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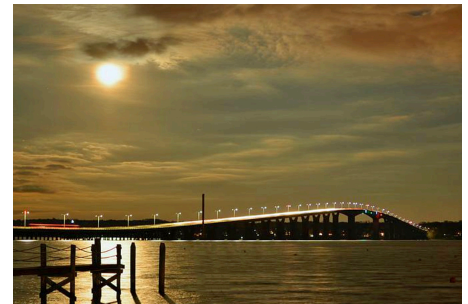
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July 2025

July Meeting on the Water Full Moon Paddle at the URI Bay Campus

Thursday, July 10, 2025 - meet at 7:15 for a 7:45 launch

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. This month's trip is a Full Moon Paddle at the [URI Bay Campus](#).



Full moon rising over the
Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge

We will put in at the URI Bay Campus beach at the east end of [South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI](#). Sunset is 8:21, moonrise is 8:23. Be sure to bring a single white light that will attach to your boat or person, as required by the Coast Guard for night time paddling. This paddle requires a quiet, clear evening. Be sure to check the [Flatwater](#) and [Sea Kayak](#) message boards for updates before leaving.

Please note that this is [Level 2](#) Sea Kayak Trip. You must be an experienced flatwater or sea kayak paddler to participate. Boats 14-feet or longer are required, and a spray skirt is recommended. You must be able to do a wet exit and assisted rescue.

Contact Rich Coupland rlcoupland@msn.com or Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net for additional information.

Basic Kayak Training

Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 9:30 to 12:30

The Flatwater group will be holding a Basic Kayak Training on Saturday, July 12th at 9:30.

In this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats in flatwater. We will also cover basic rescue techniques. The class will take place at [Stump Pond in Smithfield](#) and will be free for RICKA members. All participants must sign an [ACA waiver](#). Participation is limited to 25 paddlers, and advanced registration is required.

For additional information or to register, please contact Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com, Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net or Michael Hazeltine mbhazeltine@me.com.

Wilderness Tripping Training and Camping

Introduction to Canoe/Kayak Camping
Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 on Zoom

This on-line, Zoom meeting will cover the basics of canoe/kayak camping including trip planning, gear you will need, and common hazards you will face.

Pawcatuck River Overnight
Saturday, July 12, 2004 – launch at 2:00

This will be an easy overnight to practice the skills you learned in the on-line session. We will paddle from [Bradford Landing](#) to the [Burlingame Canoe Campsites](#) for the night.

Wilderness Selections from the RICKA Library

Northern Forest Canoe Trail Official Guidebook



The newest addition to the RICKA Library is a great source of information for anyone thinking of paddling a section of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail that runs 740 miles and links waterways from New York to Maine. The book is divided into sections by state and includes information on camping, portages, gear and equipment. It describes opportunities for flatwater, quickwater and whitewater paddling on a range of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. Details of flora and fauna are also included. Paddlers of all skill levels will appreciate the vast amounts of information this book has to offer.

The Complete Wilderness Paddler

By James West Davidson and John Ruggeth



The authors use a canoe trip on the Moisie River as the vehicle for teaching us everything we need to know to make a similar trip. The book includes sections on navigation, maps, portaging, camping, reading rivers and learning how to plan descents by ferrying, lining and maneuvering. It covers everything from how to find a wilderness worthy of paddling, to managing capsize and wilderness disasters. It's unfortunate that the book hasn't been revised, but the dated material is minor and easily ignored, as the most valuable information on things like safety, wind and the behavior of whitewater are timeless.

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. 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

Executive Board Meeting:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on July 2nd at 7:00 p.m. online as a ZOOM videoconference. To participate contact Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

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Due to frequent spam and phishing attacks, we have removed personal phone numbers and email addresses for executive board members from the Paddler. If you need to contact the club, please reach out to Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net.

Interest Group Q&A

Paddling with RICKA Wilderness

What is the RICKA Wilderness group?

The [Wilderness](#) group is the newest of RICKA's four interest groups. The Wilderness group organizes trips that involve paddling, camping and other wilderness skills.

What types of trips do you do?

Wilderness trips run the gamut from easy overnight trips on rivers like the Pawcatuck, to weeklong excursions in the Adirondacks, the North Maine Woods or Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

What experience do I need?

It depends on the trip. Some trips are open to all paddlers and require a minimum of camping experience. Other trips are limited to small groups of experienced paddlers, capable of multi-day trips in a variety of paddling conditions.

How do I find out about trips?

On occasion, RICKA Wilderness trips are posted on either the Wilderness calendar on our website.



Mist on the water – Lobster Lake in Maine

Wilderness Calendar:
<https://ricka.org/wildschedule>

Ad hoc trips may also be posted on the Flatwater message board.

<http://members.boardhost.com/FLATWATER/>

Please note that these bootleg trips may not be official RICKA trips. They are posted for the convenience of our paddlers. As always, you are responsible for determining if the trip is suitable for your level of experience.

How do I join a trip?

Official RICKA Wilderness trips are always RSVP trips. Contact the leader via email or at the phone number listed. You may be asked about past experience before being allowed to participate.

What equipment do I need?

Every paddler will need a canoe or kayak that is appropriate for the conditions, paddles and a personal flotation device (PFD). You will also need camping equipment including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking gear.

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.

What about clothing?

Wilderness paddling is a water sport, so you should plan to get wet. Cotton cloths should be avoided. Polypropylene, fleece, wool, and lycra blends insulate well when wet. In cold water conditions, a neoprene wetsuit is the better insulator, and splash jackets and dry wear are good investments.



Wilderness leaders Chuck and Cindy

You will also need cloths for the time that you spend in camp including comfortable shoes and enough clean/dry cloths for the days you will be out. Spring and fall trips will also require a few heavier items that can be worn in layers if the weather turns cold, and don't forget your rain gear just in case.

What will I eat?

Once again, it depends on the trip. On trips where portages are few and weight is not an issue, we may bring coolers filled with fresh food and arrange group meals. On trips with long and frequent portages every ounce counts. For these trips most of the food will be freeze dried and everyone will arrange their own meals.

Do you offer training?

We will be holding an *Introduction to Canoe/Kayak Camping* training session on-line on Zoom on Tuesday, July 8th at 7:00. This session will cover the basics including trip planning, gear you will need, and common hazards you will face.

We will also have an easy overnight camping trip for new and experienced campers on July 12th at the Burlingame Canoe Campsites on the Pawcatuck River.

Who do I contact with questions?

You can contact Wilderness Chair Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com or 401-418-2838 with any questions.

Breaking in New Whitewater Recruits

By Paul Leclerc

With a poor winter snowpack and little early spring rains, the naturally fed whitewater rivers were a no go.

Thankfully, a few dam releases were on the horizon, the Westfield River in MA and Lower Otter Brook in NH.

The Westfield is a great river for whitewater beginners with mostly class II rapids and one class III feature. Logan and I, joined Erik and Aaron. It was Aaron's second whitewater trip and Logan's first.



Paul and Erik heading out on the Westfield

Logan was going along just fine until a rock got him offline and his boat got on edge and flipped. He quickly wet exited and was able to get himself and boat to a shallow island that split the river. Thinking he would have had difficulty getting back in the boat in the moderate current, I had him release the boat so I could corral it to calmer waters for him to reenter.

Onward to the class III feature, a smooth drop with a series of waves following. After Erik set up for pictures, I led them river left avoiding most of the subsequent wave train. No problems other than Aaron having a quick grab of his boat as he hit the waves. A typical newbie move, but no swim. The rest of the river was a bit of hole dodging and maneuvering, but they did just fine. We gathered for a quick stop at the



Aaron running the Gorge Drop

free BBQ and then headed out. Next up would be Lower Otter Brook.

At Lower Otter Brook, Erik and I met up with Ben, Logan and father and son team, Craig and Elliot. Ben is relatively new to whitewater but is a seasoned sea kayaker. And Erik and I had gone down Fife Brook on the Deerfield with Craig and Elliot last year.

The Otter is a bit less pushy in parts than the Westfield, but rockier and more technical in sections. No one had any problems and there were no swims.

Erik led us down river to a new takeout but ended up getting out a bit too early and they had to portage through the jungle. I went a bit further downstream and found a more proper takeout. We shuttled back up and did a second lap. Again no problems. Everyone made it fine and had a great time.

Mid-May saw some heavy rains come through and pick up the natural rivers. I was able to get on the Upper and Lower Millers in MA and the Contoocook in NH. All at high stages with big waves and holes, but this is about the newbies.



Heading downstream on Otter Brook

I was able to meet up again with Logan and Ben on the Quinebaug section from Danielson to Canterbury, CT. A scenic stretch with class I rapids and a straightforward class II wave train.

We stopped for a stretch halfway on the nearly 10 mile run. Upon reentry Ben misjudged the current and got flipped by a low hanging tree. A short swim later he was back in the boat and a proud member of the Quinebaug swim team.

Whitewater can be a bit harrowing when stepping up into more challenging rivers. It's not for everyone, but with a basic foundation and confidence these guys are ready.



Ben running Otter Ledge

We need your help getting the word out

We are looking for some help to get the word out on upcoming RICKA events.

First, we would like to fill the long-vacant Publicity Chair on the Executive Board to promote the club's activities in traditional media and to act as a media liaison.

Second, we are looking for someone to help improve our social media presence on Facebook and other platforms. This would also be an Executive Board level position.

If you can help us in either (or both) of these roles, please contact Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net or Cheryl Thompson at stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com.

Conservation Corner

Invasive Hydrilla found in Worden Pond

How paddlers can help fight the spread of invasive aquatic plants

Yet another RI waterway has been infected with aquatic invasives. The invasive plant hydrilla (*Hydrilla Verticillata*) has been detected in Worden Pond, which serves as the headwaters of the Pawcatuck River.

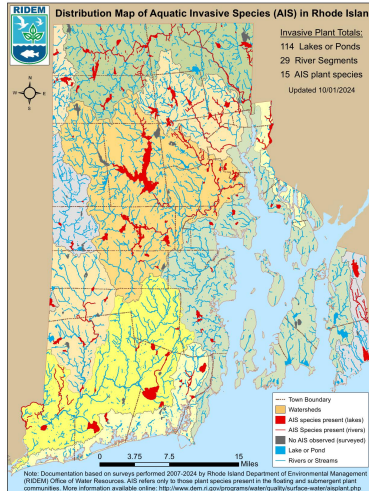
This aquatic invasive is relatively new to RI, but has had a devastating impact on the Connecticut River in nearby CT. The plant is nearly impossible to manage. Even a one-inch fragment of stem with a few leaves can grow roots and generate an entirely new plant.

Plant fragments or turions (seeds) leaving Worden Pond and floating or being carried downstream could eventually spread hydrilla throughout the 36-miles of the Pawcatuck River and into the brackish waters of Little Narragansett Bay in Westerly. This is just the most recent example of a rapidly spreading problem in RI.

A [2024 survey by RIDEM](#) showed that 114 ponds and lakes and 26 rivers in RI are infected with at least one of fifteen different species of invasive plants. The most common are variable milfoil and fanwort, which are now widespread throughout the state. While less common, other invasives such as hydrilla and water chestnut are also spreading rapidly, making them just as concerning.



Invasive Water Chestnuts at Lackey Dam on the Backstone River



Map showing aquatic invasives (red) in RI

These invasive species severely impact the environment by displacing native species, decreasing biodiversity, altering habitats, and disrupting food chains. They can also degrade water quality and negatively affect recreational activities like swimming, boating, and fishing.

While river flows and wildlife can spread invasive plants, it is human activities such as boating, paddling, fishing, swimming and the improper disposal of ornamental water plants that are the primary culprits. Once introduced, these invasives spread quickly and easily overwhelm native plants.

As paddlers, we need to do our part to limit the spread of invasive plants. It is important that we be aware of infected areas, and minimize the movement between infected and uninfected areas that might contribute to the spread, such as paddling downstream from Worden Pond into the Pawcatuck River.

Paddlers should also diligently practice "Clean, Drain, and Dry" to remove any

potential hitchhikers from their boats. This involves:

Clean

Carefully inspect your boat, paddle, life jacket, water shoes and any other equipment for plants or mud. Remove any visible debris or plant fragments and wash thoroughly. Be sure to check difficult to see areas like skegs, rudders, hatches, and the cockpit for any hidden debris or plant fragments. If available, high-pressure washing with hot water can be a very effective way to remove invasives from your boat and gear.

Drain

Ensure all water is drained from your boat, including the cockpit and hatches. Remove the drain plug from your kayak if it has one, and leave it out while transporting it to allow for further drying.

Dry

Allow your boat and all equipment to dry completely in the sun before using it in a different body of water. Some invasive species can survive for several weeks in damp conditions, so thorough drying is crucial.

By consistently practicing these measures, paddlers can play a vital role in protecting aquatic ecosystems from the harmful effects of invasive plants.



New wash station at Worden Pond

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 1st – launching promptly at 6:15
Wilson Reservoir – Pascoag, RI
Trip Coordinators: Julie Reindeau Julierie87@gmail.com and Steve Reindeau steverie154@gmail.com

A pleasant paddle around Wilson Reservoir - a large, 109-acre reservoir with a mix of developed and undeveloped shoreline.

July 8th – launching promptly at 6:15
Manville Dam – Cumberland, RI
Trip Coordinators: Skye Pechie Skye scitamb.2@juno.com, Steve Pechie resq1192@gmail.com and Steve Norris sirron30@gmail.com

An up-and-back trip on a pretty section of the Blackstone River. Bring wheels if you have them, it will help getting your boat to the launch from the parking lot.

July 15th – launching promptly at 6:15
Lincoln Woods - Lincoln, RI
Trip coordinators: Manny Terezakis egterezakis@gmail.com and Bob Larrivee rml405@charter.net

After launching from the Boat Ramp we will paddle the perimeter of Olney Pond to view the glacial erratic boulders and

wildlife in the coves and along the shoreline.

July 22nd – launching promptly at 6:15
Blackstone Gorge, Blackston, MA
Trip coordinators: Earl MacRae patandearl@comcast.net, Jim Crowley crowbird888@msn.com and Bob Larrivee rml405@charter.net

We will launch above the dam and paddle upstream to the Triad Bridge and Millville Lock before returning.

July 29th – launching promptly at 6:15
Smith and Sayles Reservoir – Gloucester
Trip Coordinator: TBD

We will launch from the Smith & Sayles Fishing Area and to explore this 186-acre reservoir with it numerous coves.

August 5th – launching promptly at 6:15
Providence River - Bold Point
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 617-794-0378

We will put in at Bold Point in East Providence, paddle across Providence Harbor, through the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, and up the Providence and Woonasquatucket Rivers to the Providence Place Mall.

August 12th – launching promptly at 6:15
Stump Pond - Smithfield
Trip coordinators Bob Larrivee rml405@charter.net and Steve Norris sirron30@gmail.com

A pleasant paddle around Stump Pond, also known as the Stillwater or Woonasquatucket Reservoir.

August 19th - launching promptly at 6:00 (note the earlier time due to sunset)
Party and Paddle at Spring Lake
Trip Coordinators: Julie Julierie87@gmail.com and Steve Reindeau steverie154@gmail.com

Join us for a short paddle around Spring Lake and then a gathering at Julie and

Steve's waterfront home for pizza and a party. Please RSVP to Julie at Julierie87@gmail.com if you are coming to the party.

August 26th - launching promptly at 6:00 (note the earlier time due to sunset)
Slatersville Reservoir and Uncle Ronnies Red Tavern
Trip coordinators are Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com 401-497-5887 and Tom Farley

Join us for a paddle around Slatersville Reservoir and a visit after the paddle to nearby Uncle Ronnie's Red Tavern to celebrate the end of another successful season.

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 5th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle
Charles River- Medfield to Natick, MA
Trip organizer: Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 eckilson@cox.net

Considered one of the prettiest stretches of the Charles River, this trip passes by and through two state reservations and the Mass Audubon Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary. We will put in at West Street in Medfield and take out above the dam in Natick - 7- mile shuttle trip. Bring a lunch.

July 8th – Zoom Meeting at 7:00
Introduction to Canoe/Kayak Camping
Coordinators: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 617-794-0378 and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-418- 2838

This Zoom meeting will cover the basics of canoe/kayak camping including trip planning, gear you will need, and common

hazards you will face. This will be a great warm-up for our overnight trip on July 12th on the Pawcatuck River.

July 10th – meet at 7:15 for a 7:45 launch
July Meeting on the Water – Full Moon Paddle at the URI Bay Campus
Organizers: Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 eckilson@cox.net and Rich Copeland rlcoupland@msn.com

We will put in at the URI Bay campus. Be sure to bring a single white light that will attach to your boat or person, as required by the Coast Guard for night time paddling. Sunset is 8:21, moonrise is 8:23. This paddle requires a quiet, clear evening. You must be an experienced flatwater or sea kayak paddler to participate. Watch the message board for updates.

July 12th – 9:30 to 12:30
Level 1 Kayak Training – Stump Pond
Organizers: Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com, Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net or Michael Hazeltinen mbhazeltine@me.com

In this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats on flatwater. We will also cover basic rescue techniques. The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield and will be free for RICKA members. All participants must sign an ACA waiver. Participation is limited to 25 paddlers, so register now!

July 12th – meet at 2:00 for a 2:30 launch
Pawcatuck River Overnight
Cordinator: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 401-765-1741

We will launch from [Bradford Landing](#) and paddle up to the [Burlingame Canoe Campsites](#) for the evening. We will do group meals for supper and breakfast so you won't have to worry about bringing food or cooking gear, unless you would like to contribute a pot-luck item. You will need a tent, sleeping bag, mess kit (plate, cup and silverware), a folding chair (for sitting around the campfire), and your

usual paddling gear. These are primitive campsites, so outdoor facilities will not be available. RSVP to eckilson@cox.net required.

July 12th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Green Hill Pond – Charlestown, RI
Trip organizer: Pat Lardner 401-524- 8057 pslardner@gmail.com

Green Hill Pond is a 439-acre lagoon with lots of small islands, rock outcroppings and interesting shoreline to explore. Suitable for boats 12 feet or longer. Bring a lunch. This trip requires a RSVP to pslardner@gmail.com required due to limited parking.

July 13th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch
Ninigret Pond – Charlestown, RI
Trip coordinator: Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942

Ninigret Pond is Rhode Island's largest coastal salt pond. Trip is suitable for all but may be windy - most suitable for boats 12-foot or longer. Bring a lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water.

July 20th – meet at 10 for a 10:30 shuttle
J. Cronan to Bradford - Pawcatuck River
Trip organizers: Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-418- 2838 and Cindy Gianfresceso

We will put-in in at the Jay Cronan Access and paddle down to Bradford Landing. The river twists and turns, and you can run or portage the broken dam at Burdickville. Bring a lunch.

July 26th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch.
Point Judith Pond - South Kingstown
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 617-794-0378

We will put in at the public boat launch at Marina Park. Trip will be 8-miles if we paddle all the way down to Galilee. You must be a strong paddler as we often have windy conditions and boat traffic. Suitable for boats 14-foot or longer. Bring a lunch.

July 27th - meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle.

Pawcatuck - Potter Hill to Westerly
Trip organizer: Aaron Rouby aaronrouby@gmail.com

A paddle along the RI/CT border on the Pawcatuck River. This is a relatively short 5.5 mile paddle that is mostly flatwater but has several quickwater and moving water sections as well as a couple short stretches that could be considered Class I rapids. You should be confident in controlling where your boat is going in moving water.

August 2nd to 9th
RICKA Adirondacks Trip
Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-418- 2838 and Cindy Gianfresceso.

We will be returning to Rollins Pond State Park in the Adirondacks for our 2025 summer camping and paddling trip. Rollins Pond is a beautiful campground with spacious sites and good bathroom facilities. It is also within an hour's drive of many prime-paddling destinations. If you are planning on joining the group, please contact Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com ASAP to be added to the list for future organizational emails.

August 9th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch
Whitehall Reservoir – Hopkinton, MA
Trip coordinators: Steve and Joanna Norris sirron30@gmail.com

We will explore this former reservoir in Whitehall State Park with its deep coves and dozens of wonderful islands. Bring a lunch.

August 13th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch
Meeting on the Water at Lincoln Woods
Trip organizer is Al Sampson wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com

After launching from the Boat Ramp we will paddle the perimeter of Olney Pond to view the glacial erratic boulders and

wildlife in the coves and along the shoreline. Trip is suitable for all

August 16th - meeting time will be determined based on release schedule
Easy Whitewater Trip on the Lower Deerfield – Charlemont, MA
Trip Coordinator; Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 eckilson@cox.net

This trip is about 7 miles of quickwater with a couple of easy class I/II rapids. We will put in at the Zoar Picnic Area and take out at Charlemont Academy. Boats 14 feet or under are required, as is a helmet and sprayskirt. We will meet at the paved pull over on the left of Rte 2 just before Charlemont Academy. Address is 1554 Mohawk Trail, Charlemont, MA 01339. Bring a lunch. RSVP required to Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net

August 17th - meet at 11:00 for an 11:30 launch

Quinebaug River - Brooklyn, CT
Trip Coordinators: Skye Pechie Skye scitamb.2@juno.com, Steve Pechie resq1192@gmail.com

An up and back trip of approximately 9-miles. Trip is suitable for everyone. No shuttle needed. Bring a lunch.

August 30th - meet at 11:00 for an 11:30 launch

Assonet Bay – Assonet, MA
Trip organizers: Steve and Joanna Norris sirron30@gmail.com

We plan to launch from the [Hathaway Park Boat Ramp](#) and paddle into the bay. We expect to see many different birds while exploring the many coves along the bay.

Sea Kayak Trips

Before choosing to participate in a trip, check the marine forecast and consider the trip. 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 4th – launch TBD
July 4th Paddle & Potluck - Westport, MA - Level: 3
Location: Put-in TBD, Westport
Coordinator: Jon Sharlin

Potluck at Jon's NEW HOUSE in Westport, MA following the paddle. See the message board for details.

July 10th – launch at 7:45
July Meeting on the Water – Full Moon Paddle at the URI Bay Campus – Level 2
Location – URI Bay Campus
Coordinator: Rich Copeland

Bring a single white light that will attach to your boat or person, as required by the Coast Guard for night time paddling. Sunset is 8:21, moonrise is 8:23. This paddle requires a quiet, clear evening. Watch the message board for updates.

July 12th – 9:30 to 12:30
Intro to Kayaking - Level: 1
Location: Stump Pond, Smithfield, RI
Coordinator: Mike Hazeltine

This session will teach basic strokes and rescues.

July 12th – launch at 9:30
Ft. Wetherill - Level: 3
Location: Fort Wetherill Scuba Diving Lot
Coordinator: Rick Brooks

This will be a touring paddle to Narragansett Beach – approximately 12-miles round trip.

July 13th – launch at 10:00
Knowles Beach - Level 2
Location: Launch site is Knowles Beach on Smith Neck Road 1/5 mile south of Gulf Road
Coordinator: Cat Radcliffe

Paddle from Padanaram Harbor along Smith Neck to Round Hill Point and Dumpling Rocks

July 19th – launch at 9:30
Weaver's Cove - Level 2
Location: Weaver Cove Boat Ramp, Burma Rd, Portsmouth, RI 02871
Coordinators: Mike Hazeltine and Tony Moore

August 9th - launch at 9:30
Introduction to Level 3 Paddling - Level: 2+
Location: URI Bay Campus Beach, Parking lot, S Ferry Rd, Saunderstown, RI 02874
Coordinators: Rick Brooks and John Davenport

A step-up trip geared to sea kayakers who have mostly paddled Level 2 trips. You will have the opportunity to paddle in swells, current, rocks, and/or other dynamic (but still manageable) conditions.

August 16th = launch at 10:00
West Island Circumnavigation - Level: 2+
Location: Launch from east end of [Edgewater Street, Fairhaven, MA](#)
Coordinator: Cat Radcliffe

This is a Level 2+ due to distance of 9-miles.

August 30th - TBD
Potluck & Bioluminescence Paddle - Level: 2
Potluck Location: Bradford, RI
Paddle Location: Ninigret Pond
Coordinator: Bill Fournier

Details to be posted on the message board.

September 6th - launch at 5:45
Swallows Paddle
Location: Ferry Landing State Park, Old Lyme, CT
Coordinator: Rich Coupland

This is a joint paddle with the Flatwater Group. Be sure to bring a dinner you can eat on the water or after the paddle. Bring a single white light to attach to your boat. Arrive early to get good parking.

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **NDK Explorer Sea Kayak** - 17'6" x 21.5". Cockpit: 32" x 15.0" Weight: 56 lbs - \$4,500. Contact sandy@ducharme.org
- **Necky Chatham 17** - full carbon with glass keel strip. Excellent condition. \$1,400. Contact aikijerry@gmail.com
- **Perception Eclipse Kayak** - yellow deck with white hull. Length: 17 ft, width: 22.5 inches, weight: 52 lbs. with rudder. In very good condition - \$980. Contact sandbobo@yahoo.com
- **Valley Anas Acuta Sea Kayak** - 17' 2" by 20", good condition. Gray with blue trim, Ocean cockpit, Sea-Lect hatch covers, deck mounted compass, retractable skeg, and Jackson Sweet Cheeks seat. Comes with Greenlandic style skirt and cockpit cover - \$1,200 cash only, in person. Located near Mansfield, CT. Contact wsmith16@charter.net
- **Men's Kokatat Paddling Jacket** - XL, mango, never used, stored in closet for 25 years - \$100 includes shipping. **Woman's Kokatat Drop Seat, Gortex Dry Suit** - medium, blue & mango, no socks, never used, stored in closet for 25 years - \$320 includes shipping. Contact timothyjmotte@gmail.com
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- **Eddyline Fathom Touring Kayak** - white with yellow deck -pristine condition. Length 16'6", width 22", depth 13.5", weight 50 lbs. Cockpit Size 31.6" x 16.5". Includes cockpit cover - \$2,100. Located in Newport. Text 401- 662-6548 with "kayak" in subject line
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- **Thule Hull-a-Port Pro XT Kayak Racks (Model: 848)** - black. Excellent condition. Straps and cords never used; still in original packaging. \$95. Contact andree.rathemacher@gmail.com or 401-792-7034.
- **Thule 50" square bars with universal mount** (mounts to various side rails) - \$50. **Thule 50" square bars** with mounts for 2013 Corolla - \$50. **Thule 56" square bars with universal mounts** (mounts to various side rails) - \$50. Contact Chris at chris.krack@gmail.com
- **Two 12-foot Perception Pompano 120** - sit-on-top Kayaks in very good condition, lightly used, stored properly. Capacity 350 lbs., 3 dry-hatches, lots of storage, tracks nicely. Also have clip-on seats, paddles, J-racks, tow ropes. \$475 each, buy both and get all the gear. Call (401) 651-7701
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- **Necky Looksha** - 17' sea kayak. Gray with rudder. Good condition, stored indoors - \$550. Contact Jay at josephlwade@yahoo.com
- **Valley Gemini ST composite kayak** - 14' 10 and 45 pounds. Yellow deck with white hull and a keel strip. Kayak is in excellent condition as it has only been very lightly used and stored properly indoors. Asking \$1,750 including a Werner carbon fiber touring paddle and a Seals cockpit cover. Contact Bill Hahn: bhahn02835@yahoo.com or 401524-1612

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