

# PADDLER

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## June Meeting

Monday, June 18th, 6:30pm launch

### Ten Mile River

**Join us on Monday evening, June 18th, for RICKA's first on-water meeting of the season. This trip is suitable for all boats and levels of experience.**

The East Providence Paddle Club of the 1920s used to paddle to the carousel at Hunts Mill Park. Today, the Ten Mile River is harder to get to because most of the river access points have vanished. This trip will take us through cool, shaded waters where we'll see herons and swans, turtles and other wildlife. Trip leader is Rich MacKay, 401-431-1043.

**Driving Directions:** From Providence, take Route 195 East. After the Washington Bridge, take the exit for Route 44 (Taunton Avenue). Stay on Route 44—it takes several turns, so be sure to follow the signs. At the light by the Wampanoag Mall, turn left onto Route 1A, Pawtucket Ave. It will merge with Route 114; continue on 1A to the split, where you'll go right onto Newport Avenue (by a Mobil station). At the next traffic light turn right into Ferris Ave. Go about 1/2 mile until Ferris makes a very sharp right turn, at that point go straight into Kimberly Memorial Baseball Field. Bear right and follow the paved road to a dead end. Launch site will be at start of Ten Mile bike path.

## A few notes about RICKA trips:

- The trip schedule shown in the newsletter can (and will) change at any time after publication. Trips will be added, cancelled, changed, moved or otherwise adjusted for a variety of reasons. Check the message boards and trip calendars frequently (and always prior to leaving for a trip) for changes. Sign up for the email lists to have information delivered to you.
- To clear up the confusion about launch times: in the case of club paddles, "launch" means "in your boat, ready to paddle," which is not the same as "launching your car into a parking space at the put-in."
- Due to space constraints, the newsletter may show only abbreviated directions to the put-ins. More detailed directions may be found on the web site.
- Acquaint yourself with our web site, [www.ricka.org](http://www.ricka.org)! Click on the buttons for the category of your choice: flatwater, sea kayak or whitewater. You'll find a wealth of information, including the specific gear and experience requirements for each.
- PFDs are always required; lights are required for all evening trips.

## Class Being Planned for Whitewater Beginners

Several RICKA members are planning an Introductory Whitewater class in the late summer, possibly into October, and are looking for 6- 12 members who are interested, have equipment and would be willing to spend 2 full days on the water practicing with others. We would cover river safety, basic paddling strokes, river reading skills as well as eddy turns and river ferrying. You may not have these skills or do not know what the heck we are talking about. However, at the end of the class we feel that you will have acquired the necessary skills to paddle Class 2 rivers with confidence. If you have ever wondered how they do it, you should not miss this opportunity.

We may possibly offer this class with a certified ACA instructor who would charge minimal costs to participants. You would save a bundle of cash before signing up with other river outfitters outside of the RI area. We hope to arrange low cost rentals on canoes and kayaks if you do not have a boat or one that isn't whitewater specific.

Please contact Bill Luther: [prijon@juno.com](mailto:prijon@juno.com) 508-761-7961 or Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741 if you are interested. You must be a RICKA member to take part in this program.

## Sea Kayak Trip Levels

**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. • 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

It is not the intent of this club to assign skill ratings to our members — ever. But classifying trips by rating them for difficulty makes it easier for individuals to decide if this is the sort of trip they want to or should go on. You, and you alone, are responsible for determining your skills and abilities, and making the decision to put your boat in the water.

## DEMO DAY

**June 10th** Great Canadian Canoe and Kayak Company demo day 10am-4pm at Lake Singletary Town Beach on Tuttle Rd. in Sutton, MA. 1-508-865-0010

Directions: From Rte 146 take Boston Rd. west to Sutton Ctr. Take right onto Singletary Ave. Take 1st left onto Tuttle Rd.

## WRWA River Run 6/16, 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.

## Wilderness Water First Aid Course

EMS is hosting a SOLO Wilderness first aid course, H2O version. August 17-19, cost \$250. Location Lincoln RI. For more information, email [pcasson@ems.com](mailto:pcasson@ems.com)

## Maine Canoe Symposium, June 8-10

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)

*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

Next meeting date: to be announced.

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# A Deadly Reminder about the Dangers of Sea Kayaking

*Even experts can die when conditions change unexpectedly*

*(Both documents have been edited for length.)*

## Teacher killed in kayak accident

Thursday, May 10, 2007

By Seth Harkness, staff writer,  
The Portland (ME) Press Herald

BIDDEFORD - The body of a University of New England math professor whose kayak capsized in rough surf near Biddeford Pool Tuesday night was found floating about eight miles offshore on Wednesday afternoon.

Timothy Gutmann, 40, went paddling with Brandon Andrusic of Biddeford, a graduate admissions counselor at UNE, around 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Andrusic later told authorities that the two lost sight of each other about an hour later, after a large wave overturned their kayaks near Wood Island, about half a mile from Biddeford Pool.

Marine Patrol officers aboard the 46-foot Challenge found Gutmann's overturned kayak and a broken paddle drifting about four miles offshore. About 1:30 p.m., they found Gutmann's body eight miles off Wood Island, according to Marine Patrol Maj. John Fetterman.

Both kayakers were equipped with life jackets and strobe lights. Andrusic also wore a dry suit and Gutmann wore a short wet suit. Even in a wet suit, someone floating in the frigid ocean water would be expected to survive for about one hour and 15 minutes, said Marine Patrol officer Daryen Granata.

Both Gutmann and Andrusic had years of kayaking experience and their gear was appropriate for cold-water paddling, according to Marine Patrol Sgt. Rick LaFlamme. A small craft advisory was posted Tuesday night, with winds of as much as 22 knots.

Andrusic, 40, could not be reached at his home on Wednesday.

## Letter to the Portland Press Herald

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

I want to say that I have been having a terrible time coming to grips with what happened. Tim was my best friend and I will never be able to fill the hole this has left in my life. I have not wanted to talk to the press because I hate how people feed on tragedy. Tim's life was not a sound bite. He was an amazing person with an unlimited capacity for generosity and kindness.

For all of the people who truly knew and loved Tim, this will forever color our lives. His mother and father no longer have their son, his sister no longer has her brother, and I no longer have the person who was my rock.

The way things unfolded was we set out around 7 p.m. for what we intended to be a short paddle. It was windy and choppy but did not seem unmanageable. When we got to the ocean side of Wood Island, we saw that the waves were breaking very forcefully on the rocky shore, so we decided to paddle wide to keep from getting caught in those waves. A few minutes later, we found ourselves in the middle of waves tall enough that we had to paddle up a wall of water to keep from being flipped by the swell. We shouted to each other that we needed to try to turn around and paddle back out of the swell.

Tim managed to turn his boat around first. I had to wait for a few waves to come through before I could turn because I knew that if I did not stay perpendicular to the waves, they would flip me. By the time I got my boat turned, Tim and I had been driven quite far from each other and the troughs between the waves were deep enough that when I was in the trough I could see nothing but water, so I only had occasional glimpses of Tim up ahead.

We were both struggling to make any forward progress out of the swell. The waves were breaking west, the tide was running east and the wind was

offshore, creating conditions where I know I was struggling to keep my boat pointed so that I would not be rolled.

The waves were tall enough that when sitting on the crest, the whole front of the boat was hanging over nothing but air. I was having to paddle with everything I had to catch the tops of the waves, where I would dangle for a moment over what seemed like a sickening height, and then the boat would smack down on the face of the wave and slip into the trough.

I kept looking over at the lighthouse and could tell that I was really not making any forward progress. It was like being stuck on a conveyor belt. I was terrified and can only imagine that Tim was too.

By this time, the sun was starting to slip below the horizon. Every now and then, I was able to catch a glimpse of Tim up ahead of me when we both happened to be on the crest of a wave. We were really far apart at this point. He was closer to the island and just slightly forward from where I was.

Then the next time I was able to catch a glimpse of him, he had capsized. I was shouting to him to see if he was OK, and each time I slid down a wave, I paddled at an angle toward him until I had to turn to catch the next wave perpendicular. I was desperate to reach him and again felt that I just wasn't able to move in the direction I wanted.

The waves were still bobbing us up and down so that I could only occasionally see him, but after a few minutes, when I caught sight of him again, he had managed to get back in his boat and was pumping water out with a bilge pump. I was still shouting to ask him if he was all right and he shouted for me to get closer to shore. I kept trying to angle in his direction, sliding down the wave, paddling diagonal, then turning to catch the next wave perpendicular. It was still impossible to keep constant visual contact due to the height of the waves.

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## LETTER

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I never caught sight of him again. I kept trying to angle to where I had last seen him but knew I was getting pushed away from there and toward the island. Then I got rolled. I could not get back in my boat but managed to get to the island.

When I climbed up on the rocks I ran toward the lighthouse to try to break in, hoping there would be a phone or radio to be able to call for help. I was desperately scanning the water but could not see Tim anywhere on its surface. I pulled on the locks and pried at the cages over the doors and windows on the lighthouse but could not get in.

By this time the sun had set. I felt trapped. I could not see well enough to be able to identify what was rock, wave or water. It was my first time paddling in that area so I was unfamiliar with the channel, and although I thought I knew what direction I needed to go in, I was terrified that I would paddle in the wrong direction, and since I could no longer see how the waves were breaking, that I would not be able to keep my boat pointed in the right direction and would be swamped.

I remembered having seen a boathouse on the other end of the island and made my way around the edge of the island looking for it. When I finally found it, I tried to get in, hoping that there would be something to aid me in calling for help. Again, the doors and windows had massive cages over them.

By now it was fully dark, I did not know where my boat was and I didn't know what to do. I was wet and shivering violently, so I paced up and down the dock next to the boathouse to try to keep warm. I cannot begin to describe how aware I was that every second that was passing was going to seal Tim's fate if he had not managed to get the water out of his boat and gotten out of that swell.

All I could taste was the seawater that I had swallowed and my failure to help someone who I loved dearly. There are no words to convey the way it feels to know

that despite paddling with every ounce of will and strength I had, I could not reach the last place I had seen Tim.

I paced the whole night, hoping that Tim had stayed in his boat and had made it to shore, but knew that there was no way he could have, since no one came looking for me. If he had made it, he would have been sure to send someone looking for me.

When the sky was light enough to see, I walked the whole shoreline looking for him and located my boat. I paddled as fast as I could for shore and flagged down the first person I saw to call 911.

I spent the whole day with the rescue team trying to help with the search. They found his boat first, about eight miles from where we got into trouble. He had a paddle leash, so part of

the paddle had stayed attached to his boat but the other part had broken away. Neither one of us had a radio or cell phone, which I now realize was the worst mistake we made. It was just meant to be a short, easy paddle, and in the end we were too casual about preparing adequately.

I will always have to live with the knowledge that despite my best efforts, I let Tim down and nothing I ever do will be able to bring him back. Every morning now when I wake up, I will have to face a day without him in it. A bright light has gone out in the world with his passing and nothing will ever fill that void.

It is painful to read and hear some of the things that people are saying about this incident, and I just want to say that I accept the responsibility and the blame that people are casting. I already put it on myself without their help.

This is all I am ever going to convey to the press regarding this incident. I am beside myself with grief and would appreciate time and space to try to deal with my feelings.

Sincerely,  
Brandon Andrusic

*"It was just meant to be a short, easy paddle, and in the end we were too casual about preparing adequately."*

## Pawcatuck River Source to Sea Blueways Paddle

June is National Rivers Month!

For five Saturdays in June, the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association (WPWA) will sponsor a canoe and kayak trek from the source of the Pawcatuck River in South Kingstown to its outlet near Little Narragansett Bay, Westerly.

Participants are invited to join us on a guided tour of the most ecologically important river system in the region, as we glide through six towns, two states, and three wildlife management areas.

A donation of \$10 per person (\$5 for members of WPWA, AMC, or RICKA) is requested for each day. All proceeds will benefit WPWA and go towards programs that protect the rivers. You may join us for one or all of the canoe trips.

All participants are required to wear PFD's. There are a limited number of kayaks available for rent: \$5 per boat for members, \$10 for non-members. Volunteers from RICKA and AMC will also be helping out.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CONTACT WPWA AT 401-539-9017 or E-MAIL [info@wpwa.org](mailto:info@wpwa.org). Further information is available at [www.wpwa.org](http://www.wpwa.org).

The remaining four legs of the trip:

**6/9** 9am to 3pm – Charlestown, RI. Biscuit City landing to the Richmond landing. About 8.5 miles.

**6/16** 9 am to 3 pm – Richmond, RI. Rte. 91 to Bradford, 11 miles.

**6/23** 9 am to 3 pm – Bradford, RI. Bradford to Potter Hill 7.5miles.

**6/30** 9am to 4 pm – Ashaway, RI. The final stretch on the Pawcatuck to the ocean. Potter Hill to Avondale, 9 miles.



## WHITEWATERTRIPS

### June 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday – Shuttle time TBD Lower Deerfield River – Charlemont, MA — RSVP required

Check the whitewater message board for shuttle time.

Bill Luther Prijon@juno.com 508-761-7961  
or 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 (across from the Hill Top Motel) – 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 for the shuttle time - we will shuttle 2 hours after Power Company begins its release.

Directions to put-in: 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. Follow Zoar Road to the end. Go left and proceed under the railroad bridge. Continue to the Zoar Picnic Area on the left.

## FLATWATER TRIPS

### June 9<sup>th</sup> Shuttle at 9:30am Charles River—Medfield to Natick

Leaders: Louise Price Weezrad@aol.com 508-529-3402 and Pat Cabral  
JustALucyDay@aol.com

Trip is suitable for all boats and levels of experience. Trip is just over 12 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.

Directions: Rt. 495 to exit 19 Milford/Medfield. Right onto RT 109 E to Medfield. Follow signs to stay on Rt 109 E. Go approx. 6.0 miles and you will see the Tesca Bros Concrete Co on your right and the Eastside Restaurant on your left. Take left at house next to the Eastside Restaurant. Put-in is in back.

### June 10<sup>th</sup> Shuttle at 9:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> annual North River Kayak tour

Leader: Ron Cichowski (508)868-3471 or  
n3303j@erols.com

Trip is suitable for day touring or ocean kayaks and kayakers who can paddle comfortably at 2.5 knots in still water.

Description: A little bit of quick water at the bridges and one natural narrow. Can be windy; some power boats towards end, but

they are 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. The take-out is about 8 land miles down in Marshfield at Ocean View Marina on Route 3A. The paddle distance is 11.8 miles.

Directions: From Massachusetts Route 3 to Route 139 West. Continue past Route 53. intersection of BROADWAY. Turn LEFT on BROADWAY and proceed 0.3 miles; bear LEFT at the fork onto ELM Street and proceed 0.6 miles. Turn LEFT on INDIAN HEAD Street and proceed 0.3 miles to LAUNCH SITE at end of street on right.

### June 15<sup>th</sup> Shuttle at 5:30 Friday Evening Paddle on the Blackstone – Ashton to Lonsdale

Leader: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net  
(401) 765-1741

A 4-mile trip with one portage. Put in at the Ashton Dam in Lincoln and take out at the Valley Falls Landing in Central Falls with a portage around the Pratt Dam. The section

from Ashton to the Pratt Dam (2 miles) requires good boat handling skills. This trip is suitable for shorter boats (15 feet and under) and for people with good boat control.

Directions:

146 North or South to the Exit for Rt. 116 North. (Albion-Ashton Exit) Follow Rt. 116 to the second light, Lincoln High School is on the left. Turn right at the light and take a quick left onto River Road. Take the first left after the Town Hall onto Cullen Hill Road. At the bottom of road, turn left onto Lower River Road; continue to end. The parking lot is underneath the bridge.

### June 16<sup>th</sup> 10am Charles River & Populatic Pond

Leaders Burt Nowell bnow@comcast.net  
508-695-1866 and Louise Price weezrad@aol.  
Suitable for all levels of experience. The river is narrow and more suitable for boats 15 feet and shorter. Many twists and turns.

Rt.495 N to exit 16 King St/Franklin. RIGHT onto King St. towards Franklin/Medway Go approx. 1.3 miles to a set of lights. Go

## SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

### Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:

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

### Northwind Sports:

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

### 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

### Ocean State Adventures:

- 10% discount for RICKA members.
- 99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol
- 401-254-4000
- 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
- 1-888-SEA-KAYAK
- 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

### Wildwood Outfitters

- 10% discount on kayaks and accessories.
- 271 Main Street, Wakefield
- 401-789-1244
- www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com

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straight through; road becomes Chestnut St. Follow for approx. 2.9 miles and take a left onto Myrtle St. Go approx 1.4 miles and take left onto River Rd. Parking on side of road.

**June 17th 10:00am  
Fathers Day paddle: Bungay River,  
Attleboro**

Leaders: Benn Thompson and Don Thompson, StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887. Suitable for all levels of experience; not suitable for boats over 15 feet.

An easy paddle up a very scenic river (non-stop; no place to take out for lunch). You will soon forget you are in the city of Attleboro after a few of the twists and turns of the Bungay River.

Directions: From I-95 take exit 5 (Rt 152). Take a left off the exit and bear right onto 152. Go about 3/4 of a mile; go left onto Holden street. The put-in is 1/4 mile down on the left just before the bridge.

**June 18th Ten Mile River**

Leader: Rich MACKAY (401)431-1043. See details on page one.

**June 23rd -30th Cape Cod week**

See web site for details

**June 30th 10:00am.  
Ninigret Pond Charlestown, RI**

Leaders: Jean Mcinerney  
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Melanie Lamoureux Alamro2@aol.com  
Parking is limited; we suggest you get there early to get a spot. Bring your lunch.  
Suitable for all levels of experience and sizes of boats.

Launch from the Charlestown Public Access Parking Lot near the Beach and Breachway. Directions to Ninigret Pond: From Rt. 1, follow all signs carefully to Charlestown Beach/ Breachway, which after a few turns will eventually put you on Charlestown Beach Road. (Sometimes the signs get torn down) Continue down Charlestown Beach Road, go over the little bridge and then (just after the bridge) turn right at the sign for Charlestown Beach (NOT Breachway) parking lot. Don't go into the parking lot, but continue on the small dirt road to the Public Access parking lot at the launch.

**July 4th  
Narrow River, Narragansett  
Annual Surf and Play Day**

Note this is not an organized paddle. Show up at the put-in and paddle (to the right) a couple of miles to the beach. Swimming and kayak surfing. If you plan on surfing, helmets are strongly recommended. Bring a lunch, plenty

of water and sunscreen.

Parking is limited, it is recommended you arrive to park by 9:30 AM. Meet at the beach at the end of the Narrow River.

Directions: Take 95 South to exit 9/Route 4 South (a left exit). Turn slight right onto Tower Hill Road. Turn left onto Bridgetown Road (at large tower). then right onto Middlebridge Road. Approximately a mile and half-mile up on the left will be Pollock Street; parking lot at end.

**July 6th 6:00 pm  
Friday evening paddle on the  
Blackstone – Albion to Manville**

Leader: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net  
(401) 765-1741

Suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. We will put-in above the Albion Dam and paddle upstream along the bike path to the Manville Dam and back.

Directions:  
From 295N take Exit 10 – Route 122 – Cumberland. Take a right at end of ramp Proceed approximately .4 miles. Take a left on to Albion Road (CVS on the corner). Proceed approximately .7 miles to Blackstone River State Park on the right. Put in is located up the bike path about 100 feet. From 295N Take Exit 10 – Route 122 – Cumberland. Take a right at end of ramp Proceed approximately .1 miles. Follow directions above.

**BLACKSTONE  
VALLEY PADDLERS**

**To participate in the  
Blackstone Paddler's Events, RI Canoe  
and Kayak Association membership is  
required, plus an additional \$10.00  
BVPC membership fee. You may join  
both organizations at your first paddle.  
Questions? Contact Cheryl at  
StoneFoxFarm@juno.com or 401-647-  
5887.**

**June 12th 6:15 pm  
West River Uxbridge MA**

Suitable for all levels of experience. You'll have the chance to see lots of wildlife as you paddle upstream through this stretch of clean, clear flatwater. The West River, like the Nipmuc River has excellent water quality. Directions: From 146 (North or South), take the Route 16 Exit, go east on Rt. 16 through downtown Uxbridge, then go one mile and look for Countryside Garden Center. Go left onto West River Road. Go approximately 200 feet and park in the gravel lot on the right side.

**June 19th 6:15 pm  
Providence River—Ranger night**

A National Park Service Ranger will join our group this evening.

Suitable for all levels of experience. Directions and launch location details coming soon. 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. Call to leave a message with your request (kayak or canoe), and Great Canadian will return your call with a confirmation. .Great Canadian will drop off your boat at the paddle location and bring it back to their shop after the paddle.

**June 26th 6:15 pm  
Seekonk River- Pawtucket RI**

Suitable for all levels of experience. We will first paddle about 1/2 north to get a nice view of the Pawtucket Falls on the Lower Blackstone (it is a very unique way to see Slater Mill from the river). then turn south towards Bold Point. Directions from Route 95 north. Take exit 28 (SCHOOL ST EXIT) at bottom of exit go right. (self service gas station on right) You will come to a stop light. You will be passing two stop light after you get off of exit 28. That will be at school and Division Street. Stay in the right lane on School Street. Follow School Street. You will come to a second stop light. After going through that second stop light, look for Tim Healy Way. It will be the very first street you come to after passing that second stop light. Follow that road down to the river.

Directions from Route 95 south. Take Exit 27. Go left at stop light onto George Street. At second set of lights, go left onto Division St. Follow Division Street passing two stop lights. You will pass Pride Hyundai on the left. At that second stop light go left. You will come to another set of lights, that will be School Street. After that light (keeping to the right) look for Tim Healy Way. It's the very next street you will see after red light. Follow that road all the way to the river

**June 28th 6:15 pm  
Training night Hopedale Pond**

Note- Location change to Hopedale Pond Suitable for all levels of experience. Training nights are free of charge this year and included with your membership or with a boat rental!

Directions: From Route 146 North or South: Take Route 16 East for about nine miles, through Uxbridge and Mendon into Hopedale. At first traffic light in Hopedale, turn left onto Hopedale Street and go north for about 3/4 of a mile, passing massive Draper Loom Mill on left. Canoe launch is on left, just past The Little Red Shop.

*New!* Training night will be solely devoted to training those 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 training nights as well. (Membership requirements are waived for paddlers renting boats on our training nights.) To reserve a boat, call Great Canadian at 1-508-865-0010.

### **July 3rd 6:15pm Slatersville Reservoir and Branch River**

Rentals available Suitable for all levels of experience. This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of upper Slatersville Reservoir and then a stretch of the Branch River.

Directions from North: From 146 South, take the Slatersville exit.

Take a right off the ramp onto Great Road/ Victory Highway. Travel approximately 1.5 miles. Go straight through the light, continuing on Victory Highway (Route 102), and travel another mile. Turn into Slatersville Boat Launch on left-hand side.

Directions from South: From 146 North, take the Slatersville Exit. Make a left off the ramp onto School Street. Travel 1.25 miles and merge (left) onto Greene Street. Travel straight on Greene St. (which becomes Main St.) for another 1.25 miles. Take a left onto Victory Highway (Route 102). Follow directions above. (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. They will return your call with a confirmation.

### **July 10th 6:15 pm Quinsigamond River**

Ekblaw Canoe and Kayak put-in is located in Grafton, Ma. on RT 140

Directions: 146N right onto Boston Rd., Follow 1.2 miles to end. Take a right onto Providence Rd or 122A South. At 1.8 miles, turn left onto Cross Street, continue to the end and turn left onto Route 122 North. Continue 2.4 miles until the intersection of Routes 122 & 140 – turn left at this traffic light onto 122N/140N. Once you see Stop & Shop and CVS on the right (0.7 mi), Ekblaw put-in will be 0.1 mile further ON the LEFT.

## **SEA KAYAK TRIPS**

From the Worcester area: Take 146S and take a left onto Boston Rd (Tony's pizza on right) and follow directions as above.

From S. MA: Take 495 N to Exit 22 for W. Upton. Take a right off the exit and follow to Upton. Take a right onto 140N and stay on this road until you come Ekblaw put-in on left. Approx 7 miles.

### **Spinks Beach-Allen's Harbor North Sun Jun 10 10am - Sun Jun 10 3pm North Kingston, RI**

Mike Krabach, 401-333-5350,  
mkrabach@efortress.com

Level: 2

Within the Quonset Point Industrial Park. Directions from north, exit RT 95 on Rt 4 South. From north or south on Rt 4, exit at Rt 402/403 (to Quonset Pt) and continue on Rt 403. Follow signs to Davisville Port, not Quonset Pt. Continue on Davisville Rd about 2 miles to the end. Turn left (Access straight ahead is restricted to the Davisville Port) onto Allen Harbor Rd. Stay straight on Allen Harbor Rd., you will see on your right the access road to Spinks Neck Beach with a sign stating "Authorized Access Only". The gate is always open. Continue down the access road to the end and see a Spink's Neck Beach sign on your right. Turn south onto a potholed road that leads to an old paved area. A boulder blocked path leads to the beach. A kayak carry is about 200 ft.

### **Old Orchard Cove Sat Jun 16 10am Portsmouth, RI**

Kevin Bowen, 401-254-2034,  
KPBOWEN@att.net

Level: 2 & 3

In the North part of Portsmouth.  
FROM BRISTOL: take the Mt Hope Bridge to RT 24 North from Middletown: Take Rt 114-North to RT 24-North.from Fall River: Take RT 24-South to the Mt. Hope exit (Boyd's Lane) and go back North on Rt 24.  
FROM ALL DIRECTIONS: Take RT 24-North to the unmarked dirt road on the right, before you get to Hummock Ave. The road leads to a boat ramp and plenty of parking.

### **Outer West Passage Sun Jun 17 9am URI Bay Campus Narragansett, RI**

Coordinator: Tim Motte

Level: 3

Directions from Rt 1 (north or south); from Tower hill go down Bridgetown Rd, (east),

across the river and up to the light at Rt 1A. Cross the road onto South Ferry Rd. Watch for signs for the URI Bay Campus and NOAA. Launch from the beach at the very end of South Ferry Rd.

### **Westport River, West Branch Sat Jun 23 11am Adamsville, RI**

Carol Costanza, 401-789-1335,  
ccostanza@netsense.net / Mary Ann Beirne

Level: 2

DIRECTIONS TO ADAMSVILLE LANDING, on the WEST Branch of the Westport River . FROM PROVIDENCE: RT 195 East to Exit 8A (RT 24 South). FROM NEWPORT : Take RT 138 East (or Rt. 114) to RT 24 North. FROM ALL DIRECTIONS: RT 24 to exit 1A (Rt. 81 South-Adamsville). Continue straight and through the light for several miles. Come to the end of the road and turn LEFT at the stop sign. Take an IMMEDIATE RIGHT onto Westport Harbor Rd. (ball field will be on right) go 2/10 of a mile and landing is on the left.

### **Fort Wetherill Sun Jun 24 10am Ft. Wetherill State Park Jamestown, RI**

Contact: Tony Moore, 401-560-0168,  
tsunamikayak@juno.com

Level: 4

Directions from either the Jamestown or Newport Bridges. 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. There is plenty of on-site parking, but the site is popular with scuba divers on the good weekends the lot can fill early. Additional parking is available up the road in the main Park Lot. This site offers a protected launch from almost all weather conditions. In addition to the ruins of Fort Wetherill, much of this State facility consists of a grassy lawn and picnic tables fringed by rock bluffs overlooking sheltered coves and cobble beaches.

### **Paddle and Picnic Wed Jul 4 9am Narragansett Town Beach Narragansett, RI**

Contact: Carleen McOsker, 508-636-0546 or  
carleenmco@charter.net

There will be multiple launch points with the intention of meeting at the Town Beach for lunch.

# Classifieds

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

**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) (6/2)

**Kayak Sun Flight DLX (now Riot Stealth EXP)** 12'5" - 45lbs. Cross-over sea & river. Designed for smaller paddlers. 2005 Infrequently used. \$700 Inquire:

[roomwithview@verizon.net](mailto:roomwithview@verizon.net) (5/29)

**Hydra Searunner** kayak - 17', thin polymolded plastic with non-absorbent foam liner that provides good stiffness. Tracks well. 2 storage hatches, decklines, and a paddle included. \$500 call Mike 774-287-6988 (5/23)

**Kevlar Arluk III** by Necky. Yellow/white, 18ft., \$1399 o.b.o. Also a ton of accessories. Call Bob, 401-247-2309. (5/21)

**Dagger Super Ego.** White water play boat, handles big water (class V) very well. Boat has seen little use. Google the boat for a picture. \$350 Email with interest: [jw\\_20@hotmail.com](mailto:jw_20@hotmail.com) or call 401 783-4112 (5/15)

**Seaward Expedition kayak**, made in Canada, 18'-5". Blue over white hull, two hatches, great storage, little usage minor hull scuffs, rudder, stored indoors. Deck bungies and reflective perimeter lines. Multi chine shallow V hull. Adjustable seat and backrest. Asking \$1275. David in Warwick 737.5825 (5/9)

**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)

**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) (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 Thermo-lounger**, 46" x 20", \$10. Yakima rack - towers, stretchbars, 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)

**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)

**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)

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