

## RICKA Reopens Message Boards for Ad-Hoc Trips

Participants are encouraged to follow State Regulations and National Guidance

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, RI officially moved to Phase 2 of its COVID-19 Reopening Plan. Under Phase 2 the stay-at-home order has been lifted, parks and beaches are reopening, social gatherings are allowed to increase to 15 people, and travel restrictions are being relaxed. As the state takes steps to relax COVID-19 restrictions, RICKA is also moving forward to resume some trips.

While we are all excited at the opportunity to get back on the water, it is important to remember that the fight against COVID-19 is far from over. As we move forward, physical distancing will still be required, limitations on group gatherings will still be in place, and we will still be encouraged to keep our circle small. The large group trips that we know and love as RICKA members will not be an option. We will need to move forward in a way that respects state regulations and national guidance.

At its June meeting, the RICKA Executive Board made the following change to enhance paddling opportunities for members:

- Reopening the RICKA Message Boards to ad-hoc trips

We will consider allowing scheduled trips to be added to the calendar at the July meeting.

In the interest of community safety, we offer the following guidelines for anyone who participates in ad-hoc trips or future scheduled trips:

- **Don't come if you are sick**, or have been exposed to someone who is sick.
- **Keep the group small** – 15 paddlers is the maximum in RI, but other states may have lower restrictions – smaller groups are always better.
- **Stay local** – while travel restrictions in RI have been relaxed, restrictions may remain in other states.
- **Maintain physical distancing** – 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 such as congested waterways or rescues.
- **Keep the trip well within your skill level** to minimize the chances of requiring outside assistance or rescue.
- **Disinfect your hands often** - especially before launching and landing, and anytime you come in contact with another person.
- **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** (see page 2).

A new term has entered our COVID-19 vocabulary – “attractive nuisance”. An “attractive nuisance” is an event, usually promoted on social media that results in a large and unsafe gathering. As a club, we certainly don't want our events to become an “attractive nuisance”, so we encourage everyone to keep groups small and follow state regulations and national guidance.

Also, please remember that participating in paddlesport activities can increase your risk of serious injury or death, including exposure to infectious disease such as COVID-19. The Rhode Island Canoe Association, Inc. (AKA Rhode Island Canoe & Kayak Association and RICKA), while safety conscious, cannot guarantee and is not responsible for your personal safety. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE MAKING 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 anyone getting back on the water to understand the risks and follow 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-II/Adult-Sports-Guidelines-6.01.20.pdf](https://www.reopeningri.com/resource_pdfs/Phase-II/Adult-Sports-Guidelines-6.01.20.pdf)

## Massachusetts - Boating and Inland Waterways

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/recreational-boating-and-other-waterway-related-activities-5-18-20/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.

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## Paddle America Club

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Please visit the website at:

<http://www.ricka.org/Join/JointheFun.html>

You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal.

## Board Meetings:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on July 1<sup>st</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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# RICKA Classifieds

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

- Older Boats priced to sell - two whitewater boats for the price of one. **Dagger Animas** (needs back band) and **Wave Sport Z** - \$100 for both. **Aguaterra Sea Lion** - rotomolded plastic with rudder (rudder needs some work) - other wise boat is in good shape - \$200. **Current Design Gulf Stream** - fiberglass, skeg (cable should be replaced) it floats, but could use some TLC with the gel coat - \$100. **Mutt kayak trailer** - will hold 4 to 6 kayaks or paddle boards - as is \$400. Email Ken at [kkaykk@aol.com](mailto:kkaykk@aol.com) or call 401-486-0264
- **Valley Avocet** - 16 ft. X 22", Red rotomold, skeg, keyhole cockpit - \$450. Viewable in Saunderstown. Contact: [stephen\\_hale@cox.net](mailto:stephen_hale@cox.net) or 401-218-7613
- **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)
- **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
- **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](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
- **P&H Scorpio LV** - (2009) 16'7" beam 22", custom cockpit with foam sacral block instead of back band, foam footrest, 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 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 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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