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October Meeting Trip Planning and Group Management Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 7:00

At our October Meeting, Carl Ladd of Osprey Sea & Surf Adventures will speak to us on Trip Planning and Group Management.

This will be an interactive presentation that looks at how to predict terrain and conditions prior to getting on the water. We will look at scenarios for lake, river and coastal environments. We will also look at best practices for moving a group through these areas.

Carl is a well-known local coach with American Canoe Association (ACA) L3 Surf Kayak Instructor Trainer, Level 4 Open Water Sea Kayak Instructor Trainer and Level 5 Advanced Open Water Instructor certifications. While he has led trips around the world, he can most often be found playing in the rocks and surf off the coast of Rhode Island.

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.



Halloween Monster Paddle at Roger Williams Park Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 11:30

Come join the fun at this year's Monster Paddle! Boo-yah! Come as you are or in full costume or anything in between, armed with a bag of candy. We will meet at the boat ramp and paddle around the lake doing a reverse trick-or-treat where we will toss candy to unsuspecting bystanders. There are usually lots of people and activities going on, so it should be a ghoulishly fun time!

Contact Chris Kracik kracikj@cox.net for additional information. Launch location N 41° 46.636 W 071° 24.854.

Movie Night - Our Favorite Trips of 2019

Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

At our November Meeting, we'll look back with stories, pictures and videos at our favorite trips of 2019. With over 100 trips scheduled by RICKA this year, it can be tough to pick a favorite, but we'll do just that. Videos should be no longer than 10 minutes and advance notice is required. We will have adaptors for connecting Mac and PC laptops to a projector. The meeting will be held at the Louttit Library in West Greenwich.

If you have a video you would like to share, please contact Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net.

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. 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

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The next Executive Board meeting will be held on November 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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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!

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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 Goddard Park in Warwick.

The day started with a group paddle on Greenwich Cove. After the paddle, everyone gathered at the pavilion for lunch and the RICKA Awards Ceremony.

This year, awards were presented to five deserving volunteers.

- Gary Branch received the **Volunteer of the Year Award.**
- Sharon Dragon received a **Lifetime Membership Award.**
- Jennifer Stanton received the **Rookie of the Year Award.**
- Frank Cortesa and Jim Crowley received the **Most Consecutive Month Paddled Award.**

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.

Thanks to all!

Pawtuxet River Cleanup

On September 14th a dozen members from RICKA volunteered to clean up the 7-mile section of the Pawtuxet River from [Knight Street in Warwick](#) to [Rhodes on the Pawtuxet](#) in Cranston, just before the river empties into Narragansett Bay.

The Pawtuxet River is formed by the confluence of North and South branches of the Pawtuxet, which merge in West Warwick. From there it then runs approximately 12 miles until it empties into Narragansett Bay at the Pawtuxet Cove. The last three miles of the river form the boundary between Cranston and Warwick. The section of river that we would be cleaning is getting paddled more frequently thanks to improved access provided by the [Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council](#) (PRAWC).

The on-water cleanup team consisted of 9 boats (5 canoes and 4 kayaks). The PRAWC assisted by providing reaching tools, a dumpster and a flat bottom boat that would launch from the take-out at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet that we could use off-load trash from our smaller boats.

As we headed downstream, the river follows Route I-95 for much of its course. In spite of the traffic noise, this is a pretty section of river. The banks are lined with



trees, and wildlife is abundant.

Unfortunately, the flat bottom boat provided by the PRAWC was unable to navigate upstream to Knight Street. After 2-1/2 miles and 2 hours of clean-up with no means to off-load our haul, our boats were overwhelmed and we reluctantly had to bypass trash for the last 4-miles of the trip.

Adding to our challenge, it rained during the second half of the trip. Still, each of the dozen volunteers collected the equivalent of a garbage bag filled with smaller debris that included hundreds of glass and plastic bottles, beer cans, styrofoam cups, grocery bags, other small items.

In addition to the dozen garbage bags of small debris, we collected larger items that included:

- a dozen plastic landscaping containers
- 3 large plastic tubs
- a large styrofoam tub
- part of a kiddie pool
- multiple large slabs of Styrofoam
- a large plastic baby push buggy

Over 250 lbs. of litter was collected that, thanks to the efforts of these RICKA volunteers and the assistance of the PRAWC, will not find its way into Narragansett Bay.

Thanks to Gary Powers for organizing this cleanup, and all the RICKA volunteers that helped.

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

Check the [Flatwater Message Board](#) for ad-hoc trips and hikes. Appropriate skills and equipment are required.

October 6th – meet at 10:00
Bigelow Hollow State Park, Union CT – RSVP required
Leaders: Earl and Pat MacRae
earlandpat@comcast.net 508-988-5589

We will launch from the boat launch for Mashapaug Pond, and will stop at one of the campsites for lunch. Earl and Pat will provide food from the grill, but please bring a potluck dish to share. Please RSVP.

October 19th - Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch
Nashua River – Groton to Pepperell
Louise Price weezrad@yahoo.com and
Frank Cortesa at frankcortesa@charter.net
508-369-8205.

The Nashua River has been referred to as one of the prettiest places to paddle in eastern MA. Twists and turns among the many islands coupled with many side channels turns this inundated marshland into a giant 5-mile long maze. Round trip will make this approximately a 10-mile paddle. Suitable for any size boat. Bring a lunch.

October 26th – meet at 11:30 for a 12:00 launch
Halloween Monster Paddle - Roger Williams Park
Leader: Chris Kracik kracikcj@cox.net
(Rain Date: October 27th)

Come join the fun at this year's Monster Paddle! Boo-yah! Come as you are or in full costume or anything in between, armed with a bag of candy. We will meet at the boat ramp and paddle around the lake doing a reverse trick-or-treat where we will toss candy to unsuspecting bystanders. There are usually lots of people and activities going on, so it should be a ghoulishly fun time! Launch location: N 41° 46.636 W 071° 24.854

November 2nd - meet at 10:30, launch at 11:00, and lunch at 2:00.
Turkey Paddle and Dinner - Webster Lake – RSVP required for dinner
Organizers: Earl and Pat MacRae
earlandpat@comcast.net 508-988-5589

Meet at 10:30 pm for a 11:00 launch. Paddle on Webster Lake with dinner at 2:00 at the waterfront Point Breeze

Restaurant in Webster. [Please RSVP for dinner here.](#)

December 7th - details to follow
Paddle with Santa - Wickford Harbor
Leader - Pat (Mayhew) Lardner
pslardner@gmail.com

We will escort Santa as he arrives by boat at the Town Dock in Wickford.

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.

October 19th – 10:00
Gooseberry Point, Westport, MA - Level 3
Coordinator -Jonathan Sharlin
jonathansharlin@gmail.com

October 19th – 3:00
Year-end Pot Luck
75 Drift Road, Westport, MA
Questions - Carleen
carleenmcosker@icloud.com

Join us for these fun holiday paddles!



Monster Paddle – October 26th



Turkey Paddle - November 2nd



Santa Paddle – December 7th

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Women's Kokatat Expedition Drysuit** - burgundy with black trim. Great Shape. Left and right sleeve pockets, rear drop seat, front, chest entry. The Expedition sold for \$1,200. We are asking \$650. Contact Gerry@SeaSherpaKayak.com
- **Take Greenland Model Kayak** - 18 x 20 white over white fiberglass. Ocean Cockpit in very good condition. No deep scratches, or damage - \$1,500. Contact aikijerry@gmail.com
- **Valley Skerrary** - 17 ft. X 23" - yellow rotomold, wire skeg, ocean cockpit and lots of rocker. Cost \$500. **Valley Avocet** - 16 ft. X 22". yellow rotomold, wire skeg, keyhole cockpit and lots of rocker. Cost \$500. **Dagger Baja** - 16 ft. X 22"- blue rotomold, integral rudder, keyhole cockpit. Cost \$500. Contact: Greg Paquin, Kayak Waveology, LLC. coach@kayakwaveology.com 860-304-4000
- **Old Town Discovery 16.9 Canoe** - blue rotomolded plastic, 1990s vintage, good condition, with 2 Mowhawk ABS paddles, in N. Kingstown, \$250. garywhitney3@cox.net
- **Betsie Bay Recluse** - Greenland Style Outfitted Boat; built/bought 2007/original owner; 19' long and 20 1/2" wide; weight 30 to 34 lbs.; with spray skirt, cockpit cover, Greenland Paddle (Tuktu), Brooks Tuilik (large), and other accessories; Excellent condition (stored indoors/only fresh water use); \$2750 (\$4500 value); Contact Charlie 518-234-9235 in Albany, NY area.
- **2011 Valley Etain Sea Kayak** - this is the 17-7 model. The boat is in excellent structural condition, with only a few cosmetic repairs to the gel coat on hull. \$1700 OBO. Located in North Kingstown, RI. Gary at glreynolds@hotmail.com or 401-295-1449
- **High performance paddle board** - approximate retail value of \$2K, offered \$900. **Valley Pintail** - if new, approximately \$4,500. This one in excellent condition; Asking 2,30. **Necky Gliss** - is new. A great value, offered @ \$1,240. Available for viewing on the East Side of Providence rogernc@mac.com or cell 401-339-4068
- **P&H Scorpio LV (2009)** - 16'7" Beam 22", custom cockpit with foam sacral block instead of back band, foam foot rest, and foam under-deck thigh pad (have original thigh braces and foot pegs for re-installation if desired). Boat is in very good condition. Always stored in garage. \$675.00 OBO. **Valley Aquanaut (2005)** - 17'7" Beam 22". The boat is very good to excellent condition. Foam sacral block instead of back band, new front and rear hatch covers. Always stored in garage. \$1,275.00 OBO. Will also consider a trade for right boat. Contact Fred at g33zr@gmx.com or text 401-569-6038
- **QCC500** - Fiberglass, length/width: 16' 10" x 23" cockpit: 30" x 16" yellow/white, nice stable boat. Comes with full-zip custom canvas cover and storm paddle. New skeg & cable. \$1,200 firm. **QCC700** - carbon kevlar, length/width: 18.0' x 21" cockpit: 30" x 16" Used 3 times, stored indoors, perfect condition. Includes cockpit cover; extremely fast. \$3000. Contact 401.480.7799
- **Necky Looksha IV** - fore and aft hatches, rudder, some poly dings repaired, new keel strip; double hard chines and rockered hull. About 54 pounds - \$1,500 OBO. Located in East Bay area. kayakjmj@yahoo.com
- **Snapdragon neoprene kayak skirt** - excellent condition. Cockpit size large, fits 18 wide x 33-35 length. Tunnel size small. 28-3 inches circumference - \$50. welcomelacefarm@yahoo.com
- **PRICE REDUSED 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
- **Valley Skerry RM Sea Kayak** - 17' x 23", bought new in 1994, well maintained. Skeg, ocean cockpit (slightly longer than the original ocean cockpit). Includes nylon spray skirt- \$400. **New Wave Cruise Control WW/Surfing Kayak** - 10.5" x 26", mid-90s design, well maintained, stored indoors, not too abused as it has been used for surfing - \$150. Contact Todd at tmoore991@gmail.com
- **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 or 401-725-3344.

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