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## August Meeting on the Water

### Upper Pawtuxet River – Hope, RI

Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00

Our monthly "Meeting on the Water" isn't a meeting at all. It's a paddle that replaces RICKA's monthly meetings during the months of June, July and August. It's also a great chance to get together with fellow paddlers at a location that is suitable for everyone. This month's paddle will be on the Upper Pawtuxet River in Hope, RI. We will put in at the Hope Landing and paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir – a 4-mile round trip. The water is very clean, coming directly from the reservoir. We will meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight. Our leaders for the evening will be Chuck Horbert [chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-418-2838 and Cindy Gianfranco. **GPS Coordinates: N41 43.868 W071 33.9**



Paddling on the Upper Pawtuxet River

**Directions from the north** - travel on Route 116 south into the Village of Hope, in the Town of Scituate. Just past the junction of Route 115, look for the bridge crossing the river. Turn right onto Hope Furnace Road. The access to the Hope Landing is down a short gravel drive.

**Directions from the south** - travel on Route 116 north into the Village of Hope, in the Town of Scituate. The access, Hope Landing, will be on your left just after entering Scituate, before the bridge crossing the river. Drive down a short gravel drive onto Hope Furnace Road.

## Sea Kayak Rescue and Rolling Practice

Wednesday evenings through mid-August

Each Wednesday evening through mid August, the [Sea Kayak](#) group will be offering skills practice at the URI Bay Campus.

The goal of these sessions is to help one another improve our rescue and rolling skills. What we work on each week will depend on who shows up and what they need or want to practice. Usually we have a mix of newer and experienced paddlers that we organize in groups to facilitate learning.

Details will be posted on the [Sea Kayak Message Board](#). Flatwater paddlers are invited to attend.

**Register now!**

## RICKA Family Picnic

September 25, 2021

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cold Spring Community Center at the North Kingstown Town Beach – a new location with gorgeous views of Narragansett Bay.

There will be morning flatwater and sea kayak trips – see the [flatwater](#) and [sea kayak](#) message boards for details. Lunch will be served starting at 1:00. The 2021 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

This is always a fun event, so be sure to register now. See page 3 for details.

# 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](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) or Henry Dziadosz [hdziadosz@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 flotation 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.

## RICKA is an ACA



## Paddle America Club

### Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. 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 March 31, 2021...

## 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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# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual RICKA Family Picnic

**Cold Spring Community Center at the North Kingstown Town Beach**  
**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Cold Spring Community Center at the North Kingstown Town Beach – a new location with gorgeous views of Narragansett Bay.

The Cold Spring Community Center is located at 36 Beach Street, North Kingstown, RI 02852. In the morning, there will be [flatwater](#) and sea kayak trips. Details will be posted on the [flatwater](#) and [sea kayak](#) message boards.

Lunch will be available starting at 1:00 at the Cold Spring Community Center. Options are available for vegan and all sandwiches will be made on gluten-free flatbread. The cost will be \$13.50 per



**Cold Spring Community Center**  
**at the North Kingstown Town Beach**

person. The 2021 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

Because this is a catered event we must have your reservation no later than **September 17, 2021**. 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.

**Register now for this fun event.** Rain or Shine. Who knows, you may be receiving an award. Hope to see you all there!



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## **2021 RICKA Family Picnic**

### **Cold Spring Community Center**

**Registration due by September 17, 2021**

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

Number of Meals (same price for all): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$13.50 per meal = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Meal (include number): Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to RICKA and mail to:

RICKA  
P.O. Box 184  
Hope Valley, RI 02832

You can also register on line at [https://ricka.org/Payments/ricka\\_picnic.html](https://ricka.org/Payments/ricka_picnic.html)

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# 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club

In 1998, Dan Meharg was a new ranger at the [Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor](#). One weekend he took his family on a canoe trip on the Blackstone River, and was impressed with its beautiful and accessibility.

He was also surprised at how infrequently the Blackstone River was paddled, and started thinking about ways to get others out on the river. He had read that there was a canoe club on the Blackstone River in the 1920's, and decided to try and updated version sponsored by the Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor. He spoke with folks at [RICKA](#) who had experience running large trips, enlisted a group of

experienced paddlers to act as leaders, and the [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) was born.

The first Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trip was held in the spring of 2000 at [River Bend Farm](#). Since that time, the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club has made it possible for thousands to get out and enjoy the beautiful waterways of the Blackstone River Valley.

Twenty years later, the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club still explores a different waterway each Tuesday night from May to August. The trips run the gamut from lakes and ponds, to rivers and streams. Some

trips feature talks by local conservationists or historians, and the club also has "Ranger Nights" when we are joined by National Park Service Rangers on interpretive paddles. Many of the original leaders from 2000 are still involved today.

Over the years, the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club has been recognized with several prestigious awards for volunteer service including the Star Award from the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor in 2007, and the George Hartzog Award from the National Park Service in 2016.

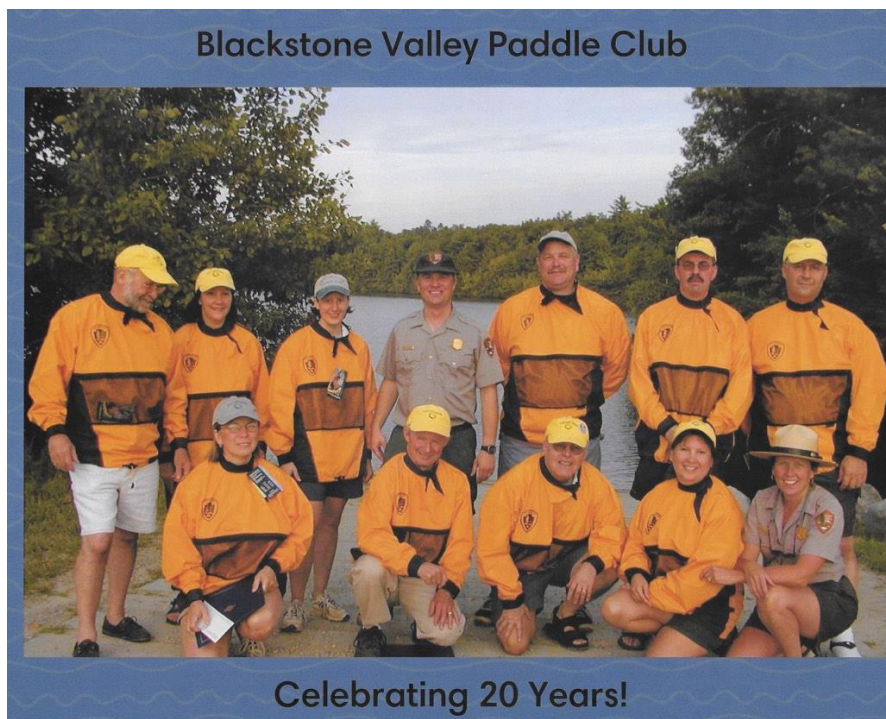
The Blackstone Valley Paddle Club recently celebrated its 20th anniversary at Sycamore Landing on the Blackstone River – home of the [Blackstone River Watershed Council/Friends of the Blackstone](#). We enjoyed a pleasant paddle from [Manville](#) down to [Albion](#), and a picnic dinner with pie and ice cream provided by the Blackstone River National Heritage Corridor. Founding leader Julie Reindeau presented the club's 20th anniversary history book. It was a fun night to reminisce with friends new and old.

If you are interested in joining the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club, you can find a list of trips in this newsletter or on calendar in the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club website at:

<http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/bvpaddlers.htm>

Every paddler will need a boat (canoe or kayak), paddle and personal floatation device (PFD).

For additional information you can contact Cheryl at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com).



Blackstone Valley Paddle Club leaders in 2000! Back row left to right: Lee Parham, Cheryl Thompson, Lisa DeHaan, Ranger Dan Meharg, Mark Plourde, Steve Reindeau, Bob Martin. Front: Linda Konvalinka, Kent Cameron, Burt Knowles, Julie Reindeau and Ranger Suzanne Buchanan.

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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, 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 [web site](#)

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Blackstone Gorge – Blackstone, MA**  
Trip coordinators are Earl and Pat MacRae [earlandpat@comcast.net](mailto:earlandpat@comcast.net) and Julie and Steve Riendeau

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

August 10<sup>th</sup> – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Bowdish Lake – Chepachet**  
Trip coordinators: Skye and Steve Peche [scitamb.2@juno.com](mailto:scitamb.2@juno.com)

Enjoy a pleasant paddle around Bowdish Lake.

August 17<sup>th</sup> – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Valley Falls Marsh**  
Trip coordinators: Bob Martin [rwmartin19@gmail.com](mailto:rwmartin19@gmail.com) Cheryl Thompson and Tom Farley

Enjoy the scenic marsh and a paddle up the Blackstone to the Pratt Dam.

August 24<sup>th</sup> – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Spring Lake - Burrillville**

Trip coordinators: Julie and Steve Riendeau [julierie@cox.net](mailto:julierie@cox.net)

Join us for a short paddle around Spring Lake and then a gathering at Julie and Steve's waterfront home. Please RSVP.

August 31<sup>st</sup> - meet at 5:45 for a 6:00 launch **Stump Pond - Smithfield**  
Trip coordinators: Skye and Steve Peche [scitamb.2@juno.com](mailto:scitamb.2@juno.com)

A quick paddle around Stump Pond and then a stop at the nearby Thirsty Beaver for a beverage or a meal. You are responsible for your own purchase at the Thirsty Beaver.

### Flatwater Trips

Late cancellations and changes to trips will be posted on the [Flatwater Message Board](#). Check [web site](#) for directions and/or GPS coordinates.

August 7<sup>th</sup> – meet at 10:00 for a 10:15 shuttle **Charles River - Medfield to Natick MA**  
Trip Coordinator – Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net)

We will put in at West Street in Medfield and take out above the dam in Natick - 7-mile shuttle trip. Bring a lunch.

August 16<sup>th</sup> - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch **Meeting on the Water - Upper Pawtuxet River**  
Trip coordinators: Chuck Horbert [chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-418-2838 and Cindy Gianfransico

Our last on-water meeting/paddle of the season. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.

August 21<sup>st</sup> - meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 shuttle **Sudbury River – Lincoln to Bedford**

Trip Coordinator: Bill Luther [williamluther058@gmail.com](mailto:williamluther058@gmail.com) 508-7671-7961

This will be a downstream 9-mile shuttle trip. It will start at Lincoln Canoe Launch and finish at Bedford Boat launch. We'll stop at old North Bridge for lunch.

August 22<sup>nd</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a shuttle. **Palmer River**  
Trip coordinator Danny O'Shea [doshea5031@aol.com](mailto:doshea5031@aol.com) 401-527-3447.

A scenic paddle up the Palmer River. Bring a lunch.

August 28<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch **Ninigret Pond - Charlestown**  
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [Stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:Stonefoxfarm@juno.com) 401-497-5887, Tom Farley and Roberta Engel [roberta.s.engel@gmail.com](mailto:roberta.s.engel@gmail.com).

Ninigret Pond is Rhode Island's largest coastal salt pond. Suitable for boats 14-feet and longer. Bring a lunch

### Sea Kayak Trips

Before choosing to participate in a trip, check the marine forecast, consider the trip level and read the RICKA Sea Kayak [Paddling Basics](#) section of the website. **Additional details on trips will be posted on the [Paddles](#) section of the [Message Board](#).**

August 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Kings Beach - level 3**

August 8<sup>th</sup>  
**Rough Water Practice**

August 14<sup>th</sup>  
**Westport**

August 21<sup>st</sup>  
**URI Bay Campus - level 3**

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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.

- **Valley Nordkapp H2O** - standard volume, factory keel strip, traffic yellow over white with black trim - \$2,400. **Werner Cyprus Paddle** - 215 cm straight shaft - \$350. Contact Bob at [veelenturfr@asme.org](mailto:veelenturfr@asme.org)
- **Necky Nootka Plus** - tandem sea/expedition - 22"5, 2 cock pits, 3 waterproof hatches/bulkheads. Pedal operated rudder. Kevlar construction, includes all hatch covers, hard and soft, 2 spray skirts - \$1900. Contact [skitchen@risd.edu](mailto:skitchen@risd.edu)
- **P&H Aries 150** - practically new, deck compass and a new NDK seat - \$3,300. Contact [reruelles@gmail.com](mailto:reruelles@gmail.com)
- **Yakima roof rack system** - with locks and two sets of kayak saddles. Includes Thule Waterslide for easy loading and straps to secure two kayaks. \$250 OBO. Contact Tim at [timothyjmotte@gmail.com](mailto:timothyjmotte@gmail.com)
- **P&H Cetus** - carbon kevlar in very good condition - \$1500. Contact [aikijerry@gmail.com](mailto:aikijerry@gmail.com)
- **Old Town Discovery Canoe** - 16' 9", blue rotomolded plastic, good condition, with 2 Mowhawk ABS paddles - \$250. Contact [garywhitney3@cox.net](mailto:garywhitney3@cox.net)
- **Betsie Bay Recluse** - built/bought 2007 - original owner; 19' long and 20 1/2" wide; weight 30 to 34 lbs.; spray skirt, cockpit cover, Greenland Paddle (Tuktu), Brooks Tuilik (large), and other accessories - \$2,750. Contact Charlie 518-234-9235
- **Waldon Passage Kayak** - 15-foot performance touring kayak - yellow. Adjustable foot pedals. Built-in skeg. Bow and stern bulkheads, nylon spray skirt and cockpit rim cover - \$675. Matching two-piece 230 cm wood paddle also available for extra \$100. Contact Mark at [shinnen108@gmail.com](mailto:shinnen108@gmail.com) or 401-999-7364
- **2011 Valley Etain Sea Kayak** - 17-7 model, excellent condition with only a few cosmetic repairs to the gel coat on hull - \$1700 OBO. Contact Gary at [glreynolds@hotmail.com](mailto:glreynolds@hotmail.com) or 401-295-1449
- **High performance paddleboard** - approximate retail value of \$2K, offered at \$900. **Valley Pintail** - excellent condition; asking 2,300. **Necky Gliss** - great value, offered at \$1,240. Contact [rogernc@mac.com](mailto:rogernc@mac.com) or cell 401-339-4068.
- **Beautiful handmade wooden kayak with wooden paddle** - Wood Duck 12 Hybrid from Chesapeake Light Craft - \$1,500. Contact [petemeboy@gmail.com](mailto:petemeboy@gmail.com)
- **Valley Skerry RM sea kayak** - 17' x 23", skeg, ocean cockpit (slightly longer than the original ocean cockpit), includes nylon sprayskirt - \$400 OBO. **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. Worn but functional sprayskirt included. Foot pegs removed- customize with foam - \$150. Contact Todd at [tsmoore991@gmail.com](mailto:tsmoore991@gmail.com)
- **Mad River Rampage** - 14' ABS whitewater canoe with both high initial and excellent secondary stability; equipped with an electric bilge pump - \$250. Contact Alan at [alan02860@usa.com](mailto:alan02860@usa.com) or 401-725-3344
- **Nordica glass ocean kayak** - prime condition, yellow, asking \$2,600. **Gliss white water play boat** - brand new, used once in fresh water lake - \$1,600. **Infinity paddleboard** - \$ 1,600. Call or text Roger at 401-339-4068 or email [rogernc@mac.com](mailto:rogernc@mac.com)
- **P&H Code Zero Sail for kayak with mast** - used only a few times - \$200. Contact [jonathansharlin@gmail.com](mailto:jonathansharlin@gmail.com)
- **Valley Q-Boat** - Quill over Quill Q-Boat with black trim. Some spider cracks -asking \$1000 OBO. Contact Eric [emjohnso3@verizon.net](mailto:emjohnso3@verizon.net)

Send your classified ads to RICKA Webmaster Cheryl Thompson, 53 Anan Wade Road, Glocester, RI 02857-2611 or [webmaster@ricka.org](mailto:webmaster@ricka.org). Include your name for membership verification. Please notify the Webmaster when your gear is sold so that the ad can be removed. Acceptance, duration and formatting of your ad are at the webmaster's and newsletter editor's discretion.

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[Narrow River Kayaks](#) provides kayak and SUP tours and rentals on Rhode Island's beautiful Pettaquamscutt watershed, commonly known as the Narrow River. RICKA members also get special discounts on purchases (see the [website](#)).

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