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## August Meeting on the Water Upper Pawtuxet River – Hope, RI Monday, August 15, 2016 at 6:00

Our monthly "Meeting on the Water" isn't a meeting at all. It's a paddle that replaces RICKA's monthly meetings during the months of 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 will be on the Upper Pawtuxet River in Hope, RI. We will put in at the Hope Landing and paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir – a 4-mile round trip. The water is very clean, coming directly from the reservoir. This trip is suitable for all boats and levels of experience. We will meet at 5:45 for a 6:00 launch. Our leader for the evening will be RICKA Newsletter Editor [Erik Eckilson](#). **GPS Coordinates: N41 43.868 W071 33.9**



Paddling on the Upper Pawtuxet River

**Directions from the north** - travel on Route 116 south into the Village of Hope, in the Town of Scituate. Just past the junction of Route 115, look for the bridge crossing the river. Turn right onto Hope Furnace Road. The access to the Hope Landing is down a short gravel drive.

**Directions from the south** - travel on Route 116 north into the Village of Hope, in the Town of Scituate. The access, Hope Landing, will be on your left just after entering Scituate, before the bridge crossing the river. Drive down a short gravel drive onto Hope Furnace Road.

## RICKA Family Picnic

August 21, 2016 - meet at 10:00 at the boat launch

This year's RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Colt State Park in Bristol. We have reserved the big pavilion (Shelter 2) from 10:00 to 4:00.

In the morning, flatwater and sea kayak trips will meet at 10:00 at the boat launch. Colt State Park also has ample room for ball games, badminton, or most anything else. Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 and will be a good old-fashioned barbecue. The RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

Please join us for the fun – you can register by mail or [online using PayPal](#). See page 3 for additional information.

## SUP Demo Night

August 11, 2016 at 6:00

Have you ever wanted to try SUPing? Here's your chance. [EMS Schools](#) and the [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) will be holding a stand-up paddleboard demo session for RICKA members on Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 at the EMS Boathouse at Lincoln Woods. (Rain date is August 18, 2016)

We will have paddleboards for you to try, and a couple of EMS instructors to get you started. This session is free and open to all RICKA and BVPC members, but there will be a limited number of boards, so you must register in advance.

Contact Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741 to register.

# AMC Paddle Guides from the RICKA Library

## 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.

These are just two of the great books and DVD's covering the range of paddling topics that are available in our [collection](#). If you would like to check out these or any other selections, 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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The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the [REI Cranston Store](#) 22 Chapel View Boulevard, Cranston. All are welcome to attend.

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If you haven't done so already...

## Please renew your RICKA membership now!

Please visit the website at:

<http://www.ricka.org/Join/Jointhefun.html>

You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal.

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# RICKA Family Picnic and Barbecue

Colt State Park in Bristol, RI

Sunday, August 21, 2016 - we have the big pavilion (Shelter 2)

This year's RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Colt State Park (Shelter 2) in Bristol - please note the new location.

In the morning, flatwater and sea kayak trips will leave from the boat launch - we will meet at 10:00 a.m. for a 10:30 a.m. launch. Colt State Park also has ample room for ball games, badminton, or most anything else. Organize an activity and bring the necessary equipment

Lunch will be served starting at 12:30 p.m. and will be a good old-fashioned barbecue with hot dogs, hamburgers and more. Watermelon will be served for dessert, and beverages will be provided. Veggie burgers will be available upon request - see the registration form. The 2016 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.



**Tim Gleason (right) receives the Volunteer of the Year Award from Tony Moore (left) at the 2015 RICKA Picnic**

The cost will be \$10.00 per person for members (including family members and significant others) and \$18.00 for non-members. Children under 10 are free.

Because this is a catered event we must have your reservation no later than August 10, 2016. You can register by mail or online using PayPal at:

<http://www.ricka.org/Payments/bbq16.html>

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

Andy Viera  
8 Bradford Road  
Milford, MA 01757

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

Boat launch is located at:  
89 Tresspass Green Road, Bristol.

Member Name: _____			
Number of Member Meals	_____	X \$10 =	\$ _____
Number of Member Vegetarian Meals	_____	X \$10 =	\$ _____
(Member meals include family and significant others)			
Number of Non-Member Meals	_____	X \$18 =	\$ _____
Number of Non-Member Vegetarian Meals	_____	X \$18 =	\$ _____
Number of Children Under 10 Meals	_____	Free	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
Please make your check payable to RICKA and mail to:			
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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](#).

August 2nd - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Manville Dam- Cumberland**

We will put in at the Manville Dam and paddle up a pleasant section of the Blackstone River

August 9<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Ranger Night at Hopedale, MA**

We will be joined by NPS Rangers for this trip! Learn the story of Hopedale - settled in 1842 as a Utopian socialist commune, it eventually became the home of the Draper Looms - at one time the world's largest manufacturer of automatic cotton looms in the country.

August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 (rain date 8/18/16)  
**Stand-up Paddleboard Demo Night - EMS Boathouse – Lincoln Woods**

See Flatwater trips for details. Contact Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741 to register.

August 16<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Singletary Lake – Sutton, MA**

A pleasant paddle around this pretty lake. (NOTE: Singletary Lake has invasive

weeds. To prevent spreading it to other lakes and rivers be sure to clean even very small bits of vegetation from your boat before you leave the parking lot.)

August 23<sup>rd</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Year-end Paddle and Party on Spring Lake**

We will put in on Black Hut Road and paddle around Spring Lake to the waterfront home of Julie and Steve for a party. All are welcome!

### Flatwater Trips

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

July 30, 2016 to August 7, 2016  
**RICKA Adirondacks Trip**

We will be camping at Lake Eaton Campground. This is a beautiful campground with spacious sites and good bathroom facilities. It is also within an hour's drive of many prime paddling destinations. Contact [Henry Dzidosz](mailto:Henry.Dzidosz) for additional information.  
<http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/formadk.htm>

August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 (rain date 8/18/16)  
**Stand-up Paddleboard Demo Night - EMS Boathouse – Lincoln Woods**  
Trip Coordinator - Erik Eckilson  
[eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741 to register

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limited number of boards, so you must register in advance.

August 13<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle  
**Sudbury River – Wayland to Concord, MA**  
Trip coordinators - Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741 and Bill Luther [Prijon@juno.com](mailto:Prijon@juno.com) 508-761-7961

An 8-mile trip on the scenic Sudbury River. We will put-in at Sherman's Bridge Road in Wayland and stop for lunch at a small island in Fairhaven Bay where Ospreys are often seen. We will take out at the take-out at the "Calf Pasture" at Lowell Road in Concord where the Sudbury converges with the Assebet form the Concord River. Those who are interested can paddle another half mile down the Concord River to the Old North Bridge in the [Minute Man National Historic Park](#). Bring a lunch.

August 14th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

**Quinbaug River Canoe Trail – Brimfield, MA**

Trip coordinator: Louise Price  
[weezrad@yahoo.com](mailto:weezrad@yahoo.com) and Frank Cortesa  
[frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) 508-369-8205

One way trip- (no shuttle) up the river and back to put in. This trip is suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

August 15th - launching at 6:00  
**August Meeting on the Water North Branch of the Pawtuxet River – Hope, RI**  
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson  
[eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741

We will put in at the Hope Landing and paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir and back again. The water is very clean, coming directly from the reservoir. A 4-mile round trip that is suitable for all boats and levels of experience.

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August 20th – see the message board for launch time

**Nashua River – Groton to Pepperell, MA**

Trip coordinators: Louise Price [weezrad@yahoo.com](mailto:weezrad@yahoo.com) and Frank Cortesa [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) 508-369-8205

The Nashua River has been referred to as one of the prettiest places to paddle in eastern Mass. It twists and turns among many islands that turns this inundated marshland into a giant 5-mile long maze. Round trip will make this is approximately a 10-mile paddle. Bring a lunch.

August 27th – see the message board for launch time

**Easy Whitewater Trip on the Lower Deerfield River**

Trip coordinator - Erik Eckilson [ekilson@cox.net](mailto:ekilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741

This 7-mile trip has it all - a little flatwater, lots of quickwater, and three short class I/II rapids. 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 [Flatwater Message Board](#) the morning of the trip for shuttle time. Please RSVP to the trip leader - Erik Eckilson [ekilson@cox.net](mailto:ekilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741.

## 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.

Saturday, Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

**Allen Harbor to Prudence Island - Petrol Rd, No. Kings, RI**

Cancelled

Coordinator: Gary Branch ([GPbranch@aol.com](mailto:GPbranch@aol.com))

Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Kings Beach, Newport**

Time: 9:00 am  
Level: 3-4  
Coordinator: Brenda Rashleigh ([vtbren@gmail.com](mailto:vtbren@gmail.com))

Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

**RICKA SUP Demo Night**

For more information [click here](#).

Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

**URI Bay Campus, Narragansett**

Time: 9 am  
Level: 3  
Coordinator: Tim Guilbeault ([timgillbo@gmail.com](mailto:timgillbo@gmail.com))

Friday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>

**Full Moon Paddle - Newport**

Time: 7:00 pm  
Level: 3  
Coordinator: Brenda Rashleigh ([vtbren@gmail.com](mailto:vtbren@gmail.com)) and Cam Mejia ([cam\\_mac@verizon.com](mailto:cam_mac@verizon.com))

Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

**Wilson Park, Wickford**

Time: 9:00 am  
Level: 3  
Coordinator: Cam Mejia ([cam\\_mac@verizon.com](mailto:cam_mac@verizon.com))

Sunday, Aug 21<sup>st</sup>

**Annual RICKA Picnic and Paddle**

Colt State Park Park Boat Launch, Bristol  
Time: 10:00 am

Saturday, Aug 27<sup>th</sup>

**Sakonnet Point, Little Compton**

Time: 10:00 am  
Level: 3-4  
Coordinator: Gary Branch ([GPBranch@verizon.net](mailto:GPBranch@verizon.net))

Sunday, Aug 28<sup>th</sup>

**Seapowet Avenue Beach, Tiverton**

Time: 10:00 am  
Level: 2  
Coordinator: Gary Branch ([GPBranch@verizon.com](mailto:GPBranch@verizon.com))

## 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.crossfithody.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.

- **Old Town Tripper** – this 17” royalex canoe has been stored inside for over 20 years and is in very good condition - asking \$800. Contact 508-808-0530 or [jrmiller59@yahoo.com](mailto:jrmiller59@yahoo.com)
- **Two men’s large Kokatat GORE-TEX dry suits** – the first is a standard front entry GFER with relief zipper and attached GORE-TEX socks. The second is an expedition model and includes the relief zipper, GORE-TEX socks, hood and overskirt. This suit has never been worn but it does have a torn neck gasket that Carl Ladd will replace for \$70. Either suit is \$400. Contact Bill Hahn at [bhahn02835@yahoo.com](mailto:bhahn02835@yahoo.com)
- **Folbot - Greenland Series** - two person model, excellent condition, folds into two canvas bags for airline travel. Length 17’, width 34”, wt. 62 lbs., stored indoors - asking \$500. Contact Phyllis at 907 240-7170 or [paseeba@gmail.com](mailto:paseeba@gmail.com)
- **Kokatat Orbit Tour PFD** - Small/Med - \$75. Contact [michael.hazeltine@gmail.com](mailto:michael.hazeltine@gmail.com)
- **FOLBOT "Yukon"** - 13', excellent condition. Spray cover, extra seat, paddle. \$800 OBO. Wakefield area, can deliver to RI buyer - 401-783-2750
- **NRS Flux Drytop** - men's size XL, red with black highlights, latex wrist and neck gaskets. Excellent, like new condition used less than 6 times. Sells new for \$325, yours for \$200. **Henderson 7mm Dive Boot** - men's size 11 fit my size 10 feet with thick socks and drysuit booties with room to spare. Two years old but used less than a dozen times. Sells new for \$95, yours \$45. **Reed Aquatherm Fleece Men’s Long Sleeved Top** – black, men's size large. Worn less than 12 times and in good shape. I paid around \$95, yours for \$35. Contact Gerry at [sea.sherpa.kayak.dot.com](http://sea.sherpa.kayak.dot.com)
- **Bungee/ Stretch Cord** - all sizes, colors, and styles available. Prices start at \$5.00/spool. Jonathan at 401-447-7973 [Jon@marineropeinternational.com](mailto:Jon@marineropeinternational.com)
- **Dagger Exodus 168** – red, length 16'-11", width 23.25", weight 60 lbs, cockpit 34" x 19". Bow and stern storage compartments, full rudder system - mint condition. Asking \$789. **Corsica S Whitewater Kayak** – purple, length 10' 7", width 24", weight 39 lbs. Some scratches. Kayak, spray skirt, PFD, carbon fiber paddle – \$389. **Two Dagger Mamba 8.1 Whitewater Kayaks** - your choice of sunrise or yellow. Length 8' 1", width 26.75", weight 47 lb., cockpit 34" x 19". Very little use. Kayak, PFD, helmet, carbon fiber paddle - \$699. Email or call [watersedge99@comcast.net](mailto:watersedge99@comcast.net) 508-944-2539
- **Valley Pintail (2001 model)** - asking price is \$1200. More information and photos are available at this website - <http://www.krabach.info/pintail/thumb.html>
- **NDK Pilgrim** - white/white/navy seam, 15'9" length, 19.7" beam. Versatile sea kayak for small or lean paddler. Well-maintained by long-time RICKA sea kayaker, the usual hull scratches. Offers considered. Contact [pikake98353@mypacks.net](mailto:pikake98353@mypacks.net)
- **Romany Explorer sea kayak** – fiberglass, 17'6" X. 21.5". **Prijon Hurricane whitewater kayak** with stern air bag. **Kopapa Kiwi kayak** - 8' X 26". Medium dry top & drysuit (needs wrist & ankle gaskets). Large PFD, bilge pump. 3 cockpit covers. 5 paddles and 2 dry bags. Yakima rack w/ locks plus 2 sets of saddles. Extra towers & clips \$1500. Contact [goray7ray@gmail.com](mailto:goray7ray@gmail.com)
- **Werner Carbon Fiber Ikelos paddle** - bent shaft. 215 cm. Only used twice and is in brand new condition -\$350. Contact [aikijerry@optonline.net](mailto:aikijerry@optonline.net)
- **Valley Aquanaut** - plastic, in good condition with built in skeg - \$600. Contact Paul O'Reilly at 401- 640-5052
- **Necky Looksha** - 17’ poly model includes Werner carbon paddle, cockpit cover, spray shirt, paddle float, kayak dolly - \$1,200. Call Pat Cosma at 401-480-3508

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