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July Meeting on the Water Lincoln Woods

Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

In lieu of a meeting in the summer months, we offer a paddle that is suitable for everyone.

This month's paddle will be at Lincoln Woods State Park. We will put-in at the recently renovated Boat Ramp and paddle around Olney Pond. Despite its proximity to major population centers, the pond is quite scenic with tree-lined shores, large boulders and rocky outcroppings, small islands dotting the pond, and many small coves to explore. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight. Our leader for the evening will be Al Sampson wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com.



View of the beach from Olney Pond

Directions: From Route 146 take the exit for Twin River Road. If you are traveling north on Route 146, you will turn left at the end of the exit. If you are traveling south on Route 146, you will turn right at the end of the exit. Continue on Twin River Road until you reach the entrance booth for Lincoln Woods State Park. Take a right at the park entrance (it is a one-way road). Continue past the beach until you reach the Boat Ramp on the left.

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.

Save the Date

RICKA Family Picnic

September 25, 2021

The 14th annual RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 25th 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 12:30. The 2021 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

This is always a fun event, so be sure to save the date. Additional details follow shortly.

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 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.

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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 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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Conservation Corner

The Wonders of Pulling Water Chestnuts

By Bill Luther

Water chestnuts are one of those weeds that grow in the water that you just ignore until they become so thick that you curse them like the plague. The species was supposedly introduced to the Harvard Botanical Gardens in 1874 and quickly spread to other nearby waterways. They are native to Eurasia and have spread throughout the northeastern United States.

T. natans (water chestnuts) is a rooted aquatic annual herb that dies back at the end of each growing season. Re-growth is by means of seeds that germinate in the spring. Each seed produces 10 to 15 stems with submerged and floating leaves, terminating in floating rosettes. The leaves that float above water are triangular.



Partially cleaned area of the Turner Reservoir

The plant stems are long and cord-like and can grow up to 16 feet in order for the plant to become rooted. The bottom fruit, sometimes called Singhara nut, is 1 to 2 inches in diameter and usually has four spiny angles. The nut weighs and anchors the plant to the bottom.

Water chestnut has become a significant environmental nuisance throughout much of its range, particularly in the Hudson, Connecticut and Potomac Rivers, and in Lake Champlain. More locally, large infestations can be found in the Turner



Crew working at the Turner Reservoir

Reservoir on the Ten Mile River, Valley Fall Marsh on the Blackstone River, the West River and Lackey Dam on the Mumford River.

The plant colonizes freshwater lakes, ponds and slow-moving rivers. As it grows it forms dense mats of floating vegetation that cause problems for boaters and swimmers. It also negatively impacts the aquatic ecosystem by out-competing native species.

The density of the mats can severely limit light penetration into the water and reduce or eliminate the growth of aquatic plants beneath the canopy. This reduced plant growth combined with the decomposition of the water chestnut plants which die back each year can result in reduced levels of dissolved oxygen in the water, impacting



Removing the plant stem and all

other aquatic organisms, and potentially leading to fish kills.

There are no biological controls that are effective for removing water chestnuts. They can be eradicated by mechanical harvesting or chemical treatments, both of which are expensive. Chemical treatment will often kill other plants in the water as well. In its native habitat, water chestnuts are kept in check by native insect parasites that are not present in North America.



Compost heap of discarded water chestnuts

Pulling water chestnuts by hand is one of the few ways that we can control this invasive species. Large groups of people will gather to remove the weeds as single plants or as large clumps of the matted vegetation. It is as simple as sitting in your boat and pulling up the entire plant from as far down the stem as you can conveniently reach. It is important to remove the entire rosette with the nuts (seeds), since the water chestnut spreads by seed.

If you are interested in helping in the fight against water chestnuts, the **DEM** is **organizing community chestnut pulls on the Turner Reservoir on Friday, July 2nd and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Help is needed on land and on water. You can sign up here:

[Water Chestnut Sign-up Form](#)

Big Water in the North Maine Woods

By Paul Leclerc

For those of you that don't know me – I'm the [Whitewater](#) Chair for RICKA. The RICKA whitewater group is small and for good reason - Rhode Island has no whitewater. So the adrenaline must be caught elsewhere. At one time RICKA had a large and active whitewater group, but most of those paddlers have either dropped out or moved away. These days we paddle mostly with other groups. For this trip, Pat and I were loading up for an early June weekend in the West Forks, Maine, home of the Dead and Kennebec Rivers for a trip with the [Penobscot Paddle and Chowder Society](#), or "Chowder Heads" for short.

The Dead arises at Flagstaff Lake and flows general south for 42-miles to its convergence with the Kennebec River at The Forks. The section from [Spencer Falls to West Forks](#) is New England's longest stretch of continuous whitewater at approximately 15-miles, with releases scheduled throughout the year ranging from a mellow 1,300 cfs (cubic feet per second) to a furious 6,000+.

The shuttle to the Dead was once an adventure in itself. Grinning paddlers sharing exaggerated stories packed on the back of an old flatbed truck or into a rickety old school bus endured a bumpy,



Old shuttle truck from Webbs



Lower Poplar on the Dead

dusty 45-minute ride to the put-in. The flatbed and bus are long since gone and replaced by pick-ups, but the stories are still good and the ride is still an adventure.

This weekend would be a robust 4,000 with plenty of class III and IV rapids. Along with the rafting companies, we joined a group of 25 paddlers from the region for the trip and it did not disappoint. At 4,000 many of the rapids require challenging hole-dodging maneuvers.

On the very last, most difficult rapid, I saw Pat ahead of me shouting, "Paddle right! Paddle right!" Seeing the fast approaching wall of water, I paddled hard and got turned 180 degrees in the crosscurrents. Without hesitation, and Pat now following behind, I looked over my shoulder and paddled backwards into the gaping hole. My plan, if I survived the crashing waters, was to spin around on top of the eight-foot crest. Success! Pat and I yelled a few choice expletives and continued down to the take-out at the riverside campground.

The following day we joined a crew of nine on the Kennebec - a step up from the Dead in terms of speed and amplitude. The section we would be running through the [Kennebec Gorge](#) is only 3½-miles, but two of those miles are confined to a canyon with three major rapids – Big Momma, Magic Falls and Maytag. Cross currents and big waves meet everywhere and eddying out is a challenge. Scouting is not possible, and once you are in the gorge you are committed to the run.

As it were, at the end of Big Momma, Pat and I both flipped. After what seemed an eternity in the water's grip, I was unable to roll up. I pulled the skirt and swam for the canyon walls - an exhausting undertaking. After climbing up the sharp, shale cliffs, I jumped onto a passing raft to be reunited with my kayak in an eddy below.

Next up was Magic and Maytag in succession, the most difficult thrashing turbulence of class IV water I've ever been in. Everyone came through clean, and we paddled the remaining class II/III out to the takeout.

Unfortunately, I paddled hard river right to get around a raft and before I could correct my mistake, I found myself going into a small pour over – water flowing over a large boulder with a recirculating hydraulic at the bottom. Pat and another kayaker ended up following me and all got sucked in. I got bumped out of my boat and Pat and the other fella got kicked out of the hole.



Magic Falls on the Kennebec

Two swims on the day. Not what I was looking for, but nevertheless another successful weekend in Maine. Summer is dry and flows are rare, but the [Dryway](#) section of the Deerfield River is another location for reliable whitewater releases. SYOTR.

Paul is the RICKA [Whitewater](#) Chair, a [Flatwater](#) leader and an active mountain biker with the [New England Mountain Bike Association](#).

The Benefits of having Walkie-Talkie Radios for Communication, and how to avoid Drama!

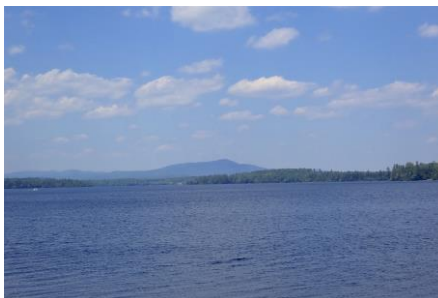
By Bill Luther

Miscommunication, Communication Breakdown, Lack of Communication. Do those words perhaps describe most of the problems we get into life? I've been the subject of safety violations, accused others with them and now try to solve safety problems. Miscommunication can happen even between experienced paddlers that know each other well, and on a recent trip it did.

We were travelling on Lake Umbagog as a small party of three, myself and Erik in a loaded tandem canoe and Earl in a loaded 17' sea kayak. We were on the second day of a four-day [wilderness](#) trip. I have no doubts about the competency of my other two companions and together we must have close to 100 years of boating experience.

On this day there was a strong steady breeze with 1' to 2' rollers passing under the boats. We set out to do an almost two-mile crossing between points of land on the lake around 10.00 am. It was the shortest distance between the two points and we wanted to make haste. We may have been a 1/2-mile from the nearest shore.

About half way across Erik and I looked back to see where Earl was, and saw him



View of the crossing on Umbagog Lake



Earl starts the crossing

quite far back. At the two-mile, mark 2 point we looked back again and did not see the Earl anywhere on the lake. We stopped and waited and surveyed the lake, but Earl had disappeared.

Dismay was followed by concern and then alarm. Where did he go? We called on his cell phone- straight to voicemail. Then we decided to retrace our steps back along the 2-mile crossing. We would probably laugh about it later in the day, but at this point we were reaching a semi-panic stage.

After forty minutes in the wind, we reached our original mark 1 starting point. We did not see the kayak and had called out and whistled repeatedly. We called him on the cell phone again - straight to voice mail.

We sat on land and decided to call the rangers and report him missing. They responded that they would notify the boats that were out on the lake on patrol. Shortly after a motorboat with two park rangers showed up. They didn't offer a lot of help but did agree to check site 15 four-miles up the lake, which was our day's destination. Shortly after we got a call on the cell phone. "I'm at site 15, where are you guys". Worries over. Earl was safe at the campsite.

In hindsight this was all a freak accident, which falls under the heading "Stuff Happens". During that two-mile passage Earl had decided to duck into a cove to catch a break from the wind. Somehow, we passed each other when we were crossing back to our original starting point. Earl felt safe and secure, and not knowing what happened to us, continued on to the campsite – surprised when he arrived and didn't find us there.

So what could we have done different – several things. First, once we were out in front, Erik and I could have done a better job monitoring Earl's progress so we would have known that he had taken a break. Easily said, but maintaining "line of sight" with other paddlers is sometimes difficult in challenging conditions.



Erik and Bill after the crossing

Second, once separated, we could have done a better job maintaining communication. Cell phones are great if they are accessible and if you have service – not always the case on the water. Waterproof walkie-talkie radios are another great option. Our club, RICKA does have walkie-talkie radios available for trip leaders. Please inquire if you need them for club trips.

Bill is a past RICKA President, a [Flatwater](#) and [Wilderness](#) Leader and the RICKA Safety and Education Chair. He is also and active biker with [the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen](#).

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](#)

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

Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa
frankcortesa@charter.net, 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
earlandpat@comcast.net 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
egterezakis@gmail.com, 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
rwmartin19@gmail.com and Skye and Steve Peché

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

August 3rd – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Lake Singletary – Millbury/Sutton
Trip coordinators: Jim Crowley
crowbird888@msn.com Louise Price and Frank Cortesa

Enjoy a pleasant paddle around the 346-acre Lake Singletary

August 10th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Bowdish Lake – Chepachet
Trip coordinators: Skye and Steve Peché
scitamb.2@juno.com

Enjoy a pleasant paddle around Bowdish Lake.

August 17th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Valley Falls Marsh
Trip coordinators: Bob Martin
rwmartin19@gmail.com Cheryl Thompson and Tom Farley

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

August 24th – meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Spring Lake - Burrillville
Trip coordinators: Julie and Steve Riendeau
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 31st – meet at 5:45 for a 6:00 launch
Stump Pond - Smithfield
Trip coordinators: Skye and Steve Peché
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.

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

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
shdrag1@gmail.com 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 14-feet 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
pslardner@gmail.com 401-524-8057 and Jen Stanton
bigredstantons@gmail.com

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.

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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.com 401 727-1555 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

A pleasant evening paddle on the Pawcatuck River. We will paddle upstream to a broken dam and then return. 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. 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 Pechie
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.

August 7th – 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

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 16th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Meeting on the Water - Upper Pawtuxet River

Trip coordinators: Chuck Horbert
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 21st - meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 shuttle
Sudbury River – Lincoln to Bedford
Trip Coordinator: Bill Luther
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 22nd - meet at 9:30 for a shuttle.
Palmer River
Trip coordinator Danny O'Shea
doshea5031@aol.com 401-527-3447.

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

August 28th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Ninigret Pond - Charlestown

Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson
Stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-497-5887,
Tom Farley and Roberta Engel
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](#).

July 3rd
Rocks and Rescues

This will be a rocks and rescues practice open to all who might participate in level 3 and up trips. Please RSVP so we can have a sense for the number of folks. Details will be provided on the [message board](#).

July 4th
Sakonnet

Jon S. is hosting a level 3 paddle from Sakonnet, Little Compton RI followed by potluck at 1404 Drift Road, Westport. Details will be provided on the message board.

July 11th
Wilson Park

Mike H. will host a level 2 paddle from Wilson Park, North Kingstown RI. Details will be provided on the message board.

July 17th
Potter Cove

Tony M. will host a level 2 paddle from Potter Cove, Jamestown RI. Details will be provided on the message board.

July 24th
URI Bay Campus

Gary B will host a level 3 paddle from URI Bay Campus, Narragansett, RI. Details will be provided on the message board.

July 31st
Sapowet

Rick B will host a level 2 paddle from Sapowet. Details will be provided on the message board.

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Werner Cyprus Paddle** - 215 cm straight shaft. Barely used. \$350. Contact Bob at veelenturfr@asme.org
- **P&H Cetus MV** - Kevlar/Carbon layup, skeg, fitted with foam blocks and a compass in excellent condition. Sea sprite spray skirt included - \$3,500. **Werner Cyprus Paddle** - 210 cm straight shaft - barely used - \$350. **Werner Ikelos Paddle** - 210 cm straight shaft - good condition - \$320. Contact Emil at emilkrasich@gmail.com
- **QCC700** - 18' in like-new condition. Carbon/Kevlar layup with skeg weighs 44 pounds. Cost over \$4,000 new; selling for \$2,000. Contact carylsalisbury@gmail.com; text to 401-480-7799
- **Seal Sneak Spray Skirt** - 1.7 - great condition - asking \$50. Contact cindyben@fullchannel.net
- **Rockpool Taran 18'** - great condition. White with red combing. Vac2 construction. \$2,700. Located in Westchester County, NY. Contact Rick at rfeinerlaw@gmail.com
- **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 babsona@gmail.com
- **Two No.2 Brooks spray skirts** - never used, coated nylon - asking \$50 each. Contact Al at wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com
- **Gore-Tex Large men's drysuit** - upgraded neoprene wrist and neck gaskets and water proof footies - \$725 obo Contact dcornell_2000@yahoo.com
- **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.oceanskylle@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). 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 aikijerry@gmail.com

Thanks to [Narrow River Kayaks](#) for their generous support of RICKA.



[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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(401) 789-0334

<http://www.narrowriverkayaks.net>

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