August Meeting on the Water Bold Point to the Providence River

Monday, August 18, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

Our monthly "meeting on the water" isn't a meeting at all. It's a paddle that replaces RICKA's monthly meetings during June, July and August. It's also a great chance to get together with fellow paddlers at a location that is suitable for everyone.



Tug Boat in Providence Harbor

This month's paddle is on the Providence River in downtown Providence. We will meet at the Bold Point access at 5:30 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. launch. We will paddle across Providence Harbor, through the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, and up the Providence River into Waterplace Park. This is a wonderful paddle providing great views of the Providence skyline. Depending on the tide, we may be able to paddle under the Providence Place Mall and up the Woonasqatucket River. A headlamp or light for your boat is required. Sprayskirts are suggested for the crossing from Bold Point into the Providence River. Our leader for the evening will be Cheryl Thompson <a href="mailto:store="

Changes will be posted on the <u>flatwater message board</u>.

Directions to the Bold Point Access: Take Rt. 195 East from Providence to Exit 4. Take Exit 4 and bear right towards Riverside and make your VERY FIRST RIGHT TURN. (This comes up quickly so watch for it). Take this road to the end and turn left. The launch is a boat ramp on the right a short ways down just after a large dirt parking lot. GPS N 41.813962 W 71.390233

RICKA Family Picnic September 14, 2014

This year's RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick, RI. We have reserved Gazebo F (please note new location) from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the morning, flatwater and sea kayak trips will leave from the boat launch – meet at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. launch. A barbecue lunch from Morin's Caterer will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by the 2014 RICKA Awards Ceremony.

Mark your calendars for this fun event!! Who knows.... you may be receiving an award! **See page 3 for details.**

Joint Flatwater/Sea Kayak Trip August 16, 2014

We will paddle the Slocum River (Level 2) in South Dartmouth, MA. See Flatwater and Sea Kayak trips on pages 6 and 7 for details.

Joint Flatwater/Whitewater Trip August 23, 2014

We will paddle the Deerfield River (Quickwater, Class I/II) in Charlmont, MA. Moving water experience is required. Please RSVP to the trip leader - Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 401-765-174. See Flatwater trip on page 6 for details.

From the RICKA Library...

AMC Paddle Guides – Sea Kayak and Flatwater

Sea Kayaking along the New England Coast By Tamsin Venn

This is the AMC's classic guide that leads adventurous kayakers on more than 45 trips along the magnificent New England coastline. Kayakers of all abilities can explore expansive sand beaches, bird watch in vast marshes, tour solitary estuaries, or challenge their skills along wild shorelines. Each trip includes a detailed map and description. Whether you're just discovering the joys of sea kayaking or have been exploring the New England coast for years, Sea Kayaking Along the New England Coast will expand your list of paddling locations.

Quiet Water MA. CT and RI By John Hayes and Alex Wilson

This is the AMC's popular Quiet Water guide that offers paddlers of all ages and abilities adventure and enjoyment on the water. These tours lead you to out-of-the-way lakes and ponds, meandering rivers, marshy coves and inlets, and more. Each trip features a detailed tour description including habitat type and notes about the flora and fauna you'll discover along the way. Beginner and experienced paddlers, birdwatchers, anglers, and families alike will appreciate this detailed, easy-to-use guide to southern New England's best quiet water.

If you would like to check out any of these guides from the library contact Bill Hahn at librarian@ricka.org. Library selections can be mailed to you with a postage paid return mailer provided at no cost to the borrower.

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Submit your stories to the **PADDLER**



Do you have a story that you could share, a picture, gear review or trip report? Please consider sending it to the Paddler. Chances are, there are a lot of people who would really enjoy seeing it.

President: Susan Engelman.......508-353-6411......sje54@hotmail.com

Don't be shy, please send it along!

Paddle America Club

Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at 70 Scott Street, Pawtucket. All are welcome to attend.

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RICKA Family Picnic and Barbecue

Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick, RI

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Goddard Park has several miles of beautiful trails for biking or hiking. It also offers swimming, fishing and volleyball (just bring a ball). There is ample room for ball games, badminton, or most anything else. Organize an activity and bring the necessary equipment.

Lunch will be a barbecue from Morin's Caterer. The meal will include clam cakes and chowder, BBQ chicken and much more. We will have watermelon for



Flatwater and sea kayak trips will leave in the morning from the boat launch

dessert. Beverages will be provided. Veggie burgers will be available upon request. See the registration form. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. for about an hour. The 2014 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

The cost will be \$19.75 per person for members (including family members and

significant others), \$5.00 for children under 12 and \$29.00 per person for non-members. Because this is a catered event we must have your reservation no later than August 31, 2014. If possible, please don't wait till the last minute! You can register by mail or online using PayPal at: http://www.ricka.org/Payments/bbq.html.

If you register by mail, please print out the form and return it with your check payable to RICKA to the address provided.

Mark your calendars for this fun event!! Rain or Shine. Who knows.... you may be receiving an award! Hope to see you all there!

GPS Coordinates to the parking area: N41 39,960 W071 26,090

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Around Cuttyhunk

By Jon Sharlin

The sky was slightly overcast. There were high clouds with the occasional sun peeking out. The sea was glassy flat with a slight southeast breeze. The tide was low and it was quiet at Gooseberry Neck at 8:00 a.m.

Bob K., John G., Tim M. and myself all gathered together to go over our charts. The maximum current through the shipping channel was a little over 1 knot, and from the looks of it the island of Cuttyhunk visible in the distance, it seemed to be a piece of cake crossing. After a few miles the swell picked up ever so gently.

We rested at the buoy marking the shipping channel. We all noticed very little shipping traffic and boaters out. One of the greatest dangers are the tugs pulling barges that seem so very far apart though are connected by metal cables. It is imperative that you never pass in between them. We did see a fast ferry appear from the west heading over to Wood's Hole and the Vineyard.

Instead of landing on the first visible beach, we decided to take the longer route around and enter the harbor through the jetty. Numerous boats were entering and exiting the harbor, to avoid them, we gathered and stayed to the side. The harbor was filled with boats of all kinds and main dock has a cafe, ice cream store and vendors selling gourmet burritos.

We found some picnic tables, ordered coffee and a burrito (Thai curry) and sat down to enjoy our well deserved lunch with a great view of the harbor. Afterwards, we headed up the hill past the historical society, library and schoolhouse to get a 360-degree view of our surroundings. The view included Gay Head on Martha's Vineyard, the Elizabeth Islands down to Wood's Hole, the Massachusetts coastline in New Bedford. and over to the Rhode Island coastline. There had been a WW II bunker on the site of the viewing platform built by the Coast Guard to view German U boats patrolling the area.

Returning to our kayaks we stopped to buy souvenirs at the corner store. Bob K. asked if we wanted to circumnavigate the island before returning and we all agreed. After passing the village, the island became



Road to the hilltop viewing platform (Photo by John Gillen)

barren with very few houses. There were high cliffs with eroding hillsides of what looked to be a clay-like tan soil with bright green grassy tops. We pulled up our boats on the rocky shore after passing the western end of the island.

It was there that we discovered a pond with aqua culture buoys and a stone monument erected on a little island. This is the Bartholomew Gosnold Monument, which is dedicated to the European discovery of Cuttyhunk (1602), built in 1902. Returning to Westport we had a slight breeze at our backs. We kept an eye on the Gooseberry tower and on our compass heading of 330 degrees.

John G. had a GPS and our total mileage was 20 nautical miles or 22.3 land miles.

Paddle Across Rhode Island Team Completes Historic Journey

Congratulations to the Paddle Across Rhode Island team - Chuck Horbert, David Smith, Jim Cole and Bill Luther – for completing the first north to south journey across Rhode Island by canoe and kayak using a primarily inland route.

The team's adventure began on the Blackstone River in Woonsocket on July 6th, and ended eight days later at the boat ramp on Little Narragansett Bay in Westerly.

Along the way, the team paddled through 18 of Rhode Island's 39 cities and towns. They wound their way through wild forests, urban corridors, and past old mills. They scraped down shallow rocky streams, braved the waves of the upper Narragansett Bay, and struggle up one of RI's largest river systems.

In all, the team traveled over 100 miles in eight days, with 21 different portages.



Jim, Dave, Chuck and Bill

Congratulations to Chuck, Dave, Jim and Bill for completing this historic journey. We hope to have a first-hand account in an upcoming issue of the Paddler.





River Ratings and Whitewater Paddling

Thinking of running a river in your canoe or kayak? It's smart to know what you're getting into before you go. The AMC River Rating system is used around the world to describe the level of difficulty for paddlers.

Flatwater - There is little or no current paddling upstream is easy.

Quickwater - The river moves fast, but is generally smooth.

Class I - Fast moving water with riffles and small waves, but few obstructions.

Class II - Straightforward rapids with wide, clear channels that are evident without scouting. Occasional maneuvering may be required.

Class III - Rapids with high, irregular waves that may be difficult to avoid. Narrow passages often require complex maneuvering in fast current. May require scouting from shore. Selfrescues are usually easy.

Class IV – Intense and powerful rapids requiring precise boat control. May include large, unavoidable waves and holes or constricted passages demanding fast maneuvers under pressure. Scouting is necessary the first time down. Swims will be long, and self-rescue difficult.

If you are looking to get involved in whitewater paddling, the RICKA Whitewater group paddles whitewater rivers and streams across New England. On Viera or Erik Eckilson.



Minefield – a class III rapid on the Dead River

occasion, RICKA Whitewater trips are posted on the trip calendar on our website. http://www.rickaflatwater.org/wwschedule.htm

More often, they are posted as "bootleg" trips on the club's message board. http://members.boardhost.com/RI Whitew ater/

For more information on the RICKA Whitewater group, please contact Andy

Planning a Trip with the Kids

We've all been there - planning a trip with the kids, and wondering how to make sure that everyone has a great time. Where will we go? What do we need? What if it rains? What if someone isn't happy?

RELAX - don't stress. This is supposed to be fun, remember! Here are some tips to help you plan an paddling trip that everyone can enjoy.

Get your head into the "paddling with kids" zone: It takes a little more planning to run a successful trip with the little ones

Challenge, but don't overreach: Start on small lakes, protected bays and easy rivers. Work your way up to more difficult trips as skills progress.

Keep it short: Paddle about one-third the distance you would travel with your adult counterparts. Once again, distances can increase as skills progress.

Reset your expectations: Forget about going fast or far. Focus on learning and FUN.

Anticipate potential discomforts: Plan a snack break. Carry rain gear if the forecast is iffy. Bring a thermos if it is cold. Bring a change of cloths in a waterproof bag.

Always wear your PFD: For RICKA members this goes without saying, but



A fun family evening on the Slatersville Reservoir with the **Blackstone Valley Paddle Club**.

we'll say it again anyway - always wear your PFD.

Padding is a great way to bring the whole family together. By focusing on the experience rather than the destination, you can build memories that will last a lifetime. Let's get out there and have some FUN.





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.

August 5th - launching promptly at 6:15 **Valley Falls Landing/Lonsdale Marsh** Rental Night

We will launch from Valley Falls Landing and paddle upstream to explore the Lonsdale Marsh. Rental boats are available for this trip from <u>Blackstone Valley</u> Outfitters.

August 12th - launching promptly at 6:15 **Spring Lake Game Night**

Our annual Spring Lake party and paddle. We will put in at the boat ramp on Black Hut Road. Come ready to play!! Bring your bathing suit, toys & games. NPS Ranger Kevin Klyberg will join us for this trip.

August 19th - launching promptly at 6:15 North Branch of the Pawuxet River, Hope, RI.

Join us as we venture into the Pawtuxet River watershed. We will put in at Hope Landing and paddle up this very clean river to the Scituate Reservoir.

Flatwater Trips

Late cancellations and changes to trips will be posted on the <u>Flatwater Message Board</u>. Please check the Message Board before leaving for a trip. Check <u>web site</u> for directions and/or GPS coordinates.

August 2nd through August 11th **RICKA Camping and Paddling in Maine**

Trip Coordinator: Henry Dziadosz henry@twincitysupply.com

This summer's weeklong trip led by Henry Dziadosz will be in Maine instead of the Adirondacks. We will camp at Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal, Maine. Pownal is about a 15-minute drive from Freeport, Maine, the home of L.L. Bean and lots of other sightseeing, hiking and shopping. Of course, there will be lots of great paddling.

http://www.ricka.org/Maine.html

August 16th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Slocum River, South Dartmouth, MA Leaders: Becky Settje beckysettje@hotmail.com 972-816-6907 and Donna Abjornson

This is a joint trip with the sea kayakers! Carleen McOsker will lead the sea kayak group. This trip is suitable for all, bring a lunch.

August 17th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Bluff Point State Park, Groton CT Leader: Sharon Dragon: shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942

Since this is salt water, tidal, with some wind and waves, we are requiring boats 12 feet or longer. Bring a lunch.

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August Meeting on the Water Bold Point Access to the Providence River

Leader: Cheryl Thompson 401-647-5887 stonefoxfarm@cox.net

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August 23rd – RSVP Required Easy Whitewater Trip on the Deerfield River

Leader: Erik Eckilson <u>eckilson@cox.net</u> 401-765-1741

There is nothing like a summer run on the Deerfield River. This 7-mile trip has it all - a little flatwater, lots of quickwater, and three short class I/II rapids.

We will put in at the Zoar Picnic Area below the Zoar Gap, and take out across from the Charlemont Academy. Moving water experience is required, as is a helmet and sprayskirt. We will shuttle three hours after the start of the dam release. Check the <u>Flatwater Message Board</u> the morning of the trip for shuttle time.

Please RSVP to the trip leader - Erik Eckilson <u>eckilson@cox.net</u> 401-765-174.

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September 7th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Palmer River

Leaders: Louise Price

weezrad@yahoo.com Becky Settje beckysettje@hotmail.com 972-816-6907

An easy, scenic paddle up the Palmer River. This is a round trip and no shuttle is required. Suitable for all boats and levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

September 13th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Quinebaug River Canoe Trail.

Leader: Louise Price weezrad@yahoo.com

One way trip (no shuttle) up the river and back to put in. Suitable for all, bring a lunch.

September 14th

RICKA Family Picnic - Goddard Memorial State Park

See page 3 for details.

Sea Kayak Trips

Before choosing to participate in a trip, check the marine forecast and consider the trip level – we do not rate the paddler, only the paddle. Read the <u>RICKA Sea Kayak Paddling Basics</u> section of the website.

Always check the <u>Calendar</u> for changes to the schedule. Cancellations due to weather or other conditions will be posted on the <u>Message Board</u> by 8:00 a.m. the day

 $August\ 2^{nd}\ -9:00$

of the trip.

Pier 5 to the Harbor of Refuge – Level 4 Narragansett, RI Coordinator - Richard Coupland

RLCoupland@msn.com

August 3rd - 10:00

Sconticut Neck - West Island - Level 2-3

West Island, Fairhaven, MA Coordinator: Cat Radcliff catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net

 $August 9^{th} - 9:00$

Bay Campus – Level 2

South Kingston, RI

Coordinator - Brenda Rashleigh

August 10th – 10:00

Wicopesset – Level 4

Stonington, CT

Coordinator: Tim Gleason gleasont63@gmail.com

August 16th – 10:00

Joint Flatwater/Sea Kayak Trip Slocum River – Level 2

Russell Mills, South Dartmouth, MA Coordinators: Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm@juno.com and Carleen McOsker carleenmco@gmail.com

August 17th – 10:00

Wilson Park - Level 3

Wickford, RI

Coordinator - John Gillen

August 24th – 9:00

Race Point – Level 5

Esker Point, CT

Coordinator: Tim Motte ttamotte@cox.net RSVP Required

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August 24th – 10:00

Potter's Cove – Level 2

Jamestown, RI

Coordinator: Tony Moore tsunamikayak@juno.com

August 30th – 10:00

Gooseberry Point – Level 3

Westport, MA

Coordinator - Carleen McOsker

carleenmco@gmail.com

Wilderness Trips

September 27-28 - RSVP Required **Pawcatuck River Overnight**

Leader: Erik Eckilson <u>eckilson@cox.net</u> 401-765-1741

An easy overnight camping trip for Flatwater and Wilderness paddlers. Details to follow, as we get closer. RSVP to Erik Eckilson 401-765-1741 eckilson@cox.net

Discounts for Members

The following retailers offer special discounts for RICKA members:

Blackstone Valley Outfitters

401-312-0369

http://www.bvori.com/

Claude's Cycles

508-543-0490

http://www.claudescycles.com/

CrossFitRhody

http://www.crossfitrhody.com/

Narrow River Kavaks

401-789-0334

http://www.narrowriverkayaks.com/

Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures

508-636-0300

http://www.ospreyseakayak.com

Outdoorplay.com

http://www.outdoorplay.com/kayaks

Quaker Lane Outfitters

401-294-9642

The Kayak Centre

888-SEA-KAYAK

http://www.kayakcentre.com/

WaveLength Magazine

http://www.wavelengthmagazine.com/

See the <u>website</u> for details and remember to ASK for the discount.





RICKA Classifieds

Classified ads free for RICKA members and are printed here on space-available basis. Please see the website for the complete list.

- North Shore Polar HV 17.5 x 22 purchased new June 2013, unusual circumstances force sale, will sell for \$2,100. Located in Westerly. Call for photos 401-480-2508
- **P & H Cetus Classic** expedition sea kayak, two boats available, one is yellow over yellow with white trim, the other is white over white with black trim, keel strips, steering compasses and custom foamed bulkheads installed, \$1500.00 OBO each boat. Contact Tim at 401-783-6287 evenings before 9 p.m.
- WANTED: kayak rack and feet to fit 2000 Buick Regal 401-941-8061
- Boats for sale (all available to demo) Compass Wee Lassie Canoe (Fiberglass) \$100; Compass Leader Canoe (Fiberglass) \$325; Mad River Revelation Canoe (Royalex) \$400; Cobra Navigator (Polyethylene) \$200; Cobra Tourer (Polyethylene) \$175; Eddyline Nighthawk 175 (Thermoform) \$500; Eddyline Phoenix (Thermoform) \$400; Perception Amp WW Kayak (Polyethylene) \$100; Perception Stikine WW Kayak (Polyethylene) \$100 Cat Radcliffe 508-369-3028 catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net.
- IR neoprene lined guide shorts size #33 waist gray worn only once (with underwear) and washed \$35.00 or best offer. Jon ojphoto1@cox.net

The follow items were donated to RICKA and are being offered for sale to support our educational programs:

- Great Canadian fiberglass tandem canoe length 15', width 38", with keel, Vinyl padded seats, aluminum gunwales. This is a great beginner canoe as it is very stable and tracks well. Asking \$150
- **Fiberglass tandem canoe** about 38" wide with keel. This is a great beginner canoe as it is very stable and tracks well. Asking \$150
- Custom Fiberglass Sea Kayak length 18', width about 22", weigh 50 plus. White with green hull. Comes with spray skirts. Asking \$150

Contact Jimcole@Hotmail.com

- **Werner Corryvrecken** 215 cm, 2-piece, all carbon, straight shaft paddle, nearly new, \$200. Call Tim at 401-783-6287, evenings before 9 p.m.
- Old Town Tripper Royalex Canoe length 17'2", kelvar skid plates installed. Three paddles included. Asking \$700.00. Contact Jeff cell 401-484-4896
- Kevlar 17'6" Looksha 1V aqua deck, white hull, garage kept, new condition \$1,200. Located in Westerly. Call Pat 401-480-3508
- Thule Slip Stream 887 rack- load assist kayak carrier includes 400 x T Foot Pack, TK1 Fit Kit 2035, 430 Tracker II plus locks and keys and instruction manual \$300.00. Also, two beautiful wooden oars, can be displayed or used. \$100. Call 401-941-8061.
- PRICE REDUCTION: Looksha 1V, 17ft Polymer 2012 model, brand new condition, active comfort system kayak seat, adjustable thigh braces, great surfer \$895. Located in Westerly. Call Pat at 401-480-3508
- Two sets of Yakima Bow Down J Racks with locks these are brand new and werenever used \$360. Cantact cell is 401-486-2518 or email rolar27@cox.net
- NRS Cross 4 Wetshoes women's size 8 (comparable to size 9 in regular shoes). In excellent condition; worn only a handful of times \$16.99. Contact Zak at zmettger@verizon.net
- Royalex Mad River Explorer RX 16' in good condition. Green with has cane seats, ash gunwales. Includes wooden paddles. Best offer. Contact ecaldarone@yahoo.com
- Beautiful Old Time Canoe in mint condition. Located at Sell It Again Sports in Portsmouth RI. Meggin Smith at 225-1971
- Women's Kokatat Medium Meridian dry suit with drop seat and socks, plum color. Excellent condition, bought 2 years ago, used 5-6 times. Gaskets and zippers in perfect condition, maintained gaskets with 303 Protectant and zippers with zipper lubricant \$700. Email me at dkoriginals@yahoo.com or call Debbi at 617-930-5864

Send your classified ads to RICKA Webmaster Cheryl Thompson, 53 Anan Wade Road, Glocester, RI 02857-2611 or webmaster@ricka.org. Include your name for membership verification. Please notify the Webmaster when your gear is sold so that the ad can be removed. Acceptance, duration and formatting of your ad is at the webmaster's discretion.



