

July Meeting on the Water Slatersville Reservoir

Monday, July 17, 2023 - meet at 5:30 for a 6:00 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.

This month's paddle will be on the [Upper Slatersville Reservoir](#) in Burrillville. This 144-acre reservoir is part of the original waterworks constructed by Samuel Slater in the early 1800's to provide power for the Slatersville Mill Village. We will meet at Slatersville Fishing Area at 5:30 for a 6:00 launch. After exploring the upper reservoir, we will paddle up a short section of the Branch River. This trip is suitable for all boats and levels of experience. Our leaders for the evening will be Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie Resq1192@gmail.com.



Paddling on the Slatersville Reservoir

The Slatersville Fishing Area is located at 2890 Broncos Highway, Route 102, Burrillville, RI. **GPS Coordinates: 41° 59.223' N 71° 36.035' W**

Directions: From Route 146, take exit 14 toward Route 5/Route 102 - Forestdale/Slatersville. Continue approximately 3-miles. The Slatersville Boat Ramp will be on the left past Gator's Pub. If you reach the intersection for Wright's Chicken Farm you have gone too far.

Camping at Stony Point

July 8-9, 2023 – meet at 12:00 for a 12:30 shuttle

This trip includes a rare chance to camp on scenic Worden Pond. We will put-in at [Taylor's Landing](#) for the trip down the Chipuxet River to Worden Pond. We will spend the evening at the Stony Point Campsite – a small campsite on the northern shore. The site is located on a rocky point with great views of the lake including the sunrise and sunset. On Sunday, we will paddle across Worden Pond to the take-out at the [Worden Pond Boat Ramp](#).

An RSVP is required, and at this time the trip is full. You can send an email to get added to the waiting list. Please contact Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com with any questions or to RSVP.

RICKA Adirondacks Trip

August 5-12, 2023

The [Flatwater](#) group will return to Lake Eaton Campground in Long Lake Village, NY for the 2023 Adirondacks camping and paddling trip. You can make campground reservations now at Reserve America:

<http://www.reserveamerica.com/>

Please try to select a site in the 10-54 area (waterfront from 31-54). If you are planning on joining the group, please contact Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com to be added to the list for future organizational emails. Emails will be sent only to those who sign up.

Wilderness Selections from the RICKA Library

Northern Forest Canoe Trail Official Guidebook



The newest addition to the RICKA Library is a great source of information for anyone thinking of paddling a section of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail that runs 740 miles and links waterways from New York to Maine. The book is divided into sections by state and includes information on camping, portages, gear and equipment. It describes opportunities for flatwater, quickwater and whitewater paddling on a range of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. Details of flora and fauna are also included. Paddlers of all skill levels will appreciate the vast amounts of information this book has to offer.

The Complete Wilderness Paddler

By James West Davidson and John Ruggeth



The authors use a canoe trip on the Moisie River as the vehicle for teaching us everything we need to know to make a similar trip. The book includes sections on navigation, maps, portaging, camping, reading rivers and learning how to plan descents by ferrying, lining and maneuvering. It covers everything from how to find a wilderness worthy of paddling, to managing capsize and wilderness disasters. It's unfortunate that the book hasn't been revised, but the dated material is minor and easily ignored, as the most valuable information on things like safety, wind and the behavior of whitewater are timeless.

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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The next Executive Board meeting will be held on August 2nd 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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Blackstone Valley Paddle Club

Assists First Responders in Search and Rescue

On the Nipmuc River During Recent Club Trip

It started like any other trip – almost...

On Tuesday, June 13, 2023, the [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) (BVPC) was running its weekly trip at the Nipmuc River in Harrisville. The Nipmuc is a small river that twists and turns through woods and marshlands in Burrillville as it flows from Round Top Pond to join the Clear River near Harrisville. It's a fun and challenging trip filled with blown-down trees and beaver dams.

As the BVPC group gathered at the [Harrisville Fishing Area](#), they were approached by a local police officer who asked that they keep an eye out along the river for a 51-year old woman who went missing from her nearby home that morning.

They later learned that an extensive search had been ongoing with the Harrisville Fire Department coordinating search teams from Manville, Woonsocket, and North Smithfield, along with a State Police K-9 unit. In all, 50 first responders had been searching for the woman in the thick brush and marshland along the river on foot, in ATVs and using drones.

The BVPC group headed upstream as usual with leaders and members Steve R., Tom and Dave pulling everyone over the many beaver dams. It was on the return trip that Julie heard a faint call for help coming from the river bank. It was hard to pinpoint, so Steve R. got out and started searching in the underbrush.

The BVPC group continued to paddle, moving closer to the area where the woman was heard. They finally found her up on a slippery river bank in the thick brush with briars and poison ivy. She was partially



Police officer riding in a kayak downstream

lying down in a very awkward position against a tree, but could not be seen from the river.

Patrick jumped out of his boat to assist the woman and was joined by Julie, Tom and Steve N. Manny called 911 and several local fire and rescue units were dispatched to that location using the phone signal and GPS coordinates that Steve N. had provided.

Manny stayed on the phone the entire time with the 911. The group used whistles to help narrow down the search area for first responders. Joan held her paddle up high so we could be seen.

Cheryl asked the group for spare dry clothing. Cathy and Cheryl provided shirts to help warm the very wet and now hypothermic woman. She was having medical issues, and shortly after she was found she became unresponsive. The group later learned that she suffered from medical seizures in addition to mobility issues.

It was a half-hour before sunset when first responders arrived on the scene. It was determined that the best way to transport the victim back was to use one of our kayaks. Patrick offered his sit-on-top so she could lay back and be escorted

downstream to the put-in. The rescuers waded in the river holding onto the sit-on-top. A police officer got a ride back on Phil's 10-foot boat, with both sitting on top of the small boat. Tom got out of his boat to help the two navigate the broken beaver dams.

During all of this there was a search and rescue team on land. They found us on the river about a mile from the put in. The victim along with the sit on top, were lifted up onto the bank and then carried through the woods into the ambulance. She was transported to Fatima Hospital by Harrisville Rescue.

Since Patrick had given up his boat for the missing woman, Julie gave Patrick her boat to paddle back. Cheryl gave Julie her PFD since hers was used to support the victim's head on the journey back. Julie hung onto the back of Manny's boat kicking her feet to help for the half-mile trek back to the put-in.

We all got back safely. Steve drove to the nearby fire station and retrieved Patrick's kayak. Burrillville Police Chief Col. Stephen Lynch reported that the woman is recovering and is expected to be okay.

Devon Kurtz, Executive Director of the [Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor](#) sent the following note of thanks for the team's good work:

"The incident report from last night's paddle was just shared with me. I want to officially commend all of the members of the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club that participated with the assistance and rescue of the woman from the banks of the Nipmuc River in Burrillville. This is in keeping with the highest caliber of the [NPS Volunteers-in-Parks](#) program. Thank you."

Interest Group Q&A

Paddling with RICKA Wilderness

What is the RICKA Wilderness group?

The [Wilderness](#) group is the newest of RICKA's four interest groups. The Wilderness group organizes trips that involve paddling, camping and other wilderness skills.

What types of trips do you do?

Wilderness trips run the gamut from easy overnight trips on rivers like the Pawcatuck, to weeklong excursions in the Adirondacks, the North Maine Woods or Northern Forest Canoe Trail.

What experience do I need?

It depends on the trip. Some trips are open to all paddlers and require a minimum of camping experience. Other trips are limited to small groups of experienced paddlers, capable of multi-day trips in a variety of paddling conditions.

How do I find out about trips?

On occasion, RICKA Wilderness trips are posted on the trip calendar on our website.



Mist on the water – Lobster Lake in Maine

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

More often, they are posted as "bootleg" trips on the Flatwater message board. <http://members.boardhost.com/FLATWATER/>

Please note that these bootleg trips may not be official RICKA trips. They are posted for the convenience of our paddlers. As always, you are responsible for determining if the trip is suitable for your level of experience.

How do I join a trip?

Official RICKA Wilderness trips are always RSVP trips. Contact the leader via email or at the phone number listed. You may be asked about past experience before being allowed to participate.

What equipment do I need?

Every paddler will need a canoe or kayak that is appropriate for the conditions, paddles and a personal flotation device (PFD). You will also need camping equipment including a tent, sleeping bag, and cooking gear. You can find a list of equipment on our website.

<http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/news/wilderness/GearList.pdf>

One of the challenges of canoe/kayak camping is that everything that you bring needs to fit in your boat. While you can carry more in a canoe or kayak than you can in a backpack, space is still limited, and drybags are needed to keep your gear dry.

What about clothing?

Wilderness paddling is a water sport, so you should plan to get wet. Cotton cloths should be avoided. Polypropylene, fleece, wool, and lycra blends insulate well when



Wilderness leaders Chuck and Cindy

wet. In cold water conditions, a neoprene wetsuit is the better insulator, and splash jackets and dry wear are good investments.

You will also need cloths for the time that you spend in camp including comfortable shoes and enough clean/dry cloths for the days you will be out. Spring and fall trips will also require a few heavier items that can be worn in layers if the weather turns cold, and don't forget your rain gear just in case.

What will I eat?

Once again, it depends on the trip. On trips where portages are few and weight is not an issue, we may bring coolers filled with fresh food and arrange group meals. On trips with long and frequent portages every ounce counts. For these trips most of the food will be freeze dried and everyone will arrange their own meals.

Do you offer training?

We occasionally offer "Are You Ready" overnight camping trips for new campers. Watch the website and the Paddler for details on future trips.

Who do I contact with questions?

You can contact Wilderness Chair Chuck Horbert at chorbert13@gmail.com or 401-418-2838 with any questions.

Pawcatuck River Overnight

By Erik Eckilson

What's not to like about wilderness camping? You paddle in, set up camp, have dinner, and then settle in for a relaxing evening around the campfire.

I did my first camping trip with the [Wilderness](#) group in 2012, and I've been hooked ever since. This time we would be doing an overnight trip at the [Burlingame Canoe Campsites](#) on the Pawcatuck River.

We are fortunate to have a several very nice campsites on the Pawcatuck River. There is Stony Point on Worden Pond, a pretty and rarely used site. Chuck will be leading a trip there this month. There is also the Carolina Canoe Campsite just upstream from the Richmond Landing. And the "Bootleg" site at the confluence of the Wood River. We stayed there on a RICKA trip a couple of years ago.



Home for the night – Burlingame Canoe Campsites

This trip would be at the Burlingame Canoe Campsites in the Burlingame Management Area. At Burlingame there is a large open field suitable for groups, and five smaller wooded sites. All these sites are available on a first come first serve basis, and can get crowded in the warm summer months.

The weather forecast was mixed with rain Saturday morning, and again on Sunday afternoon. It was raining as I drove down I-95, but stopped by the time I met the group



Camp is set up – time for cocktails

at the [Bradford Landing](#). We loaded the boats and set out for the 3-mile trip up to Burlingame.

When we arrived at Burlingame, we were surprised to find a group already set up in the field. We scouted out the wooded sites and decided to take the third site down – one site down from where we camped last spring, and one site up from the grassy site where we camped in 2014. We hauled our gear up the steep hill from the river and began to set up camp.

The first thing up was the rain fly – fortunately we never needed it – followed by the kitchen and then the tents. I pitched my tent in the grassy site, which is now over-grown appears rarely used. I decided to try out my new Alps Mountaineering Lynx one-man tent.

After setting up camp we took a break to enjoy cocktails before cooking dinner. Dinner was hamburgers and hot dogs with garden and macaroni salads. The wind picked up after dinner, but we never got any rain. We settled in around the fire for watermelon, and a relaxing evening.



Cooking breakfast on the Maine-guide skillet

After many tall-tales and war-stories we finally turned in for the night at around 10:30. My one-man tent was tight, but it was still comfortable. It will work well for sea kayak camping in my Capella.

Before I knew it, morning light was streaming through my tent. I got up around 6:00 and found that Danny was already up enjoying coffee. I got my coffee pot perking. Dan was up shortly after and got the fire started. He would be cooking breakfast in his 20" Lumberjack Maine-guide skillet.

After pulling out some coals he cooked our entire breakfast in this pan – bacon, home fries, grilled English muffins, omelets and fried eggs. He was able to set up different heat zones for cooking and keeping things warm - pretty cool.



The crew at the take-out

He had blue sky and puffy clouds in the morning, so we took our time enjoying breakfast around the fire. After breakfast we packed up camp for the trip back to Bradford Landing.

Storm clouds were rolling in as we loaded up the cars and said our goodbyes at the take-out, and the rain started up again as I drove home on I-95. The rain gods had smiled on us - we timed it perfect!

Erik is a [Flatwater](#) and [Whitewater](#) Leader and Editor of the [Paddler](#). You can read his blog *Open Boat, Moving Water* at: <http://eckilson.blogspot.com/>.

The Mud Pond Carry

By Chuck Horbert

Few of the paddle trips one experiences, or paddling stories you read about, focus much on the portions you can't paddle: the portages. If anything, the portage is just an incidental portion of a paddling day, a necessary interruption in the fun to get around a dam. But there are a few portages that dominate a day. The Mud Pond Carry in the [Allagash Wilderness](#) of northern Maine is one such portage.

The Mud Pond Carry is a legend in paddling circles and a rite of passage for many who want the ultimate wilderness challenge. 1.8 miles in length, running between Umbazooksus Lake and Mud Pond, it consists mostly of standing or running water and, yes, mud, with a few token stretches of dry land.



Seeking Mud Brook

We reached the Mud Pond Carry on day number 7 of an eight day trip around a route known as the Allagash Lake Loop Trip. We had already traversed many miles of rivers, lakes, and of course portages.

The day favored us with a sunny, cloudless morning as we woke up at our campsite on Chamberlain Lake. Breakfast and breaking down camp was a business-like affair as we mentally prepared ourselves for whatever the deep Maine woods could throw at us.



Tracking up Mud Brook

Since we had already scouted it out the previous afternoon, getting to the mouth of Mud Brook was easy. From there, we all got out and started wading, tracking our canoes up the small brook. In what seemed like no time at all, we had covered the half a mile or so to Mud Pond.

Mud Pond is actually a beautiful spot, but this is a story about the portaging, not the paddling. Crossing this shallow pond didn't take us long, and fortunately the very shallow water and mud at the takeout was fluid enough to pretty solidly land the canoes up on the bank before committing ourselves and our feet to terra-somewhat-firma.

The carry starts out auspiciously enough on an old fill bank, a good 3-feet in elevation above the surrounding pond and wetlands. It was a pleasant surprise to be able to use it as a dry staging area for our gear as we readied ourselves for the carry. It was also nice to find that this dry hump continued some distance before we descended into wetter environs.

Specifically, this distance was about 20



The trail-stream

feet. From that point, the trail started getting serious about asserting its usual reputation as a muddy, soupy bog that was more river than trail. It was a fine introduction to the route that we would be spending the next several hours getting familiar with.

For my first trip, I shouldered my large back-pack dry bag, on which I had secured my folding camp chair and my Tevas. In one hand, I carried my Gamma-lidded bucket and in the other I carried my now-useless canoe cart.

Once we descended to water level, the water was plenty deep. But the footing was solid, and so long as I took my time, progress was steady. Vegetation on either side was quite thick, and in a couple places I tempted calamity, trying to contort my body one way or the other to work my heavy backpack under low-hanging branches and leaning shrubs without toppling into the water.



Sometimes there were options

Fortunately, this first deep-water stretch did not last long, and soon I was walking along what essentially was a shallow stream with solid footing, flowing back towards Mud Pond.

The thick shrub layer receded, and I could see some distance into the woods on either side of me. There was a good carpet of green moss, ferns and fir saplings. Despite the load on my back and in my arms, the Mud Pond Carry had turned into a pleasant hike through the Maine woods.

Of course, that feeling didn't last. After a little ways along this stream, the trail changed character again to another deep-water segment. This was more like a deep, soupy mire than water, and was a real slog.

Many fallen trees and occasional boulders in the path required some careful planning of one's footing. Just when I thought that we might be walking through this crap forever, the Mud Pond Carry all of a sudden turned into a normal walking trail! Solid ground, a little moist, but very easy walking, and the pace quickened again. This pleasant portage path lasted maybe, oh, 150 yards or so, and then it was back into the water.



The only dry stretch

I heard the sound of a truck on a logging road not too far ahead of me. The Winter Road? Sure enough, after a short distance walking through shallow stream water, I walked up the bank and onto the road. There was not too far to go from here!

I needlessly looked both ways before crossing, and then waded in (literally) again. This did not last long before the trail diverted out of the ditch to the left and through the woods to get around a number of fallen trees. It was just before I rejoined the stream again that I found the campsites that numerous other paddlers had mentioned in the many blogs I had read. It was a nice, clear site under towering pine trees with plenty of firewood, and if we weren't intent on reaching Chesuncook Lake that night it would have been a fine place to camp.

A few hundred feet beyond this the vegetation started getting thick again, and



The Winter Road

after a short stretch of walking through wetland grasses and weeds and a thick growth of alder, I broke out onto a small beach on the shore of Umbazooksus Lake. Mud Pond Carry, Round One was done!

It wasn't quite lunchtime yet, so I had a couple bites of power bar and some water and headed back for Round Two. It was a pretty easy, uneventful walk back to my boat and the rest of my gear. This is where I was going to find out whether my plan to two-carry this muddy portage was going to work.

My kneeling pad got bungied around the canoe seat. The paddles were bungied onto the thwarts, and I clipped my pfd and throw ropes to either end of the canoe on the carry handles. The folding saw was already secured onto one of the thwarts and my water jugs got clipped onto the other. My small pack went onto my back, and I threw the shoulder strap of my now nearly-empty soft-sided cooler over my head and onto a shoulder. Up went the canoe, and off I went into the third and final round. It looked like this was going to work!

I debated whether to just keep the canoe up



From bog pits to dry trail

on my shoulders with occasional rests, or whether I would take advantage of whatever deep water I encountered to float it along. Almost immediately, I had an opportunity to try the float plan, and it worked like a charm, so that decided it. In fact, I probably overplayed that card a bit, choosing to dish out abuse to my poor canoe's hull by dragging it over shallow spots or the occasional boulder or tree when the next pool was "just right there". It was certainly slower going, what with the frequent trips the boat made between my shoulders and the ground.



Tommy arrives at Umbazooksus Lake

As I again neared the logging road, there was no reason to put the boat down - the sooner I finished this damnable hike the better I would be. Besides, I was getting hungry and lunch was in my bucket!

On I went. When I arrived back at the beach, I dropped my boat and dug into my beef jerky and trail mix, chased by copious amounts of water. I munched away and wallowed in the glow I felt at successfully meeting the challenge of the Mud Pond Carry and emerging unscathed. There will be a celebratory beer in my future!

Chuck is a [Flatwater](#) leader and Chair of the [Wilderness](#) group. He has section paddled most of the [Northern Forest Canoe Trail](#), and completed the first [Paddle Across Rhode Island](#). You can read the complete version of this trip report on his blog Northern Forest Cane Tales at: <https://canoetales.wordpress.com/2015/09/17/day-65-got-mud/>

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](#)

July 5th - launching promptly at 6:15

Lincoln Woods

Trip coordinators: Manny Terezakis egterezakis@gmail.com and Jim Crowley crowbird888@msn.com

A pleasant paddle around Olney Pond in the Lincoln Woods State Park. **Note change of date due to holiday.**

July 11th - launching promptly at 6:15

Providence River - Bold Point

Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson stonefoxfarm@juno.com or 401-497-5887, Manny Terezakis egterezakis@gmail.com & Tom Farley

We will put in at Bold Point in East Providence, paddle across Providence Harbor to the Hurricane Barrier, and up the Woonasquatucket River to the Providence Place Mall.

July 18th - launching promptly at 6:15

Blackstone Gorge - Blackstone, MA

Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa frankcortesa@charter.net 508-369-8205, Jim Crowley crowbird888@msn.com and Earl MacRae earlandpat@comcast.net

Paddle upstream and then return. We will paddle up to the historic Millville Lock from the Blackstone Canal.

July 25th - launching promptly at 6:15

Lake Ripple - Grafton, MA

Trip Coordinators: Julie Julierie87@gmail.com and Steve Riendeau steverie154@gmail.com

Paddle up Lake Ripple and the Quinisigamond River.

August 1st - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch

Hopedale Pond - Hopedale, MA

Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa frankcortesa@charter.net and Jim Crowley crowbird888@msn.com

Hopedale Pond was the power source for the Draper Corp - at one time the world's largest manufacturer of automatic cotton looms.

August 8th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch

Bowdish Lake - Gloucester

Trip coordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie Resq1192@gmail.com

Upon entering the George Washington Campground, please tell the attendant that you are there to use the state boat ramp, therefore you will not be charged admission.

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.

July 4th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch

Providence River - Bold Point

Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 617-794-0378

We will put in at Bold Point in East Providence, paddle across Providence Harbor, through the Fox Point Hurricane Barrier, and up the Providence and Woonasquatucket Rivers to the Providence Place Mall.

July 8th - meet at 12:00 for a 12:30 shuttle

Overnight Camping on Worden Pond

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July 15th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Ninigret Pond - Charlestown

Trip coordinator: Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942

Ninigret features stunning landscapes and lots of shoreline to explore. Bring a lunch. Suitable for boats 14 feet and longer

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July 22nd - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Green Hill Pond - Charlestown
Trip Coordinators: Pat Lardner
pslardner@gmail.com 401-524-8057 and
Jen Stanton bigredstantons@gmail.com

Green Hill Pond is a 439-acre lagoon with lots of small islands, rock outcroppings and interesting shoreline to explore. Bring a lunch.

July 23rd - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch
Point Judith Pond - South Kingstown
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 eckilson@cox.net

We will put in at the public boat launch at Marina Park. Suitable for boats 14-feet or longer. Trip will be 8-miles if we paddle all the way down to Galilee. Bring a lunch.

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.

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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
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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.

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.

July 1st – arrive at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch
Sakonnet Point - Level 3
Coordinator: Cam Mejia
Coastal touring, surf and rock play

July 8th – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch
West Island – Level 3
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff
Coastal Touring

July 15th – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch
BF Town Common – Level 2
Coordinator: Mike Hazeltine
Coastal Touring.

July 22nd – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch
Westport - Level 3
Coordinator: Mike Hazeltine
Coastal touring, surf and rock play

July 29th – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch
Seapowet - Level 2
Coordinator: Rick Brooks
Coastal touring (Sakonnet River)

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

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **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@seasherpakayak.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
- **P&H Code Zero Sail for Kayak** - with mast, used only a few times - \$200. Contact jonathansharlin@gmail.com
- **Necky Kayook** - two sealed compartments, foot-controlled rudder. Includes cockpit cover, spray skirt, some accessories - \$175. Contact Ed Poyer, edpoyer@gmail.com
- **Golden Kevlar Arluk 1.8** Smart Trak rudder, up to date deck lines, bungees, rudder cables, rudder cord and inner hatch covers. New Brooks neoprene sprayskirt, Snap Dragon neoprene cockpit cover, plus two used repaired Wildwasser neoprene sprayskirts with zippered pockets. Located in New Haven, CT - \$1,250 cash. Contact lovepotent@hotmail.com

Send your classified ads to RICKA Webmaster Cheryl Thompson, 53 Anan Wade Road, Glocester, RI 02857-2611 or 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.

Save the Date! **RICKA Family Picnic** **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.

We will have morning paddles, a picnic lunch and the 2023 RICKA Awards Ceremony.

More details to follow, so save the date!