybe a deer or two. Turn onto Intrepid St. from RT 1 (it's just North of the junction of RT 1 & 1A, near the fire & Police stations). Continue to the launch and the parking lot at the very end. NOTE: You can also get to the launch by going through the main entrance for Wilson Park from RT 1A, just South of the RT 1 & RT 1A junction, but it might be easier going the other way.

### Sunday, June 3rd, 9:30AM shuttle Upper Wood River

Leader Mimi Corey, [mimi\\_corey@msn.com](mailto:mimi_corey@msn.com) 401-846-1408

Bring your lunch. There is one section of fast water on this trip. The beginning of the river may be narrow, shallow and rocky but soon opens up. From 95 north take exit 5 (102 south). 1 mile to junction of route 3 south. 1 1/2 miles further to junction of 165 west. Go west on 165 to about 4 miles (estimated) to state ramp on the left. From 95 south take exit 4 (route 3 north) Go approx 4 miles north on route three to junction of 165 west. Go west on 165 about 4 miles (estimated) to state ramp on the left.

## BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

See the RICKA web site (click on BV Paddlers) for information about the Blackstone Valley Paddlers, including membership fee, boat rentals, training nights and more.

### May 15th, 6:15 pm Valley Falls Marsh, Cumberland, RI

Suitable for all levels of experience. Enjoy the scenic marsh and a paddle up the Blackstone to the Pratt Dam.

**Directions from Worcester** Take Route 146 South onto Rhode Island. Take 295 North to Route 114 South (Exit 11). Take Route 114 south, this road is also called High street. Take High Street all the way to the end. Turn right on Mill street and drive down to Broad street. Town Hall Cumberland will be on your right. Turn left onto Broad Street and cross bridge into Central Falls. Take first right onto Mederia St. Docks immediately on right.

**Directions from Providence** Take Route 146 North to Route 116. Take 116 North over the Ashton Viaduct to Mendon Road which is also Route 122. Turn right and head south along 122. When you see stop and shop on your right, turn left at the next traffic light onto Ann and Hope Way. Drive up the hill over the P&W tracks and past Ann and Hope. Turn right onto Broad Street. Take Broad street south and watch for the Cumberland town hall on your left (a Big Brick Building with yellow capped tower) - cross bridge into Central Falls. Take first right onto Mederia St. Docks immediately on right.

### May 22nd, 6:15 PM Quinsigamond River

Suitable for all levels of experience. This is always a popular paddle.

**Directions from the north:** Take Route 146 south into Sutton MA. After the traffic light on 146 and Boston road, take the Central Turnpike exit. Head east toward Northbridge; continue straight onto Sutton road. At the stop sign at the five way intersection, continue straight. Drive down the big hill into Rockdale. At T intersection, go left onto route 122. In Grafton, 122 and 122A split. Stay on Route 122 (to the right) for another mile. Turn left at the sign for RiverView Apartments. Follow road 1/4 mile to end (it becomes a dirt road).

**Directions from Providence** Take Route 146 North to the Central

Turnpike exit. At the top of the ramp turn right and head east on Central Turnpike toward Northbridge. Follow directions above.

### May 24th 6:15PM

#### Training night at Lincoln Woods

Suitable for all levels of experience. Directions: Take the Twin River Road exit from route 146 and follow the signs. Turn right onto the ring road in the park and follow to the state boat ramp.

### May 29th, 6:15PM

#### Cold Spring Park, Woonsocket

Suitable for all levels of experience.

From the North:

Take Rte.146 South into RI. Take the Forestdale/Slatersville exit. At the top of the ramp turn left. This road will take you to an intersection with a traffic light. (Lil' General Store and the Kennedy Diner are at the intersection). Turn left at the traffic light onto St. Paul Street. At end of St. Paul Street turn right onto Main Street (Rte 122). Rte. 122 crosses back into RI and becomes Harris Avenue. Turn right into the park on Katherine Road, by the fence. Follow the road down hill all the way to the end.

Directions from the South:

Take 146 North to the Slatersville/Forestdale exit. Take a right at the top of the exit ramp. Follow directions above.

### June 5th, 6:15PM

#### Nipmuc River

Suitable for all levels of experience.

This river has the state's highest rating for water quality. There are several beaver dams to drag your boat over.

**Directions from the South:** 146 North to Route 102 West to East Ave to Harrisville to Route 98 and the Harrisville Fishing Area just outside of town by the green bridge.

**Directions from the North:** 146 South to Chocolog Rd. Right on 146A by Darling Farm. Right on 98 south to green truss bridge by Harrisville fishing area.

## BEFORE DEPARTING FOR A RICKA TRIP:

Check the message boards on our web site. That's where you'll find cancellations, changes and additions, along with any other information you might need to know.

# Classifieds

**You must be a RICKA member to have an ad posted. For more classifieds, go to [www.ricka.org](http://www.ricka.org).**

**Werner Camano Paddle**, all carbon, straight shaft 230cm. Very good condition. Has reflective tape on the blades. I am a smaller paddler and went with a shorter paddle. So I don't really need the longer paddle anymore. I paid \$300 for it and I'm asking \$200 OBO. [lsfalter@verizon.net](mailto:lsfalter@verizon.net) (5/2)

**Canoe - 16 Foot fiberglass** with caned-wood seats and wood parquet inlay flooring. Stored indoors and in excellent shape. Paddles included. \$400. E-mail [RLCoupland@msn.com](mailto:RLCoupland@msn.com) or call 401-792-9947 evenings. (5/1)

**Necky Zoar Sport** 14 Feet long, 25" Wide. Rear hatch, skeg. Cockpit is 32"x17.5" Excellent condition-Always stored inside. Asking \$750 (860) 434-5440 Ask for Gary or Christine (4/28)

**Thule 830 The Stacker Kayak Rack** Used one season and comes complete with all straps. \$75 plus shipping. [eweskit@cox.net](mailto:eweskit@cox.net) (4/28)

**Necky Tahsis glass sea kayak**, 18'4" x 21.5". Red and shiny, long and fast (especially downwind). The boat is 5 years old and in excellent condition. \$1300. Available for a test-drive by pre-arrangement. Contact Rich 401-322-2059. (4/21)

**Eddyline - Falcon S18** Excellent Condition, yellow top/white hull 18' by 21 with Skeg Material: Carbonlite 2000 Asking \$2300 Tim at [tbosworth797@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tbosworth797@sbcglobal.net) or call 860-487-5704 (4/18)

**Compass Cayak Tippet** - Classic J.H. Rushton design (open top, paddled like a kayak) reproduced in ultra light Kevlar. Length 12'9" Weight 22 lbs. Color: Sand. Extremely stable-suitable for fly fishing. Remarkably fast and wind resistant for such a small boat. (Note: Company was recently sold, this boat is now rotomolded plastic and weighs 50lbs. For original model see <http://www.rackelhanen.se/eng/10264.htm> Barely used. \$850 or best offer. Barbara August, 401-725-3344 or

[b.august@cox.net](mailto:b.august@cox.net) (4/6)

**Heritage Featherlite 12** plus paddle, used one year, excellent condition, good beginner boat, \$450 OBO, 401-333-6945. (4/6)

**Thule 830 The Stacker Kayak Rack** Used one season and comes complete with all straps. \$75 plus shipping. [eweskit@cox.net](mailto:eweskit@cox.net) (3/28)

**Kayak Storage Needed:** I just moved and am looking for a covered place to store my 16 foot kayak (garage or basement would be ok). Near Providence ideal, but I'm flexible! Please call Heather at 774-219-9052 (1/10)

\* **8' Pyranha Acrobat 270** - Well used, but no leaks, still reliable and useable. Spray skirt incl. \$100 OBO.

\* **10' old Perception Corsica** - no holes, needs air bags, spray skirt incl. \$85 OBO.

\* **76" Lightning** brand whitewater paddle - tip has been re-fiberglassed, \$25.

\* **White water helmet** - Pro-Tec yellow, \$15.

\* **Perception Harmony sprayskirt** - LC-1 neoprene - medium waist (approx 25" circumference), fits Corsica or similar whitewater kayak, GC, \$25.

\* **Neoprene pants** - 41" length, approx. women's size 12, \$15.

\* **Walrus 2-person tent** - GC, \$55.

\* **Crazy Creek Therma-lounger**, 46" x 20", \$10. Yakima rack - towers, stretchbars and other parts, best offer.

Call 860-439-1556. (3/17)

**17' Cape Horn 170 Pro Wilderness Systems** fiberglass sea kayak with rudder; 23" beam. Stored inside, lightly used. \$1465 with skirt and Ritchie deck compass (\$2700+ new). Olive/ivory. Straight tracking, stable, multi-chined touring boat. (203) 281-0066 (3/14)

**Yakima Rack System** - \$100.

Includes rain gutter set with locking cores, 78 inch crossbars, and kayak stacker. [Mok4@verizon.net](mailto:Mok4@verizon.net) (1/10)

**Pro-Tec Ace Helmet**, Size: L, Color: Red, it has seen little use, excellent condition, \$29+shipping. For details:

[http://www.outdoorplay.com/store/product.asp?DID=165&PDID=7&SKU=EHE\\_PCACE](http://www.outdoorplay.com/store/product.asp?DID=165&PDID=7&SKU=EHE_PCACE)

[igallowa@stny.rr.com](mailto:igallowa@stny.rr.com) (12/7)

**Wanted - old wooden paddles & kayaks** (or pieces) that you'd otherwise throw out. [outside@cox.net](mailto:outside@cox.net) (11/29)

**Glass Seaward Endeavor**, 17.5 ft. green over white. 5 years old; good condition with regular amount of wear and tear. Comes with a spray skirt. \$1100. [cary\\_428@yahoo.com](mailto:cary_428@yahoo.com) (11/2)

**Dagger Freefall** whitewater kayak. Blue/black. Hardly used, stored inside. \$500 or B.O. Tom Canning, 508-269-6695 (10/18)

**Valley Pintail**, 1993, Ocean cockpit, compass. New Valley hatch covers and decklines. Red over white. Good condition, dry hatches. \$1200 OBO. Terry 401.831.5888 (10/11)

**Current Designs Whistler**, yellow poly, 14' 6" long X 25" wide, 58lbs, cockpit 33 X 17, 2 hatches, rudder; purchased last year, been in the water about 6 times. I have too many boats. Asking \$700-contact Jay-email [julesgood2go@aol.com](mailto:julesgood2go@aol.com) - phone 401-949-3830 (10/1)

**Very Attractive, Fast & Light Kayak** Thirty-four pounds 16' long X 23" beam. Stitch & glue plywood kit construction. New \$1400 Contact Greta: 272-2950 in am or at [gabbott505@aol.com](mailto:gabbott505@aol.com) (9/23)

**Mariner Max** fiberglass sea kayak, blue deck white hull, sliding seat, new front float bag, \$1800 OBO. Contact Jay - [jayfurtado@cox.net](mailto:jayfurtado@cox.net) OR 401-639-5346 (9/18)

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