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## June Meeting on the Water

# Upper Pawtuxet River

Monday, June 19, 2023 - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 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 Pawtuxet River in Hope, RI. We will put in at the [Hope Dam](#) and paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir – a 4-mile round trip. The water is very clean, coming directly from the reservoir. This trip is suitable for all boats and levels of experience. We will meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch. Our leaders for the evening will be Tom Farley and Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com) 401-497-5887.

**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.

## Basic Flatwater Training

Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 1:00 to 3:00

The Flatwater group will be holding a Basic Flatwater Training on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

In this 2-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats on flatwater. We will also cover basic rescue techniques. The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield and will be free for RICKA members. All participants must sign an [ACA waiver](#). Participation is limited to 25 paddlers, so register now!

For additional information or to register, please contact Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com), Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) or Bill Luther [williamluther058@gmail.com](mailto:williamluther058@gmail.com).

## National Rivers Day

Saturday, June 17, 2023 from 3:00 to 6:00

[National Rivers Day](#) was created over 20 years ago to promote recreational activities on the Blackstone River. This year, it will also be the grand opening for the recently renovated and reimagined Central Falls Landing.

RICKA volunteers will be staffing a tent to promote our fun canoe and kayaking activities. You can also check the [flatwater message board](#) for any ad-hoc paddling opportunities between [Central Falls Landing](#) and the Pratt Dam.

Central Falls Landing is located at 15 Madeira Ave., Central Falls. Contact Gary Powers [garpow28@aol.com](mailto:garpow28@aol.com) if you are interested in helping out.

From the RICKA Library

# Sea Kayak Videos from Derek Hutchinson

## Beyond the Cockpit - Volume 3

Many paddlers do all of their strokes and maneuvers while keeping their body directly over their kayak. Most sea kayaks turn a lot easier when they are put on edge. However, when you put your kayak on edge it increases the possibility of a capsize. If you can support yourself with your paddle as you lean out "Beyond the Cockpit" you can begin doing amazing things in calm water or rough water conditions. Derek has developed a unique approach (techniques & progressions) for getting his students to edge and lean their kayaks without the fear of capsizing and looking good in the process.

## ABC's of the Surf Zone - Volume 4

This video will help the sea kayaker successfully negotiate their way through the surf zone while launching and landing. Even though there are some surfing demonstrations in sea kayaks, the focus of this video is learning how NOT to surf and remain in control. A full list of flatwater drills and skills are demonstrated to prepare you for the surf zone. The main sections include: oceanography, ocean effects on your kayak, the ABC's (Attitude, Body-Boat-Blade, Control, Safety), flat water drills, surf zone drills, launching, landing, capsizing in the surf zone, group launching & landing, surfing and more.

These are just two of the great videos and books 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](mailto:librarian@ricka.org). Library selections can be mailed to you with a postage paid return mailer provided at no cost to the borrower.

## RICKA is an ACA



## Paddle America Club

### Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. online as a ZOOM videoconference. To participate contact Frank Cortesa at [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

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Please visit the website at:

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## Interest Group Q&A

# Paddling with RICKA Sea Kayak

### What is the RICKA Sea Kayak group?

The [RICKA Sea Kayak](#) group is specifically focused on kayaking in coastal environments. We organize trips throughout the spring, summer, and fall. We encourage people to join us and discover the joy of sea kayaking.

### What types of trips do you do?

Our trips range in difficulty from novice to highly experienced. RICKA does not assign ratings to paddlers. We assign difficulty levels to our trips (see [RICKA Sea Kayaking Levels](#)). A trip's rating is designed to be a guide to help you judge if you have the skills to participate in a trip.

### Who runs the trips?

RICKA is not a professional paddling organization. Our members coordinate paddles for their own enjoyment and the enjoyment of the rest of the paddling community. These trip coordinators are not professional guides or instructors.

### How do I know if a trip is right for me?

You should assess your comfort level for participating in the trip based on the difficulty level, the forecasted conditions, your skill and experience, and your comfort with the other participants in the group. Each participant in the group trip shares the responsibility for the safety and enjoyment of the entire group.

Surf and rocks present special dangers to paddlers. Surf is unpredictable and powerful, and rocks can smash you or your kayak. Only skilled paddlers should venture into these conditions.



RICKA paddlers off Sakonnet Point in Little Compton

### How do I find out about trips?

From June through September, RICKA Sea Kayak trips are posted on the trip calendar on our website:

<http://www.rickaseakayaking.org/forum2/calendar.php>

All times listed are **LAUNCH** times. Please arrive early enough to prepare. If necessary, paddles will be cancelled by 8:00 a.m. Check the [message board](#) for cancellation notices.

Off-season, "show & go" trips are posted on the message board:

<http://www.rickaseakayaking.org/forum2/forumdisplay.php?fid=3>

### What equipment do I need?

In order to participate in RICKA Sea Kayak trips you **MUST** have a sea kayak (15 feet or longer with front and rear floatation and perimeter lines on the deck), a Coast Guard approved PFD, a spray skirt, paddle, paddle float, bilge pump, helmet (for surfing or rock gardening), appropriate clothing for the conditions, and a whistle (or other approved daytime signaling device).

We also recommend that you bring drinking water, food, sunscreen, a change of clothes, a knife and a compass. For sunset or night paddles, a headlamp and coast guard approved navigation lights are

also required. It is also a good idea to bring an emergency strobe light

### What about cold water trips?

When the water is cold hypothermia is a serious danger. Submersion in cold water dramatically reduces a paddler's ability to assist in their own rescue. In cold-water conditions, we required that all paddlers wear a dry suit with fleece or polypro underneath, a hat or neoprene hood to protect the head, and neoprene gloves or poggies to protect the hands. A change of warm, dry clothes stored in a dry bag is also required.

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## Sea Kayak Trip Levels

**Level 1:** No previous kayak experience required.

**Level 2:** Participants should be able to:  
Paddle 6 miles in a day.  
Perform a wet exit.  
Perform an assisted deep-water rescue.  
Maintain a heading for short distances without the use of a rudder.  
Turn a kayak using forward and reverse sweep strokes.  
Trips generally follow the shoreline.

**Level 3:** Participants should be able to:  
Perform skills listed under Level 2.  
Paddle 13 miles in a day.  
Control a kayak in 15- to 20-knot winds.  
Feel comfortable in 2-3 foot waves.  
Handle surf and beach landings.

**Level 4:** Participants should be able to:  
Perform the skills listed under Level 3.  
Paddle 15 miles in a day.  
Control a kayak in 20-knot winds.  
Handle large ocean swells.

**Level 5:** Participants should be able to:  
Perform the skills listed under Level 4.  
Paddle 20+ miles in a day.  
Control a kayak in 25-knot winds.  
Trips require an RSVP.

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# Potter Cove

By Erik Eckilson

Last spring, I had a lot of trouble with an arthritic knee, and thought that I would need to give up kneeling in my canoes. If I was going to sit anyway, I decided that I would get a sea kayak so I could do some ocean trips. I ended up purchasing Capella 166 RM, but didn't get to take it out on many trips last year.

After a pretty good spring of whitewater paddling this year, I was looking forward to something a little different on Memorial Day weekend. When I saw that Cat was leading a level 2 trip from Potter Cove around the northern tip of Conanicut Island, I decided to join in. I've paddled out from Potter Cove in my canoe to get pictures of the Newport Bridge, but I have never paddled up along the shore.



The crew at Potter Cove

Conanicut Island is the second largest island in Narragansett Bay. For most of its history, ferries connected the island to the mainland. It wasn't until 1940, that the original Jamestown Bridge connecting Jamestown to North Kingstown was completed. It was replaced by the Jamestown-Verrazano Bridge in 1992. In 1969, the Claiborne Pell Newport Bridge was completed, establishing Route 138 as a continuous highway from South County to Newport, and creating one of the most scenic vistas on Narragansett Bay.



Paddling past North Light

We met at [Potter Cove](#) for a 10:00 launch. Potter Cove is a long sandy beach facing the East Passage of Narragansett Bay. The beach and Taylor Point, which is just south of the beach, are both part of a town park that is popular for fishing, swimming and kayaking. On most days the southwest wind blows from late morning throughout the afternoon, producing strong waves. Once on the water you are on the open waters of lower Narragansett Bay, where both large waves and boat traffic should be expected.

This trip would be an up-and-back around the northern tip of Conanicut Island – about 12-miles. Expected conditions were seas of less than one foot, but we'd be paddling against both an incoming tide and a 10 kt headwind on the return leg. The trip was listed on the website as level 2, but the distance and the wind on the return leg may have pushed it up to level 3.

The RICKA Sea Kayak group assigns levels to trips, not to paddlers. Trip levels range from level 1 (no previous skill required) to level 5 (long distances in extremely challenging conditions). It is



Paddling past the boat docks

recommended that newer paddlers start off with level 2 before moving up to level 3. For this trip, we had experienced paddlers with rescue and towing experience, and there's a public access point at Park Dock about five miles north of Potters Cove if we needed to evacuate for any reason.

We headed out and paddled north along the shoreline at East Shore Road. I began to feel more comfortable bobbing along in the easy 1-foot waves. Coming from a canoeing background, I tend to have a high-angle stroke, which is not the most efficient for long-distance cruising. I got some great tips from Cat along the way on a low-angle cruising stroke. The first leg of the trip was uneventful with the tide coming in and the wind to our backs. Putting down the skeg made it easier - duh. We paddled around the northern end of the island at North Light, and took a break for lunch just east of Sand Point.



Newport Bridge in the distance

The trip back was a bit of a slog. After rounding the northern end of the island, we paddled back against the tide and into a headwind. I was glad to have practiced the more efficient cruising stroke on the way up. We took a break to check out the [Park Dock Waterfront Access](#), so I also had a chance to practice an easy surf landing. We slogged along for the last 5-miles back to Potter Cove, but enjoyed the great views of the Newport Bridge along the way.

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*Erik is a [Flatwater](#) and [Whitewater](#) Leader and Editor of the [Paddler](#). You can read his blog at [Open Boat, Moving Water](#).*

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# When a River Lives up to its Name: Paddling the Wood River in High Water

By Paul Leclerc

Being an adrenaline whitewater kayaker, it's not often I paddle flatwater. But when the heavy rains came Saturday evening, I did what every whitewater boater does the following morning - I checked the USGS's (US Geological Survey) [national water dashboard](#) to see what's flowing. Not enough rain for the whitewater rivers, but the flatwater rivers of RI were humming. A quick check on the Flatwater message board and I saw Sharon was leading a trip down the Wood River. The river was at an all-time record high on the day for this time of year – nearly 4X what the flow was the day before. I signed up.



Through the woods

We met at the [Wood River Canoe Launch](#) site on Route 165 in Exeter. Eleven hearty souls and one cute puppy - Zeebee, had gathered to see what the Wood River had to offer. After the shuttle to the take-out in Richmond in the village of [Wyoming](#) we headed back to start the 7-mile adventure.

With the river being higher than normal and the current quick right from the start, trees, branches, and blowdowns could be a problem. All went well as we paddled our way through remote scenic woodlands under a bright blue sky, maneuvering and dodging low hanging branches and blowdowns through the twisty river - nothing to cause any problems. The first portage came about halfway down around a fallen tree. However, the branches had



First of many strainers

been cut to allow for easy crossing. Back on the water, we continued our meandering journey. Howie, who was paddling a 14-foot boat, making tight turns a bit more challenging, got hung up on a few low-lying branches and capsized. Seeing opportunity, giant anaconda and crocodiles entered the river while piranha whipped themselves into a frenzy. With high waters and heavy vegetation, there was no shore to get to; however, Howie remained calm and stood, grabbed his hand pump, and emptied the boat. With a bit of help and instruction he was able to successfully complete a wet entry into the boat. No meal for those critters today.

The intrepid crew paddled on to the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association's HQ and had lunch. The second half began at a small waterfall, pushing the waters below into class 1 rapids. I surfed awhile then joined Sharon and a few others downstream. As Tom entered, the rapids coaxed him river right into a partially submerged branch and he capsized, enabling him to enjoy a mid-Spring swim. Luckily, there was shore to get to and empty the boat.

A short while later we came upon another blowdown. It was Sharon's turn. She got caught on overhanging branches and flipped. At this point, the current was fairly quick, and she assumed the safe swimming

position; however, I noticed a large tree dead ahead. I paddled fast, but her boat was between her and I. I instructed her to release the boat and swim river right. Too late. She was pushed under the tree but popped out okay. Whew! She managed to get to shore while her boat got pinned on a tree. With the help of Mike V., I stayed at the fallen tree to assist others in avoiding it. Steve got hung up on the tree for a bit but managed to safely paddle away. With help from Mike D. and Mike V. we unpinned Sharon's boat.



Across Frying Pan Pond

A bit further downstream, Tom was ready for another swim. And again, there was no shore to speak of. Haplessly drifting, Cheryl and I held Tom's boat while he tried executing a wet entry. We drifted into yet another tree and my boat got hung up as my paddle went under and got pinned. Tom successfully got in and Cheryl was able to pull my paddle free. Soon after, we left the foreboding river and entered calm open waters to the take-out. I'm not sure but I think I spotted an alligator wearing Howie's Ray-Bans and Sharon's RICKA hat. Who said flatwater isn't adventurous? SYOTR.

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*Paul is a [Flatwater](#) and [Whitewater](#) leader and the Chair of the RICKA Whitewater group.*

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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. **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](#)

June 6<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Manville Dam - Cumberland**  
Trip coordinators: Skye [scitamb.2@juno.com](mailto:scitamb.2@juno.com) and Steve Pechie

An up-and-back trip on a pretty section of the Blackstone River. Bring wheels if you have them, it will help getting your boat to the launch from the parking lot.

June 13<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Nipmuc River – Harrisville**  
Trip Coordinators: Julie [Julierie87@gmail.com](mailto:Julierie87@gmail.com) and Steve Riendeau [steverie154@gmail.com](mailto:steverie154@gmail.com)

There are several beaver dams to drag your boat over. Trip is suitable for boats under 14-feet

June 20<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Rice City Pond and the Blackstone River - Uxbridge, MA**  
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net)

Paddle on the canal to Rice City Pond and the historic Goat Hill Lock, or more experienced paddlers can paddle the loop, down the Blackstone River and up the Blackstone Canal.

June 27<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Slatersville Reservoir - North Smithfield**  
Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) 508-369-8205 and Jim Crowley [crowbird888@msn.com](mailto:crowbird888@msn.com)

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

July 5<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Lincoln Woods**  
Trip coordinators: Manny Terezakis [egterezakis@gmail.com](mailto:egterezakis@gmail.com) and Jim Crowley [crowbird888@msn.com](mailto:crowbird888@msn.com)

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

July 11<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Providence River – Bold Point**  
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) or 401-497-5887, Manny Terezakis [egterezakis@gmail.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Blackstone Gorge - Blackstone, MA**  
Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) 508-369-8205, Jim Crowley [crowbird888@msn.com](mailto:crowbird888@msn.com) and Earl MacRae [earlandpat@comcast.net](mailto:earlandpat@comcast.net)

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

July 25<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Lake Ripple - Grafton, MA**  
Trip Coordinators: Julie [Julierie87@gmail.com](mailto:Julierie87@gmail.com) and Steve Riendeau [steverie154@gmail.com](mailto:steverie154@gmail.com)

Paddle up Lake Ripple and the Qunisigamond River.

## Flatwater Trips

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

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 to 3:00  
**Flatwater Training**  
See page 1.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch  
**Stump Pond – Smithfield, RI**  
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com) or 401-497-5887 and Carol Filliatreault [carol.filliatreault@gmail.com](mailto:carol.filliatreault@gmail.com)

A pleasant Thursday evening paddle around Stump Pond.

June 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 to 6:00  
**National Rivers Day**  
See page 1.

June 19<sup>th</sup> - meet at 6:00 for a 6:15 launch  
**June Meeting on the Water Upper Pawtuxet - Hope, RI.**  
Trip Coordinators: Tom Farley [stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm75@gmail.com) and Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887

We will paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir and back again – about 5-miles round trip. Sunset is at 8:23, bring a headlamp or waterproof flashlight. This trip is suitable for all.

June 24<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch  
**Sudbury River – Lincoln, MA**  
Trip Coordinators: Bill Luther [williamluther058@gmail.com](mailto:williamluther058@gmail.com) and Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 401-765-1741

We will head upstream through a large marshland known as the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge for about 4 miles

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and return downstream for a total of about 8 miles. Bring a lunch

June 25<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**100 Acre Cove - Barrington**

Trip coordinators are Danny O'Shea [doshea5031@aol.com](mailto:doshea5031@aol.com) and Pat Lardner [pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com) 401-524-8057

Take a leisurely paddle of about 4 to 5 miles around the saltwater marsh islands of 100-Acre Cove, and then into the scenic twists and turns of the Runnins River. Bring a snack.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch  
**Providence River – Bold Point**  
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> – meet at 12:00 for a 12:30 shuttle  
**Overnight Camping on Worden Pond**  
Coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco [gleanergardens@gmail.com](mailto:gleanergardens@gmail.com) and Chuck Horbert [chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-418-2838

We will paddle down the Chipuxet River to Worden Pond and camp on Stony Point. It is a small site, so this trip will be limited to 6 tents. We'll take out at the Worden Pond launch. **RSVP required to leaders.**

July 15<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**Ninigret Pond - Charlestown**  
Trip coordinator: Sharon Dragon [shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto: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

July 17<sup>th</sup> - meet at 5:30 for a 6:00 launch  
**July Meeting on the Water**

### **Slatersville Reservoir – North Smithfield**

Tip Coordinators; Skye [scitamb.2@juno.com](mailto:scitamb.2@juno.com) and Steve Pechie [Resq1192@gmail.com](mailto:Resq1192@gmail.com)

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

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch  
**Green Hill Pond - Charlestown**  
Trip Coordinators: Pat Lardner [pslardner@gmail.com](mailto:pslardner@gmail.com) 401-524-8057 and Jen Stanton [bigredstantons@gmail.com](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**Point Judith Pond - South Kingstown**  
Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 [eckilson@cox.net](mailto: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.

## 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.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch  
**Wickford - Level 2**  
Coordinator: Rick Brooks  
Coastal touring to Rome Point

June 10<sup>th</sup> – arrive at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch  
**King's Beach Fishing Area - Level 4**  
Coordinator: Cam Mejia  
Rocks & Overflows

June 18<sup>th</sup> – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch  
**Westport - Level 3**  
Coordinator: Jon Sharlin  
Coastal touring, surf and rock play

June 20<sup>th</sup>– 5:00 launch  
**Gull Cove - Level 2**  
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff and Justin Boyan  
Rescue and rolling

June 24<sup>th</sup> – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch  
**Fort Wetherill - Level 3**  
Coordinator: Tim Gleason and Brenda Rashleigh  
Rocks & rescue practice

June 25<sup>th</sup> – arrive at 9:30 for 10:00 launch  
**URI Bay Campus Beach - Level 3**  
Coordinator: Rich Coupland  
Coastal touring, surf and rock play

June 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 launch  
**Gull Cove - Level 2**  
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff and Justin Boyan  
Rescue and rolling practice

July 1<sup>st</sup> – arrive at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch  
**Sakonnet Point - Level 3**  
Coastal touring, surf and rock play

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

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

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

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

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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 Avocet** - 16' 22" beam in super condition, few scratches. new hatch covers, deck bungee, Keel Easy keel strip. gear, includes: built-in compass, cockpit pump, cockpit cover, Kokatat PFD, Comfort Paddling tulik-style spray skirt and Snap Dragon neoprene spray skirt, and bilge pump, paddle float, Kayak cart, tow bag, gear bags, and more. \$1,350. See other gear on website. Contact [rcruelles@gmail.com](mailto: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
- **Werner Stakine Paddle** - high end surf, rock and WW paddle - 203 cm, 0 degree feather, straight shaft - \$175. **Werner Kaliste Paddle** - carbon with dynel edges for relaxed, low angle paddling - 220 cm, bent shaft, feather angle is adjustable in 15 degree increments - \$200. **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](mailto:Gerry@seasherpakayak.com)
- **Kokotat GoreTex Drysuit** - men's medium in pristine condition - \$600. Contact Howie at 508-259-7349 or [howardcadams@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:hozho108@gmail.com)
- **Valley Avocet Kayak and paddling gear** - the boat is like new and totally restored with replacement parts. It includes a brand new Werner Shuna paddle, NRS life jacket, NRS booties and Seals cockpit cover. Also, a solid neoprene spray skirt, bilge pump, paddle float and gear bag are included. The price is \$1500.00 with everything included. Contact [timothyjmotte@gmail.com](mailto:timothyjmotte@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](mailto:mbouley@gmail.com)
- **P&H Code Zero Sail for Kayak** - with mast, used only a few times - \$200. Contact [jonathansharlin@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:edpoyer@gmail.com)
- **Golden Kevlar Arluk 1.8** - excellent condition, 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](mailto:lovepotent@hotmail.com)
- **Full Thule Rack System** - includes Thule 838 Hull-a-Port Aero, 50" Steel Square Bars, Crossroad Feet. Each component set is \$75 - make a reasonable off for the full set! 401-297-9792

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