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RICKA Monthly Meeting

Monday, May 19th at 7 p.m. at the JCC

A Guided Tour of Rhode Island's Parks

Robert Paquette, D.E.M Chief of Parks and Recreation

Rhode Island is a state rich with recreational opportunities provided by its many parks and beaches. Paddlers, fishermen, photographers, environmentalists and birders can always find something interesting. We all spend a great deal of time on Narragansett Bay and the nearby lakes and rivers.

New D.E.M. Chief of Parks & Recreation, Robert Paquette, will provide us with a virtual tour of all that our park system has to offer. Paddlers may find new places to explore, along with information about parking and boat put-ins.

The objective of the Division of Parks & Recreation is to provide all Rhode

Island residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy a diverse mix of well-maintained, scenic, safe, accessible areas and facilities within our park system and to offer a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities and programming which may benefit and enhance our quality of life.

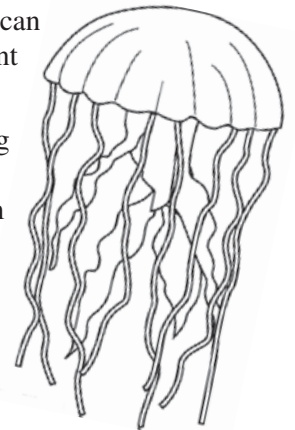
A nationally-certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP), Paquette has served DEM's Division of Parks and Recreation since 1980.

He will now oversee the operation and maintenance of the state's parks, beaches, campgrounds, historic sites, roadside picnic and rest areas, and administration of a statewide water and recreational safety program.

DEM SAYS LEAVE LION'S MANE JELLYFISH ALONE

PROVIDENCE, April 17 -The Department of Environmental Management was notified yesterday that lion's mane jellyfish, common to Rhode Island waters, are being seen at Barrington Beach. People are advised not to touch them, for they can provide a potent sting.

DEM is issuing this caution since the warm weather is likely to result in a number of visitors to local beachfronts.



Lion's mane jellyfish, although they can pulse around on their own, are generally dependent upon tides, currents, and winds for direction, so it is likely that some will be found on other shores as well. The product of last year's spawn, the jellyfish can range in size from two to four inches to a foot wide. DEM fisheries biologists have seen this year's crop throughout the Bay for the past month or so.

Yesterday's report was the first received regarding them being washed ashore.

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.

Welcome to this year's Executive Board: Bill Hahn, president; Terry Meyer, vice president; Barbara August, secretary; Charlie Laroque, treasurer. Bill Brown joins the board as our newest at-large member.

RICKA member wins at Run of the Charles

Ed Earle, a long standing member of the Rhode Island Canoe /Kayak Assoc., won the recreational sea kayak division, 6.2 mile race, in the 26th Annual "Run of the Charles Race", held on Sunday, April 27, 2008. The race was a loop course, starting and finishing at Herter Park, in Brighton, MA. Over 30 competitors entered this division. Ed's winning time was 1:07:14. Successful racing is not new to Ed—last year he won the sea kayak Division, of the prestigious Buzzards Bay Regatta in New Bedford.

WHITEWATER TRIP

May 10th- Blackstone River – River Island Park, Woonsocket

New location – the leader has changed this trip from the Willimantic to the Blackstone. Meet at River Island Park at 9:00 for some easy park and play between River Island Park and the Court Street Bridge. At 10:00 we will join flatwater paddlers for the 4-mile run from River Island Park to the Manville Dam.

Interested in a Class 2 kayak school? If so, contact Bill Luther or Erik Eckilson. prijon@juno.com, eckilson@cox.net

DEMO DAYS

Great Canadian Demo Days: May 18th and June 8th
Town Beach, Lake Singletary, Sutton MA
(508) 865-0010 or (800) 98-CANOE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 4 @ 7pm

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RICKA trip coordinators and contacts are volunteers who are not responsible for evaluating your skill level or ensuring your safety, comfort and happiness. Educate yourself about the area in which you will be paddling, and carry appropriate gear, clothing, water, food, etc. Check the weather forecast before launching. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIDING TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT.**

CAPE COD TRIP: JUNE 14 - 21

Join us for a week of paddling Cape Cod's coastal waterways. This is one of the best ways to see the Cape's natural beauty and to explore areas accessible only by kayak or canoe. Go to www.ricka.org and click on Flatwater for more details. Campsite reservations can be made now. Leaders: Louse Price weezrad@charter.net 508-529-3402; Sue Sirois s.sirois@yahoo.com
(Please email—phone calls only if necessary.)

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.

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Kayakers keep rescue crews busy

By Mimi Hall, USA TODAY

Brandon Andrusic and Tim Gutmann were experienced kayakers planning a quick paddle around Wood Island off the coast of Biddeford Pool, Maine.

A mile offshore, they ran into much rougher surf than they expected. They struggled against the swells. Andrusic eventually lost sight of his friend and capsized, but he made it to Wood Island.

A large rescue effort found Guttman's body the next day. Nearly a year later, not a day goes by "without me running through things I wish I could change about that day," says Andrusic, an admissions officer at the University of New England. "We were too casual about going out. It was getting late; we were overconfident."

Popularity of sport growing

An explosion in the number of kayakers along the nation's waterways, on lakes and at sea is making harrowing stories such as Andrusic's all-too common. At the same time, it's putting a strain on Coast Guard and other marine search-and-rescue crews and prompting calls for new laws requiring kayakers to take boating safety courses.

"Paddling represents our greatest risk in the recreational boating community," says John Fetterman, a member of the Maine Marine Patrol and president of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. For rescue teams, it's become "a huge drain."

In the Coast Guard, the number of kayak rescues — many of which involve multiple boats and helicopters — is escalating. "It does take us away from other high-priority missions, like maritime security," says spokesman Brendan McPherson. The Coast Guard is tasked with protecting the nation's ports and harbors against terrorists.

No government agency tracks the number of kayak-related rescues nationally each year. This is because they are conducted by so many different agencies, including local and state police, marine patrol units and Coast Guard crews. The American Canoe Association (ACA) says kayaking is growing faster than any other outdoor activity on land or water; maritime officials say rescues have skyrocketed as a result.

The Coast Guard does track boating fatalities. In 2006, the most recent year for which numbers are available, 27 people died kayaking. That's still a small percentage of the 710 people who died in boating accidents. Most died in motorboat accidents, when speed is often a factor. Statistics show

72 people died in canoe accidents during that year.

Kayaking has become popular partly because the boats are relatively inexpensive and can be hauled and used with ease. Unfortunately, that's also contributed to the accident rate, experts say.

People go to "big-box stores like Costco and Sam's Club, buy a kayak, and, boom, off they go," says John Malatak of the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division. "They don't take a boating course, they go into an area that's remote, they don't know the No. 1 thing to do, which is wear a life jacket, they turn over and there's no one nearby to assist them."

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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

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- 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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Hypothermia can set in

Even experienced kayakers can run into trouble. “Things can go south in a heartbeat,” Andrusic says.

Capsized kayakers suffering from hypothermia have been rescued by the Coast Guard from Seattle to Philadelphia.

Such accidents and the rescue efforts involved are prompting calls for more boating education.

Fetterman says he supports legislation to require kayakers to take courses that would teach people the basics: wear a life jacket, bring a phone or radio, tell someone on land where you’re going and when you expect to be back, how to handle it if your boat capsizes, how quickly cold water can be incapacitating and who has the right of way in busy harbors.

Jeremy Oyen, director of safety and education at the ACA, says 48 states have laws requiring motorboat operators to take boating education courses but none require similar courses for paddlers.

Just in 2005, the most recent year for which statistics are available, about 12.6 million people went kayaking — nearly a 25% increase over the year before, according to the Outdoor Industry Association. “Unfortunately, there has also been a rise in the number of paddle craft accidents,” says Anthony Turner, spokesman for the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Already this year, there have been several accidents.

In Cape Arago, Ore., on April 13, a Coast Guard helicopter and boat were dispatched after a 30-year-old man’s kayak overturned. He was taken to the hospital with hypothermia. In Philadelphia on the same day, a Coast Guard cutter, a tug boat crew and an environmental group’s boat crew rescued two kayakers after they

capsized in the Delaware River.

Those men also were treated for early signs of hypothermia.

Maritime experts say cold water often is the culprit in deadly accidents. Most people, they say, have no idea that frigid water can send someone into shock within seconds.

Some maritime organizations, including the American Canoe Association (ACA), oppose mandatory education for paddlers. The groups say it would be akin to requiring everyone who rides a bike to take a class first.

Experts say many people underestimate how easy it is to flip a kayak because the boats seem so simple and easy to use. But “it’s not just a sports activity, it’s a maritime activity, and people lose sight of what happens when you get out on the water and it’s cold,” says Christopher Cunningham, editor of the bi-monthly *Sea Kayaker* magazine.

Andrusic says his and Gutmann’s biggest mistakes were not taking a phone or radio and not telling anyone where they were going.

“As kayaking gets more popular, people might be a little cavalier,” he says. “Going out on the water should never be taken lightly.”

FLATWATER TRIPS

May 10th - Blackstone River— River Island Park to the Manville Dam – Shuttle at 10:00 – Leader Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 765-1741

Please note the new location – the leader has changed this trip from the Willimantic to the Blackstone. This is a four-mile trip requiring good boat handling skills. The first mile is rocky and contains a few small rapids. The remaining three miles are flatwater. We will put-in at River Island Park in Woonsocket and take-out at the Manville Dam in Cumberland. Suitable for shorter boats and paddlers with good boat control. A change of clothes in a waterproof bag is required.

Directions: From Route 146 (north or

south) take the Route 104 - Downtown Woonsocket exit. At the bottom of the ramp notice sign. Follow the brown Visitor Center signs to the Museum of Work and Culture. Park in the lot behind the Museum. Put-in is behind the bandstand in River Island Park.

May 11th Sunday- Upper Wood River-Meet at 10:30 am for a shuttle Leader: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033. The beginning of the river may be narrow, shallow and rocky but soon opens up. There is a short section of quick water following a short **portage**. A change of clothes in a waterproof bag is **required**. **Bring a lunch.**

Directions: 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.

May 17th Saturday- Quinebaug River Canoe Trail- Brimfield MA. Meet at 10:00 am for a shuttle Leader: Mark Roberts MRoberts@CIA.com -401-533-1883 Cell.

Suitable for all levels of experience and boat lengths. A change of clothes in a waterproof bag is **required**. **Bring a lunch** Put-in at Holland Pond and paddle down the Quinebaug River Canoe Trail to East Brimfield Lake and Long Pond. In this area, the Quinebaug River winds through marshland filled with wildlife. Stop for lunch at a rope swing on East Brimfield Lake. Take out is at the Long Pond Boat ramp.

Directions: Take Route 146 north, to I-90 Mass Pike west, to I-84 west. Take exit 3B to Route 20 toward Brimfield.

Continue on Route 20 about 3 miles, then take a left onto Holland East Brimfield Road - there will be a sign for Holland and a large sign for the Quinebaug Cove Campground. Continue approximately 2 miles and take a right onto Morse Road- there will be a brown canoe launch sign.

After 1/10 of a mile, take a sharp left down the hill on a dirt access road.

At the bottom of the hill, follow the canoe

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launch signs. Put-in is 2/10 mile on the right before the Pond Bridge Road bridge.

NEW! Sunday May 18th Hunt River

East Greenwich RI. Leaders: Kent Cameron 401-647-5887

stonefoxfarm@juno.com and Shannon Kelley outside@cox.net, 401-270-4838.

Meet at 1:00pm. Suitable for everyone.

Please note; there isn't a suitable place to stop for lunch on this trip. Directions:

Rt. 95 to Route 4 (exit 9). Take the second exit (route 402) and go to the left (towards Quonset). The access will be a short distance down the road on the right.

May 24th Saturday- Farmington River-Farmington CT Meet at 10:30am

Leader: Mark Roberts

MRoberts@CIA.com -401-533-1883 Cell.

Note this is a 10 mile paddle. Bring a lunch. A change of clothes in a waterproof bag is **required**.

Put-In: From Route I-84 take exit 39 (Not exit 39A) and head west on Route 4 for about 2 miles. Put-in is on the left just after crossing the river. The road down to the parking area is hard to spot.

May 31st Saturday Quonochontaug Salt Pond. Charlestown RI. Meet at 9:00 am

Leader: Louise Price

weezrad@yahoo.com 508-529-3402

Bring a lunch. Suitable for boats over 12 feet. Directions from the North: Take Rt. 1 to West Beach Road, which will be on your left. (It's after East Beach Road) (From Westerly area: Take Rt. 1 to West Beach Road which will be 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 breachway. The parking area and pond/launch is **at the very end**.

June 1st Sunday Great Swamp Trip-Taylors Landing, Kingston, RI. Meet at 10:00am for a shuttle

Leaders: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033 and Mark Roberts MRoberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 Cell.

Narrow twisty waterways, trip is not suitable for long kayaks. No Kayaks

over 15 feet. Wetsuit or drysuit is recommended; change of clothes in a waterproof bag **required. Bring a lunch** **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.

June 1st Sunday- Wallum Lake Douglas State Park, Douglas, MA Meet at 12:00 noon.

Leader Bill Brown kayakbill222@aol.com

Suitable for any size boat and level of experience.

Directions: 146 north exit for Rt 16 to Douglas/Uxbridge Follow Rt 16 W thru the town of Douglas. At intersection for Rt 16 & 96. GO STRAIGHT. This is S. Main St. Follow until you see a sign for Douglas State Park, take this left. Just down the road take a right at park entrance. Follow road bearing left down the hill to the put-in.

June 7th Saturday- Connecticut River Eagles Paddle - Barton's Cove, Gill MA. Meet at 10:00 am for a shuttle.

Leaders: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033 and Mark Roberts MRoberts@CIA.com -401-533-1883 Cell.

This is a 10 mile paddle. Suitable for experienced paddlers but works with all sizes of boat. Very short boats and slow boats may not want to go all the way, there is an option to turn back, making the trip shorter. **Bring a lunch.** Expect a fair amount of boat traffic, similar to the Narrow River in RI. However, much of the paddle is in a wide area of the river where it is easy to avoid the boats.

We will paddle right under the bald eagle nest at the start and again at the end of the trip. The baby eagles will be in the nest, but probably not flying yet. Bring your binoculars as we can paddle pretty close to the nest high up in a tree. We will have a clear view.

Directions: From RI, go north on 146 to Worcester, take I-290 East to I-190 North, to route 2 West to Gill.

When you cross the Connecticut River (on the French King Bridge) you enter Gill. Barton Cove Public Ramp is on the left about 3 miles or so after the bridge.

Call 401-533-1883 if lost.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

(Unless otherwise noted, BVPC trips are suitable for all boats and skill levels. Boat rentals are available on the first and third Tuesday of the month; see the web site for more information.)

May 13th 2008 6:15pm Lacky Dam and the Mumford River.

Come join us as we kick off our 8th season on the beautiful Mumford River. Directions: 146 north to Lackey Dam Road/Whitensville exit. At end of exit take a right, follow road approximately 1/2 mile to the dam.

May 20th 6:15 pm -Quinsigamond River Grafton Rentals Available

Riverview Apartments put-in and a couple of paddling options for this trip.

Directions: Take Route 146 to Central Turnpike exit. Head east toward Northbridge. The road become Sutton road, continue straight east. At the stop sign at the five way intersection at Adam's Corner, continue straight to end. Drive down the big hill into Rockdale. 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.

May 27th 6:15pm Albion to Manville .

Put-in above the Albion Dam and paddle upstream 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. You will see a sign for the Blackstone River State Park on the right. Put in is located up the bike path about 100 feet.

June 3 Rental Night 6:15pm West River West River Uxbridge MA Naturalist Julie Reindeau will be leading this trip.

You'll see lots of wildlife on this clear stretch of flatwater—one of the rivers that is clean enough to swim in the Blackstone Valley. **Directions:** From 146 (North or South), take the Route 16 Exit. Take Rt. 16 East; stay on 16 east through Uxbridge. Look for a red building, Countryside Garden Center, on the left. Take a left onto West River Road immediately following the Countryside Garden Center.

SEA KAYAK TRIPS

Sakonnet Point

Description: Level 4

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2008

Time: 10:00am

Coordinators: Carleen McOsker
(carleenmco@charter.net)

Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net)

Todd Moore

Put-in: Sakonnet Point Town Boat Launch

Directions: The boat launch is located at the end of RT-77.

Narrow River

Description: Level 2

Date: Sunday, May 18, 2008

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Tim Motte
(tmotte@crmc.ri.gov)

Put-In: Pollack Ave. Boat Ramp

Directions: Take Rt. 1 to Bridgetown Road. Turn off of Bridgetown Road onto Middlebridge Road. Pollack Ave. is a left off of Middlebridge Road.

Safety Practice and Pot Luck

Date: Sunday, May 25, 2008

Time: 10:00am

Paddle Coordinator: Tim Motte
(tmotte@crmc.ri.gov)

Location: Quonochontaug Pond

Directions: Take Rt. 1 to 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.

Potluck: The potluck will follow after the paddle and will be held at Christy Russell's home in Charlestown.

Cuttyhunk Crossing

Date: Saturday, June 7, 2008

Time: 9:00am

BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA KAYAK TRIPS

1. REQUIRED

In order to participate in RICKA sea kayaking trips you **MUST** have this equipment:

- A sea kayak that meets the following criteria:
 - 15 feet or longer
 - front and rear flotation (bulkheads or flotation bags)
- Coast Guard-approved PFD
- Spray skirt
- Paddle float
- Bilge pump
- Appropriate clothing for the water temperature

2. SUGGESTED

We strongly recommend that you bring along the following:

- Drinking water
- Food
- Sunscreen
- Whistle
- A change of clothes

Description: Level 5 (RSVP Only)

Coordinators: Carleen McOsker
(carleenmco@charter.net)

Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net)

Eric Johnson

(eric.johnso3@att.net) Todd Moore

Dutch Island

Description: Level 2

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2008

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Tim Motte
(tmotte@crmc.ri.gov)

Put-In: URI Bay Campus

Directions: The URI Bay Campus is located at the end of Bridgetown Road in Wakefield, RI.

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.

Have fun...and don't forget to wear your PFD! (It's a requirement for all RICKA trips)

RICKA CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUE TO BE MONITORED BY SCAMMERS

A RICKA member decides to have a little fun with one of them.

The original classified ad:

Mohawk Solo 14 Canoe-- Used once. White, with Yakima foot pegs and seat adjusting kit. Paddle w/ epoxy tip and foam block rooftop kit included. Fun play boat, perfect flat-water fishing boat. See www.mohawkcanoes.com/solo.htm New (boat plus foot pegs) \$790; \$600 takes all. Will drop off within 1 hr of Cumberland. Pictures avail. on request.

Email inquiry from the buyer/scammer:

Subject: am interested in your Mohawk Solo 14 Canoe
hello seller,
i came across your ads and i will like to ask the following question regarding the ads
1)Is your item still available for sale??
2)Where are you located??
3)may i know why you want to sell it?
4)Has this item involved in any damage before?
5)can i see more picx??
6)do i need to repair?
7)what year is this item manufactured?
8)what is the final price?
9)can you help me determine the weighth?
10)I will like to know if you do accept a Certified Cashiers! Check as mode of payment?
11)i have a freight company on my own will be available for them? because the operate 7:00am to 7:00pm mon-Saturday,so i will like you to get back with your full Name and Address to mail out the payment to thanks and hope to read from you soonest.

The seller's response:

- 1) Yes
- 2) Read the ad
- 3) Canoes terrify me - they can easily be swamped in Force Eight winds. Besides, the boat smells bad.
- 4) It was overturned & set on fire in Kenmore Square following the 2004 Red Sox ALCS victory over the Yankees. Duct tape fixed it right up.
- 5) No. Remaining images are copyrighted and licensed.
- 6) Currently has a Dodge Hemi short block V-8. If you want to swap that engine out, it's on your dime.
- 7) Authentic Mohawk canoe.....circa 1730.
- 8) Final price is EUR2499
- 9) 12 metric tons.
- 10) Gold bullion or graded diamonds only.
- 11) Be GREEN! I do not ship using fossil fuels. If you are not telekinetic, I will not deal with you.

The seller awaits notification that "the bullion is in the mail."

WHAT IF YOU CALL 911 AND NO ONE EVER ANSWERS?

Starting February 1, 2009 that is exactly what will happen for boaters who have the older model EPIRBs (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons) that transmit a distress alert on 121.5 MHz or 243 MHz. The activation of an EPIRB is like making a 911 call to search and rescue authorities. After February 1, 2009 the older model EPIRBs will no longer be monitored by satellite, and are likely to go completely undetected in an emergency.

Only distress alerts from 406 MHz beacons will continue to be detected and processed by search and rescue satellites worldwide. Although February 1, 2009 is still a long time from now, the traditional start of the 2008 boating season is just a couple of weeks away, and while preparing for the season the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary recommends that the new EPIRBs be part of the *season start-up* shopping list.

Although recreational boaters are not required to carry an EPIRB, they are strongly recommended for ALL boaters, including kayaks and other paddle craft, along with a VHF-FM marine band radio. The 406 MHz signal sent by the newer EPIRBs when a mariner encounters distress are picked up by the COSPAS/SARSAT satellite constellation, which determines the EPIRBs position through triangulation.

EPIRBs with embedded GPS are even more helpful in quickly finding a distressed boater. With GPS coordinates, the position of distress is pinpointed almost immediately. Without GPS, it may take two or three satellite passes to come up with a good, triangulated position.

According to Captain Chip Strangfeld, Commander of Coast Guard Sector San Diego, "the time saved by EPIRBs could mean the difference between life and death." As long as the new 406 MHz beacon has been registered (which is required by law), search and rescue authorities can quickly confirm that the distress is real, who they are looking for, and a description of the vessel or aircraft. This means an effective search can be initiated even before a final distress location has been determined for non-GPS EPIRBs. It also means that a false activation may be resolved with a phone call to the beacon owner, saving resources for actual distresses. Registration is free and can be done on the internet at: www.beaconregistration.noaa.gov or it can be mailed/faxed to NOAA by calling 1-888-212-SAVE.

Beacon registrations must be updated at least every two years or when information such as emergency contact phone numbers and other vital information changes. This registration information is only available to authorized search and rescue personnel. It saves lives.

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Mad River Slipper 14' Fun solo canoe for day trips. Fiberglass construction \$250.00 See reviews at <http://www.paddling.net/Reviews/showReviews.html?prod=712> contact henry@twincitysupply.com (4/28)

Valley Nordkapp, 2 1/2 years old Ultra carbon/kevlar layup, custom front bulkhead (more storage space), custom skeg slide placement, custom color (midnight blue over white with grey trim), manufacture installed keel stip, deck mounted compass. Sells new for \$4400, asking \$2800. Pictures available. Email kkaykk@aol.com, or call Ken at 401-486-0264 (4/19)

Old Town Tripper canoe 1991 royalex 17' 5" length excellent condition stored in the basement at least the past 10 years. Asking \$800 OBO. Call Ken @ 401-766-5346 or e-mail KLP02876@yahoo.com (4/2)

Walden Naturalist Kayak very good condition 10 yrs old ,terrific entry level and young adult kayak asking \$200 OBO, Call Ken @ 401-766-5346 or e-mail KLP02876@yahoo.com (4/2)

Two kayaks for sale - pics available. **NDK Romany**, 16 x 21. Yellow over white. Excellent condition with typical hull scratches - deck is great. Hard plastic seat replaced with Valley soft seat. \$1,900. **Night Heron stitch and glue**, 18x20. High performance kayak, hard chine Greenland style. Immaculate. Hardly used. Built in foot pump. Two water tight hatches/ bulkheads -rear is VCP rubber hatch

for larger items storage. \$1,600. Jerry Borenstein 914 793 0431. aikijerry@optonline.net (2/29)

Thule kayak rack single rack from an Escort for sale. \$100.00 call Sally Ann 401-861-5049 or campy272@juno.com (2/18)

Aquabound Shred whitewater paddle, one-piece carbon shaft, 194cm \$150. Snap Dragon neoprene spray skirt, large deck, large tunnel, only used twice \$100. Contact clawlor@cpsed.net (12/7)

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 or oldphoto9@earthlink.net (11/27)

Ultra light and fast handmade kayak - Thirty-four pounds 16' long X 23" beam. Stitch & glue plywood kit construction. Almost new - \$950 Contact Greta: 272-2950 in am or at gabbott505@aol.com (11/19)

Old Town Loon 111 Kayak, \$400, pics available: wsk112@gmail.com (10/5)

Kayak Sun Flight DLX (now: Riot Stealth EXP) 12'- 5" - 45 lbs. Cross-over Sea and River, Day Touring, Very stable, good beginning kayak! Designed for Smaller Paddlers (female - young male) 2005 Infrequently used Reduced \$ 550 Inquire: roomwithview@verizon.net (9/17)

Dagger Super Ego and Dagger Ego kayaks for sale. 300 for each. Both are in great shape. Nice for park and play and great ocean surfers. 401 783 4112. lv message (9/10)

Werner Cyprus Paddle 220 cm ,Straight Shaft used once, \$380.00 new will sell for \$275.00 Call Greg or Patrice at 401-624-2822 (8/14)

Current Designs Extreme. Excellent condition. Fast Sea Kayak. Handles all conditions well. Kevlar. Smart Trac Rudder control. Yellow/White. New \$3200+, asking \$2600. Located in North Kingstown. Call Tom 401 885-7649 (8/24)

Seaward Quest, special "Guide

Edition", 19', fiberglass and in immaculate shape. All the bells and whistles. Striking Ivory hull, red deck and yellow seam striping color scheme. This kayak is fast and can handle anything. Own this rare bird for \$2000. Call Bill @ 401 253 2191, wjgirrier@yahoo.com (7/2)

Kevlar Arluk III by Necky. Yellow/white, 18ft., \$1399 OBO. Also a ton of accessories. 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 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)

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

* **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** - protect yellow, \$15.

* **Perception Harmony sprayskirt** -

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