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August Meeting on the Water Brickyard Pond - Barrington

Wednesday, August 23rd – meet at 5:30 for a 5:45 launch

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. Our last Meeting on the Water for 2023 will be at Brickyard Pond.

[Brickyard Pond](#) is an 84-acre pond in Barrington, largely bordered by Veterans Memorial Park. Despite its suburban setting it feels surprisingly wild. An abandoned railroad grade turned into a walking and bike path runs along the north shore of the pond, which has many coves and islands to explore. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.



Paddling on the Brickyard Pond

We are meeting at 5:30, and will launch promptly at 5:45. Our leader for the evening will be Al Sampson wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com.

Directions: From Route I-195 take exit 7 in East Providence. This will put you on Route 114 south. Go 5.4 miles south, to the first traffic light, where Massasoit Avenue crosses the Barrington River. Turn right (away from the river) onto Federal Road. Go 0.6 miles and turn left onto Middle Highway. Go 1 mile and turn left onto American Legion Way. The road to the boat ramp is 0.2 miles ahead on the left. The ramp is in Veterans Memorial Park behind the American Legion.

RICKA Family Picnic

Sunday, September 24, 2023

The 16th annual RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 24th at the Cold Spring Community Center at the North Kingstown Town Beach.

In the morning, there will be flatwater and sea kayak trips. Details will be posted on the flatwater and sea kayak websites. Lunch will be available starting at 1:00 at the Cold Spring Community Center. Options will be available for vegan and gluten-free. The cost will be \$15.00 per person. The 2023 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

See page 3 for additional information on how to register.

Joint Flatwater/Whitewater Trip on the Lower Deerfield

August 5, 2023 - meet at 11:00 for the shuttle

The Flatwater and Whitewater groups will be holding a joint trip on the lower Deerfield River on August 5th. We will meet at 11:00 to organize the shuttle

This trip is about 7 miles, and is a lot of fun. It is mostly quickwater with a couple of easy class I/II rapids. Boats 14 feet or under are required, as is a helmet and sprayskirt. RSVP required. Bring a lunch

Please RSVP to Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net.

AMC Paddle Guides from the RICKA Library

Sea Kayaking along the New England Coast By Tamsin Venn

This is the AMC's classic guide that leads adventurous kayakers on more than 45 trips along the magnificent New England coastline. Kayakers of all abilities can explore expansive sand beaches, bird watch in vast marshes, tour solitary estuaries, or challenge their skills along wild shorelines. Each trip includes a detailed map and description. Whether you're just discovering the joys of sea kayaking or have been exploring the New England coast for years, Sea Kayaking Along the New England Coast will expand your list of paddling locations.

Quiet Water MA, CT and RI By John Hayes and Alex Wilson

This is the AMC's popular Quiet Water guide that offers paddlers of all ages and abilities adventure and enjoyment on the water. These tours lead you to out-of-the-way lakes and ponds, meandering rivers, marshy coves and inlets, and more. Each trip features a detailed tour description including habitat type and notes about the flora and fauna you'll discover along the way. Beginner and experienced paddlers, birdwatchers, anglers, and families alike will appreciate this detailed, easy-to-use guide to southern New England's best quiet water.

These are just two of the great books and videos covering the range of paddling topics that are available in our [collection](#). If you would like to check out these or any other selections, contact Bill Hahn at librarian@ricka.org. Library selections can be mailed to you with a postage paid return mailer provided at no cost to the borrower.

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Paddle America Club

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The next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 6th at 7:00 p.m. online as a ZOOM videoconference. To participate contact Frank Cortesa at frankcortesa@charter.net and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

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16th Annual RICKA Family Picnic

Cold Spring Community Center at the North Kingstown Town Beach
Sunday, September 24, 2022

The 16th annual RICKA Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 24th at the Cold Spring Community Center at the North Kingstown Town Beach – a great 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 websites.

Lunch will be available starting at 1:00 at the Cold Spring Community Center. Options will be available for vegan and gluten-free. The cost will be \$15.50 per



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

person. The 2023 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

Because this is a catered event we must have your reservation no later than **September 10, 2023**. You can register by mail or online using PayPal at:

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:

Sharon Dragon
124 Highview Avenue
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!



2023 RICKA Family Picnic

Registration due by September 10, 2023

Member Name: _____

Number of Meals (same price for all): _____ X \$15.50 per meal = \$ _____

Type of Meal (include number):

Italian Bread: Vegan _____ Turkey _____ Chicken Salad _____ Ham _____

Gluten Free Roll: Vegan _____ Turkey _____ Chicken Salad _____ Ham _____

Wrap: Vegan _____ Chicken Salad _____

Make check payable to RICKA and mail to:

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You can also register on line at https://ricka.org/Payments/ricka_picnic.html

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. **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 1st - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Blackstone Gorge – Blackstone, MA
Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa frankcortesa@charter.net and Jim Crowely crowbird888@msn.com

An up and back trip on the Blackstone River to the Triad Bridge site and Millville Lock.

August 8th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Keech Pond - Chepachet RI
Trip coordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie Resq1192@gmail.com

Keech Pond is a 129-acre pond that connects to the 186-acre Smith and Sayles Reservoir. We will explore the many coves and inlets.

August 15th - meet at 5:45 for a 6:00 launch
Paddle and Party on Spring Lake
Event hosts: Julie Julierie87@gmail.com and Steve Riendeau steverie154@gmail.com

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

the earlier time due to the sunset and bring a headlamp or waterproof light for the return trip.

August 22nd - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Stump Pond and the Thirsty Beaver
Trip coordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie Resq1192@gmail.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.

August 29th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch
Smith and Sayles Reservoir - Chepachet
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com 401-497-5887 and Tom Farley

A 186-acre reservoir with lots of coves to explore. Bring a headlamp or waterproof light.

Flatwater Trips

Check the [Flatwater Message Board](#) for ad-hoc trips and hikes. Appropriate skills and equipment are required.

August 5th – meet at 11:00 for the shuttle
Easy Whitewater Trip on the Deerfield
Trip Coordinator: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net

This trip is about 7 miles, and is a lot of fun. It is mostly quickwater with a couple of easy class I/II rapids. Boats 14 feet or under are required, as is a helmet and sprayskirt. RSVP required. Bring a lunch.

August 5th – 12th
RICKA Adirondacks Trip
Coordinator - Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com

The Flatwater group will return to Lake Eaton Campground in Long Lake Village, NY for the 2023 Adirondacks camping and paddling trip. If you are planning on joining the group, please contact Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com.

August 6th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Quinebaug River - Brooklyn CT
Cordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie Resq1192@gmail.com

An up and back trip of approximately 9-miles. This trip is suitable for everyone. Bring a lunch.

August 19th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Seekonk River
Tip Coordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com, Steve Pechie Resq1192@gmail.com and Danny O'Shea doshea5031@aol.com

For the first half mile below this access site, the Seekonk River is relatively narrow, but it then opens up into a broad tidal estuary between East Providence and Providence. Bring a lunch.

August 21st - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Upper Pawtuxet - Hope
Trip Coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-934-9212

We will paddle up the winding marshy pond created by the Hope Dam to the Scituate Reservoir. Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.

August 23rd - meet at 5:30 for a 5:45 launch
August Meeting on the Water Brickyard Pond - Barrington
Coordinator: Al Sampson wanderlust_bristol@yahoo.com

Brickyard Pond is an 84-acre pond in Barrington with many coves to poke into and islands to paddle around. This trip is

suitable for everyone Bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight.

September 2nd - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch

River Bend Farm Loop - Uxbridge, MA
Trip Coordinator: Gary Powers
garpow28@aol.com

Starting at Tri River Family Health Center, this will be a 3-mile round trip down the Blackstone River, weaving its way south to the Stanley Woolen Mill with a short portage to the canal and back up past River Bend Farm to the end.

September 24th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch

RICKA Picnic Flatwater Paddle at Wickford Harbor

Trip Coordinators: Cheryl Thompson
stonefoxfarm@juno.com or 401-497-5887
and Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com
401-225-3942

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.

September 30th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch

Full Moon Paddle on Worden Pond - South Kingstown

Trip Coordinators: Jen Stanton
bigredstantons@gmail.com and Cindy Gianfransisco
gleanergardens@gmail.com
and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com

Worden Pond is the second-largest freshwater lake in RI. Bring a headlamp or waterproof light.

October 14th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch

Blackstone Gorge Fall Colors Paddle
Coordinator: Gary Powers
garpow28@aol.com

This is a pretty fall paddle, just under 4 miles round trip and suitable for all paddlers

October 22nd - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 shuttle

Pawcatuck - Potter Hill to Westerly
Trip Coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco
gleanergardens@gmail.com and Chuck Horbert
chorbert13@gmail.com

A paddle along the RI/CT border on the Pawcatuck River from Post Office Lane at Potter Hill to Westerly. Bring a lunch.

Sea Kayak Trips

Before choosing to participate in a trip, check the marine forecast and consider the trip. Cancellations due to weather or other conditions will be posted on the [Message Board](#) by 8:00 a.m. the day of the trip.

August 5th - arrive at 9:00 for 9:30 launch
Fort Wetherill - Level: 3
Coordinator: Cam Mejia
Coastal touring, surf and rock play

August 13th - arrive at 8:30 for 9:00 launch
Barn Island, Stonington, CT - Level: 2
Coordinator: Bill Fournier
Touring paddle

August 19th - arrive at 9:00 for 9:30 launch
King's Beach Fishing Area - Level: 4
Coordinator: Rich Coupland
Rocks & Overflows

August 20th - see website for meeting time
Plum Gut - Level: 4
Coordinator: Bill Fournier
Tide race play on the west side of The Race.

September 2nd - TBD
Stonington, CT - Level: 4
Coordinator: TBD
Paddle out Wicopesst Island and play in the races

September 9th - arrive at 9:00 for 9:30 launch
Weaver Cove - Level: 3
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff

September 23rd - arrive at 9:00 for 9:30 launch

Narragansett State Pier 5 - Level: 3
Coordinator: Rich Coupland
Crossing to Castle Island

Discounts for Members

The following retailers offer special discounts for RICKA members:

[Kayak Centre](#)

- 10% off accessories
 - Up to 5% off new kayak or SUP - sliding scale based on inventory
 - 15% off accessories with new boat or SUP purchase
 - 20% off rentals, tours, and classes
- Purchasing in-store, please show proof of membership
Online discount, use code **RICKA10-TKC** at checkout

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- 10% discount
- Online discount, use code **AV10** at checkout

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 - 10% off second kayak, SUP and canoe purchase
 - 10% off accessories
- Purchasing in-store, please show proof of membership

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- 10% off accessories
- Purchasing in-store, please show proof of membership

See the [website](#) for details and remember to [ASK](#) for the discount.

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Necky Manitou II** - 14'6" tandem kayak - like new condition. Yellow. Spray skirt for the stern paddler available. Rudder is controlled by stern paddler. Aft seat can be adjusted for solo paddling - \$845. **Necky Looksha** - 17' sea kayak. Gray with rudder. Good condition, stored indoors - \$695. Contact Jay at josephlwade@yahoo.com
- **P&H Delphin 150** - very good condition. This is a 15' very maneuverable boat designed for play around the rocks and for surfing. Bought new in 2016, but probably only used a dozen times. Located near Worcester, MA - \$1,000. Contact DavidFrancis1130@Gmail.com
- **Thule Kayak Rooftop Rack** - dock glide system and 2 J-racks - \$225. **Greenland Style Carbon fiber paddle (black) 220 cm** - \$215. **Gear Lab 2-piece Aukaneck paddle** - 210 cm - \$250. **Kokatat Semi-dry Suit** - large, with XL fleece dry suit liner. Good condition, but needs wrist gasket replaced - \$100.00. **Kokatat Farmer John Wetsuit** - large, shorty and **Kokatat Paddle Jacket** - \$75.00. **Pro Tec Helmet**- \$25.00. **NRS Booties** - size 11- \$25. Contact Fred at g33zr2@gmail.com or text 401-569-6038
- **Carbon Werner Shuna paddle** - 205cm, used only a couple of times, as a spare paddle. in like new condition. 2 piece, straight shaft - asking \$225. Contact rcruelles@gmail.com
- **Skin on frame kayak made by Seawolf** - the model is the Kurki. 17 feet long, 29 lbs, rolls easily, I easily maintain 4-5 mph in the open ocean. Spray skirt and float bags included. Delivery within the RI-CT-MA area can be negotiated. Contact 443-974-0814
- **NDK Explorer HV** - touring, expeditioning and active water play boat. About 10 years, modest gel coat scratches and cracking, Yellow over white with black deck seam and cockpit coaming. Hatch covers are in good shape. Includes a deck mounted Bruton compass and recessed deck fittings - \$1,450. Contact Gerry@seasheerpakayak.com
- **Kokatat GoreTex Drysuit** - men's medium in pristine condition - \$600. Contact Howie at 508-259-7349 or howardcadams@yahoo.com
- **Ocean Kayak Malibu 2 XL Sit-on-top Tandem Kayak** - length- 13' 4", width- 34 inches, weight- 68 lbs. Color - Envy (Green and White). Condition- very good; a few scratches. Seats included. Paddles can be supplied for extra charge - Price \$629. **Surftech Universal SUP** - 11'6". 2012 model- always garaged. This is a great all around / touring paddle board best for someone looking for a starter or tough, durable, family board. Price - \$699. Contact hozho108@gmail.com
- **Perception Eclipse Kayak** - 2000 model with a composite Kevlar layup weighing only 45 lbs - length 17' 2", width 22", anodized rudder system. The original seat has been replaced with a foam seat. It has a dealer added Kevlar keel strip - asking \$1300. View photos and more information on this [web page](#)
- **Wilderness System Sealoution 16.6** and **Necky Manitou 14** - both plastic boats are in paddle ready condition, the Sealoution could use a little TLC - \$400 for either boat. Contact mbouley@gmail.com

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