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## June Meeting on the Water Upper Pawtuxet River

Monday, June 17, 2024 - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 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 6:30 launch. Our leaders for the evening will be Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert [chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-418-2838. **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, July 6, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00

The Flatwater group will be holding a Basic Flatwater Training on Saturday, July 6<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 15, 2024 from 3:00 to 7:00

National Rivers Day was created over 20 years ago to promote recreational activities on the Blackstone River.

This year it will take place at the recently renovated and reimagined [Central Falls Landing](#). Bring your boat and paddle the Valley Falls Marsh, or take advantage of other great activities including tours on the [Blackstone Explorer](#) or paddling as part of a dragon boat crew. RICKA volunteers will also be staffing a booth to promote our fun canoe and kayaking activities.

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...

## AMC Paddle Guides

### 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 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 Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. online as a ZOOM videoconference. To participate contact Erik Eckilson at [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

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Your RICKA membership expired on March 31, 2024...

## Please renew your RICKA membership now!

Please visit the website at:

[Join the Fun!](#)

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## Interest Group Q&A

# Blackstone Valley Paddle Club

## What is the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club?

The Blackstone Valley Paddle Club (BVPC) is a joint venture between the [Rhode Island Canoe & Kayak Association](#) and the [Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor](#). Its goal is to increase paddling opportunities in the Blackstone River Valley.

## When was the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club established?

In 1998, Ranger Dan Meharg of the [Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Park](#) took his family on a canoe trip on the Blackstone River, and was impressed with its beauty and accessibility. He was also surprised at how infrequently the Blackstone River was paddled. He read that there was a canoe club on the Blackstone River in the 1920's, so he decided to try an updated version.

The first Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trip was held in the spring of 2000 at River Bend Farm. Since then the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club has made it possible for thousands to get out and enjoy the beautiful waterways of the Blackstone River Valley.

## Where are the trips?

Most trips take place in the Blackstone River Valley. The Blackstone River arises in Worcester and flows south for 48-miles to Pawtucket where it flows over the Pawtucket Falls to become the Seekonk River. Along the way, the Blackstone River and its tributaries flow through 26 communities in south-central MA and northern RI.

## What types of trips do you do?



**Paddlers and leaders from this year's opening day trip on the West River.**

Many of our trips are easy up-and-back trips on the Blackstone River or its tributaries. We also paddle on lakes, ponds and reservoirs across the valley. In addition to enjoying the area's natural beauty, you will also paddle through historic sites from our country's industrial past. Some trips are "Ranger Nights" when we are joined by National Park Service Rangers on interpretive paddles.

## When do trips take place?

Trips take place on Tuesday evenings from May through August.

## Who leads the trips?

Trips are led by volunteers from the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club. Several of our leaders have been with the club since its inception in 2000.

## What equipment will I need?

Every paddler will need a boat (canoe or kayak) that is appropriate for the conditions, paddle and personal floatation device (PFD). Your PFD must be zipped, buckled and properly adjusted anytime that you are on the water.

## What about clothing?

Paddling is a water sport, so you should plan to get wet. Cotton clothes should be avoided. Polypropylene, fleece, wool, and lycra blends insulate better when wet. For your feet sneakers, water shoes or heavy Teva-type sandals are recommended.

## How do I join a trip?

To participate in Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips you must be a member of the [Rhode Island Canoe & Kayak Association](#) and the [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#). You can join both here:

### [Join the Fun](#)

Trips are posted in the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club calendar:

<https://www.ricka.org/BVPCcalendar.html>

Please note that the trip leader may cancel a trip or change its location as conditions warrant. When possible, cancellations and changes will be posted on the [RICKA Flatwater message board](#) at least 2-hours in advance the scheduled launch.

## What will happen when I get to the put-in?

Please arrive for the trip on-time, and bring the right equipment. Paddlers should sign the waiver and wait on-shore for the trip leader to give a brief safety talk, and take a head count of paddlers.

## What will happen on the water?

On the water, all paddlers are expected to stay with the group at all times. You should always paddle behind the lead boat, and in front of the sweep boat. If you need to leave the group for any reason, please notify the trip leader. At the take out, please do not leave the parking lot until the trip leader has taken a final head count.

## Do you offer training?

The Blackstone Valley Paddle Club does not offer training, but [RICKA Flatwater](#) will be holding a training for new flatwater paddlers on July 2, 2024 (see page 1).

For additional information on the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club please contact Cheryl Thompson at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com).

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# How to Choose a PFD

A PFD - also known as a personal flotation device, life jacket or life vest - gives you extra buoyancy to help you stay afloat in the water. Even if you're a good swimmer, a PFD is an essential piece of safety equipment that is required on all RICKA and Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips. Your PFD should be worn anytime you are on the water, and should always be zipped, buckled and properly adjusted. Not all PFDs are created equal. Here are some issues to consider when selecting a PFD.

## Types of PFDs

While there are five types of PFDs approved by the US Coast Guard, most paddlers will use a Type III PFD. These PFDs are suitable in situations where a quick rescue is likely, and are designed so wearers can easily put themselves in a face-up position.

## Style

Some PFDs are made with ribs of foam, while others have panels. Some are pullovers, while others zip up the front. Some are "shorties", while others are full length. The style you choose is largely a matter of personal preference. Try on a few to determine what is the most comfortable for you.

Women's PFDs are a relatively new invention. They feature princess seams and/or panels that are contoured to fit the female shape. While inflatable PFDs are also available, they are not recommended for use with canoes or kayaks, and they are not allowed on RICKA or Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips.

## Buoyancy

Buoyancy is the force (in pounds) required

to keep a floating person's head above water. Most adults will require an extra 7 to 12 pounds of buoyancy to stay afloat. Type III PFDs have a minimum buoyancy of 15.5 pounds.

If you are a good swimmer and comfortable in the water, a standard PFD with 16 to 18 pounds of flotation should be sufficient. If you are a non-swimmer, you may feel more secure in a "high-float" model - one with 22 to 27 pounds of flotation. The more flotation in the PFD, the higher you will float and the faster you will pop to the surface. However, the additional flotation will also make the PFD bulkier and possibly less comfortable.

To check the buoyancy when you are in the water, tilt your head back and relax your body. Your chin should be above water and your breathing should be easy. If your mouth is not above the water, you need a PFD with more buoyancy.

## Size, Fit and Adjustment

For adults, chest size—not weight—will determine the PFD size. For children, weight will be the determining factor. PFD sizes vary by manufacturer and model; so you really need to try them on to find the size that is right for you.

Your PFD should be snug and fit like a glove, yet allow you to move freely while paddling. To get the best fit, wear your paddling clothes when trying on a PFD. Some PFDs have as many as eight different adjustments to help you customize the fit. The fit will need to be adjusted as seasons change depending on the clothes you are wearing.

To fit your PFD, first loosen the straps and put in on. Then, tighten the straps from the bottom up - beginning at the waist and ending at the shoulders. Adjustments should be made so that your PFD is snug and does not ride up over your chin when pulled up by the shoulder straps.

## Freedom of Movement

To allow good freedom of movement, look for a PFD with a deep neck, large armholes and narrow shoulder straps. When trying on a PFD, put it to the test with a full range of arm and body motions including raising your arms above your head and bending forward and side-to-side. If it binds, chafes or restricts your movement, try readjusting it, or select another model.

## Storage and Attachment Points

Your PFD should have storage pockets and attachment points for safety gear and other small accessories. Consider the size and placement of pockets, and make sure they will not interfere with your movement. Also consider the number of tabs and their location on the front and back on the PFD. Tabs let you attach accessories such as a knife, whistle or strobe.

## Color

Color plays an important role when it comes to safety. Ideally, your PFD should be brightly colored and highly visible. Some PFDs also add reflective tape to improve visibility in low-light conditions.

## PFD Care

Check your PFD often for rips, tears and holes. Also check to see that seams, straps and hardware are in good condition. Give the belts a quick pull to make sure they are secure. You should find no signs of water logging, mildew or shrinking in the buoyant materials.

Fading material could indicate loss of strength. A weathered PFD might tear more easily, resulting in loss of flotation material. If the color of your PFD is fading, check its strength or replace it. Store your PFD in a cool dry place, and test it regularly.

If you treat it right, your PFD will last for many years to come.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Manville Dam – Cumberland, RI**  
Trip coordinators: Tom Farley, Earl MacRae [earlandpat@comcast.net](mailto:earlandpat@comcast.net), Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887  
[stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com)

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 11<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15.  
**Nipmuc River – Harrisville, RI**  
Trip coordinators: [Julierie87@gmail.com](mailto:Julierie87@gmail.com), Steve Reindeau [steverie154@gmail.com](mailto:steverie154@gmail.com) and Frank Cortesa 508-369-820  
[frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net)

This river, above the pond and above where the Clear River enters, is listed by the state as pristine water, the state's highest rating for water quality. Trip is suitable for boats under 14-feet. We will be paddling around obstacles and over beaver dams. Be prepared to encounter and enjoy these as part of the trip.

June 18<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Quinsigamond River - Riverview Apartments**

Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa 508-369-820 [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) and Jim Crowley [crowbird888@msn.com](mailto:crowbird888@msn.com)

We will put in behind Riverview Apartments in Grafton for an up-and-back trip on the Quinsigamond River.

June 25<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Lincoln Woods - Lincoln, RI**  
Trip coordinators: Manny Terezakis [egterezakis@gmail.com](mailto:egterezakis@gmail.com) and Bob Larrivee

A pleasant paddle around Olney Pond in the Lincoln Woods State Park.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Echo Lake – Gloucester**  
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) 401-497-5887 and Tom Farley.

We will paddle around the 325-acre Pascoag Reservoir, which is also known as Echo Lake. The reservoir is large enough that it can easily get windy, even in the summer.

July 9<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Wilson Reservoir – Pascoag**  
Trip Coordinators are Julie at [Julierie87@gmail.com](mailto:Julierie87@gmail.com) and Steve Reindeau [steverie154@gmail.com](mailto:steverie154@gmail.com)

Wilson Reservoir is a large, 109 acre reservoir with a RI DEM Fishing Access Site on the northeast side. The shoreline of the reservoir is a mix of developed and undeveloped land.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Rice City Pond and the Blackstone River - Uxbridge, MA**  
Trip coordinator: Frank Cortesa [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) 508-369- 820

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.

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15

**Stump Pond - Smithfield**  
Trip coordinators Manny [egterezakis@gmail.com](mailto:egterezakis@gmail.com) and Bob Larrivee.

A pleasant paddle around Stump Pond, also known as the Stillwater or Woonasquatucket Reservoir.

July 30<sup>th</sup> - launching promptly at 6:15  
**Blackstone Gorge – Blackstone, MA**  
Trip coordinators: Earl MacRae [patandearl@comcast.net](mailto:patandearl@comcast.net), Jim Crowley [crowbird888@msn.com](mailto:crowbird888@msn.com) and Bob Larrivee

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

August 6<sup>th</sup> – launching promptly at 6:15  
**Wallum Lake – Douglas, MA**  
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) 401-497-5887 and Tom Farley.

Wallum Lake is located on the border of RI and MA. It has crystal clear water, and is an easy paddle.

## Flatwater Trips

Late changes and cancellations will be posted on the [Flatwater Message Board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip. Check [web site](#) for directions and/or GPS coordinates.

June 1<sup>st</sup> - meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 launch  
**Quinebaug – Canterbury, CT**  
Trip Coordinator: Sharon Dragon [shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com) 401-225-3942

We will put-in at the Butts Bridge Boat Launch and paddle a pretty section of the Quinebaug River Water trail. Suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

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June 8<sup>th</sup> - meet at 8:30 for a 9:00 launch  
**Seekonk River - Pawtucket**

Trip Coordinators: Skye Pechie  
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[Resq1192@gmail.com](mailto:Resq1192@gmail.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.

June 9<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10 for a 10:30 shuttle  
**Pawcatuck River - Jay Cronin to Bradford**

Trip Coordinator: Sharon Dragon  
[shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com) 401-225-3942

We will put-in in at the Jay Cronan Access and paddle down to Bradford Landing. The river twists and turns, and you can run or portage the broken dam at Burdickville. Bring a lunch.

June 15<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 10:30 shuttle  
**Upper Wood River – Route 165**

Trip Coordinator: Sharon Dragon  
[shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com) 401-225-3942

The beginning of the river may be narrow, shallow and rocky but soon opens up. Trip is approximately 7 miles long. Paddlers with kayaks 15 feet and under will have an easier time navigating the river. Bring a lunch.

June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00

**National Rivers Day - Central Falls Landing (see page 1)**

Coordinator: Gary Powers  
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June 17<sup>th</sup> - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch  
**Meeting on the Water**

**Upper Pawtucket in Hope, RI**

Trip coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert  
[chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com)  
401-418-2838

Our first on-water meeting/paddle of the season is the signal that summer is here!

For those new to the club, a group paddle or event replaces the more structured meetings of fall through spring, and takes place on the third Monday evening of the month.

June 21<sup>st</sup> - meet at 7:30 for an 8:00 p.m. launch

**Full Moon Paddle on Worden Pond - South Kingstown**

Trip Coordinators: Jen Stanton  
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Worden Pond is the second-largest freshwater lake in RI. Bring a headlamp or waterproof light.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

**Pawcatuck River - Bradford to Potter Hill**

Leader: Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378  
[eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net)

A 7.5-mile trip down the Pawcatuck River. We will put in at the Bradford Landing. Just downstream of the put in are the fish weirs at the new Bradford Dam, which can be run or portaged. We will stop for lunch at the Polly Coon Footbridge. Bring a lunch.

June 30<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch  
**Big River - Coventry**

Trip coordinators: Pat Lardner 401-524-8057  
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[debritt.8595@gmail.com](mailto:debritt.8595@gmail.com) and Paula Kendall.

We will put in at Zeke's Bridge, paddle upstream against the current, and then return with the current to the put-in. River is narrow with lots of twist and turns - not suitable for kayaks over 15 feet. Bring a lunch. This trip requires a RSVP to Pat and is limited to 12 cars due to limited parking.

July 4<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch  
**Providence River - Bold Point, East Providence**

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. If you would rather not cross the Washington Bridge, you can launch at South Water Street in Providence (parking is limited).

July 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00

**Flatwater Training - Stump Pond, Smithfield**

Coordinators: Cheryl Thompson  
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[eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 617-794-0378

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. Remigration is required – please contact coordinators.

July 6<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch  
**Charles River – Waltham, MA**

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

We will paddle upstream under the ramps and bridges for the Mass Pike and continue up towards Wellesley and Newton Lower Falls. You will encounter nature's usual and unusual sights including alligator, bison and elk. On the return, you can paddle down to the Moody Street Dam. Bring a lunch, there are good spots to stop along the way.

July 7<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 shuttle  
**Lower Wood River - Switch Road**

Trip coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert  
[chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com)  
401-418-2838.

We will put-in at Switch Road and paddle down to the Alton Dam. The river starts off narrow and winding, but opens up as you

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get closer to the Woodville Dam, which must be portaged. We will then continue down to the Alton Dam. Bring portage wheels if you have them. Bring a lunch.

July 20<sup>th</sup> - meet at 7:15 for a 7:45 p.m. launch

**Full Moon Paddle on Worden Pond - South Kingstown**

Trip Coordinators: Jen Stanton [bigredstantons@gmail.com](mailto:bigredstantons@gmail.com) Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert [chorbert13@gmail.com](mailto:chorbert13@gmail.com) 401-418-2838

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

July 20<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

**Point Judith Pond - South Kingstown**

Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 617-794-0378

We will put in at the public boat launch at Marina Park. Trip will be 8-miles if we paddle all the way down to Galilee. You must be a strong paddler as we often have very windy conditions and boat traffic. Suitable for boats 14-foot or longer. Bring a lunch.

July 21<sup>st</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 Pond is Rhode Island's largest coastal salt pond. Trip is suitable for all but may be windy - most suitable for boats 14-foot and longer. Bring a lunch, sunscreen and plenty of water.

July 27<sup>th</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) and Deb Britt

Green Hill Pond is a 439-acre lagoon with lots of small islands, rock outcroppings and

interesting shoreline to explore. Suitable for boats 12 feet or longer. Bring a lunch.

July 28<sup>th</sup> – time TBD

**Blackstone River Mini Expedition**

Trip Coordinators: Frank Cortesa [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) 508-369-820 and Gary Powers [garpow28@aol.com](mailto:garpow28@aol.com)

This trip is for paddlers experienced in moving water with good boat control.

August 4<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

**Sudbury River – Wayland to Concord, MA**

Trip coordinator: Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) 617-794-0378

We will put-in at Sherman's Bridge Road in Wayland and paddled down to Lowell Road in Concord - about 8 miles. Those who are interested can continue a short distance past the take out to visit the Old North Bridge in the Minuteman National Historic Park. 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 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00

**Weaver's Cove Boat Ramp, Portsmouth**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff

June 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

**Bristol Ferry Landing**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Tony Moore  
Note that the launch is on the Portsmouth side of the bridge.

June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

**Fort Wetherill**

Level: 3  
Coordinator: Rick Brooks

June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:30

**Stonington Small Boat Launch**

Level: 4  
Coordinator: Bill Fournier  
Tidal race play on the reefs.

June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00

**Barn Island, Stonington, CT**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Bill Fournier  
Sunset estuary tour

July 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30

**Kings Beach, Newport**

Level: 3  
Coordinator: Cam Mejia

July 13<sup>th</sup> at TBD

**Westport Harbor Boat Ramp**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff  
Paddle up the East Branch of the Westport River

July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

**RICKA General Meeting Paddle**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Rich Coupland  
Location TBD

July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30

**URI Bay Campus - Full Moon Paddle**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Rich Coupland

August 3<sup>rd</sup> – time TBD

**Wickford Cove**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Rick Brooks  
Parking is at the Long Point Boat Ramp behind Wilson Park

August 10<sup>th</sup> - 10:00

**West Island - Fairhaven, MA**

Level: 2  
Coordinator: Cat Radcliff  
Paddle will be over 6 miles

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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.

- **P&H Kayak, Virgo LV** – yellow, immaculate condition. Length: 14', width: 22", weight: 51 lbs, capacity: 176 lbs. Contact [shonakitchen@gmail.com](mailto:shonakitchen@gmail.com)
- **Wilderness System Sealoution 16.6** - this plastic boat is in paddle-ready condition, but could use a little TLC in the cockpit. Deck bungees probably would need replacement soon as well.. \$100. Contact [mbouley@gmail.com](mailto:mbouley@gmail.com)
- **Cedar Strip Night Heron kayak** - \$100 or best offer. The deceased original owner wished the proceeds from the sale of this boat to benefit RICKA. Contact [mkrabach@cox.net](mailto:mkrabach@cox.net) or 401-333-5350
- **Necky Looksha** - 17' sea kayak. Gray with rudder. Good condition, stored indoors - \$695. Contact Jay at [josephlwade@yahoo.com](mailto:josephlwade@yahoo.com)
- **Gear Lab 2-piece Aukaneck Paddle** - 210 cm, excellent condition with extra tips and canvas storage sleeve - \$250. **Kokatat semi-dry suit** - large, with XL fleece dry suit layer. Good condition, but needs wrist gasket replaced - \$100. **Kokatat Farmer John Wetsuit** – large - \$40. **Shorty Wetsuit** - large, \$15. **Pro Tec Helmet** - large yellow, like new. \$25.00. **NRS Booties** - size 11, **NRS Paddle Shoes** - size 10 - both for \$25. Contact Fred [g33zr2@gmail.com](mailto:g33zr2@gmail.com) or text 401-569-6038
- **Valley Gemini ST composite kayak** - 14' 10 and 45 pounds. Yellow deck with white hull and a keel strip. Kayak is in excellent condition as it has only been very lightly used and stored properly indoors. Asking \$1,750 including a Werner carbon fiber touring paddle and a Seals cockpit cover. Contact Bill Hahn: [bhahn02835@yahoo.com](mailto:bhahn02835@yahoo.com) or 401524-1612
- **P&H Aries 155** – 2016, Expedition Layup w/Keel Strip, 70P Compass, Paddle Britches. Pea Green Deck/ White Seam/White Hull/White Kevlar Keel Strip. Foam Block Footrest - \$2,200. **Betsy Bay Recluse Greenland Style Boat** - 19' long and 20 1/2" wide; Weight 30 to 34 lbs. Paddler Weight 175 lbs. & Up; Spray Skirt, laminated Greenland Paddle (Betsy Bay). Adjustable foot pegs. Epoxy protection on bow and stern. Maintained in Excellent Condition - \$1,800. **P&H Cetus MV** - Carbon/Kevlar w/Kevlar Keel Strip, 70P Compass, Paddle Scabbard. Sail mounting system in place. Yellow Deck/White Seam/White Hull/White Kevlar Keel Strip. Foot pegs. Maintained in Excellent Condition: Modest amount of hull gell coat scratches and normal spider cracking - \$2,200 firm. Seller lives in Providence - text 401-654-3168
- **Boriel Saguana** - 18 feet fiberglass with rudder in red - \$800. **Borial Inukshuk** - 17 feet with rudder in yellow - \$500. **Futura Surf Ski** - 19 feet in blue fiberglass with a rudder - \$1,000. **Kayak Cart** - \$60. **Lendal Paddle** - \$200. **Borial Paddle** - \$100. **Roof Rack** - Hully rollers and saddles - \$400. Other items on website. Contact Julie at 401-688-7907 or [jet14jem@cox.net](mailto:jet14jem@cox.net) **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](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
- **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)
- **Necky Manitou 14** - paddle ready condition - \$400. Contact [mbouley@gmail.com](mailto:mbouley@gmail.com)

## RICKA NIGHT at the KAYAK CENTRE

On the evening of Thursday June 20, 2024, the [Kayak Centre](#) in Wickford will host “**RICKA Night**” at the Kayak Centre. This will provide us with an opportunity to interact with the customers in the Kayak Center, provide them with information about the club and answer any questions they may have about club activities.

We'll have a table and video screen on which to display videos from past movie nights as well as pictures from various paddles.

RICKA participation is being coordinated by Frank Cortesa, please contact him at [frankcortesa@charter.net](mailto:frankcortesa@charter.net) if you are interested in helping represent RICKA.

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