



May Club Meeting

Carl Ladd

Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures

“Kayak Care & Repair”

Monday, May 16th, 7 pm
Jewish Community Center
Providence RI

All boats will require maintenance and repair from time to time. Most often these repairs can be done on the water and then finished at home. Come learn basic small boat care and repair with Carl Ladd, owner of Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures Inc. During this presentation he will discuss how to properly maintain and care for your small boat and provide a few ideas for field repair kits. He will also touch on a few basic repair techniques for both composite and plastic boats that could save you both money and time. Following the presentation there will be time for specific questions and sharing of ideas on the topic of boat repair.

Directions to the Jewish Community Center:
From Rt. 95 South: take Exit 24 & turn left onto Branch Avenue. (From Rt. 95N Northbound take Exit 24 & turn right onto Branch Ave.) Cross North Main Street at the lights and continue up the hill (past Kentucky Fried Chicken). Cross Hope St. and continue one block to the end at Morris Ave. Go left, then immediately right onto Sessions St., then down the hill to Elmgrove Ave. The JCC will be across the street. Please use the back entrance. Staff will buzz the door open. From there, take the elevator up to the second floor.

BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Board elections were held at the April monthly meeting.

The following slate of officers was elected:

- President: Bill Luther
- Vice President: Andrew (A.J.) Barbato
- Secretary: Barbara August
- Treasurer: Charlie Larocque

In addition, two new members-at-large have been appointed:

- Susan Engleman
- Mike Vechinsky

Other Executive Board changes:

- Newsletter Editor: Erik Eckilson
- Whitewater Chair: Andy Viera

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Annual memberships run from April 1 to March 31; 2010-2011 memberships expired 3/31/11.

Renewal form is on Page 7; please clip & mail to:

RICKA
P.O. Box 163
Wood River Junction RI 02894



CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Executive Board

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2011, 7 pm
Call or email the Board President (see masthead) for location.
All members are welcome to attend.

Whitewater <http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/wwschedule.htm>

Basic Whitewater Course

The RICKA Whitewater Group will be holding a Class II Whitewater Kayak Course on June 18-19, 2011. The course will be taught by ACA certified whitewater instructor Mike Rock and will be free for qualified RICKA and ACA members. If you are not an ACA member, there will be a one-time \$5 event membership fee.

In this course, participants will learn and refine the techniques needed to paddle in class II whitewater. After a review of the basic strokes on flatwater, we will head to the river to work on eddy turns, peel-outs and ferries. We will also cover river reading and basic river safety. The class will be held on the Deerfield River in western Massachusetts.

While this is a beginner whitewater course, it is not for novice paddlers.

You must be able to handle self-rescues (wet exits) and already know the basic strokes. Previous moving water experience is a plus. Participants must provide their own equipment including a whitewater kayak, sprayskirt and helmet. Recreational kayaks are not allowed in this class.

Go to www.woonsocket.org/wwschool.html to register. Contact Mike Rock Kayak-Fool2@aol.com or Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net for additional information.

Sea Kayaking www.rickaseakayaking.org

May 7: Gooseberry Point 10 am-2 pm

http://www.rickaseakayaking.org/calendar/view_entry.php?id=70&date=20110507

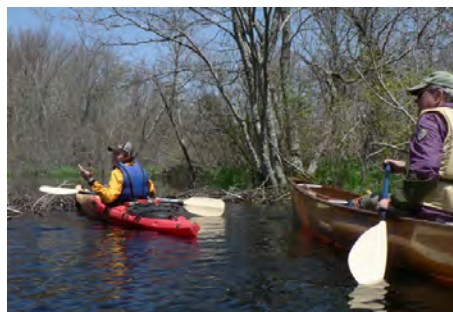
Potluck Planning Party 3 pm, 75 Drift Road, Westport, MA
http://www.rickaseakayaking.org/calendar/view_entry.php?id=69&date=20110507

Flatwater www.ricka-flatwater.org

For details and directions go to www.RICKA.org and click on "Flatwater". Please contact the listed trip organizer for details if you do not have web access. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater [message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

May 7th Wood River - Rt 165 to Wyoming Pond. Take out depends on wind (Dam or Skunk Hill Road). Shuttle leaves at 9:30 sharp. Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033.

Check out Jim's book Paddling Connecticut and RI. Wet-suit or drysuit recommended. A change of clothes in a drybag required. Bring a lunch.



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Flatwater (ctd)

May 8th Snake River Norton MA- Meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle. Trip coordinator: Lee Parham leeparham@myway.com 508-286-5999
Wetsuit or drysuit recommended. A change of clothes in a drybag required. Bring a lunch.



Trip is suitable for boats 15 feet and shorter. Many, many tight turns.

Put in on the Canoe river and then paddle across Winnecunnet Pond. After crossing Winnecunnet Pond you will enter the Snake River and follow that until you come to Lake Sabbatia. A fun trip with lots of diversity. Suitable for all levels of experience.

May 15th Great Swamp -Taylors Landing to Biscuit City Road, shuttle leaves at 9:30 sharp. Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033.

Wetsuit or drysuit recommended. A change of clothes in a drybag required. Bring a lunch.

"The Great Swamp, located in the southern part of Rhode Island, provides perhaps the most intriguing canoe trip in the state. The trip is an excursion into hidden jungle-like retreats that cannot be reached any other way. Here, you will float into a vast state-owned management area on one river, paddle across a shallow but wide pond, and then finish your trip on another river that snakes its way through dense vine-draped vegetation. There will be no doubt in your mind why this area is called Great Swamp."
"(excerpt from Gorp) **Meet at Taylors Landing.**

May 21st Town River to Taunton River- Haywood Street to Summer Street. Trip coordinator: Lee Parham leeparham@myway.com 508-286-5999. Meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle. Suitable for all. Bring a lunch. Members of the [Taunton River Watershed Alliance membership](#) may join us.

May 22nd Big River, Coventry RI. Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 put-in. Trip coordinator: Henry Dziadosz henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313.

Trip is not suitable for kayaks over 15 feet. Narrow and twisty river. Paddle upstream against the current and then return with the current to the put-in. Bring a lunch.

Zeke's Bridge state access. N41 39 906 - W071 37 115

May 28th Quinebaug River Canoe Trail

Trip coordinator: Louise Price weez-rad@yahoo.com 508-441-7279 (e-mail communication preferred)

Meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle. Paddle the Quinebaug River Canoe Trail In this area, the Quinebaug River winds through marshland filled with wildlife. Stop for lunch at a rope swing on East Brimfield Lake. One way trip- (no shuttle) up the river and back to put in

May 29th Nemasket River Lakeville MA . Meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle. Trip coordinator: Lee Parham leeparham@myway.com 508-286-5999.

The AMC River guide describes this river as one of the prettiest in Eastern MA . Very clean river ! A chance to check out two herring runs.

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Flatwater (ctd)

Description: A few quickwater stretches and a couple of easy portages. Bring a lunch. There is a stretch of rapids on this trip.

June 4th 10:30 Trip Coordinator Training followed by a paddle from River Island Park

See announcement this page

June 5th Hopedale Pond and River, Hopedale MA

Meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch. Trip coordinators: Bill Brown kayakbill222@aol.com and Frank Cortesa frank-cortesa@charter.net (508) 278-6753.

Trip is suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

The town was settled in 1842 as a Utopian socialist commune and evolved into the home of the Draper Corp, at one time the world's largest manufacturer of automatic cotton looms. Hopedale has an area of only 5 square miles, a population of about 6,000 and is located in the Blackstone Valley.

Trip Coordinator Training

Have you ever thought about leading a trip, but you're not sure where to start. The RICKA Flatwater Group will be holding a Trip Coordinator Training on **June 4, 2011** at 10:30 in the ITU Hall upstairs at the Museum of Work and Culture, 42 South Main Street, Woonsocket, RI.

This 1-hour session will cover the basics of planning and leading flatwater trips including:

- Selecting the trip location

- Selecting proper gear

- Scouting

- Recruiting help

- Running the trip

The session is open to new or experienced leaders, or anyone interested in learning about trip planning and logistics.

The session will be followed by a 4-mile paddle on the Blackstone River from River Island Park (directly behind the Museum) to Manville. The first mile is rocky and contains a few sets of rapids. This trip is suitable for shorter boats (14 feet and under) and for paddlers with good boat control.

Contact Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net for additional information.

Latimer Reef Light, Fishers Sound Photo by Paul Bender



Trip Report - the “Mighty Quinn”

By Erik Eckilson

As I went to bed on Saturday night, heavy rains were falling and the wind outside was howling. It sounded like a train was passing by my window. By the time the storm had passed, three inches of rain had fallen across much of southern New England. I fell asleep thinking that there would be lots of paddling options for the next few days.

I woke up Sunday morning to bright blue skies and a flooded basement. I also found an email from Paul looking to paddle the Quinapoxet River. The “Quinny” or “Mighty Quinn” was on my list of rivers to paddle, so I agreed immediately.



Photo by Erik Eckilson

The Quinapoxet begins in the foothills north of Worcester and empties into the Wachusett Reservoir. It is a narrow creek-like river that rises and falls quickly after heavy rains. We would paddle a popular whitewater section from River Street in Holden to the Wachusett Reservoir in West Boylston - about 3 miles. The Mass Central Rail Trail follows the river for much of the run.

The river starts off with quickwater and some easy class II rapids. Paul got caught off guard entering the first rapid and quickly took a swim. Little did we know that this would be an omen of things to come.

With Paul safely back in his boat, we worked our way downstream enjoying the ever increasing waves and catching eddies when we could find them. As we approached the old Springdale Mill we pulled over to scout the first class

III rapid.

The Springdale Rapid is short, but by far the most difficult rapid on the trip. The river runs fast through the remnants of an old mill complex creating tricky holes at the top, and large waves at the bottom. There is a large eddy on river left, but it can be difficult to catch in the fast moving water.

I positioned myself downstream with a throw bag as Paul lined up for the run. His plan was to go straight down the middle, and then left. He cleared the first waves easily, but over compensated and got spun sideways going into the next. Out of the boat he came. I threw him a rope, but misjudged the current and he couldn't reach it.

It was a long, fast swim, but Paul was able to get to shore without too much difficulty. Unfortunately in the fast moving water, his boat continued downstream all the way to the reservoir before he was able to swim out and retrieve it.

After my botched throw, I started downstream to help, but soon learned from a couple walking up the Rail Trail that Paul was out of the river and off to find his boat. I headed back to my boat and decided to portage the Springdale Rapid. I also scouted a 3-foot drop just downstream, and decided to portage that as well. I was able to run the rest of the river without incident.

When I got back to the car I found Paul's boat on the roof, but no sign of Paul. He had headed back upstream on the Rail Trail looking for me. He got back about a half hour later. Our original plan was to do two runs, but we both agreed that it probably wouldn't be a good idea to push our luck.

Editor's Note

After editing the newsletter and chairing the Safety & Education Committee for the past 15 months, I've decided to concentrate on the latter. So this will be my last newsletter; the baton is passing to Erik Eckilson, whom I know will do an outstanding job.

I've enjoyed editing the newsletter and appreciate having had the opportunity to serve RICKA & the paddling community in this role.

Thank you for your support, and see you on the water!

Cat Radcliffe

P.S. Take the Safety & Education survey, page 7!!



MARKETPLACE



RICKA CLASSIFIEDS

Boreal Designs Alvik, composite, apple green/white, \$900 as is <http://www.borealdesign.com/en/kayak.php?id=3>
Boreal Designs Nanook, composite, dark red/ white, \$900 as is <http://www.borealdesign.com/en/kayak.php?id=7>
 Both kayaks are well-used but seaworthy. And of course you can try them out!
Cat Radcliffe 508-369-3028 catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net (5/4)

NRS Kayak Air Bags from Northwest River Supply. Fits 9.5 foot Perception or similar recreational kayak. Price reduced, now only \$25.00 *Call 401.941.8061 and leave a message and phone number. (4/23)*

NDK Greenland Pro, 17'10"x21" white/white. Built in 2000, in very good condition. No skeg, no leaks. \$900 firm. Two spray skirts for \$100 and one Cricket greenland paddle for \$100. *Contact clawlor@cpsed.net (4/23)*

Thule Rapid Railing Carrier, #751xt,754xt, 756xt, Rails, footings, tightening knobs, locks, 2 keys, instructions. \$100 firm. This is for existing factory installed side rails; it is the square rails. Check <thule.com> and click on 'fit-guide' for your car. *Contact: kayakjmj@yahoo.com (4/3)*

Nimbus Seafarer 2 person sea kayak. Very rugged construction, able to carry alot of gear for camping/ excursions. Excellent condition; always washed after use & stored indoors. This boat is very similar to the current Nimbus Hyak model. Norton, MA. \$1600 jeckart.comcast.net or 508.789.3725. (3/23)

Wanted: Khatsalano by Feathercraft Rusty Norton (203) 281-0066 lovepotent@hotmail.com (3/3)

Tahe Reval sea kayak, 18' x 21" , 50 lbs, Beautiful orange deck over white fiberglass in brand new condition. \$1,700. (retail \$2,900) Hull is similar to the Valley Nordkapp so this is a very fast kayak, designed for a paddler 180lbs and up. Contact: aikijerry@optonline.net (1/31)

Kokatat Expedition Drysuit Bought new in 2008. Mango, Men's large-very good shape. Has goretex hood & socks, relief zipper, 3 pockets, cordura reinforced seat & knees, overskirt to keep water from entering top of skirt. Check out more details at http://www.kokatat.com/product_detail.asp?code=exp Asking \$650. Sells new for \$1,085.

2 P&H Orca 15 kayaks, PRICE REDUCED \$625/each or \$1,200 for both. One blue one yellow. These are a large person's, hard chined, 3 layer, poly touring kayak perfect for anything from day trip river exploration to open water, multi day expedition use. **Includes Werner Skagit 220cm paddle** with each boat in very good shape. \$130 new. Popular as club boats in the UK. Also available:

Seals Coastal Tour Skirt 2.2 (fits the Orcas) in unused shape. \$85 new. Asking \$60. http://www.sealsskirts.com/prod_tr_coastaltour.html

Gerry P. 860-235-0430 gerry@SeaSherpaKayak.com (11/27)

Valley Nordkapp Jubilee sea kayak, 17'10"x21" cockpit 29.5 x 15.5 retractable skeg, 56 lbs., color is white on white, vg cond. 4-5 years of age, saw little action, always garaged. \$1800 - lovely boat for the right size person. *Ralph 401-954-3203 or rwernett@aol.com (11/19)*

Waterproof Ewa-Marine D-A Marine case for digital photo camera good down to 110ft. New \$264, \$80 obo. - Glass, PVC, like new www.ewa-marine.com/index.php?id=103&L=0 Perfect for super-zoom digital cameras. jimcole@hotmail.com (10/28)

2 Compass Cayak Streamers 10.5', 18 lbs. Kevlar. Built by (late) Joel Flather as a modified Rushton hybrid canoe/kayak. Looks like a small canoe but paddled like a kayak. 2 for sale: one fully open deck, one partial deck. Both have green hulls, foot pegs, removable seats and two-piece wood paddles. Always stored inside, normal hull scratches. \$450 each. Photos or demo on request. *Jim 401-624-6031 or jim.spears@cox.net (9/13)*

Dagger Crossfire (poly) - 2 float bags inc- color, white, cranberry and green \$350. Westport, MA carleenmco@charter.net (9/4)

Old Town H2 YO - \$399 Carrying handles * Rear-deck storage equipment Length: 11'2" Width: 29.5" Depth: 17.5" Approx. Weight: 42 lbs. Approx. Capacity: 250 lbs. This kayak is green/yellow, has seen limited use and is garaged & well cared for.

Werner 'Sprite' Kid's Fiberglass Kayak Paddle - \$59 The Sprite is a touring paddle for kids. Featuring proportionally smaller, fiberglass reinforced nylon blades on a smaller diameter fiberglass shaft. Smaller blades and shaft are a good fit for small hands. Great for family paddling! The smiley face sticker on the blade face lets you know if you are holding the paddle correctly. Excellent condition, well cared for. 850g (30oz) at 200 cm

Youth PFDs from MTI Adventurewear- \$39 Youth life vests perfect for young paddlers. <http://www.mtiadventurewear.com> Colors: blue, yellow, violet. Well cared for, good condition, lots of life left in them. *Peter 508-878-8382 or pabergh@gmail.com (7/20)*

One Ocean "Cirrus" kit built kayak, 22"X17.5', 40" cockpit, for large person (I'm 6'4", 235). Two tone deck, 2 hatches, lines, carry handles. Natural finish, spray cover. Very fast. 1 year old, some bottom scratches from normal use. View "Cirrus" @ oneoceankayaks.com. Located Narragansett. Can deliver. \$950 OBO. *401-792-2291 tnprins@yahoo.com (6/20)*

Wanted—Old wooden paddles & kayaks (or pieces thereof) that you'd otherwise throw out. outside@cox.net

Classifieds are free for RICKA members only. E-mail webmaster@ricka.org, phone 401-725-3344, or Webmaster, Alan August, 70 Scott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860. YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME IN THE MESSAGE (but not necessarily in the ad) so we can determine that you are a member. If you do not include your name the ad will be ignored. Your ad will be removed after one year unless you request that it be reposted with a lower asking price.

DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

Bring your RICKA membership card and remember to ASK for the discount.

Blackstone Valley Outfitters

10% off retail prices on all kayak accessories, guided trips and instruction.

25 Carrington Street, Lincoln, RI 02865
401-312-0369, www.bvori.com

Claude's Cycles

Snowshoes 10% off. Canoe & power sports accessories 10% off. Wood canoes & fiberglass canoes 8% off. 50cc scooters 3% off. Receive an additional 2% discount on canoes and 50cc scooters when you pay by bank check. Discounts are for card carrying RICKA members and apply to non-sale items.

Foxborough, Ma. (call for directions)

508-543-0490 www.claudescycles.com

CrossFitRhody

Work out as if your life depends on it. 20% discount off any CrossFit membership.

<http://www.CrossFitRhody.com>

Eastern Mountain Sports

Cranston and Middletown locations only; not valid in other locations, online, or on phone orders. Valid on full-price, in-stock merchandise only. 15% off plastic hulls and accessories purchased with a hull; 10% off all other kayak accessories without purchase of a hull.

Offer expires 12/31/2010.

OspreySea Kayak Adventures:

10% off accessories.

489 OldCounty Rd Westport Mass. 02790
(508)636-0300 www.ospreyseakayak.com

Quaker Lane Outfitters :

Canoes & kayaks 10% off. Accessories 20% off.
4019 Quaker Lane (Route 2) North Kingstown.
800-249-5400

The KayakCentre

Glass boats 6% off, normal retail, plastic boats 10% off normal retail; accessories with boat purchase 15% off, 10% off all other items.

Brown and Phillips Streets, Wickford Village
1-888-SEA-KAYAK www.kayakcentre.com

WaveLength Magazine

<http://www.WaveLengthMagazine.com>

Offers a "Club Sub" introductory subscription to club members for \$5 off the regular price of \$15. Send a \$10 check with your name and mailing address along with a note saying you belong to the RI Canoe & Kayak Association to *WaveLength Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7.*



CLUB CLIPPINGS



SAFETY & EDUCATION SURVEY

As a club, RICKA is looking to bring in some outside talent, support the coaches and instructors in the greater paddling community, and provide members with the opportunity to receive top-notch training at reasonable prices. We want to hear what you'd like to see in the way of trainings. Please take a few moments to complete the following survey and either email or mail it to:
 Cat Radcliffe, Safety & Education Chair
 573 Rockdale Avenue, New Bedford MA 02740
 catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net

1) What kind of instruction are you interested in (check as many as you want):

Sea Kayak Flatwater Kayak Flatwater Canoe Whitewater Kayak Whitewater Canoe
 Rescue Rolling First Aid Adaptive Paddling

Other: _____

2) What level of instruction are you interested in (check as many as you want):

Beginner Intermediate Advanced Instructor

3) What length of course are you interested in (check as many as you want):

1/2 day 1 Day 2 Day Once a week for 2+ weeks

3) How much would you be willing to pay (check as many as you want):

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$200 \$300

4) Do you have any specific suggestions for instructors/trainers/coaches (please include contact info):

Name/Outfit _____ Phone/email _____

Type of training they provide: _____

Why you are recommending them: _____

5) Any other comments? _____

Optional: Your name & contact info _____



Membership Renewal

FILL in **ONLY** your name and **any new information**.

ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL TO:

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 WOOD RIVER JCT, RI 02894

RICKA DUES=\$15 (includes eMail Newsletter) []
 BVPC DUES=\$10 []
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Name Adult 1 *(primary) _____

Name Adult 2 (spouse, significant other) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Home Phone () - - Other Phone () - - Circle one: Work Cell Pager

Email 1 _____ @ _____ Email 2 _____ @ _____

Are you willing to volunteer for club activities? Yes: Picnic Newsletter Content Other: _____

Preferred method of newsletter delivery: [] E-mail [] First Class Mail (\$5.00 surcharge)

Membership year is from April 1, through March 31 of the following year. There is NO Standard Mail option this year.

