

## RICKA Reopens Calendars for Scheduled Trips Encourages Continued Focus on Social Distancing

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Rhode Island entered Phase 3 of its [COVID Reopening Plan](#). During Phase 3 outdoor social gatherings can increase to 50 people, allowing a return to more typical RICKA trips. **As a result, the RICKA Executive Board voted at its July meeting to reopen the RICKA Calendars to scheduled trips.** Flatwater trips are now posted on the [Calendar](#) in addition to the [Message Board](#). Sea Kayak trips will continue to be posted in [Paddles](#) section of the sea kayak message board.

Thanks to everyone who followed social distancing and masking guidelines at the ad-hoc trips posted on the message boards in June. Going forward for calendar trips, please RSVP to the organizer. While group size is now less of an issue in Rhode Island, restrictions continue in other states. In addition, congested parking lots, boat ramps and waterways may also result in limitations on the number of paddlers that can participate in trips. For tracking purposes, it will also be helpful to have a list of participants available.

It is important to note that the fight against coronavirus is far from over. While new cases are declining in the northeast, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut still have among the highest rates of coronavirus infection per capita in the

country. As of July 3<sup>rd</sup> [Rhode Island ranked third, Massachusetts ranked fourth and Connecticut ranked sixth](#). New York and New Jersey ranked first and second, and the District of Columbia snuck in at fifth.

Having said that, we do know what we need to do to keep ourselves and others safe - social distancing and wearing [masks](#). The good news is that masks aren't needed on the water as long as you can maintain at least 6-feet between yourself and other paddlers. Here are some tips to help keep everyone safe on land before and after the trip:

- **Always wear your mask on land** - especially in crowded parking lots or congested boat ramps. Remember that your mask protects your fellow paddlers, and their mask protects you. **Please be considerate to others and always wear your mask.**
- **Spread out in the parking lot** – give yourself plenty of room as you unload and load your boat. This is usually easier in the early morning or late afternoon, but might be more difficult in the middle of the day when many launch sites get crowded.

- **Be responsible for your own gear** – we are all in the habit of rushing in to help friends load and unload their boats – DON'T. Even with long boats, it is more difficult to maintain social distancing while helping friends with their gear. If you do help someone with their gear be sure to wear your mask and disinfect your hands before you start and after you finish.
- **Don't congregate at the put-in** - try to arrive as close to the launch time as possible. If possible, launch your boat quickly and wait for the rest of the group in calm water near the put-in. This will avoid boats and paddlers backing up on land where social distancing is more difficult. When you return the reverse should be followed – quickly land, load your boat and be on your way.

As always, please remember that participating in club activities can increase your risk of injury or exposure to COVID-19. RICKA, while safety conscious, is not responsible for your personal safety. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN CLUB ACTIVITIES.**

This is a critical time in the fight against coronavirus, so be patient, stay safe and stay distant. We are making progress and we encourage everyone to be part of the solution by following state regulations and national guidance.

# Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources

Coronavirus and COVID-19 has changed many things in our daily lives – not just paddling. We encourage all our members to follow state regulations and national guidance.

## Rhode Island – Adult Sports

[https://www.reopeningri.com/resource\\_pdfs/Phase-III/Phase-III-youth-and-adult-sports-06.26.20.pdf](https://www.reopeningri.com/resource_pdfs/Phase-III/Phase-III-youth-and-adult-sports-06.26.20.pdf)

## Massachusetts - Boating and Inland Waterways

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/boating-various-other-marine-and-inland-waterway-related-activities-phase-ii/download>

## Connecticut - Boating

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Boating/COVID-19-Updates-CT-Boating>

## Centers for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

## President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\\_coronavirus-guidance\\_8.5x11\\_315PM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf)

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 August 5<sup>th</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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<http://www.ricka.org/Join/JointheFun.html>

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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. Participating in club activities can increase your risk of injury or exposure to COVID-19. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT.**

## Flatwater Trips

**Mandatory RSVP required on all trips** - do not show up without confirmation from the trip leader. Always wear masks on land or when 6 feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Follow state guidelines in the state that your trip is in.

Check the [Flatwater Message Board](#) for ad-hoc trips and hikes. RSVP and social distancing still required.

### July 19<sup>th</sup> – meet at 8:30 for a 9:00 launch **100 Hundred Acre Cove and Runnins River**

Trip organizers: Pat Lardner [pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com), 401-524-8057 and Danny O'Shea 401-527-3447. [doshea5031@aol.com](mailto:doshea5031@aol.com)

RSVP is required

We will take a leisurely paddle of about 4 to 5 miles around the saltwater marsh islands of 100 Acre Cove, and then into the scenic twisty turny high reeds of the Runnins River in Barrington and East Providence. The tide should be high enough for us to float over the Mobil Dam into the freshwater section of the Runnins River briefly.

July 25<sup>th</sup> - meet 9:00 for a 9:20 launch  
**Taunton River - Berkley Bridge**  
Trip organizer: Bill Luther  
[williamluther058@gmail.com](mailto:williamluther058@gmail.com) 401-527-4126.

RSVP is required

The river is brackish and wide enough for all types of boats. We will float upstream on an incoming tide to another launch at the Weir Landing. We will return after break downstream for a total of eight miles and about 3-4 hours on the water.

July 28<sup>th</sup> - meet at 5:30 for a 6:00 launch  
**Slatersville Reservoir and the Branch River**  
Trip organizers: Skye and Steve Pechie  
[scitamb.2@juno.com](mailto:scitamb.2@juno.com)  
RSVP is required.

This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of upper Slatersville Reservoir and then a stretch of the Branch River. Suitable for everyone

August 3<sup>rd</sup> - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch  
**Brickyard Pond**  
Trip organizer: Al Sampson  
[wanderlust\\_bristol@yahoo.com](mailto:wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com)  
RSVP is required

Brickyard Pond is an 84-acre pond in Barrington, largely bordered by Veterans Memorial Park. Despite its suburban setting it feels surprisingly wild. The pond has many coves to explore.

August 11<sup>th</sup> - meet at 5:30 for a 6:00 launch  
**Bowdish Lake**  
Trip organizers: Skye and Steve Pechie  
[scitamb.2@juno.com](mailto:scitamb.2@juno.com)  
RSVP is required.

Trip is suitable for all. Upon entering the George Washington Campground, please tell the attendant that you are there to use the state boat ramp, therefore you will not be charged admission.

## Sea Kayak Trips

Sea Kayak trips are now posted in the [Paddles](#) section of the [Sea Kayak Message Board](#). Appropriate skills and equipment are required. Please follow [COVID-19](#) and [Posting](#) guidelines.



Put on your mask before launching and landing



Always wear your mask on land

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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 will go directly to RICKA** - color: yellow to red. Designed for women, with lower combing. Length 16-6", width 25", weight (55-60#). Very good condition: lightly used (10 times) and stored inside. \$450. Neoprene Seals sprayskirt is also available for sale, small size tunnel. Contact Cheryl at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) or text or call 401-497-5887
- **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. Note crossbars were for previous vehicle. Will consider selling towers separately as needed - \$60. Contact [babsona@gmail.com](mailto:babsona@gmail.com)
- **Tiderace Xplore S** - purchased new May 2014. Excellent condition. Stored indoors, lovingly maintained. Length 17' 5", Width 20", Weight 55 lbs. Best suited for intermediate to experienced paddlers, 5' 4" to 5' 10", 130-170 lbs. Easy to edge and a dream to roll! \$2400 (was \$4000 new). Includes Tiderace neoprene spray skirt and Wildwasser pump. Boat is in City Island, NY (Bronx/Westchester). Contact Jean at 917-379-4499 can be seen in RI by arrangement
- **Eddyline Carbonlite 2000 Nighthawk 16'** - stored indoors, great condition. Retractable skeg, two covered hatches. Bring your PFD and test paddle it at my waterfront home. Paddling.com review \$895.00 Lee Parham 508-286-5999 and cell 774-266-0709.
- **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 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)
- **Werner Bent Shaft Cyprus Paddle** – 205 cm small shaft diameter, good condition, asking \$300. **Werner Bent Shaft Cyprus Paddle** – 210 cm, good condition, asking \$300. **Werner Bent Shaft Shuna Paddle** – 210 cm Citrus, never used (just sat on the kayak deck for 2 trips), \$260. Contact [emilkrasich@gmail.com](mailto:emilkrasich@gmail.com) or 508-878-1502
- **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)
- **Valley Skerrary** - 17 ft. X 23". Color Yellow Rotomold, wire skeg, ocean cockpit and lots of rocker - \$500. **Valley Avocet** - 16 ft. X 22". Color Yellow Rotomold, wire skeg, keyhole cockpit and lots of rocker - \$500. **Dagger Baja** - 16 ft. X 22". Color Blue Rotomold, integral rudder, keyhole cockpit - \$500. Please contact: Greg Paquin, Kayak Waveology, LLC. email: [coach@kayakwaveology.com](mailto:coach@kayakwaveology.com) tel: 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. 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
- **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 OBO. Will also consider a trade for right boat. Contact Fred at [g33zr@gmx.com](mailto:g33zr@gmx.com) or text 401-569-6038

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