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RICKA Summer Cookout

Sunday, July 20th (Note new day)

This year's annual cookout is being held on a Sunday, rather than our traditional Monday evening, to give everyone more time to enjoy the day with family and friends. The party starts around 4:00, with food served around 5:30-6:00.

The sites are reserved for the entire day so get there as early as you like. If people are already there, gently inform them that we hold the permit for the site. Picnic site 45 is right on the water so bring your boat if you can for paddling and possibly some impromptu races (with prizes).

As always, the club will provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers (on request), rolls, buns and condiments. You bring side dishes to share, beverages, and your boat. Please remember that alcoholic beverages are not allowed in Rhode Island's state parks. (However, your water bottle is unlikely to attract attention if *you* aren't attracting attention.)

Please contact Barbara August at 725-3344 *before the 19th* to indicate your food preference.

Please note: capsizes happen, but intentional swimming anywhere except the designated swimming area will get you ejected from the park.

Directions: take Route 146 to the Twin River Road exit and follow the signs to Lincoln Woods. Turn right onto the ring road in the park. About 100 yards down the road, turn left to Site 45 (look for the BIG rock). We've also reserved site 46, so don't worry about blocking it.



FLATWATER SKILLS COURSE

Sunday July 13th 9:00 am

The RICKA Flatwater Group will be holding a Basic Flatwater Paddling Course. In this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats on flatwater. We will also cover basic rescue techniques. The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield and will be free for RICKA members. Please contact Bill Luther prijon@juno.com, Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net or Cheryl Thompson Cameron stonefoxfarm@juno.com or 401- 647-5887 for additional information. Registration is required, go to: www.woonsocket.org/flatwatertraining.html to register.

WHITewater SCHOOL

August 16th and 17th

The RICKA Whitewater Group is planning a Class II Whitewater School on The course will be taught by ACA certified whitewater instructor Mike Rock and will be free for *qualified* RICKA members (this is not a novice-level class).. Pre-registration is required. You'll find the registration form online at www.woonsocket.org/school.html.

RICKA Executive Committee Vacancies

Applicants are being sought to fill vacant positions, listed below, all of which have voting privileges at the Executive Committee monthly meeting (which the holders of these positions will be expected to attend).

This is an opportunity to get involved with the inner workings of your club and promote the goals of RICKA and your fellow paddlers.

Competition Chair

The new chair can resurrect the whitewater and/or flatwater race, or strike out in a totally new direction. Past Chairs are available to assist and advise.

Qualifications: Familiarity with, or the willingness to learn about, classes of boats and/or racers for canoe and kayak races. Ability to coordinate volunteers to aid in all aspects of scheduling and running a race event, or to act as a liaison between RICKA and race events being coordinated by other local or regional groups.

Conservation/Environmental Chair

Qualifications: Interest in and knowledge of local conservation/environmental concerns and the public and private organizations, and state agencies working on these types of issues. The ability to write brief articles of local interest to canoers and kayakers on conservation/environmental matters. The ability to recruit and coordinate volunteers for local events of importance to RICKA.

A **Member-at-Large** brings to the Executive Committee his/her interest in helping to direct the future of our organization. Members-at-Large can be seasoned paddlers and long time members or new members just starting out.

To apply, please send a note to Bill Hahn (bhahn02835@yahoo.com) or Terry Meyer (terry_meyer@cox.net) with a brief description of your background and areas of interest.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next Executive Board meeting: **Wednesday, August 6th @ 7pm**

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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

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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Salvager loses shipwreck to Seashore

By Doug Fraser

June 06, 2008

WELLFLEET — When Oscar Snow saw news reports that a 60-foot-long shipwreck had washed up on Newcomb Hollow Beach, he knew better than anyone where it came from.

He also knew its most recent owner—him. Snow is a marine salvager who spends his springs and summers finding, exploring and sometimes recovering items from long-forgotten shipwrecks along the Cape's outer beaches.

He believes the Newcomb Hollow shipwreck to be one of five significant wrecks he has discovered, but not yet salvaged, in a 2-square-mile area of ocean he has the exclusive rights to explore and excavate. But in January, an ocean storm pushed the vessel's skeleton up on the shore of the Cape Cod National Seashore and it became federal property.

Under Massachusetts law, shipwrecks in state waters that have been unclaimed for more than 100 years, or whose value exceeds \$5,000, are judged by the state Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources to be of historical value. No one can take anything from, or disturb, such sites in any way without first getting a permit from the archaeological board.

The board lays out the way in which any reconnaissance and recovery operations will be done, and requires that an archaeologist be part of the crew during excavation.

The permits must be renewed each year and applicants must demonstrate that they have been actively looking for, and working on, whatever they find. The permits prohibit anyone else from trying to do their own underwater work, or even taking a souvenir from a wreck.

Like seafaring Indiana Jones's, some salvagers are in it for the treasure, some are just historically minded. Snow won't say what he hopes to find in his patch of ocean bottom, but it's not a random search like passing a metal detector over a beach. Like all marine salvager's looking for old wrecks, he's done his homework, poring over old documents and maps in

libraries, state archives and other arcane sources.

The results of these salvagers research, and what they document when they find something, benefit state historical knowledge.

"They are collecting information we couldn't get," said Victor Mastone, the director and chief archaeologist for the underwater archaeological board.

There are 18 permits currently active, with six of those for waters off the Cape. The permits are held by a tight-lipped bunch of characters who share very little with one another in the competition to find the next blockbuster shipwreck.

"I think people who like this work, they start out reading, and then the bug gets them," Snow said. A former commercial diver, who spent 20 years as a commercial fisherman, Snow uses a vessel about 40-

feet long to tow a torpedo-shaped magnetometer along the bottom to measure weak electrical fields around metal objects such as the iron spikes and fittings used in old ships.

It's expensive and time-consuming. Barry Clifford is the only local salvager who has come up with anything like treasure, and he's been working one site — the Whydah — for 20 years.

Enforcement of the salvaging rules is usually by word-of-mouth. Snow said he has someone who flies along the Outer Beach regularly, as well as fishermen friends and relatives who keep an eye out.

Normally, offenders are divers who don't know that a wreck has already been claimed, said Mastone.

"There is a bad element out there," he said. "But we haven't caught anyone in that situation yet."

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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YOUR DOG IN A CANOE?

Barking Up The Northeast Passage

B. Elwin Sherman, American Chronicle
July 03, 2008

Yes, even on a river expedition, it's not only possible to end up where you started, it's what happens anytime you go anywhere in New England by land or sea, because you're already where you're going before you leave, even though you can't get there from here.

That's why you should start somewhere else in the first place:

The Northeast Passage.

Here, in nautical dog miles, it's possible to connect New Hampshire with itself via the Connecticut River. It requires flatbottom watercraft canine ballast, an unintentional near drowning that your dog will interpret as a new game of super-fetch, and the finer points of dogpaddling your way to the nearest sandbar without spilling your beer.

What's the first rule in canoeing with your dog?

NEVER canoe with your dog.

If you're determined to scuttle that advice, I can only offer you the following guide and my deepest sympathies at the outset. Do pick a stretch of the New Hampshire/Vermont fluvial border that offers an historic, built-in fond recollection, like the Windsor-Cornish Covered Bridge. You'll need this watermark to neutralize the horror years hence, when you tell your grandchildren of your perilous river expedition with Tippy.

Ready?

NEVER take a canoe trip with a dog named "Tippy." No sense in flying in the face of prophecy.

There's a reason that a dog, when riding in an automobile, sticks his head out the window. This goes double when applied to travel over water in a canoe, as his head, body, legs and tail are all now sticking out a big window. It's a sensory overload, and your dog needs boundaries, especially when he's being moved artificially on fluid space.

NEVER put your dog in a canoe on a "windy" day in New Hampshire. The resulting fourteen consecutive revolutions you'll perform without advancing

one ripple on your journey will create a new game of splash & fetch that you'll be hard-pressed to recreate in your backyard pool.

NEVER put your dog in a canoe from the leeward side. In fact, never put your dog in a canoe from the windward side. I'd suggest tethering him to the bathtub for short periods prior to your trip. This will acclimatize him for the approaching grand-daddy of all head-out-the-window rides.

When you arrive and are about to put-in, avoid letting him board anywhere near the stern (more on this later). Remember, the stern is the back of the canoe. It will be the end facing forward for most of your trip downriver (See: New Hampshire, Windy Day).

NEVER put your dog in a canoe before you get in. If you're dumb enough to do this, (and we all know you are because you're out there canoeing in a Yankee typhoon) don't compound the error by entering with one foot on the bank and one foot in the canoe.

This will result in the inevitable "Wish-bone Dunk & Groin Pull," and will forever adversely affect your ability to squat.

NEVER put your dog in a canoe, and then paddle without squatting. Yes, you may assume a semblance of sitting, but don't put your full weight on the seat. You must maintain a constant scrunch, leaning forward enough to balance on the balls of your feet, ready to pounce.

Dogs don't know how to trim ship.

NEVER put your dog in a canoe and pounce.

NEVER put your dog in a canoe with anything that doesn't float. This includes any valued personal items heavier than air.

NEVER put your dog in a canoe without sitting him in the bow. Remember, the bow is the front of the canoe. It will be the end facing backward for most of your trip upriver. There are two reasons for putting your dog in front:

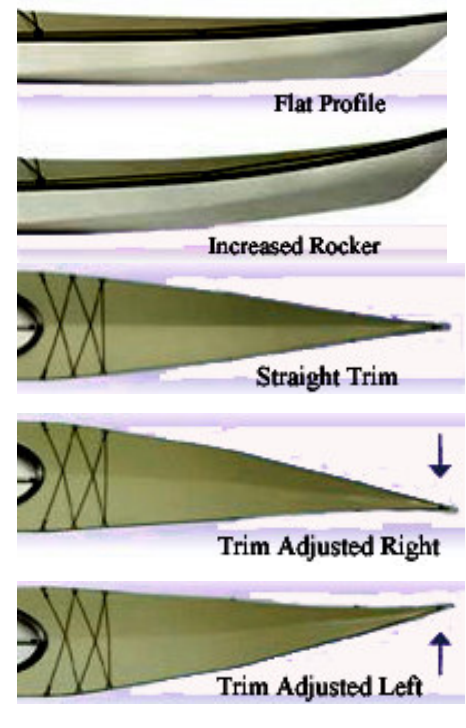
1. Dogs, unlike humans, are equally content and adept at seeing either where they've been or where they're going.

New Kayak Tech

Trak Kayaks calls its T-1600 "the world's only performance kayak that fits in a pack." A 16-foot take-apart kayak, the boat incorporates the Tri-active Performance System of three hydraulic jacks that can adjust the hull three ways.

From Wired Product Reviews: *It's a freakin' Transformer! Three hydraulic jacks tension the 16-foot, 48-pound kayak's skin until it's absolutely solid. Headed across the bay? Loosen the center jack so the hull lies flat for maximum speed and stability. Need maneuverability? Increase the tension so the boat bows up at the ends. You can even make the craft bend into a right- or left-facing crescent to combat crosswinds.*

The T-1600 (with rolling pack): \$4,900.



2. If you put him in the stern with you, the combined ballast of idiot canoe pilot, clawing dog and cooler of beer, will lift the bow into an angle that will aggravate your groin pull, dunk & send all your floatable provisions into Vermont, and prompt any onshore onlookers to wonder why a vertical canoe is going past them the wrong way under the world's longest two-span covered wooden bridge.

In New Hampshire, it's the only time you'll get there from here.

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SEA KAYAK TRIPS

Westport River/Buzzards Bay Saturday, July 12

9:00am

Level: 3

Coordinator: Paul Bender
(Paul_Bender@bose.com)

Put-in: Westport River Boat Launch
Directions: The boat ramp is located at the end of Rt-88 next to Back Eddy Restaurant.

Slocum River Saturday, July 19

9:00am

Level: 2 & 3 (2 trips)

Contacts:

Carleen McOsker
(carleenmco@charter.net)
Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net)
Richard Coupland

Directions:

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

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

RIC/KA Picnic Sunday, July 20

10:00am

Summer gathering at Lincoln WoodsState Park. See details on page one.

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.

Barn Island Sunday, July 27

10:00am

Level: 3

Coordinator: Rich Rudert
(jrichr@cox.net)

Put-In: Barn Island Management Area Boat Launch, Stonington, CT

Directions: Take Rt. 95 to Exit 91. Swing left and left again at the stop light to head east on Rt 234 for ¼ mile. Turn right (south) on Farmholme Rd. At Rt. 1, jog right to the stop light and turn left onto Greenhaven Rd. Immediately (only 100 ft)

take right on Palmerneck Rd. Follow signs to the Barn Island Launch which always appears to be a long, long, way down at the very end of the road.

Sakonnet Point Friday, August 1

9:00am

Level: 4

Coordinators:

Carleen McOsker (carleenmco@charter.net), Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net) and Todd Moore
Put-in: Sakonnet Point Town Boat Launch
Directions: The boat launch is located at the end of RT-77.

Paddle to the Newport Folk Festival

Saturday, August 2

11:00am

Level: 3

Coordinator: Mary Ann Birsic & David Cornell

Put-In: Ft. Wetherill

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

King's Beach Sunday, August 3

9:00am

Level: 4

Coordinators: Tony Moore

Put-in: King's Beach, Newport, RI

Directions: From Newport follow Ocean Drive 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 road is easy to miss.

Bay Campus Saturday, August 9

9:00am

Level: 2

Coordinator: Carole Costanza
(c2sea@verizon.net)

Bob Hogan (hogan_r@earthlink.net)

Put-In: URI Bay Campus

Directions: The URI Bay Campus is at the end of South Ferry Road in Narragansett.

FLATWATER TRIPS

Late cancellations & changes to trips will be posted on the Flatwater Message Board. Please check Message Board, before leaving for a trip. Check web site for more detailed directions and/or GPS coordinates if needed.

July 8th- Tuesday evening paddle in Wickford Meet at 6:00pm & paddle to local concert

Leader- Gregg O'Brien, goh243@aol.com (401)473-8132.

Head lamps or boat lights required. Directions to Wilson Park boat ramp: Take RT 1 to Intrepid St. or Route 1A to main entrance. Continue to the launch and the parking lot at the very end.

July 12th Saturday Roger Williams Park Paddle Meet at 10:30 am

Leader: Mark Roberts

MRoberts@CIA.com -401-533-1883

A unique location suitable for everyone. Bring a lunch. Directions: From 95 South take exit 17- From 95 North take exit 16. Both exits lead to Elmwood Ave. Go south on Elmwood, turn left onto Park Ave and go to the traffic light at the Park School. The park entrance is on the left. Enter the park and bear left- the launch site and parking will be on the right side of the road at the lake.

Sunday July 13th, 9:00am Basic Flatwater Paddling Course.

See details on page one
Directions to Stump Pond, Smithfield RI Rt. 95 to 146 to 116 South/Lincoln Mall exit (from Providence, North Providence or Pawtucket take the Douglas Pike Rt. 7 North and turn left on 116). At the Junction with 104 stay on 116, taking a left and then a quick right. Go past the police station. Immediately before the Dairy Mart take a sharp right onto Log Road. Bear right at the yield sign and then turn right into the Stump Pond Fishing Area Access. You will need:

kayak, paddle, PFD, spare clothes, water and other personal items

Sunday July 13 North River, Pembroke, MA Arrive 10:30 for shuttle & 11:30 launch

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

Suitable for day touring or sea kayaks and kayakers who can paddle comfortably at 2.5 knots in still water. Trip is 11.8 miles, a relatively easy 4 hour trip (*unless* the wind is against you). Bring a lunch.

Description: Some quick water at the bridges and one natural narrow. A bit of power boat activity, but so far it all has appeared courteous and aware of kayak/canoe limits.

Directions to put-in (w/ parking for about 15 vehicles):

From MA Route 3 Exit 12 take Route 139 West 2.3 miles to the intersection with Route 53. Continue on Route 139 West 0.8 miles, turn left onto Broadway. At the fork, bear left onto Elm St., then turn left onto Indian Head St. Launch is at end of street on right. More information at: www.kayakpilot.com/NorthRiver.htm

July 16th Wednesday evening Kickemuit River Full moon paddle.

Meet at 6:00 pm. Head lamps or boat lights required. Leaders: Jean Josephson kayakmj@yahoo.com (401)245-552 and Gregg O'Brien, goh243@aol.com (401) 580-5147

A 5-mile paddle along the beautiful Touisset/Warren shoreline to the small dam at Rte 103.

Directions - From Rt. 136 (Metacom Ave.), turn on to Narrows St. (on your left if coming from 195, on your right if coming from the Mt. Hope Bridge) in Bristol. Follow it to just short of the water and then bear left into the Public Access parking lot.

July 20th- Sunday Ninigret Pond, Charlestown Meet at 9:00

Leaders: Melanie Lamoureux alamro2@aol.com and Jean Mcinerney Jemcinerney@verizon.net 508-753-2639
Suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

Launch from the Charlestown Public

Access Parking Lot near the Beach and Breachway.

Directions: 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. (Can probably spot the launch from the little bridge)

Saturday July 26th (rain date: Sunday July 27th) Charles & Populatic pond. Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch.

Leaders: Burt Nowell bnow@comcast.net or 508-695-1866 and Cheryl Thompson Cameron.Stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-647-5887.

Bring a lunch. No shuttle required. Charles River & Populatic Pond- Norfolk to Medway/Franklin MA
GPS coordinates are: N 42 07.906 W 71 21.801

Suitable for all level of experience. Long boats not recommended.

Directions: 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 straight thru (road becomes Chestnut St). Follow for approx. 2.9 miles. Go left onto Myrtle St. Go left onto River Rd. Parking on side of road.

August 2nd Saturday- Connecticut River Opera House to Chester Ferry Meet at 10:00am for a shuttle

Leader: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033.

Bring a lunch. 7-8 miles

Details to come (check web site).

August 10th Sunday Connecticut River. Ferry to Hamburg Cove. Meet at 10:00 for a shuttle

Leader: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033. Bring a lunch. Details to come (check web site).

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. Training nights are free of charge this year and included with your membership or with a boat rental. More detailed trip descriptions and directions can be found on the web site.

July 8th 6:15pm

Wallum Lake Douglas State Park, Douglas, MA. An easy paddle in crystal-clear water. **Directions:** 146 north to Rt 16 (Douglas/Uxbridge). Stay on Rt 16 W. At intersection with Rte. 96, go straight (You will see a sign for Douglas State Park/Wallum Lake) This is S. Main St. Take a left at sign for Douglas State Park, then right at park entrance. Follow road bearing left down the hill to the put-in.

July 15th 6:15pm

Blackstone Canal

Kelly House, Cumberland

River and canal loop. Ranger Night

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. Follow Lower River Road to end. The parking lot is underneath the bridge for Rt. 116.

July 22nd 6:15pm

Valley Falls Marsh, Cumberland RI

Take Route 146 South or 295 North to Route 114 South (High St.). Take High Street to end. Turn right on Mill street. Turn then left onto Broad Street, 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 (Rte 122). Turn right, go south on 122. After Stop & Shop on right, turn left at the next light onto Ann and Hope Way. Go past Ann and Hope. Turn right onto Broad Street, go past the Cumberland town hall on your left and

cross bridge into Central Falls. Take first right onto Mederia St. Docks immediately on right.

July 24th 6:15pm Bowdish Lake Glocester RI Training Night

Suitable for all levels of experience. Bowdish Lake has very clean water and is great for a swim after the event. **From Rt. 146 South** - Take Slatersville Exit. Turn right onto Rt. 146 A. At Slatersville Plaza, go straight on Rt. 102 South. Go seven miles to intersection with Rt. 44. Turn right onto Rt. 44 West and continue about four miles to the **George Washington Camping area**. **From Rt. 146 North** - Take Slatersville Exit. Turn left off ramp onto School Street. At intersection by Slatersville Common and Church, veer left onto Green Street. Continue through Slatersville to first light at Rt. 102. Turn left onto Rt. 102 South. Follow directions above.

July 29th 6:15pm

Providence River

Bold Point, East Providence

7 dead, 5 missing in Slovenia boating accident

July 4, 2008

LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (AP) — Seven bodies were pulled out of the Sava River and divers searched for five other missing people Friday after a group of boaters smashed into a dam being built in southeastern Slovenia, police said.

Police spokesman, Pavel Perc, told reporters that two people managed to swim ashore after their canoes broke up and capsized. Both were hospitalized; one was in critical condition, he said.

The accident happened late Thursday, when the group apparently hit a dam under construction near Sevnica, a town 56 miles (90 kilometers) southeast of the capital of Ljubljana. The dam, part of a hydroelectric plant, is currently built only to about the height of the water.

Slovenian TV journalist Goran Rovon, who witnessed the accident, told the state-run news agency STA that two canoes capsized and broke apart when they hit the whitewater passing through

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the dam gates. The occupants fell into the river and were sucked into the underwater tunnel leading to the generator turbines.

Police divers raced immediately to the scene, but rescue operation has been hampered by the river's strong currents. More than 15 divers combed the river Friday, trying to find survivors or bodies. A police helicopter flew over the area, while police, civil protection and fire services swept the river banks.

Prime Minister Janez Jansa rushed to the site in early Friday, declaring the accident a "great tragedy."

"(Rescuers) are doing everything that is humanely possible," he said.

Slovenian TV said the occupants of two other boats — a part of a four-boat excursion — left the river before reaching the site where the plant is being built.

The trip was dubbed "The Final Descent," STA said, as it was to be the last ride down that section of the river, which will soon be blocked by the hydroelectric plant.

Slovenian media said a local mayor, who also is a member of parliament, was among the victims.

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