

June Meeting on the Water Wood River – Hope Valley

One of Rhode Island's only Wild and Scenic Rivers Monday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Our first on-water meeting of the season is the signal that summer is here! For those new to the club, a group paddle replaces the more structured meetings of fall through spring, and takes place on the third Monday evening of the month. Join us at the <u>Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association</u> Headquarters as we launch our boats and paddle up the beautiful Wood River into Frying Pan Pond. Our leaders for the evening will be <u>Pat</u> (<u>Mayhew</u>) Lardner and <u>Danny O'Shea</u>.



Boats lined up at the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association Headquarters

On March 12, 2019, the <u>Wood-Pawcatuck</u> watershed was included in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System – the first river system in Rhode Island to receive this prestigious national designation. The <u>National Wild and Scenic Rivers System</u> was created to preserve rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational value for the enjoyment of current and future generations. The Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association Headquarters is located at 203 Arcadia Road, Hope Valley, Rhode Island.

Directions: From Route 95 South take exit 3B for Route 138 West toward Hope Valley. Continue on Main Street, and turn left on to Bridge Street at the Wyoming Dam. Bear right onto Arcadia Road and the WPWA Headquarters will be about 2 miles on the left.

Sea Kayak Planning Meeting Saturday, June 5th at 3:00 p.m.

The <u>Sea Kayak</u> Planning Meeting will take place on Saturday, June 5th at 3:00 at 1404 Drift Road, Westport, MA. BYOB and food, and bring ideas for trips to add to the summer calendar. Please contact Jon Sharlin <u>jonsharlin@gmail.com</u> with any questions.

Chestnut Pull in Ten Mile River June 5, 2021 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to help the <u>Friends of the Ten Mile and</u> <u>Bucklin Brook</u> pull and purge invasive waters chestnuts from the Pawtucket Country Club Pond. Please contact <u>tenmilefreinds@gmail.com</u> if you are interested in helping.

New COVID-19 Guidance

RICKA continues to recommend that members follow all guidelines with respect to COVID-19. With recent changes in COVID-19 guidelines at the federal, state and local level, this means that masks are no longer required on RICKA trips for fully vaccinated individuals. Masks are still required on RICKA trips for unvaccinated individuals anytime social distancing cannot be maintained.

Similar to the guidance for public transportation, RICKA requires that everyone wear a mask when riding with others in group shuttle vehicles. RSVP's will no longer be required for RICKA trips unless requested by the leader.

Please remember that participating in club activities can increase your risk of injury or exposure to COVID-19. You alone are responsible for the decision to participate in club activities.

Enjoy Camping and Paddling this Year

Summer Adirondacks Trip August 7 to 14, 2021

RICKA is once again planning our popular week of camping and paddling on the rivers and lakes of the northern Adirondacks State Park. We will be camping at Rollins Pond State Campground. Campsite reservations can be made online at Reserve America and we will be targeting sites in the "A" loop. More details will follow, as we get closer to our camping date.

Please contact either Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com or Henry Dziadosz hdziadosz@verizon.net to get included in future planning emails.

Fall Foliage Weekend on the Housatonic October 9 to 10, 2021

Join us for a weekend of foliage paddling on two flatwater sections of the beautiful Housatonic River. We will paddle the section from Sheffield, MA to Ashley Falls, MA on Saturday, and Ashley Falls, MA to Falls Village, CT on Sunday. You can drive out for one or both trips (about 3-hours each way), or join us camping at Taconic State Park in nearby NY. Campsite reservations can be made online at Reserve America.

Contact Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net for additional information.

All paddling trips are at the discretion of the leader. Paddlers will need a canoe or kayak that is appropriate for the conditions, paddle, personal floatation device (PFD), paddle float, pump, and spare clothes. You will also need camping equipment including a tent, sleeping bag and cooking gear. You are responsible for your own food. Contact the leaders for additional information.

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Paddle America Club

Executive Board: The next Executive Board meeting will be held on July 7th at 7:00 p.m. online as a ZOOM videoconference. Contact Pat (Mayhew) Lardner at pslardner@gmail.com if you would like

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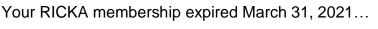
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Please renew your RICKA membership if you haven't done so already!

Please visit the website at: http://www.ricka.org/Join/JointheFun.html You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal.

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It's Time to Renew your Membership

You'll be supporting Rhode Island's oldest and largest paddle sports club

As you know, last season started out a bit slow. Out of an abundance of caution, we refrained from posting any paddles on our calendar in early to midspring and then slowly opened the calendar as we moved into summer. This season, however, we're throwing caution to the wind! Not really, but we have figured out how to offer paddles while adhering to COVID protocols.

As a result, planning meetings have been held, and we have a full list of trips on the calendar this year. In you have not done so already, now is the time to renew your RICKA membership!

Why should you join RICKA? Let's start with the trips. Each year RICKA organizes trips ranging from easy daytrips to weeklong excursions. Whether you enjoy

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Join RICKA and be part of the fun!

flatwater, sea kayaking, whitewater or wilderness tripping, there is trip for every interest and skill level at RICKA. In these challenging times, we do our best to follow COVID safe practices.

In addition to trips, we produce eleven monthly issues of our outstanding newsletter the Paddler, hold off-season

Zoom meetings with interesting and informative speakers, and maintain the websites, Facebook page, and message boards that keep you up-to-date on trips and activities. Our library also includes an extensive collection of paddling books and videos covering all aspects of paddling.

Do you need to buy or sell boat? You should check out the **RICKA Classified** Ads on our website and in the Paddler. If you can't find what you need there, RICKA members also get special discounts at several area retailers (see the website).

So, if you like what we do, but are not a RICKA member, please join today - its just \$15 for the entire family. If you are a RICKA member, please renew your membership now. Memberships run from April 1, 2021to 2022. You can join the club or renew your membership online using PayPal at:

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

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How to Choose a PFD

A PFD - also known as a personal flotation device, life jacket or life vest - gives you extra buoyancy to help you stay afloat in the water. Even if you're a good swimmer, a PFD is an essential piece of safety equipment that is required on all <u>RICKA</u> and <u>Blackstone Valley Paddle Club</u> trips. Your PFD should be worn anytime you are on the water, and should always be zipped, buckled and properly adjusted. Not all PFDs are created equal. Here are some issues to consider when selecting a PFD.

Types of PFDs

While there are five types of PFDs approved by the US Coast Guard, most paddlers will use a Type III PFD. These PFDs are suitable in situations where a quick rescue is likely, and are designed so wearers can easily put themselves in a faceup position.

Style SEP

Some PFDs are made with ribs of foam, while others have panels. Some are pullovers, while others zip up the front. Some are "shorties", while others are full length. The style you choose is largely a matter of personal preference. Try on a few to determine what is the most comfortable for you.

Women's PFDs are a relatively new invention. They feature princess seams and/or panels that are contoured to fit the female shape. While inflatable PFDs are also available, they are not recommended for use with canoes or kayaks, and they are <u>not</u> allowed on RICKA or Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips.

Buoyancy

Buoyancy is the force (in pounds) required to keep a floating person's head above water. Most adults will require an extra 7 to 12 pounds of buoyancy to stay afloat. Type III PFDs have a minimum buoyancy of 15.5 pounds.

If you are a good swimmer and comfortable in the water, a standard PFD with 16 to 18 pounds of flotation should be sufficient. If you are a non-swimmer, you may feel more secure in a "high-float" model - one with 22 to 27 pounds of floatation. The more flotation in the PFD, the higher you will float and the faster you will pop to the surface. However, the additional flotation will also make the PFD bulkier and possibly less comfortable.

To check the buoyancy when you are in the water, tilt your head back and relax your body. Your chin should be above water and your breathing should be easy. If your mouth is not above the water, you need a PFD with more buoyancy.

Size, Fit and Adjustment

For adults, chest size—not weight—will determine the PFD size. For children, weight will be the determining factor. PFD sizes vary by manufacturer and model; so you really need to try them on to find the size that is right for you.

Your PFD should be snug and fit like a glove, yet allow you to move freely while paddling. To get the best fit, wear your paddling clothes when trying on a PFD. Some PFDs have as many as eight different adjustments to help you customize the fit. The fit will need to be adjusted as seasons change depending on the clothes you are wearing.

To fit your PFD, first loosen the straps and put in on. Then, tighten the straps from the bottom up - beginning at the waist and ending at the shoulders. Adjustments should be made so that your PFD is snug and does not ride up over your chin when pulled up by the shoulder straps.

Freedom of Movement

To allow good freedom of movement, look for a PFD with a deep neck, large armholes and narrow shoulder straps. When trying on a PFD, put it to the test with a full range of arm and body motions including raising your arms above your head and bending forward and side-to-side. If it binds, chafes or restricts your movement, try readjusting it, or select another model.

Storage and Attachment Points

Your PFD should have storage pockets and attachment points for safety gear and other small accessories. Consider the size and placement of pockets, and make sure they will not interfere with your movement. Also consider the number of tabs and their location on the front and back on the PFD. Tabs let you attach accessories such as a knife, whistle or strobe.

Color

Color plays an important role when it comes to safety. Ideally, your PFD should be brightly colored and highly visible. Some PFDs also add reflective tape to improve visibility in low-light conditions.

PFD Care

Check your PFD often for rips, tears and holes. Also check to see that seams, straps and hardware are in good condition. Give the belts a quick pull to make sure they are secure. You should find no signs of water logging, mildew or shrinking in the buoyant materials.

Fading material could indicate loss of strength. A weathered PFD might tear more easily, resulting in loss of flotation material. If the color of your PFD is fading, check its strength or replace it. Store your PFD in a cool dry place, and test it regularly.

If you treat it right, your PFD will last for many years to come.





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, and follow COVID safe practices. 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 <u>web site</u>

June 1st – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch West River – Upton, MA Trip coordinators; Julie and Steve Riendeau julierie@cox.net

An up and back trip on the scenic West River in Upton. Trip is suitable for all but boats under 15 feet will have an easier time.

June 8th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Nipmuc River – Harrisville, RI** Trip coordinators: Julie and Steve Riendeau <u>Steverie87@cox.net</u> and Frank Cortesa

This river has the state's highest rating for water quality. There are several beaver dams to drag your boat over. Trip is suitable for boats under 14 feet

June 15th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **West River – Uxbridge, MA** Trip coordinators: Julie and Steve Riendeau <u>Steverie87@cox.net</u> and Frank Cortesa

You'll have the chance to see lots of wildlife as you paddle upstream through this stretch of clean, clear flatwater.

Suitable for boats 15 feet and under in length

June 22nd – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch Lackey Dam and the Mumford River Trip coordinators are: Bob Martin <u>rwmartin19@gmail.com</u>, Cheryl Thompson and Julie and Steve Riendeau

We will paddle the flatwater behind the Lackey Dam and up a section of the Mumford River.

June 29th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Rice City Pond – Uxbridge, MA** Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa <u>frankcortesa@charter.net</u> and Julie and Steve Riendeau

We will paddle up the Blackstone Canal to the historic Goat Hill Lock, and explore scenic Rice City Pond.

July 6th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch Slatersville Reservoir - North Smithfield, RI

Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa <u>frankcortesa@charter.net</u>, Bob Martin and Louise Price

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

July 13th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch Blackstone Gorge – Blackstone, MA Trip coordinators are Earl and Pat MacRae <u>earlandpat@comcast.net</u> and Julie and Steve Riendeau

We will paddle up the Blackstone River above the Rolling Dam to the Millville Lock.

July 20th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch Lincoln Woods - Lincoln, RI Trip coordinators are Manny Terezakis <u>egterezakis@gmail.com</u>, Jim Crowley and Cheryl Thompson

A pleasant paddle around Olney Pond.

July 27th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch Blackstone River - Manville, RI Trip coordinators: Bob Martin <u>rwmartin19@gmail.com</u> and Skye and Steve Peche

We will paddle up the Blackstone River above the Manville Dam and back.

Flatwater Trips

Late cancellations and changes to trips will be posted on the <u>Flatwater Message Board</u>. Check <u>web site</u> for directions and/or GPS coordinates.

June 5th – meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch **Upper Pawtuxet – Hope/Scituate** Trip Coordinator: Deb Britt <u>Botherbird@gmail.com</u>

We will paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir and back again. The water is very clean, coming directly from the reservoir. RSVP required, trip will be posted on the <u>message</u> <u>board</u>.

June 13th – meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

100 Acre Pond - West Kingston Trip coordinators: Chuck Horbert and Cindy Gianfransico <u>chorbert13@gmail.com</u> 401-418-2838.

The river is narrow and meandering, with at least one beaver dam to climb over and one potentially shallow spot to wade up, so expect wet feet. Bring a lunch or snack, and water. Maximum group size is 10. RSVP required, trip will be posted on the message board.

June 14th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch June Meeting on the Water WPWA Headquarters - Richmond

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June 19th – meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Pawcatuck River - Potter Hill/Post Office Lane

Trip coordinators: Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942 and Roberta Engel

Look for lots of wildlife on this up and back trip from the Potter Hill Dam of approximately 8 miles. RSVP is required to Sharon

June 26^{th} – meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Wickford Harbor and Backwaters Trip Coordinators: Gary Powers and Deb Britt Botherbird@gmail.com

We will put in at the Wilson Park boat ramp and paddle in the calm, protected waters among the islands and marshes of the Wickford Cove and Harbor. Please bring a lunch. RSVP required, trip will be posted on the <u>message board</u>.

June 27th – meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

100 Acre Cove - Barrington.

Trip coordinators: Danny O'Shea <u>doshea5031@aol.com</u> 401-527-3447 and Pat Lardner <u>pslardner@gmail.com</u> 401-524-8057

Take a leisurely paddle of about 4 to 5 miles around the saltwater marsh islands of 100 Acre Cove, and then into the scenic Runnins River. On the return we can take a short snack break at Knockum Hill. RSVP to Pat please.

July 2nd – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Providence River – Bold Point, East Providence, RI** Coordinator – Erik Eckilson <u>eckilson@cox.net</u>

Start the holiday weekend with an evening paddle through historic downtown Providence. We will put in at Bold Point in East Providence, paddle across the Providence Harbor and up the Woonasquatucket River. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.

July 10th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch **Ninigret Pond – Charlestown, RI** Trip Coordinator Sharon Dragon <u>shdrag1@gmail.com</u> 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 14feet and longer. Bring a lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water. RSVP required.

July 11th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch **Green Hill Pond - Charlestown RI** Trip Coordinators: Pat Lardner <u>pslardner@gmail.com</u> 401-524-8057 and Jen Stanton <u>bigredstantons@gmail.com</u>

Green Hill Pond offers lots of possibilities for exploration and is a great area for wildlife viewing. Bring a lunch or snack we will take a lunch break at the ocean after a short hike across the barrier beach.

July 19th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch July Meeting on the Water Lincoln Woods – Lincoln, RI Trip coordinator: Al Sampson. wanderlust Bristol@yahoo.com401 727-1555 to RSVP

A pleasant evening paddle around Olney Pond. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.

July 23rd - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch Bradford Landing on the Pawcatuck River

Trip Coordinators: Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-497-5887, Tom Farley and Roberta Engel roberta.s.engel@gmail.com

A pleasant evening paddle on the Pawcatuck River. We will paddle upstream to a broken dam and then return. RSVP required. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.

July 24th – meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch **Point Judith Pond – South Kingstown, RI** Tripp Coordinator: Erik Eckilson

eckilson@cox.net 401-765-1741

We will put in at the public boat launch at Marina Park and will explore the upper Point Judith Pond before paddling through the Narrows into the lower Point Judith Pond. The trip will be around 8-miles if we paddle down to Galilee and around Great Island. Boats 14-feet or longer are required. Bring a lunch.

July 25th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch Mystic Seaport and Islands – Mystic, CT

Trip coordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com, Steve Peche Resq1192@gmail.com and Roscoe Skurka cskurka61@gmail.com 401-823-8925.

We will paddle around the seaport viewing the old sailing vessels and then out to the islands. Any boat length is ok for the seaport, but those paddling out to the islands must have a boat 14-feet or longer. RSVP required. Bring a lunch.

Sea Kayak Trips

Sea Kayak trips are now posted in the <u>Paddles</u> Section of the <u>Sea Kayak Message</u> <u>Board</u>. Appropriate skills and equipment are required.

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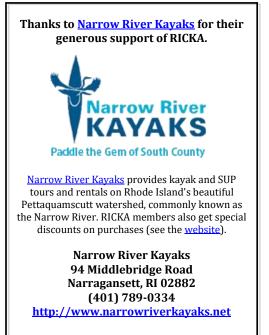




RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Two (2) Thule Hull-a-Port Aero Kayak Racks** used 3-4 times, purchased in 2020, like brand new in original boxes includes straps and all installation instructions \$200 each. Contact Susan Rollins (401) 258-0462 or Larry Rollins (401) 935-7468 or home (774) 264-9430.
- **Rockpool Taran 18'** great condition. White with red combing. Vac2 construction. \$2,700. Located in Westchester County, NY. Contact Rick at <u>rfeinerlaw@gmail.com</u>
- Valley Pintail yellow, very lightly used, and in excellent shape. 1998 model with ocean cockpit. Very fun boat to paddle in RI waters \$1,200. Contact jlunig@spinnakervet.com
- Yakima Roof Rack Q-towers, Q5 & Q124 clips, 48" crossbars. Used for 10 years, most recently fit a 2005 Toyota Prius, reasonable wear but sturdy system \$20. Contact <u>babsona@gmail.com</u>
- **Two No.2 Brooks spray skirts** never used, coated nylon asking \$50 each. Contact Al at <u>wanderlust bristol@yahoo.com</u>
- Gore-Tex Large men's drysuit upgraded neoprene wrist and neck gaskets and water proof footies \$725 obo Contact <u>dcornell 2000@yahoo.com</u>
- Simon River Sports Carbon Arrow K-2 Light spacious and fast 3 cockpit, tandem K-2 with shallow U-shape hull for stability, created for speed. Condition: excellent \$2,900. Contact acopp.oceanskyllc@gmail.com
- **Mariner Express** a very hard to find fiberglass sea kayak 16" length, 21.5" beam. It is in very good condition and has always been stored indoors. Features a high stability hull without bulkheads that can hold a lot of gear. Includes original owners manual \$2,300 (was \$3,800 new). Contact jklowan@excite.com



- Impex Force 3 Sea Kayak 2019 new condition 17' length, 20.5" beam. This is a beautiful, fast, strong tracking, kayak, has enough storage for overnight or weekend trips. It has been stored indoors new condition. White with lime green stripes \$2,200, (orig. \$3,500). Wilderness Tempest 165 rotomolded, lime green. In good condition with working skeg, hatches with no leaks, stable, durable kayak which can handle conditions \$800. Call Beklen at 646-263-9359
- **Valley Avocet** (poly) along with two paddles (one a two piece wooden), hula-port cradles, a paddle float and cockpit pump. \$900 for the package. Contact :aja151@aol.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. 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
- Werner Camano 100% carbon bent shaft paddle 220 length. Excellent condition used 4 times. \$300. Email <u>aikijerry@gmail.com</u>
- 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
- 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 <u>aikijerry@gmail.com</u>

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