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## October Club Meeting

### Standup Paddleboarding

Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

For our October Meeting, local paddler and RICKA member Mark Allio will present his program **Standup Paddleboarding - Almost Everything You Need to Know**, which will provide a complete overview of the sport, including history, types of SUP activities, equipment, strokes, resources, local outfitters and destinations, safety, and other SUP lore.

Mark is a longtime RICKA member who has been paddling most of his life, starting with canoes, then kayaks, and for the past eight years, standup paddleboards. Mark recently completed the American Canoe Association (ACA) combined L1/L2 paddleboard instructor training, and is awaiting formal certification.

The meeting will be held in the Louttit Library, 274 Victory Highway, West Greenwich, RI.

**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.



RICKA Standup Paddleboarders at Lake Pearl last summer.

## Best Places to Paddle in Rhode Island

Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

Chuck Horbert, [Wilderness Tripping](#) Chair, will give a presentation at the [Harmony Library](#) on the best places to paddle in Rhode Island and nearby states. Chuck is a longtime RICKA member, and in the summer of 2014 he and three colleagues traveled 101 miles by canoe and kayak across Rhode Island from the MA state line to Stonington, CT.

The Harmony Library is located at 195 Putnam Pike, Harmony, RI. Contact Brenda Fecteau at 401-949-2850 or [harmonyreference@gmail.com](mailto:harmonyreference@gmail.com) for additional information.

## Turkey Paddle at Webster Lake

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm

RSVP required for dinner

We will meet at Point Breeze Marina for a paddle on Webster Lake, with dinner to follow at the waterfront Point Breeze Restaurant. The Point Breeze Restaurant is located at 114 Point Breeze Road, Webster, MA. Come for the paddle, come for the dinner, or both. The paddle will be led by Earl MacRae ([earlandpat@comcast.net](mailto:earlandpat@comcast.net)). RSVP required for dinner.

For dinner reservations please contact Cheryl Thompson at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com).

# 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 videos 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.

## RICKA is an ACA



## Paddle America Club

### Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on November 7<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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## Submit your stories to the

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.

Don't be shy, please send it along to [editor@ricka.org](mailto:editor@ricka.org)!

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# RICKA Family Picnic

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. This year, the picnic was held at [Ninigret Park](#) in Charlestown.

The day started with a group paddle on Ninigret Pond led by RICKA Vice

President Pat Lardner. Ninigret Pond is the largest of Rhode Island's South County salt ponds and is separated from the ocean by a barrier island. A mix of [flatwater](#) and [sea kayak](#) paddlers put-in at the boat launch and paddled west along the barrier island. They took a break to hike over to the beach before heading back for the picnic.

After the paddle, everyone gathered at the pavilion for lunch and the RICKA Awards Ceremony. The food was plentiful and

great. This year, awards were presented to four deserving volunteers.

Jonathan Sharlin received the **Volunteer of the Year Award**. Jon is a formidable kayaker, surfer and photographer, as well as a kayak fisherman. A raconteur, chef, and grill master, he also hosts the sea kayak group's annual July 4<sup>th</sup> party with the best homemade hummus around. Thank you Jon for all you do.

Erik Eckilson received the **Golden Camera Award** for his pictures and videos of paddles throughout the year.

Frank Cortesa and Jim Crowley received the **Most Consecutive Month Paddled Award**, having paddled for 91 consecutive months.

It was a great day, and we would also like to thank all the other RICKA volunteers that make this club possible throughout the year.



RICKA members on the beach

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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.**

### 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 - meet at 10:00 (rain date October 7th)

#### **Bigelow Hollow State Park - Union, CT**

Trip Coordinators: Pat and Earl MacRa  
[earlandpat@comcast.net](mailto:earlandpat@comcast.net) 508-928- 2650  
cell: 508-988-5589

#### **RSVP Required**

We will meet at the at the boat ramp, paddle around Mashapaug Pond, and have lunch at one of the picnic sites. Earl and Pat will be cooking on a grill, so we will need an RSVP. Please bring a dish or something to share.

October 13th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

#### **Charles River - Medfield to Natick MA**

Trip Coordinator: Will Conrad  
[will235@verizon.net](mailto:will235@verizon.net) 781-767-1903 C

A 9-mile trip on one of the prettiest stretches of the Charles River. Any length

boat OK, but paddlers in shorter boats may find the distance too great. Bring a lunch.

October 20th - meet at 8:30 for a 9:00 launch.

#### **Palmer River - Warren, R.I**

Trio Coordinator - Marty O'Loughlin 508-336-9592 [maopao@comcast.net](mailto:maopao@comcast.net)

Launching from the German Club in Warren. This is a 3-hour round trip suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. Bring a snack.

### Sea Kayak Trips

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

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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.

- **P & H Cetus HV** - 2017 boat, used approximately six times – like new. 18"3" x 22" 5" with expedition lay-up, wide seams, keel strip, team graphics, compass, custom cockpit foam including sacral block and footrest, \$3000.00, call Tim at 401-783-6287 before 9 p.m.
- **Shearwater Stitch and Glue Kayak** - designed by Erik Schade. Built in Erik's class around July '18. Extremely sea worthy 17' by 22" greenland style with keyhole cockpit, foot pegs, carbon epoxy on hull (limits scratches) and front and back hatches with bulkheads - \$1,400. Contact [aikijerry@gmail.com](mailto:aikijerry@gmail.com)
- **Snapdragon neoprene kayak skirt** - cockpit size large - 18 wide x 33-35 length, tunnel size small, 28-30 inches circumference - \$50. Contact [welcomplacefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:welcomplacefarm@yahoo.com)
- **PRICE REDUCED: Beautiful handmade wooden kayak with wooden paddle** - Wood Duck 12 Hybrid from Chesapeake Light Craft. Fiberglass/epoxy so no maintenance required - \$1,500. Contact [petemeboy@gmail.com](mailto:petemeboy@gmail.com)
- **PRICE REDUCED: P&H Cetus-MV carbon-fiber sea kayak**, built 2010, red, excellent condition 17 feet long, with neoprene spray skirt. Large capacity, efficient hull, 4 hatches, compass, stored indoors - \$2,000. Contact Fred at [fffgrif@yahoo.com](mailto:fffgrif@yahoo.com)
- **Valley Skerry RM sea kayak** - 17' x 23". skeg, ocean cockpit, sealed bulkheads, nylon sprayskirt. Fast for plastic, but also good for taking a beating in the rock gardens - \$400 OBO. **New Wave Cruise Control WW/ surfing kayak** - well maintained, stored indoors, not too abused as it has been used for surfing. Worn but functional sprayskirt included. Foot pegs removed- customize with foam - \$150. **Ace Explorer 515 Tandem Kayak** - 17' x 28", well maintained, about 25 years old, European make. Included are two Perception nylon sprayskirts – \$300. A child's **Werner Kayak Paddle** is available for \$30. Located in Tiverton Contact Todd [tmoore991@gmail.com](mailto:tmoore991@gmail.com)
- **Canon WP-DC300 waterproof case** - free to a good home. Cheryl - [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) or 401-497-5887.
- **Mad River Rampage** - 14' ABS whitewater canoe with both high initial and excellent secondary stability; it tracks well yet is very maneuverable. Equipped with an electric bilge pump that puts the water back in the river while you paddle. \$250. Alan, [alan02860@usa.com](mailto:alan02860@usa.com) or 401-725-3344.
- **Astral Adult Life Jacket** - small/medium with organic Kapok - \$30 Contact [wanderlust\\_bristol@yahoo.com](mailto:wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com)
- **Old Town Discovery 16.9 Canoe** - Blue rotomolded plastic, 1990s vintage, good condition, with 2 Mowhawk ABS paddles, in N. Kingstown, \$450 or best offer - [garywhitney3@cox.net](mailto:garywhitney3@cox.net)
- **Valley Aquanaut** - 2005, fiberglass, 17'7", looks like new and in very good to excellent condition.. Also includes 1 Werner Shuna paddle (215 cm), Snap Dragon spray skirt (LG), and cockpit cover. Asking \$1,950. If you're interested in buying just the kayak, it's your for \$1,800 firm. 2 Thule J-bars and racks with c-clips - asking \$35.00. Contact Fred at [g33zr@gmx.com](mailto:g33zr@gmx.com) or text 401.569.6038
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