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## July On-Water Meeting

### Green Hill Pond in Charlestown

Monday, July 17th - meet at 5:30 for a 6:00 launch

In lieu of a meeting in the summer months, we offer a paddle that is suitable for everyone. This month's paddle will be at Green Hill Pond in Charlestown - a pretty salt pond that connects through a breachway to Ninigret Pond. Green Hill Pond is shallow with many small islands, rocky outcroppings and interesting creeks to explore. We will launch from the DEM fishing ramp off Charlestown Beach Road. The Kayak Centre is offering rental boats for any paddler interested in renting. Please contact Matt at 401-295-4400 to rent a boat. Boats must be reserved in advance and they will be brought to the launch site. Our leaders for the evening are Sharon Dragon [shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com) 401-225-3942 and Pat Lardner [pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com) 401-524-8057.



**Directions:** From I-95 South, merge onto RI-4 South at exit 9. RI-4 South becomes US-1 South. Follow US-1 South into Charlestown. Make a U-turn onto US-1 N/Post Road at the Charlestown Breachway sign (just past Rt-2). Take first exit on the right (Town Dock Road). Follow to the stop sign. Turn left onto Old Post Road and follow this for 1/2 mile. Take a right onto Matunuck School House Road. Take a right onto Charlestown Beach Road. Continue down Charlestown Beach Road until you come to the Kayak Centre. Cross the bridge and watch for a dirt road on the right (1st right). Follow the dirt road around to the DEM Fishing Launch. GPS Coordinates to the DEM parking area/launch N41 21.820 W71 37.592.

## RICKA Adirondacks Trip

August 5 - 12, 2017

We will be camping at Lake Eaton Campground in the Adirondacks for our [2017 summer camping and paddling trip](#).

[Lake Eaton Campground](#) is a beautiful campground with spacious sites and good bathroom facilities. It is also within an hour's drive of many prime-paddling destinations. You can make campground reservations now at Reserve America: <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>. Please try to select a site in the 30's to 50's, or other sites close by.

Please notify Henry Dziadosz [hdziadosz@verizon.net](mailto:hdziadosz@verizon.net) if you are planning to attend.

## RICKA Family Picnic

Saturday, September 16, 2017

This year's RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick. We have reserved Field Shelter F from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In the morning, flatwater and sea kayak trips will leave from the boat launch. Goddard Park also has ample room for ball games, badminton, or most anything else. A delicious and filling lunch with sandwiches and side salads will be served at 12:30. The RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

Mark your calendars for this fun event!! Who knows.... you may be receiving an award!

# 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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Paddle America Club

If you haven't already renewed, your RICKA membership expired in April.

## Renew your membership now!

You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal. Please visit the website at:

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

Beginning this year, membership renewal letters will be sent by email. In addition, you will no longer need a membership card to get member discounts at local retailers. Just show the email to the retailer, or print and bring the letter with you while shopping.

### Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at [REI](#), 2 Chapel View Boulevard in Cranston. All are welcome to attend.

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# Pawcatuck “Wilderness” Trip

By Erik Eckilson

Each spring, the [RICKA Wilderness group](#) does an overnight trip on the Pawcatuck River. This trip was started by former Wilderness Chair Jim Cole to give people a sense of what it takes to do more extended wilderness tripping from a canoe or kayak. It’s a fun trip for “newbies” and experienced paddlers alike.

We are fortunate to have a couple of very nice paddle-in campsites on the Pawcatuck River. There is the Carolina Canoe Campsite in the Carolina Management Area just upstream from the Richmond Landing. It’s a small site, but very nice.



Heading out from the put in

Then there are the Burlingame Canoe Campsites in the Burlingame Management Area upstream from the Bradford Landing. At Burlingame there is a large open field suitable for groups, and five smaller wooded sites. All these sites are available on a first come first serve basis, and can get crowded in the warm summer months. We would actually be camping at a “bootleg” site near the confluence of the Wood River.

One of the challenges of canoe/kayak camping is that everything that you bring needs to fit in your boat. While you can carry more in a canoe or kayak than you can in a backpack, space is still limited, and drybags are needed to keep your gear dry.



Paddling down to the campsite

I didn’t have time to pack in advance, so I was rushing around on Saturday morning to get everything together. We had decided to do group meals for this trip, and I had agreed to cook breakfast. The remnants of Tropical Storm Cindy were also going through, so I had to pack tarps, clothes, and rain gear that I wouldn’t normally bring. By the time I was done I had two big drybags and a cooler stuffed with food and gear.

Just as I was about to leave the rain started, and it pored until about 11:00. Then, as predicted, the storm moved off and the sky cleared. It turned out to be a beautiful day. We met at the Richmond Landing (now called the Jay Cronin Access), ran the shuttle down to Alton, and then got on the river for an easy paddle down to the campsite. We each carried our own gear, and divided up the group gear as best we could.



Enjoying the evening campfire

We arrived at our campsite and found it a mess – littered with beer cans and broken glass. Our first job was to clean things up. After that we set up the tents, took a hike down to the osprey nest (no osprey in residence) and cooked dinner.

Everything tastes better when you cook it in camp, and the food for this trip was no exception. Cindy and Chuck were the grill masters for our evening meal that included salad, sausage and roasted potatoes. Ruth took care of desert – chocolate surprise. With dinner complete, there was nothing left to do but sit back and enjoy the fire.

At around 10:00, we finally turned in for the night. Before I knew it, the morning light was streaming through my tent. I got up and gathered some firewood. Chuck soon joined me, and we quickly had a nice fire going and a pot of coffee perking on the stove.



Packed and ready to go

Slowly the rest group emerged from their tents. Breakfast included monkey bread, omelets and home fries. When we had eaten our fill, we decided it was time to pack up and head for home. We took one last picture before paddling up the Wood River to the take out at the Alton Dam.

By 10:00 our cars were packed and we were saying our goodbyes, but not before agreeing to do this again next year.

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*Erik is the Editor of the [Paddler](#). You can read his blog at [Open Boat, Moving Water](#).*

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# Rhode Island Canoe & Kayak Association

## Order Your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tee Shirt Now

Long-time members probably remember the wonderful tee shirts created for RICKA by Chick Noreau. Chick joined RICKA in 1985 and was an avid canoeist, whitewater paddler, and past Flatwater Chair. In addition to contributing artwork to the Paddler, he also designed tee shirts for many RICKA events. Chick passed away in 2012, and is missed by all.

As we looked for a tee shirt design for our 40th anniversary, we reached out to another graphic artist who has spent a lot of time in his boat – Paul Mason. Paul is the son of the late canoeing legend Bill Mason,

and the author of the paddlesport comic [Bubblestreet](#). We are pleased that Paul was able to create the design for our 40th anniversary tee shirt featuring the Bubblestreet crew. **The RICKA 40th anniversary tee shirt can be ordered now from our CustomInk order page at: <https://www.customink.com/g/hth0-00b0-z1hg>**

Tee shirts will be available for pick up at our August Meeting on the Water, or at the RICKA Family Picnic in September. Order yours now so you don't forget. Orders will close on August 5th.



**RICKA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tee Shirt featuring the Bubblestreet crew**

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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 5th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch  
**Smith & Sayles Reservoir, Gloucester**

This is a Wednesday evening paddle due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Smith and Sayles is a 173-acre reservoir with a largely wooded

shoreline. It is a pleasant paddle that is suitable for all!

July 11th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch  
**Manville Quarry, Cumberland**

We will put in above the Manville Dam at the new Manville Landing, and paddle up the Blackstone River. We often see herons and other wildlife.

July 18th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch  
**Providence River - Bold Point, East Providence**

We will cross a short section of the Providence Harbor, paddle through the Hurricane Barrier, and up the Woonasquatucket River to the Providence Place Mall. This is a great urban paddle through the City of Providence.

July 25th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch  
**Lincoln Woods - Lincoln**

A pleasant paddle around Olney Pond – the 128-acre reservoir that forms the heart of Lincoln Woods State Park.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> - meet at 10:00 am for a 10:30 launch

**Providence River - Bold Point, East Providence**

Trip coordinator: Bill Mitchell  
[wmitchell270@comcast.net](mailto:wmitchell270@comcast.net)

We will cross a short section of the Providence Harbor, paddle through the Hurricane Barrier, and up the Woonasquatucket River to the Providence Place Mall. Bring a lunch. Spray skirts recommended for the crossing.

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July 8<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:30 for a 10:45 shuttle  
**Pawcatuck River - Shannock to Jay  
Cronan access**

Trip coordinator: Chuck Horbert  
[chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-934-9212

We will put in below the Lower Shannock Falls. This section of the Pawcatuck River feels relatively wild, with only occasional houses visible from the river and heavily forested riverbanks. Bring a lunch.

July 15<sup>th</sup> - meet at 11:30 for an 11:45 launch

**Ninigret Pond- Charlestown**

Trip coordinators: Sharon Dragon  
[shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com) 401-225-3942 and Pat Lardner  
[pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com) 401-524-8057.

Ninigret Pond is Rhode Island's largest coastal salt pond. The area features stunning landscapes and abundant coves to explore. Bring a lunch.

July 17<sup>th</sup> - meet at 5:30 for a 6:00 pm launch

**Meeting on the Water - Green Hill Pond in Charlestown**

Trip Coordinators: Sharon Dragon  
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In lieu of a meeting in the summer months, we offer a paddle that is suitable for everyone. This month's paddle will be at Green Hill Pond in Charlestown.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - meet at 10:00

**Salt Pond- Galilee**

Trip coordinator: Sharon Dragon  
[shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com) 401-225-3942

You must be a strong paddler as we often have very windy conditions to deal with along with currents and boat traffic. Shorter boats will also be restricted. Bring a lunch.

July 29<sup>th</sup> - meet at 1:00 for a 1:15 launch

**Upper Pawtuxet River - Hope**

Trip coordinator: Chuck Horbert  
[chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-934-9212

We will paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir and back again. A 4-mile round trip. Suitable for all boats and levels of experience.

July 30<sup>th</sup> = meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

**Wickford Harbor**

Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887 and Pat Lardner  
[pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com) 01-524-8057.

We will put in at the Wilson Park boat ramp, and paddle in the calm, wind-protected waters among the islands and marshes. We will stop for lunch a swim at Cornelius Island.

## 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, July 1<sup>st</sup>

**Wicopesset to Fisher's Island, Stonington, CT**

Time: 11:00 am

Level: 4 - RSVP Only

Coordinator: [gpbranch@verizon.net](mailto:gpbranch@verizon.net)

Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Potters Cove Jamestown**

Time: 9:00 am

Level: 2-3

Coordinator: [tsunamikayak@juno.com](mailto:tsunamikayak@juno.com)

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>

**URI Bay Campus, Narragansett**

Time: 9:00 am

Level: 3

Coordinator: [cammac@ieee.org](mailto:cammac@ieee.org)

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

**Kings Beach, Newport**

Time: 9:00 am

Level: 3-4 - Rock Gardening

Coordinator: [TimGillbo@gmail.com](mailto:TimGillbo@gmail.com)

Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>

**Back Beach, Rockport, MA**

Time: 10:00 am

Level: 3

Coordinators: [vtbren@gmail.com](mailto:vtbren@gmail.com),

[gleason63@gmail.com](mailto:gleason63@gmail.com)

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Pavilion Beach, Gloucester Harbor, MA**

Time: 10:00 am

Level: 3

Coordinators: [vtbren@gmail.com](mailto:vtbren@gmail.com),

[gleason63@gmail.com](mailto:gleason63@gmail.com)

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Wicopesset to Fishers Island, Stonington, Ct. or Esker PT**

Time: 10:00 am

Level: 4 - RSVP only

Coordinator: [timothyjmotte@gmail.com](mailto:timothyjmotte@gmail.com)

Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Joint Paddle: Sea Kayak and Flatwater paddlers**

State launch site on Salt Pond Rd next to the 'TWO TEN OYSTER BAR' Wakefield RI

Time: 10:00 am

Level: 2

Coordinator: [carleenmco@gmail.com](mailto:carleenmco@gmail.com)

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Fort Weatherill, Jamestown**

Time: 9:00am

Level: 3-4

Coordinator: [tsunamikayak@juno.com](mailto:tsunamikayak@juno.com)

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

**Gooseberry Point Westport**

Time: 9:00 am

Level: 3

Coordinator: [jonathansharlin@gmail.com](mailto:jonathansharlin@gmail.com),

[carleenmco@gmail.com](mailto:carleenmco@gmail.com)

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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.

- **Betsie Bay Recluse** - Greenland style kayak – 19' long; 20 ½" maximum beam; 32 lbs. One season of use; less than 10 times on the water. Includes Greenland paddle (unused); spray skirt; cockpit cover; 2 hatch lids; and an instructional DVD on Greenland paddling - \$3,200 firm. Contact Ken Pariseau at [kenpariseau@verizon.net](mailto:kenpariseau@verizon.net).
- **Two Composite Valley Sea Kayaks - 2009 Avocet LV** (item # VSK-GLA-AVOL) with SHUNA Straight Fiberglass (Item # WER0049) 2 piece paddle (small) and nylon keyhole sprayskirt, asking \$2,400. **2009 Aquanaut** (Item # VSK-GLA-AQUA) with SHUNA straight fiberglass (Item # WER0049) 2 piece paddle (standard) and nylon keyhole sprayskirt. Asking \$2,400. Reduced price if both kayaks and accessories are purchased together, asking \$4,400.00 for both. Contact Diane at [mccoymcommunityfarm@verizon.net](mailto:mccoymcommunityfarm@verizon.net) or 401-949-2917.
- **P&H Delphin155** - surf model –blue - really good shape. In Essex CT but paddle in RI weekly \$1,050 firm. Photos available. Contact [gerry@seasheerpakayak.com](mailto:gerry@seasheerpakayak.com)
- **Current Designs Sirocco** – white - I bought it in 2004 and it has ALWAYS been stored inside when not in use. PFD, spray skirt, paddling jackets, two paddles, Kokatat semi dry suit, compass, sponge, pump, paddle float, etc. Best package deal to a club member. Paul 401-644-8529 [wynnpl1@yahoo.com](mailto:wynnpl1@yahoo.com)
- **Cetus MV** - purchased in 2016 - gently used for one season. Red over white - length 17'9" beam 21.5" 60 lbs. \$2,500. Please contact Caroline at [CFDewey@gmail.com](mailto:CFDewey@gmail.com)
- **P&H Code Zero Kayak Sail with Mast** - used only a few times - \$200. Contact [jonathansharlin@gmail.com](mailto:jonathansharlin@gmail.com)
- **Kayak Wetsuits, PFDs and Drytop** - [see craigslist ad for details](#). Jerry Borenstein [aikijerry@gmail.com](mailto:aikijerry@gmail.com)
- **Current Designs Caribou** - fiberglass, with skeg, color red and white. Used fewer than 10 times, water launched, stored exclusively indoors and with gaskets treated from time to time, this boat is in excellent condition. Asking \$2,100. Text Carin 401-374-1145
- **Ocean Kayak Mysto** - sit-on-top with seat, knee brace bands, and Talic tilt storage racks. Length 9'9", width 31", weight 43 #. It has been used maybe a dozen times, and it was never stored outside. \$300 OBO. Contact Bill at [suebillrose@gmail.com](mailto:suebillrose@gmail.com) or 401-467-4803
- **Mad River Rampage** – 14' whitewater CANOE. Royalex canoe designed for big water. Only used 2 years before health issues intervened, stored indoors ever since. The most interesting (and very useful) feature is an added electric bilge pump. \$600. Alan, 401-725-3344 or [alan02860@usa.com](mailto:alan02860@usa.com)
- **PRICE REDUCED: Werner Camano Paddles** - two two-piece fiberglass paddles with blue shafts and white blades - one is 230 and the other is a 240 - \$50 each. One-piece fiberglass paddle with yellow blade and black shaft - 240 length with an offset of 45 degrees - \$75. Contact Cheryl at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) or 401-497-5887
- **PRICE REDUCED: Kokatat front entry GORE-TEX GFER dry suit** with relief zipper and GORE-TEX socks. This suit has been lightly used and is in excellent condition. \$250. Contact [Bill Hahn](#)
- **Betsie Bay Custom Greenland Kayak** - all white, in very good condition. Comes with new neoprene cockpit cover and spray skirt with medium tunnel. Pictures are available upon request. Carl Ladd of Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures can deliver from Florida thru March 21st to his location in Westport MA and can verify condition. Asking 1,700 for everything. Chris 813-390-8222 or [ctobbe12@gmail.com](mailto:ctobbe12@gmail.com)

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