

# PADDLER

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## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual RICKA Picnic Bristol Town Beach Pavilion Saturday, September 19, 2020

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual RICKA Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Bristol Town Beach and Sports Complex Pavilion.

The [Bristol Town Beach and Sports Complex](#) is located adjacent to Colt State Park at 50 Asylum Road, Bristol, RI 02809. In addition to the Pavilion that will be our base of operations, the park includes wonderful views of Narragansett Bay with walking/biking trails, a playground, and a clean, sandy beach.

In the morning, there will be flatwater and sea kayak trips. Details will be posted on the [flatwater](#) and [sea kayak](#) message boards as we get closer.

Lunch will be available starting at 12:30 in at Pavilion. Balasco's Pizzeria will provide a variety of specialty sandwiches in individual bag lunches including an assortment of salads (macaroni salad, garden salad and fruit salad) and a water bottle. Options will be available for vegetarian, gluten free and lactose free. The cost will be \$10.50 per person.

Picnic tables are available in the Pavilion, but we also recommended that you bring your own chairs so we can maintain social distancing. Please respect others by wearing your mask whenever social distancing can't be maintained.

The 2020 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.



Vice President Danny and President Pat paddling on Bristol Harbor at the 2016 RICKA Picnic

Because this is a catered event we must have your reservation no later than September 12, 2020. You can register by mail or online using PayPal at:

[http://www.ricka.org/Payments/ricka\\_picnic.html](http://www.ricka.org/Payments/ricka_picnic.html)

If you register by mail, please print out the form below and return it with your check payable to RICKA to:

RICKA  
P.O. Box 184  
Hope Valley RI 02832

All are welcome to attend including members, their families, significant others, and friends.

Mark your calendars for this fun event!! Rain or Shine. Who knows.... you may be receiving an award. Hope to see you all there!

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Meals (same price for all): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requirements: Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten Free \_\_\_\_\_ Lactose Free \_\_\_\_\_

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# Where can I find Trips?

With the uncertainty related to COVID-19, most trips are now posted on the [flatwater](#) and [sea kayak](#) message boards.

We recommend the following guidelines for anyone who participates in trips:

- Don't come if you are sick, or have been exposed to someone who is sick.
- Keep the group under 15.
- Maintain physical distancing of 6-feet at all times.

- Always wear a mask or gaiter on land, and anytime you are within 6 feet of someone on the water - narrow waterways, rescues, etc.
- Disinfect your hands often - especially before launching and landing, and anytime you come in contact with another person.
- Keep the trip well within your skill level – minimize the chances of requiring outside assistance or rescues.
- Be responsible for your own gear - loading/unloading, launching/landing.
- Don't share snacks or food.
- Avoid car shuttles – launch, paddle and return to the same put-in.

- Don't congregate at the put-in or take-out - come, paddle and leave.
- Always follow state regulations and national guidance.

Please remember that participating in paddle sport activities can increase your risk of serious injury or death, including exposure to infectious disease such as COVID-19.

We all want to paddle, and we all want to stay safe. During the coronavirus crisis it may be difficult to do both. Be patient, understand the risks and only paddle when you are ready.

## RICKA is an ACA



## Paddle America Club

### Board Meetings:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> online as a ZOOM videoconference. Contact Pat (Mayhew) Lardner at [pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com) if you would like to participate

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Your RICKA membership expired on March 31, 2020...

# Renew your RICKA membership now!

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You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal.

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# Point Judith Pond and Potter Pond

By Erik Eckilson

For the past couple of years I have been leading RICKA trips on Point Judith Pond while I am on vacation. We rent a cottage on Great Island, so for this trip I can literally paddle out to the put-in.

[Point Judith Pond](#), or the Great Salt Pond, is located along the border of Narragansett and South Kingstown, and is the second largest of the [Rhode Island's South County salt ponds](#). It is a shallow, four-mile long pond located behind the barrier beaches and sand dunes that form Point Judith Harbor. The pond is 20 miles around with many pretty islands and coves to explore.



Danny heading out

Our usual put-in for this trip is at the [marina on the Upper Pond](#). Unfortunately, that starts us on the northern end of the pond, and I really prefer the southern end. For this trip I decided to launch at the [Knowlesway Ext. Waterfront Public Access Point](#) instead - more on that later.

We would be paddling across lower Point Judith Pond just above Galilee, though the coastal inlet at Snug Harbor, and over to [Potter Pond](#) – a 6-mile trip that doesn't get paddled very often. We headed out into a slight breeze from the south and an incoming tide. We crossed under the Great Island Bridge and did our best to stay out of the boat channels around Galilee.



Deb at Potter Pond

The Port of Galilee was created in 1935 when a harbor was dredged and a dock constructed at the mouth of Point Judith Pond. Connected to the ocean by the Breachway and protected by the Harbor of Refuge, both completed in 1910, Galilee is the homeport to much of Rhode Island's commercial fishing fleet. Generations of fishermen have sailed from Galilee to work the waters of Narragansett Bay, Block Island Sound and beyond.

We crossed the main boat channel at Snug Harbor and paddled through the coastal inlet that connects Point Judith Pond to Potter Pond. At the southern end of Potter Pond are the sand flats and barrier beaches that make up [East Matunuck State Beach](#). The northern end is more wooded with a spring-fed "kettle hole" formed by retreating glaciers.

We explored the northern end of the Potter Pond until the jet skis and motorboats scared us away. We then headed south and west to the [Ocean Avenue Waterfront](#)



Pat with the sail

[Access](#) in Matunuck for lunch and a swim at East Matunuck State Beach. The beach was packed, but we wore our masks and stayed socially distanced. From there we headed back to Point Judith Pond.

As we approached the inlet leading back to Point Judith Pond we found the incoming tide rushing through the narrow channel – even motor boats were having difficulty getting through. Peter and Gary were able to follow the eddies and paddle up through the fast moving water. The rest of us walked our boats up the left side of the channel. The current was also fast under the Succotash Road Bridge, but we were able to paddle up through there, and provide some entertainment for the customers at the Matunuck Oyster Bar.



Peter waiting to cross

By the time we got back to Snug Harbor the boat traffic had increased significantly, and it was a mad dash across the main boat channel. From there it is an easy paddle back to the put-in.

When we got back to put-in we found an unwelcome surprise – tickets on all the cars. The street isn't posted "No Parking" so we called the police station to complain. They said that the tickets were issued in error, and that we should drop them off at the police station so they can be rescinded. I dropped them off and got a confirmation the next day - thank goodness.

Other than the tickets, it was a fun day with a great group of paddlers.

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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.

- Bill and Sue Rose have generously donated a **Necky Eliza** rotomold kayak with rudder to the club. All proceeds have gone directly to RICKA. The kayak has been sold but [some gear is still for sale](#).
- **P&H Scorpio MV Corelite X** - yellow – in great condition and has a compass installed. Please contact Emil at [emilkrasich@gmail.com](mailto:emilkrasich@gmail.com) - \$1400
- **Yakima Even Keel rooftop kayak saddles** - brand new, never used; bought during quarantine, accidentally put in storage during move and now it's too late to return them. Paid \$119; will sell for half price-\$60. Will deliver within 20 miles of Barrington or meet halfway Contact [caryl@netscape.com](mailto:caryl@netscape.com); 401-480-7799
- **Wilderness Systems Tempest 165** – fiberglass, yellow over white, 16'6" X 21.5" and approx 50lbs - in excellent condition - \$1,400. Pictures upon request.. Handles very well in all conditions. Google for reviews, all are very good. Contact me at [aikijerry@gmail.com](mailto:aikijerry@gmail.com)
- **WANTED TO BUY: Stable sea kayak for a newbie** - 5'5' 130lbs, but one that is a real sea kayak. Contact me at [aikijerry@gmail.com](mailto:aikijerry@gmail.com)
- **Yakima roof rack** - Q-towers, Q70 & Q124 clips, 48" crossbars Used for 10 years, most recently fit a 2005 Toyota Prius, reasonable wear but sturdy system. Will consider selling towers separately as needed - \$60. Contact babsona@gmail.com
- **Tiderace Xplore S sea kayak** - purchased new May 2014, excellent condition. Length 17' 5", Width 20", Weight 55 lbs. Best suited for intermediate to experienced paddlers, 5' 4" to 5' 10", 130-170 lbs. Includes Tiderace neoprene spray skirt and Wildwasser pump - \$2,400 (was \$4,000 new). Boat is in City Island, NY (Bronx/Westchester). Contact Jean at 917-379-4499 can be seen in RI by arrangement
- **PRICE REDUCED: Valley Etain Sea Kayak** - 17-7 model – the boat is in excellent structural condition, with only a few cosmetic repairs to the gel coat on hull. Price reduced from \$1,700 to \$1,200. Located in North Kingstown, RI. Gary at [glreynolds@hotmail.com](mailto:glreynolds@hotmail.com) or 401-295-1449
- **Werner Camano 100% carbon bent shaft paddle** - 220 length. Excellent condition - used 4 times - \$300. **P&H Cetus** - low volume, yellow over white kevlar combo in very good condition - \$1,700. Contact [aikijerry@optonline.net](mailto:aikijerry@optonline.net)
- **WANTED TO BUY: General recreational flat-water kayak** in the 12 to 13 foot range. I have in mind an Eddyline Skylark Kayak or similar model. Please contact me with specs, location, pictures and price at [mike.rubin54@gmail.com](mailto:mike.rubin54@gmail.com)
- **Tahe 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](mailto:aikijerry@gmail.com)
- **Old Town Discovery 16.9 Canoe** - Blue rotomolded plastic, 1990s vintage, good condition, with 2 Mowhawk ABS paddles, in N. Kingstown, \$250. Contact [garywhitney3@cox.net](mailto:garywhitney3@cox.net)
- **Betsie Bay Recluse Kayak** - 19' long and 20 1/2" wide; weight 30 to 34 lbs.; Paddler weight 175 lbs. & greater; Excellent Condition (stored indoors/only fresh water use); \$2,400 (\$4,000 new); Includes cockpit cover, spray skirt, & Greenland paddle. Contact Charlie 518-234-9235 in Albany, NY area.
- **High Performance Paddle Board** - approximate retail value of \$2K, offered at \$900. Available for viewing on the East Side of Providence. **Valley Pintail** - excellent condition - sking \$2,300. **Necky Gliss** - \$1,240. Contact [rogernc@mac.com](mailto:rogernc@mac.com) or cell 401-339-4068

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