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October Club Meeting Aerial Videos with Aaron Correia Monday, October 16th from 6:30 to 8:00

For our October meeting, Aaron Correia will give us a presentation on using drone technology to film canoe/kayak videos.

Aaron lives in Fall River and is a regular paddler in the waters around southeastern Massachusetts. He does amazing videos set to music using a drone to give spectacular overhead panoramic views. His videos can be seen on YouTube and Facebook. You can see samples at his webpage at <http://www.acyaking.com>.

The meeting will be held in the Louttit Library, 274 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, RI. We will be in the Large Activity Room (LAR) located in the basement of the library. **Please note new location.**

Directions: From Route 1-95, take exit 5B to merge on to Route 102 North toward West Greenwich. The Louttit Library will be up the road about 3 miles on the right.



Aerial view of the Assonet River
(Yes – that small white dot in the lower left corner is Aaron's kayak.)

Autumn Gales 2017

October 20th – 22nd

While not a RICKA event, [Autumn Gales](#) is sponsored by our friends at [Kayak Wavelogy](#), and features our own Tim Motte on the coaching staff – congratulations Tim!

Autumn Gales is a rough water sea kayak training event that is geared to intermediate and advanced paddlers. It brings world-renowned coaches from the UK and Europe together with local guides like Tim, to create a fun and exciting experience. Training takes place in the dynamic waters and tide races of Fishers Island Sound.

For more information on Autumn Gales 2017 you can visit their website at:
<http://www.autumngales.com>

Halloween Paddle

Wakefield Pond, Pascoag RI

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Join us for a beautiful paddle on Wakefield Pond, and a get together at Henry's waterfront home after the paddle. We will have a fire going by the water - bring a dish to share. Costume or funky hat optional. Contact Henry Dziadosz hdziadosz@verizon.net or 401-567-0313 for additional information.



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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. Library selections can be mailed to you with a postage paid return mailer provided at no cost to the borrower.

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Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on October 4th 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 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.

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RICKA Family Picnic

By Pat (Mayhew) Lardner

Once a year, the entire club gets together for the RICKA Family Picnic. It's a great time for everyone to get together for some fun. It's also an important opportunity to recognize the dedicated volunteers that make our club possible.

After a few year hiatus, the RICKA Family Picnic was reinstated in 2008 by then RICKA President (now RICKA Librarian) Bill Hahn. An important consideration in planning the picnic has always been to find a fun location where everyone can participate in the paddle.



Morning paddle on Greenwich Bay

For several years the RICKA Family Picnic was held at [Fort Getty](#) in Jamestown – a great location with access to the West Passage for sea kayakers, and Dutch Harbor for flatwater paddlers. We have also had the picnic at [Ninigret Park](#) in Charlestown, and [Colt State Park](#) in Bristol. This year, the picnic was at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick.

[Goddard Memorial State Park](#) lies on the shores of Greenwich Cove and Greenwich Bay. The grounds were once the estate of Civil War officer and Rhode Island politician Robert Goddard, whose children donated the land to the state in 1927 for the establishment of a park in memory of their father.



Steven Haberek receives the Volunteer of the Year Award

As always, the day started with a group paddle. Initially, flatwater paddlers headed up into Greenwich Cove, while sea kayakers headed out into Greenwich Bay. Eventually, we all met up as a group to finish the trip.

I joined the sea kayakers as we headed out into Greenwich Bay. It was a great experience and I learned some improved paddling techniques. The group was welcoming and generous in sharing their experience and knowledge. Fortunately, for me, it was a calm day with minimal wind making for a great paddle.

After the paddle, we gathered at the pavilion for lunch and the RICKA Awards Ceremony. This year, awards were



Tony Moore receives the Golden Camera Award

presented to three deserving volunteers.

Steven Haberek received the **Volunteer of the Year Award**, and was presented with the trophy by Sharon Dragon. Sharon commented on Steve's willingness to help his fellow paddlers - assisting everyone, and making sure that everyone gets a hand launching their kayaks and canoes. Steve is always the first to arrive and the last to leave, ensuring that everyone has the help they need. He has also stepped up to lead the [Southern New England Paddlers](#) since Jim Cole's departure, very big shoes to fill.

Tony Moore was awarded the **Golden Camera Award** for filming videos of paddles throughout the year. This award replaced the Golden Keyboard Award from past year. Tony has already posted a [great video](#) of the picnic on YouTube. The award was presented by Sharon.



Danny O'Shea receives the Most Canoes and Kayaks Award

Danny O'Shea was presented the **Most Canoes and Kayaks Award** for owning the most kayaks and canoes with 35 kayaks and 5 canoes in his personal inventory. Danny's enthusiasm for the sport of paddling, and his talent for the restoration of vintage kayaks and canoes was recognized. Danny was presented a golden popcorn container affixed with a RICKA logo. The award was presented by me.

We would also like to thank all the other RICKA volunteers that make this club possible throughout the year – THANKS!

Potter Cove - East Passage Tour

By Erik Baumgartner

On September 16th, members of [ConnYak](#) and [RICKA](#) did a 14-mile tour around the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.



Goat Island Light and the Newport Bridge

The trip included (in no particular order) three lighthouses, two harbors, two bay crossings, one house on a rock, one long line of cliffs, one international boat show, one tall ship, calm water, rough water, fog,

sunshine, one Coast Guard Station, lots of rich peoples' properties, a zillion fancy boats, multiple foggy sailing ship

encounters, one awesome long wave ride, two short scenic hikes, two lunches, one super rusty lobster boat, two tide rips, one big-ass bridge, one new launch, one new lunch spot, and one new debriefing establishment. And on top of all that awesomeness, there were zero traffic issues and both the wind and current were going our way the entire day.

Editor's note – You can see all of Erik's amazing pictures from this trip here: <https://erik64.smugmug.com/Kayaking/Potter-Cove-Narragansett-West-Passage-Tour-9162017/>

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.**

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..

October 6th - 9th

Camp and Paddle on Cape Cod.

Trip Organizers: Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-497-5887 and Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942

We will be camping at [Shawme Crowell State Forest](#) – a pretty campground set among the quiet wooded hills of the upper Cape. We are reserving sites in the area of 108B Area 2. There will be a paddle on

Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting. If you can't camp, you can still come for the paddles. We are hoping to paddle the [Herring River](#) on Saturday. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the [flatwater message board](#). Please check the board before leaving for the trip.

October 22nd - meet at 10:00 for a 10:15 shuttle

Pawtuxet River - Warwick to Cranston, RI

Trip Coordinator: Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-934-9212 and Bill Luther prijon@juno.com 508-761-7961

This is a joint paddle with the [Pawtuxet River Authority & Watershed Council](#). We will put in at the Knight Street put-in in Warwick, and paddle down to Rhodes on the Pawtuxet in Cranston. This is a 7-mile trip that twists and turns through pretty woodland. You will never know that you are paddling along two of the busiest highways in Rhode Island. Bring a lunch.

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Trip Coordinator: Henry Dziadosz hdziadosz@verizon.net or 401-567-0313.

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November 4th - meet at 1:00 pm for a 1:30 launch (Rain date of November 5th)

Turkey Paddle on Wallum Lake

Trip Coordinator - Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942 and Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887 or stonefoxfarm@juno.com

We will paddle on Wallum Lake with dinner after at the waterfront, Lodge Restaurant in Webster MA (148 Gore Road, Webster). Come for the paddle, come for the dinner or both. RSVP required by November 1st if you are planning on coming to the restaurant.

Sea Kayak Trips

Sea kayak trips are now be posted on the Show & Go Message Board at: <http://rickaseakayaking.org/forums/index.php?board=2.0>

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Valley Aquanaut** - fast, stable touring kayak, fiberglass, 17'7", very good condition (stored in garage) with new front and rear hatch covers, foam block instead of back band, but will include new replacement back band. Asking \$1,750 OBO. For more information and photos, contact Fred at g33zr@gmx.com or text 401-569-6038
- **NRS Catalina spray skirt** - never used - label says 38 inches stretched. Goes for \$60. new, \$40 today. Email me to request pictures, target3777@yahoo.com. David in Warwick 338-7001
- **Betsie Bay Recluse Greenland style kayak** - 19 feet long; 20 1/2 inches maximum beam; 32 lbs. Includes Greenlander 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
- **Current Designs Sirocco** - white, purchased in 2004 but always stored inside. PFD, spray skirt, paddling jacket, two paddles, Kokatat Semi Dry suit, compass, sponge, pump, paddle float, etc. Best package deal to a club member, or person accompanied by a club member. Paul -401-644-8529 wynnpwl@yahoo.com
- **P&H Code Zero Sail for kayak** - with mast, used only a few times. <http://www.phseakayaks.com/sail.php> - \$200 jonathansharlin@gmail.com
- **Kayak wetsuits, PFDs and Drytop** - see craigslist ad for details. <https://newyork.craigslist.org/wch/spo/6148726278.html> Jerry Borenstein 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
- **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
- **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 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
- **Valley Q-Boat** - Quill over Quill Q-Boat with black trim. Some spider cracks. Asking \$1000 or B.O. Eric emjohnso3@verizon.net
- **Old Town Tripper** - 17' royalex canoe - stored inside and is in very good condition. Asking \$800. 508-808-0530 or jrmiller59@yahoo.com

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