

# PADDLER

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## July Meeting on the Water

### Green Hill Pond, Charlestown

Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:00 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.

This month's paddle is at scenic Green Hill Pond - a large salt pond located in Charlestown just east of Ninigret Pond. It is accessed from the DEM Fishing Launch on Ninigret Pond off Charlestown Beach Road. Our leader for the evening will be Sharon Dragon ([shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com)). We will meet at the DEM Fishing Launch at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:15 p.m. launch. Changes or cancellation will be posted on the [flatwater message board](#).

**Directions to Green Hill Pond:** From Route 95 South, merge on to Route 4 South via exit 9 toward North Kingstown. Route 4 South becomes Route 1 South. Follow Route 1 South into Charlestown. Make a U-turn onto Route 1 North at the Charlestown Breachway sign (just past Route 2). Take the first exit on to Town Dock Road and follow it to the stop sign. Turn left onto Old Post Road and follow it for approximately 1/2 mile. Turn right onto Matunuck School House Road, and then right on to Charlestown Beach Road. Continue down Charlestown Beach Road till you come to the Kayak Centre. Cross the bridge and watch for a dirt road on the right - it's the first right. Follow the dirt road around to the DEM Fishing Launch.



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## RICKA Family Picnic

Sunday, 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.**

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## Essentials of Kayak Touring

Saturday, July 13 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

This is a full-day class designed to teach paddlers with flatwater experience to safely enjoy the tidal and ocean environment. You can find additional information and a registration form at: <http://www.woonsocket.org/kayaktraining.html>

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## Paddle Across Rhode Island

The Paddle Across Rhode Island team will begin their epic journey on July 6, 2014. You can follow their progress at: <https://www.facebook.com/PaddleAcrossRhodeIsland>

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# Library Notes...

With summer upon us, you may be thinking about some new places to paddle in Rhode Island, or maybe even further afield. The [RICKA Library](#) has a number of paddling guides to help you do this.

- Exploring the Hidden Charles
- Paddling Cape Cod
- Rhode Island Water Trails Guide
- Canoeing MA, CT, RI
- Canoe Camping Vermont and New Hampshire Rivers, 2nd Edition
- White Water Rafting in Western North America
- Quiet Water Canoe Guide; NH & VT
- AMC River Guide, MA, CT, RI, Second Edition
- Kayaking Narragansett Bay
- Quiet Water Canoe Guide; MA, CT, RI
- AMC River Guide Volume 2
- Paddling Southern New England - 2nd Edition
- Rhode Island Water Trails Guide
- Youghiogeny - Appalachian River
- Public Access to the Rhode Island Coast
- Day Paddling Narragansett Bay, 1st Edition
- The Soft Paddling Guide to Ontario and New England
- A Guide to Sea Kayaking in Newfoundland & Labrador
- Paddling Connecticut and Rhode Island

If you would like to check out any of these guides from the library contact Bill Hahn at [librarian@ricka.org](mailto: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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Paddle America Club

Your annual RICKA membership expired on March 31, 2014...

**If you have not done so already, please renew your membership now!**

Please visit the website at <http://www.ricka.org/Join/Jointhefun.html>  
You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal.

## Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 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

Sunday, September 14, 2014 - we have Gazebo F from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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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. 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**

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$19.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Vegetarian Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$19.75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kid's Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Non-member Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$29.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to RICKA and mail them to:

Andy Viera

8 Bradford Rd

Milford, MA 01757

# Dead River

By Erik Eckilson

I did my first Dead River trip last year with Mike, Earl and Tommy, and it was so much fun that I decided to go back again this year with Andy, Paul, Pat, and Jon.

The Dead River in Maine is a classic New England whitewater run with 15 miles of continuous rapids. Depending on the level of the release, the river can range from class II to class IV+. Last year I ran an 1,800 release (class II/III). This year, I would be stepping it up by running a 3,500 release (class III) on Saturday, followed by a 2,400 release (class II/III) on Sunday.

We awoke early on Saturday and began to pack up our gear for the shuttle. “Old time” whitewater paddlers probably remember the Webb’s Shuttle Service run by Ed Webb. In the old days, the 20-mile shuttle down dirt logging roads to the put-in was done on the back of flatbed trucks. Today, the trip is done in the relative comfort of an old school bus, but it is still a long, bumpy ride.

The put-in at the convergence of the Dead River and Spencer Stream was busy with rafting companies and boaters getting ready to launch. The first major rapid on the river is the Spencer Rips – a short but intense rapid with 2 to 3 foot waves. As I bobbed my way down the rapid, I saw Jon flip and then quickly roll back up again. I knew that it was going to be a busy day.



Jon running Spencer Rips



Andy running Elephant Rock

The rapids came at us fast and furious, and we did have a few swims along the way. My swim came in the long rapid known as “Mile Long”. About half way down, I went over a rock and into a hole, filling up my boat with water. I started paddling to shore, but didn’t get far before I dumped in the fast moving water. Fortunately, Pat was nearby, and he paddled over to help. I was quickly back in my boat with two of the toughest rapids on the river remaining - Upper and Lower Poplar.

Upper Poplar is a short but intense rapid filled with rocks and holes – we made it through fine. At Lower Poplar, the river turns right as the water tumbles down the left side causing long wave trains and huge holes. I took the sneak route to the right and made it down fine. Jon went left and flipped in a large hole at the top. After several unsuccessful roll attempts, he ended up swimming the rapid. It was a long and nasty swim, but we got him back in his boat, and continued downstream to the take out at the campground.

After a fun night around the campfire, the morning started late for us on Sunday. We were still at the campsite at around 9:10 when we got word the shuttle was ready to leave – that got us moving.

We were expecting a mellower run on Sunday, and we got it. While the waves in Spencer Rips were still 2 to 3 feet, the rapids that followed – Minefield and Gravel Pit were significantly smaller than on Saturday.

We stopped for lunch at Hayden’s Landing, and then ran Hayden’s, Gravel Pit and Enchanted Stream before eddying out on river right above Elephant Rock. I went through first to get some pictures of the rest of the crew.

The next major rapid was Mile Long – my nemesis from the previous day. The waves and holes were smaller, but it was still a long and difficult rapid. Just like on Saturday, I filled my boat about half way down, but this time I was able to get to shore. After emptying my boat, I was able to pick my way through the remaining rocks and holes.

As we approached Upper and Lower Poplar, I didn’t see that much difference from the previous day. Upper Poplar went quickly, and we proceeded to the final rapid of our trip – Lower Poplar. Once again, I took the far right line. The rest of the crew went middle left. Paul and Jon blasted through the big hole at the top where Jon had flipped the previous day, and made it through fine.



Waiting for the group at the bottom of Lower Poplar

We gathered at the bottom of the Lower Poplar both sad and relieved that the run was over. We headed back to the take out tired, but with lots of great stories to share. As Arnold Schwarzenegger said in the movie Terminator – “I’ll be back”!

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# Over and Out – Basic Kayak Safety

At one time or another, every paddler will capsize in his or her boat. Knowing how to handle the situation, and knowing how to assist others, is an important skill for every paddler. The first step takes place on shore - always wear your life jacket or PFD.

Being able to safely exit your kayak when it tips over is called a **wet-exit**. For paddlers in recreational kayaks with large cockpit openings, this is usually not difficult – you will simply fall out of your boat. If you are in a performance kayak with a spray skirt and tight-fitting cockpit, a little more work is required:

- **“Kiss the deck”** – tuck and bring your body as close to the kayak deck as you can. This will help you avoid any obstructions, and put your body in the proper position to exit the boat.
- **“Pull the skirt”** - grab the loop of your spray skirt and pull it off the kayak cockpit.
- **“Show the moon”** - push the kayak away from you the same way you’d push off a pair of pants – the kayak should move up, forward, and away from your legs.



Practicing wet exits at the RICKA Whitewater School

Once you are out of your boat and floating easily in your PFD, you can decide on the proper course of action. If you are in open

water close to shore, swimming or wading back to shore is usually the easiest and safest option. If swimming to shore is not an option, re-entering your boat from the water may be necessary. The simplest way to do this is with a **“T” rescue** or **boat-over-boat recovery**:

- **Empty the boat** - the up-side-down kayak is pulled on to another boat to empty out the water. You may need to rock the boat back and forth gently to get the water out of the ends of the boat. Once the kayak is empty, it is easy to roll it over and return it to the water.



Emptying the boat

- **Brace the boat** – with the kayak empty and floating freely in the water, another paddler moves into position to brace the far side of the boat and to assist the swimmer in reentry.



Bracing and assisting in reentry

- **Reenter the boat** - with a strong kick, the swimmer reaches across to the far side of the boat and lifts his or her body up into the boat until they are lying across the back deck. From this position, they can swing their feet back into the cockpit and reenter the boat.



The swimmer is back in the boat

Other paddlers can help the swimmer recover their paddle and gear. If the kayak took on water during the reentry, it can be bailed or pumped.

If you do a wet exit in a river with strong current, you may find it necessary to swim:

- **Passive swimming** - start by rolling onto your back with your feet pointed downstream – your PFD is designed to keep your head above water in this position. This position will also protect you from obstructions and allow you to see what is coming.



Proper position for passive swimming – on your back with your feet downstream

- **Aggressive swimming** - when you see a safe place along shore, roll over onto your stomach and swim aggressively toward it. Don’t stand up until the water is below your knees. Once again, other paddlers should help the swimmer recover his boat, paddle and other gear.

RICKA encourages all paddlers to learn and practice these important skills. Take a safety class, and practice often. Check the [RICKA website](#) of upcoming training sessions.

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## 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](#).

July 1<sup>st</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Hopedale Pond**

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.

July 8<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Manville Dam – Cumberland, RI  
Ranger Night with Ranger Kevin Klyberg.**

We will put in at the new Manville Landing, paddle upstream, and then return. Rental boats are available for this trip from [Blackstone Valley Outfitters](#).

July 15<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Charles River and Populatic Pond -  
Norfolk to Medway/Franklin MA**

We will paddle down the Charles into the picturesque Populatic Pond. The river is narrow and more suitable for boats 15 feet and shorter.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Slatersville Reservoir - North Smithfield,  
RI**

This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of the upper Slatersville Reservoir, and then a section of the Branch River.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - launching promptly at 6:00  
**Buckeye Brook, Warwick, RI**

We will join the Southern New England Paddlers on their paddle through Buckeye Brook.

July 29<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Providence River - Bold Point, East  
Providence, RI**

We will put in at Bold Point, and paddle through the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier into the Providence River. Kayak skirts are recommended for the crossing.

August 5<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Valley Falls Marsh**

We will put in at the Valley Falls Landing and paddle up into the Valley Falls Marsh. Rental boats are available for this trip from [Blackstone Valley Outfitters](#).

### Flatwater Trips

Late cancellations and changes to trips will be posted on the [Flatwater Message Board](#). Please check the Message Board before leaving for a trip. Check [web site](#) for directions and/or GPS coordinates.

July 5<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle  
**Pawcatuck - Alton to Bradford .**  
Leader: Henry Dziadosz  
[henry@twincitysupply.com](mailto:henry@twincitysupply.com)

We will put in at the Alton fishing access on Rt. 91 and paddle down to Bradford. Bring a lunch. Trip is suitable for all.

July 12<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00.  
**Wickford Paddle and Art Festival**  
Leaders Susan Engleman

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[tmc99992@yahoo.com](mailto:tmc99992@yahoo.com) 401-481-5062

We will meet at Wilson Park boat ramp, and paddle in the calm, wind-protected waters among the islands and marshes. We will stop for lunch and a swim at Cornelius Island. A great opportunity to see osprey, great blue heron, green heron, great egrets, cormorants, bufflehead ducks, and maybe a deer or two.

July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30  
**Essentials of Kayak Touring**

RICKA will be holding the ACA training course *Essentials of Kayak Touring* on July 13, 2014. This is a full-day class designed to teach paddlers with flatwater experience to safely enjoy the tidal and ocean environment. Students will learn skills required for a [RICKA Level 2](#) sea kayak trip. The class will be taught at the Westport Boat Ramp by Dave Francis and Jonathan Sharlin. The cost is \$10, which includes a one-time ACA event membership fee. Class size is limited, and attendance is on a first-come, first-serve basis. You can find additional information and a registration form at: <http://www.woonsocket.org/kayaktraining.html>

July 19<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**Buffumville Lake - Charlton, MA**  
Leaders: Rick Lindsey  
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[sje54@hotmail.com](mailto:sje54@hotmail.com)  
508-655-1633 Home and 508-353-6411 cell

Almost 500 acres of land and 200 acres of water comprise the natural environment at Buffumville Lake. This trip is suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

July 20<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**Ninigret Salt Pond, - Charlestown, RI**  
Leader: Sharon Dragon

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Ninigret Pond is Rhode Island's largest coastal salt pond. The area features stunning landscapes and abundant coves for paddle craft to explore. It is also a great place to view wildlife. Trip is suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

July 21<sup>st</sup> – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch  
**July Meeting on the Water - Green Hill Pond**

Leader: Sharon Dragon  
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This month's paddle is at scenic Green Hill Pond - a large salt pond located in Charlestown just east of Ninigret Pond. We will meet at the DEM Fishing Launch at 6:00 p.m.

August 2 – 11, 2014  
**RICKA Trip to Maine**  
Leader: Henry Dziadosz  
[henry@twincitysupply.com](mailto:henry@twincitysupply.com)

We will camp at [Bradbury Mountain State Park](http://www.ricka.org/Maine.html) in Pownal, Maine, and paddle some great local waterways.  
<http://www.ricka.org/Maine.html>

## 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 [RICKA Sea Kayak Paddling Basics](#) section of the website. **Always check the [Calendar](#) for changes to the schedule.** Cancellations due to weather or other conditions will be posted on the [Message Board](#) by 8:00 a.m. the day of the trip.

July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00  
**Little Compton Harbor - Level: 3-4**

Little Compton, RI  
Coordinator: Jon Sharlin  
[ojphoto1@cox.net](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)

July 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
**Race Point - Level: 5 (RSVP Required)**  
Essex Point, CT  
Coordinator: Tim Motte  
[ttamotte@cox.net](mailto:ttamotte@cox.net)

July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00  
**Goddard State Park - Level: 2**  
East Greenwich, RI  
Coordinator: Peter Hill  
[peter.kayaker@yahoo.com](mailto:peter.kayaker@yahoo.com)

July 11, 2014 at 7:30  
**Full Moon Paddle**  
Kings Beach, Newport, RI  
Coordinator: Rich Coupland  
[RLCoupland@msn.com](mailto:RLCoupland@msn.com)

July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
**Wicopesset - Level: 4**  
Stonington, CT  
Coordinator: Tim Gleason  
[gleason63@gmail.com](mailto:gleason63@gmail.com)

July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30  
**Essentials of Sea Kayaking**  
Westport Harbor Boat Ramp  
Instructors: Jon Sharlin [ojphoto1@cox.net](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)  
and Dave Francis  
[davidfrancis1130@gmail.com](mailto:davidfrancis1130@gmail.com)  
Pre-registration is required:  
<http://www.woonsocket.org/kayaktraining.html>

July 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30  
**Cuttyhunk - Level: 5 (RSVP Required)**  
Coordinator: Jon Sharlin  
[ojphoto1@cox.net](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)

July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
**Sconticut Neck - West Island - Level: 2-3**  
West Island, Fairhaven, MA  
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff  
[catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net](mailto:catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net)

July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
**Race Point - Level: 5 (RSVP Required)**  
Essex Point, CT

Coordinator: Tim Motte [ttamotte@cox.net](mailto:ttamotte@cox.net)

July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00  
**Outer Boston Harbor Islands - Level: 4**  
Hull, MA  
Coordinators: Paul Bender  
[dopplerdad64@gmail.com](mailto:dopplerdad64@gmail.com) and Eric Johnson  
[emjohnso3@verizon.net](mailto:emjohnso3@verizon.net)

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## 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 Kayaks**  
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 [website](#) for details and remember to ASK for the discount.

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# RICKA Classifieds

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

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)
- **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.
- **Looksha 1V, 17ft Polymer** - 2012 model, brand new condition, active comfort system kayak seat, adjustable thigh braces, great surfer - \$1,090. Located in Westerly. Call Pat at 401-480-3508
- **Two sets of Yakima Bow Down J Racks with locks** - these are brand new and were never used - \$360. Contact cell is 401-486-2518 or email [rolar27@cox.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:dkoriginals@yahoo.com) or call Debbi at 617-930-5864
- **Ocean Kayak Malibu II Sit-on-Top Tandem Kayak** – length 12', width: 34", weight: 57 lbs. Red polyethylene construction. Seats two adults, plus a small child or pet. Can also be paddled solo from center seat. One seat and one paddle included. Kayak is located in Warwick. Asking \$475. Contact Susan at 401-996-3177
- **Valley Skerray Sea Kayak** – length 17', width 23", weight under 60 lbs. Composite, very good condition, always stored inside. Boat has an ocean cockpit for easier surf launching. Included in price is a neoprene spray skirt, in perfect condition - \$1400 or best offer. Contact Ric S at 508-572-3095 (call or text), [rj\\_salty@yahoo.com](mailto:rj_salty@yahoo.com)

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- **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 \$200
- **Fiberglass tandem canoe** - about 38" wide with keel. This is a great beginner canoe as it is very stable and tracks well. Asking \$200
- **Valley Avocet Kayak** – length 16', width 22", weight 50 lbs. Yellow plastic, comes with spray skirt and paddle. Asking \$1,000
- **Custom Fiberglass Sea Kayak** - length 18', width about 22", weight 50 plus. White with green hull. Comes with spray skirts. Asking \$300

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