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June Club Meeting/Paddle

Stump Pond, Smithfield, RI

Monday, June 20th at 6:00 p.m.

The first on-water meeting/paddle of the season is the signal that summer is here! For those new to the club, a group paddle replaces the more structured meetings of fall through spring, and takes place on the third Monday evening of the month.

This month's meeting/paddle will be held at Stump Pond in Smithfield. We will meet at the fishing area access at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. launch. The trip is suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater message board.



Directions to Stump Pond: From Rt. 146, take the exit for Rt. 116 South (Lincoln Mall). At the junction with Rt. 104, stay on Rt. 116 taking a left and then a quick right. Go past the police station and over the bridge that divides the pond. Immediately before the Dairy Mart and liquor store plaza, take a sharp right onto Log Road. Bear right at the yield sign and then turn right into the Stump Pond Fishing Area Access.

Basic Whitewater Course

June 18-19, 2011

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 MA.

Visit the website or contact Mike Rock at Kayak-Fool2@aol.com or Andy Viera at andyv51@hotmail.com for additional information.

Basic Flatwater Class

July 3, 2011

The RICKA Flatwater Group will be holding a Basic Flatwater Paddling Class on Sunday, July 3rd at 1:00. In this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats on flatwater. The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield.

Visit the website or contact Cheryl Thompson Cameron at stonefox@juno.com or Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net for additional information.



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Blackstone Valley Paddle Club Resumes Tuesday Evening Paddles

So what are you doing this Tuesday night? Why not paddle with the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club? The Blackstone Valley Paddle Club has begun its 11th season exploring the scenic waterways of the Blackstone River Valley.

In addition to enjoying a relaxing evening on the water, club members can improve their paddling skills, discover great paddling locations, and learn about water quality, conservation and local history.

Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips are led by experienced volunteer leaders who are

committed to providing enjoyable and educational paddling opportunities in the Blackstone River Valley. Many of these leaders have been involved in the club since its inception.

For those new to paddling, the Great Canadian Canoe and Kayak Company provides rental boats at Blackstone Valley Paddle Club events on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month.

On the third Thursday evening of the month, the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club holds an "Introduction to Paddling" training night for those interested in learning basic strokes that will allow them to better control their boat, whether they paddle a canoe or kayak.

To participate in the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club events, a Rhode Island Canoe

& Kayak Association membership fee of \$15.00 is required, as is a \$10.00 membership fee for the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club. These fees provide family memberships and are good for the entire 2011 season.

If you are a current RICKA member and come to a Blackstone Valley Paddle Club event, you can pay the additional \$10.00 membership fee at your first event. If you are not yet a RICKA member, you may join and pay your dues for both RICKA and Blackstone Valley Paddle Club at your first paddle.

Trips take place each Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. from May through August. You can see a list of this month's trips in this edition of the Paddler, or visit the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club website for the complete schedule.

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Did You Know?

RICKA is a Paddle America Club with the American Canoe Association. Through this program, general liability insurance is available for preregistered club events. If you have a club event that you would like to insure, contact Cat Radcliffe, RICKA Safety & Education Chair at catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net, at least 4 weeks before the event.



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Keep it Safe, Keep it Fun...

By Chuck Horbert

When it comes to fun on the water, it is tough to beat a day paddling your canoe or kayak on your favorite nearby river or lake. But it only stays fun if everyone stays safe. Every year people experience accidents on the water, some fatal, that could have been prevented if the paddler had been aware of dangers or taken simple precautions. This article will focus on strategies for staying safe on most rivers, lakes and ponds.

First and foremost, always wear a life jacket. Nearly 70% of all drownings involving paddlecraft could have been avoided if the victim had worn one. Many of these victims were strong swimmers. Life jackets float; you don't.

On rivers, another common killer is a strainer, which is anything such as a tree in the water, an undercut rock, or other debris that allows water to flow through it, but not you. The way to avoid strainers is to always have control of your boat and always be aware of your surroundings. Be especially wary on the outside of any bend of the river, as this is a common place for trees falling into the water. If you find yourself out of your boat and headed for a strainer, that is the time to actively swim away from it or, if necessary, aggressively climb on top of it.

Paddlers succumb to cold water every year. Hypothermia can be an issue any time of the year, not just winter and spring. Sudden immersion in very cold water can incapacitate a paddler quickly, even before hypothermia can set in. If you enjoy paddling in cooler weather, or when the water is cold, dress for immersion in either a wet suit or a dry suit. Stay close to shore on large lakes. Learn, and practice, self-rescue techniques such as kayak rolling or boat re-entry.

Other common hazards on local rivers are low head dams, the most common dam type in this area. These dams are generally unsafe to paddle over, and must be carried around. Be sure you know where these dams are if you are paddling a river that has them. And when putting in below a dam, stay well downstream of the boil line at the foot of the dam. The recirculating currents at the foot of these dams can hold, and drown, boaters.

Large lakes have their own particular hazards. Strong winds can blow you around, and kick up large waves. Learn how to trim your boat (i.e. either weight the bow or the stern) so that the heaviest part of the boat is pointing into the wind, to improve boat control on a windy day. Avoid taking wind from your side, as a large gust can blow a canoe over. Be aware of approaching storms and head for shore at the first sign of lightning. In winds over 30 mph, a large lake can be even more dangerous than a whitewater river, especially if you are alone and far from shore.

Finally, use common sense based on where you are paddling. Don't paddle alone. Be visible to powerboats. Be careful in fog. Carry an emergency kit. Know your limits. Be constantly aware of your surroundings. Take a course in safety, because what you don't know **can** hurt you.

Your enjoyment of paddling will increase along with your confidence in being able to handle anything you encounter.

Note: Paddling coastal waters or white-water involves additional hazards to be aware of. Take the time to learn about them before attempting to enjoy these areas.

Chuck Horbert is an active RICKA paddler and canoe poler, and a past RICKA President. You can read his NFCT blog at: <http://canoetales.wordpress.com/>

Trip Coordinator Training

June 4, 2011

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.

The session will be followed by a 4-mile paddle on the Blackstone River from River Island Park to Manville.

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

Discounts for Members

The following retailers offer special discounts for RICKA members:

Blackstone Valley Outfitters

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

Claude's Cycles

Foxborough, MA (call for directions)
508-543-0490
www.claudescycles.com

CrossFitRhody

www.CrossFitRhody.com

Ocean State Adventures (OSA)

99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol, RI
508-292-5632
www.oceanstateadventures.com

Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures

489 Old County Rd, Westport, MA
508-636-0300
www.ospreyseakayak.com

See the RICKA website for details and remember to ASK for the discount.

Before you Paddle...

Educate yourself about the area in which you will be paddling, and carry appropriate gear, clothing, water, food, etc. Always check the weather forecast before launching. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT.**

Blackstone Valley Paddle Club Trips

Unless otherwise noted, Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips are suitable for all boats and skill levels. More detailed trip descriptions can be found on the web site.

June 7th - launching promptly at 6:15
Quinisigamond River at Ekblaw - Grafton, MA
Rental boats available

We will paddle upstream under the Mass Pike and into Snow Marsh – a 59-acre marsh protected by MassWildlife and Ducks Unlimited - and downstream into Lake Ripple.

June 14th - launching promptly at 6:15
Nipmuc River and Harrisville Pond
With a brief talk by naturalist Julie

Riendeau

This river, above the pond and above where the Clear River enters, is listed by the state as pristine water, the state's highest rating for water quality.

June 21st - launching promptly at 6:15
Riverbend Farm, Uxbridge, MA
Rentals available

Paddle on the calm water in the canal to the historic Goat Hill lock, or more experienced paddlers can paddle the loop down the river and then up the canal. (Caution! To paddle the river/loop section, good boat handling skills in moving water are required)

Tricentennial Park Sutton, MA

Please make every attempt to be early as this is a shuttle trip.

Join us for one of our Ranger Nights when we are guided by National Park Service Rangers on interpretive paddles. This is a new location for the BVPC.

June 30th - launching promptly at 6:15
Introduction to Paddling Night Boat Ramp on Olney Pond at Lincoln Woods

Rentals available (see below)

This evening will be solely devoted to paddlers interested in learning basic strokes that will allow them to better control their boat, whether they paddle a canoe or kayak. Introduction to Paddling Nights are free of charge and included with your membership or boat rental! Please sign up for Introduction to Paddling nights on the website.

July 5th - Launching promptly at 6:15
Blackstone Gorge - Blackstone, MA with a talk by historian Erik Eckilson
Rentals available (see below)

Members of the RI Blueway Alliance are invited to join us on this trip.

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.

June 4th - meet at 10:30
Trip Coordinator Training followed by a paddle from River Island Park
Meet at the ITU Hall at the Museum of Work and Culture, 42 South Main Street, Woonsocket

Coordinator – Erik Eckilson
eckilson@cox.net (401) 765-1741

June 5th - Meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Hopedale Pond and River, Hopedale, MA

Coordinator: Bill Brown
kayakbill222@aol.com and Frank Cortesa
frankcortesa@charter.net (508) 278-6753

This town was the home of the Draper Corp, at one time the world's largest manufacturer of automatic cotton looms. Bring a lunch.

June 11th - Meet at 9:30 and shuttle at 10:00
Sudbury, Assebet and Concord Rivers - Wayland to Concord, MA
Coordinator: Erik Eckilson 401-765-1741
eckilson@cox.net

An 8-mile trip on the Sudbury, Assebet and Concord Rivers.

June 12, 2011 - meet at 11:00 for 12:00 departure
North River, Hanover, MA
Coordinator: Ron Cichowski (508)868-3471 n3303j@erols.com

The route is 11.6 miles, and is an easy 4 hours, unless there are significant winds from the Northeast. We will stop for lunch at the 6-mile point in a comfortable Pine Grove. Bring water - No restrooms at launch site, portapotty at take out.

June 18th - Meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 launch - RSVP required
Waquoit Bay/Washburn Island, Falmouth, MA
Coordinator: Louise Price
weezrad@yahoo.com

Waquoit Bay offers an exceptional paddling with several small ponds and rivers to explore. We will circumnavigate Washburn Island with one short portage. Bring lunch. Any size boat will do, but the longer the better for ocean currents.

June 19th - Meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Lower Pawcatuck River, Ashaway to Westerly
Coordinators: Mike V.
M.Vechinsky@att.net 860-271-1586 and
Henry Dziadosz
henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313
Please RSVP for this paddle.

7.5 mile trip for experienced paddlers only
- there is some quickwater and class I and II rapids. Suitable for kayaks under 14 ft.
We will be meeting in the Rte I-95, exit 1 commuter parking lot in Hopkinton, RI, and proceeding from there to a private residence in Ashaway RI to drop off our boats. We will shuttle our cars to the West-erly public boat launch take out .Bring a lunch.

June 20th - Meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 pm launch.
Meeting on the Water at Stump Pond, Smithfield, RI
Coordinators: Lynne and Annette.

A "meeting on the water" paddle is a paddle that replaces RICKA's monthly meetings during June, July and August. It isn't a meeting at all, just a chance to get together in a location that is suitable for everyone and have a pleasant paddle.

June 25th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle
Nashua River
Coordinator - Louise Price .

Details to come – check the website

June 26th - meet at 11:00 for an 11:30 launch
Slatersville Reservoir, North Smithfield, RI
Coordinator: Frank Cortesa
frankcortesa@charter.net 508-369-8205

This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of upper Slatersville Reservoir and then a stretch of the Branch River. Trip is suitable for all.

July 2nd - meet at 9:30 for the 10:00 shuttle
Taunton River - Weir to Dighton Rock
Coordinator: Lee Parham
leeparham@myway.com 508-286-5999

A 7-mile trip on the Taunton River from Wier Village Front Park to Dighton Rock State Park. This trip is suitable for all, but is tidal dependant. We will enjoy our lunch at the end of the trip and the Dighton Rock Museum

July 3rd - Meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 shuttle
Pawcatuck River - Alton to Bradford
Coordinator: Henry Dziadosz,
henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313
Suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

The river is very clean and beautiful.

July 4th - arrive at the put-in before 9:30 am
Annual Surf and Play Day - Put-in at Narrow River, Narragansett, RI
Coordinators: Bennett Thompson and Cheryl Thompson Cameron
stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-647-5887

This is a club event that is open to all. Helmets are strongly recommended if you plan on surfing in your kayak. We are meeting at the beach, not the put-in. When launching, put-in and paddle to the right, after a few miles you will see the beach at the mouth of the river. Bring a lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water.

Sea Kayak Trips

Kayaking on the ocean is an inherently risky endeavor. Before choosing to participate in a group trip, check the marine forecast and consider the trip level. Check the RICKA Sea Kayak Paddling Basics section of the website for more information about group trips. Changes & cancellations due to weather or other conditions will be

posted on the RICKA Sea Kayak Message Board by 8:00 a.m. the day of the trip.

June 4 - launch at 10:00
Slocum River
Level: 2 will stay in the river
Level: 3 will paddle to Barney's Joy Point for surfing
Coordinators: Carleen McOsker and Kevin Bowen

June 5th - launch at 10:00
King's Beach
Level: 3-4
Coordinator: Tony Moore

June 11th - launch at 10:00
Fort Wetherill
Level: 3
Coordinator: Richard Coupland

June 18th
Wilson Park
Description: Level: 2 & 3
Coordinators: Richard Coupland and John Gilery

June 25th
NDK Demo Day

Kayak Waveology will be having a demo day for NDK kayaks at Esker Point in Groton, CT. They will have most of the NDK line available for demos. For more information contact Greg Paquin at coach@kayakwaveology.com.

June 25th - 26th

Wilderness First Aid

Todd Wright will be teaching the Solo Wilderness First Aid course, with the H20 module, at Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures. This is an intensive 2-day course. For more details contact Carl and Sam Ladd at cns-ladd@gmail.com.

July 2nd
Sakonnet Point
Level: 3-4
Coordinators: Jon Sharlin and Carleen McOsker

Where is The Last Green Valley?

By Bill Luther
RICKA President

When people talk about reconnecting with their small town roots, why do they always mention towns in Maine or Vermont? Do they just want to get out of the city and drive five hours to the North? Do you know that we can look much closer to home and find a treasure in northeast Connecticut where small town life and farms still prevail.

The Last Green Valley is one of the few green zones left in the Washington to Boston urban corridor. When airlines fly over at night, pilots note that there is a dark spot in a sea of lights. It is a 35-town National Heritage Corridor non-profit organization that seeks to preserve the irreplaceable land water and cultural resources of the region. Congress has recognized both the Quinebaug and

For paddlers and outdoor enthusiasts, there are 7 state forests, 80 ponds and lakes, 5 state parks, 16 state wildlife management areas, 130 miles of trails and 43 historic town commons within this area. More than three quarters of the land in this corridor is farmland or forests. The Last Green Valley seeks to promote year round activities such as paddling, biking, hiking and snowshoeing. There are 200 grant projects in the area to preserve these resources.

When I asked the membership to help me find worthy causes, Brad and Shirley Gerish recommended this group. It was not difficult for RICKA Board members to approve a grant to have three stream gauges installed on the Quinebaug River to promote safety for all involved.

We look forward to our new partnership with the Last Green Valley. For more information you can contact:

A letter from Lois Bruinooge, Deputy Executive Director, the Last Green Valley

Dear RICKA:

I just wanted to say thank you, as we received a check today for \$250 from RICKA for new stream gauges on the Quinebaug River.

We'll send a formal acknowledgment soon and we'll share the good news with our Water Trails Steering Committee next week. We'll keep you up-to-date on progress and we'll be in touch about joint publicity/ events on the Quinebaug.

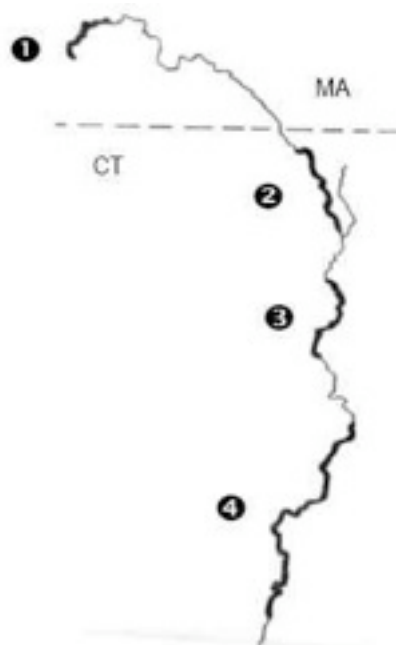
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Danielson, CT 06239
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Quinebaug River Water Trail

For wonderful paddling in the Last Green Valley, you can check out one of four sections of the Quinebaug River Water Trail.

- 1) Holland Pond to East Brimfield Lake: 5½ miles;
- 2) Fabian to West Thompson Lake: almost 5 miles;
- 3) Simonize Park to Route 101: 5 miles; and,
- 4) Wayne R Lafreniere Canoe Launch to Robert Manship Park (or Butts Bridge): 10 (or 15) miles.

See the Last Green Valley Website for details. www.thelastgreenvalley.org



BCU 2 Two Star Training

Greg Paquin is offering a BCU 2 Star training on July 23, 2011. This course drills the paddler on all of the basic paddling strokes. New paddlers and seasoned paddlers can benefit from the course. The cost for qualified RICKA paddlers is \$60 (the full price of the course is \$150).

Interested paddlers must be members in good standing, have paddled with RICKA for at least two seasons and be willing to help coordinate trips.

Contact Safety & Education Chair Cat Radcliffe to sign up and for more details. catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net

Winter Escape to Everglades National Park

By Michael Krabach

Winter is not what it used to be. It seems to get colder as I get older. Heating oil prices are up, house temperatures are down, and the snow piles up. What to do? FLORIDA! EVERGLADES! Now that sounded like a great idea. I took a trip south last February to the Everglades National Park with several members of the Narragansett Chapter of the AMC.

The Everglades didn't look as I expected. It looked like grassland with palm trees scattered around. The weather was absolutely perfect.

Daytime temperatures were about 80 degrees, and nighttime about 60 degrees. The air was dry and a breeze during the day kept bugs away.

The wind picked up on our first day, so we decided to stay in the campground and explore the inland options. We launched from the campground and paddled up to the Flamingo marina. From there, we portaged over a dam and into the canal that regulates water levels in the lower Everglades.

The canal was long and straight with mangrove trees along the sides and a



Heading into 20 mph wind on Coot Bay.

few ducks along the banks. It was certainly not jungle like. The only resting place was a dock at the end of an access road, and that is where we had our lunch.

Farther up the canal was Coot Bay, a large shallow inland lake. The wind that day was coming directly from the east. While we didn't feel its effect in the canal, it was ripping across Coot Bay. After a short trip into the bay, we decided to head back.



Sunrise over Florida Bay.

The next day the sunrise was spectacular but wind was still gusting on Florida Bay, so we decided to do another inland paddle. This time Hell's Creek sounded like a great adventure.

It starts out very narrow, but widens out upstream. If not for the numbered PVC pipes placed on the route, it would have been impossible to find our way.

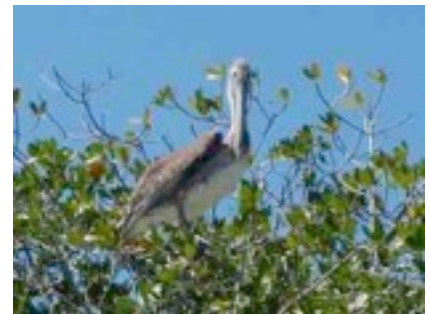
The next day, I took a short walk from the campground over to Eco Pond where I had heard there was good bird viewing. I was not disappointed and was amazed at the beautiful Roseate Spoonbills. They would wade along swinging their bills back and forth feeling for small fish to feed on.

Finally on Sunday the wind had died down to an acceptable level for paddling in Florida Bay. We got our wilderness camping permits at the Visitors Center for a planned 4-day paddle along Cape Sable on the

southern end of the Everglades. We drove over to the marina to load our kayaks and went through the "how to fit all this in the kayak" routine.

Once on our way, we paddled about 12 miles down the southern coast towards the East Cape. The wind had died down and it was a leisure trip. For all the waterfront congestion Florida has, the Everglades are a national treasure.

The next morning, we decided to keep our campsite and paddle into the East Cape canal to check out the passage to Lake Ingram. Up the canal we investigated one of the flood control dams that was being repaired from damages sustained in the 2005 hurricanes. On the way back we got good views of a large Blue Heron and a Brown Pelican in a tree.



Brown Pelican in tree

Next morning we overturned our kayaks and began to load our gear for the trip home. The paddle back was easy with a light headwind. We stopped for a lazy lunch on a nice warm beach knowing it would be our last until later in the summer in Narragansett Bay.

This story is based on the longer article which appeared on the Narragansett AMC website at

http://www.amcnarragansett.org/recreational/kayak/everglades_article/flamingo.html

RICKA Classifieds

- Wanted: Load bars for S60 Volvo and Glide & Set and Hull-a-Port Pro or equivalent for two 11' kayaks. Call Jim @ 774-273-0011 or e-mail jimlimperis@comcast.net
- Water proof Camera case, good down to 110ft. Cost new \$264.00, Selling for \$60.00 obo. Ewa-Marine D-A Marine case for digital photo camera - Glass, PVC, like new www.ewa-marine.com/index.php?id=103&L=0 Perfect for super zoom digital cameras. Contact Jim at Jimcole@hotmail.com
- Looksha Sport Kayak by Necky. 14'6" x 23". Stable, hard-chined. poly, yellow.Good condition. Front and rear hatches. Excellent for ocean or lake, day trips or week-end trips. Fun boat. \$600. Call Ed Rose 508-987-6165. You will be able to try it out.
- Dagger Encore OC1 Excellent Whitewater boat
http://www.outdoorreview.com/cat/outdoor-equipment/paddling/canoes/dagger/PRD_78669_2991crx.aspx . ABS, Red, vinyl gunnels, outfitted with Perception saddle, side flotation, kneepads, \$200 obo. Contact Gary, garywhitney3@cox.net , 401.539-0922.
- Boreal Designs Muktuk, poly, red, good condition \$700 <http://www.borealdesign.com/_en/kayak.php?id=12> Of course you can try it out! Cat Radcliffe 508-369-3028 catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net
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- 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.
- NDK Greenlander 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
- Nimbus Seafarer 2 person sea kayak. Very rugged construction and able to carry alot of gear for camping/excursions. Excellent condition; always washed after use and stored indoors. This boat is very similar to the current Nimbus Hyak model. Located in Norton, MA. \$1600, jeckart@comcast.net, or 508.789.3725.
- Wanted: Khatsalano by Feathercraft. Rusty Norton (203) 281-0066 / lovepotent@hotmail.com
- 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. View picture. Contact: aikijerry@optonline.net
- Kokatat Expedition Drysuit Bought new in 2008. Mango, men's large - very good shape. Has goretex hood and socks, relief zipper, 3 pockets, cordura reinforced seat and 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. Gerry P 860 235-0430 gerry@SeaSherpakayak.com
- 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 that is 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 a Seals Coastal Tour Skirt 2.2 (fits the Orcas) in unused shape. \$85 new. Asking \$60.
http://www.sealsskirts.com/prod_tr_coastaltour.html Call Gerry at 860 235-0430 with questions.
- 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. \$1800.00 - lovely boat for the right size person. Ralph 401-954-3203 or rvnnett@aol.com
- Dagger Crossfire (poly) - 2 float bags inc- color, white, cranberry and green- Price \$350. Westport, Ma carleenmco@charter.net
- 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 and has seen limited use and is garaged and well cared for. Call Peter at: 508.878.8382 or email pabergh@gmail.com
- 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 Call Peter at: 508-878-8382 or email pabergh@gmail.com

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