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May Club Meeting Aquatic Invasive Plants

Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

At our May Meeting, Bill McCusker from [Friends of the Saugatucket](#) will talk about the new aquatic invasive super plant, hydrilla verticillate, that was [found in Indian Lake last September](#). He will talk about how to identify it, what to do if you find it, and the threats to other bodies of water in RI.

Hydrilla verticillate is referred to as “the perfect aquatic weed” because it is fast growing and difficult to manage. In nearby CT, hydrilla has taken over nearly 1,000 acres of the Connecticut River, crowding out boaters and anglers who can no longer access boats and docks due to the overgrowth of weeds.

Aquatic invasive plants are one of the largest causes of impairment in freshwater lakes in RI. Currently there are 110 lakes and ponds in the state with at least one species of invasive plant. DEM has documented 15 different invasive plants with the most common being water chestnut, milfoil and fanwort. These aquatic invasive often outcompete native plants, upset the natural ecosystem and disrupt recreational use of these waterways.

The meeting will be held on Zoom videoconference – the link will be posted on the website when available.



Blackstone Valley Paddle Club Resumes Tuesday Evening Paddles

The [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) (BVPC) will begin its 27th season on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5:45 with a joint paddle with the [Southern New England Paddlers](#) (SNEP) on the Upper Pawtuxet River in Hope, RI. Trips will then continue every Tuesday through August. Come paddle with us as we enjoy the scenic waterways of the Blackstone River Valley.

To participate in the BVPC events, a RICKA membership fee of \$15.00 is required, as is a \$10.00 membership fee for the BVPC – [you can join here](#). See the schedule on page 8 or the BVPC website at <https://ricka.org/BVcalendar.html>.

Sea Kayak Paddle and Potluck/Planning Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2024 – Paddle at 10:00 a.m.,
Potluck/Planning Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

The day will start with a level 3 paddle at Sakonnet Harbor in Little Compton. Expect rock gardening and possible surfing. Helmets and dry suits required. Arrive at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch. The potluck/planning meeting will start as people arrive after paddling, typically 3:30 to 4:00, and will be held at Jon Sharlin's house, 1404 Drift Road, Westport. Please RSVP on the [RICKA Sea Kayak message board](#). You don't need to paddle to attend the potluck/planning meeting.

Please contact Rich Coupland at rlcoupland@msn.com with any questions.

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 capsizing. 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.

These are just two of the great 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.

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.

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Executive Board Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on May 1st at 7:00 p.m. online as a ZOOM videoconference. To participate contact Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net and the Zoom link will be sent to you.

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Please Renew your Membership Now

It's Easy with Our On-line Registration Form!

You'll be supporting Rhode Island's oldest and largest paddle sports club

For 47 years, the Rhode Island Canoe & Kayak Association (RICKA) has been providing great paddling opportunities for its members. We are the oldest and largest paddle sport club in Rhode Island. A new membership year began on April 1st, so please join or renew your membership today.

Why should you join RICKA? Let's start with the trips. Each year RICKA organizes hundreds of trips ranging from easy daytrips to weeklong excursions. Whether you enjoy [flatwater](#), [sea kayaking](#), [whitewater](#) or [wilderness tripping](#), there is trip for every interest and skill level at RICKA.

Are you looking to improve your paddling skills? Training is also an important part of the RICKA mission. Each year RICKA offers many fun and informative training sessions. Many of these sessions are offered free of charge, or at a significant discount to our members.

In addition to trips and training, we produce eleven monthly issues of our outstanding newsletter the [Paddler](#), hold [monthly meetings](#) with interesting and informative speakers, and maintain the [websites](#), [Facebook page](#), and message boards that keep you up-to-date on trips and activities. Our [library](#) also includes an extensive collection of paddling books and videos covering all aspects of paddling.

Do you need to buy or sell boat? You should check out the [RICKA Classified Ads](#) on our website and in the Paddler. If you can't find what you need there, RICKA members also get [special discounts](#) at several area retailers.

To register for this year's season we strongly recommend that you use our on-line registration form. RICKA is a web-based club, and the on-line form provides an efficient, secure, and flexible registration process. So, here's what to expect ...

With the online form, you will see that there isn't a lot of "required" information (name, email, type of membership), but we do have fields for optional information like being able to add a free household adult to your membership.

The type or membership remains the same with RICKA-only or the combined RICKA/BVPC options.

After entering your info, follow the flow of the form to enter your payment option. For those choosing the preferred no-hassle



Enjoy the many benefits of RICKA membership

online payment, you will be directed to a PayPal-branded online portal where you can choose to pay with credit or debit card. You do not need to have a PayPal account.

For those who prefer, check payment is available with the address provided when that option is chosen. Note also that because RICKA is run by member volunteers, it may be several weeks before checks are processed.

Upon registering you will be emailed a welcome message with important details related to our club. You will also receive an attachment that includes a pdf of your form, invoice, and membership card (valid upon payment). Utilize either the welcome message or your card for paddles and store discounts.

So please join or renew for the 2024 season here:
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Finally, if you have any issues or prefer not to utilize the new form, simply email membership at; rickenmembership@gmail.com

Thank you for your support in the coming year, and we look forward to seeing you on the water.



Registration is easy with our on-line form

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.

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.

Level 3: Participants should be able to:

- Perform skills listed under Level 2.
- Paddle 12 miles in a day.
- Control a kayak in 15-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.
- Handle currents.

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.

Saltwater Paddling for Everyone

In Rhode Island, we are fortunate to have great saltwater paddling not just for sea kayakers, but also for flatwater paddlers. Here are some of our favorite flatwater and sea kayaking venues.

Flatwater - these sites are somewhat protected and are suitable for experienced flatwater paddlers.

Point Judith Pond South Kingstown



[Point Judith Pond](#), or the Great Salt Pond is the second largest of the Rhode Island's South County salt ponds. It is a shallow, four-mile long pond located behind the barrier beaches that form Point Judith. The easiest put-in is boat ramp at [Marina Park](#). From there, you can paddle out into the Upper Pond, through the Narrows, and into Point Judith Pond itself. There are numerous coves and islands to explore.

Ninigret Pond Charlestown



[Ninigret Pond](#) is the largest of Rhode Island's South County salt ponds. Ninigret is separated from the ocean by the fragile barrier island that forms East Beach. It is connected to Green Hill Pond by a small tidal inlet. Putting in at [Ninigret Park](#) allows you to explore the west end of the pond, including a short hike across the barrier island for a view of the beach. Putting in at the [Charlestown Beach](#) put-in allows you to explore the east end of the pond including the Charlestown Breachway and [Green Hill Pond](#).

Narrow River North Kingstown and Narragansett



The Narrow River, also known as the Pettaquamscutt River, arises at Carr Pond

Dam at the Gilbert Stuart Birthplace and flows south for 6-miles forming the border between North Kingstown and Narragansett. Putting in at the [Narrow River Fishing Area](#) allows you to paddle upstream exploring the [Upper Narrows and the Upper and Lower Ponds](#). Putting in at the [Sprague Bridge](#) provides easy access to [Pettaquamscutt Cove and the Lower Narrows](#) where the river flows into Narragansett Bay.

Wickford Harbor North Kingstown



Wickford is located on the West Passage of Narragansett Bay, and is built around a large, well-protected harbor. Today, it is a picturesque village whose waterfront streets are lined with shops, restaurants and colonial-era homes. Putting in at [Wilson Park](#) allows you to explore the backwaters around Rabbit and Cornelius Islands before heading into Wickford Harbor and down into the Cove.

Sea Kayak - these sites are in open water and more exposed, and are suitable for experienced sea kayakers.

Sakonnet Point Little Compton



[Sakonnet Harbor](#) provides access to West Island, East Island, Little Cormorant Rock and the Sakonnet Point Lighthouse. It is one of RICKA's most popular rock garden venues. The water around the islands is very exposed and can be quite active. RICKA members also enjoy surfing Surfer's Beach near the Haffenreffer estate.

Kings Beach Newport

Launch at [Kings Beach](#) and you are paddling along the amazing rocky shore of

southern Aquidneck Island. If you head east you will pass mansions on the rocky cliffs along Newport's Ocean Drive and Cliff Walk. Seal Rock lies a third of a mile to the south - a wild, exposed area that is a favorite for advanced rock gardening. If you head west you will pass Brenton Point and will enter the open waters of Narragansett Bay.



Bay Campus Narragansett



The [URI Bay Campus](#) provides access the West Passage of Narragansett Bay. To the south lies Bonnet Shores and Whale Rock - a frequent rock gardening site. From there you can cross to Beavertail at the southern tip of Jamestown - one of the most scenic and exposed coastal locations in RI.

Fort Wetherill Jamestown



[Fort Wetherill](#) provides access to the lower East Bay. The southern Jamestown shoreline provides outstanding rock gardening and coastal touring, or head north to The Dumplings for easy tide race play during peak flows. Head east across the East Passage, with due caution in very busy waters, to reach Castle Hill Lighthouse, and from there around Brenton Point for rock gardening and coastal touring.

Potter Cove Jamestown



[Potter Cove](#) gives you access to Jamestown, Newport and the coves and islands of the upper East Bay. If you head south, you will pass under the Newport Bridge and into Jamestown Harbor. From there you can cross to Newport Harbor, Rose Island and Gould Island.

Support our Paddle Sport Partners...

An Interview with Coach Greg Paquin

Kayak Waveology - Sea Kayak Instruction in Connecticut and Southern New England

What is the nature of your business?

At [Kayak Waveology](#) the core of our business is [coaching sea paddlers](#) - helping them to do more with their sea paddling and helping them reach their goals. We train sea paddlers to become independent and safe in the water.

We also specialize in running international expedition sea paddling trips. We carry British made NDK sea kayaks and safety kit and gear that originates from the UK.

Where is your shop located?

We mainly travel for our coaching in Southern New England – CT, RI, MA and little bit in eastern NY - kind of like a builder traveling to the next job. We have an online shop for [boats](#) and [gear](#), and a boat barn located in Killingworth, CT.

What is your background?

I have been heavily involved in British Canoeing since my early beginnings in sea kayaking some 35 years ago. The organization was then called BCU.

Although I have also gone through the ranks of the ACA, my coaching philosophy aligns more towards British Canoeing with a student centered learning approach.

Currently, I am a provider of many of the British Canoeing awards including all [BC Leadership, Personal Performance, Safety and Moderate Water Coaching awards](#).

When I was a kid and not playing hockey, I did mess about in open canoes on the lakes of Maine. That was my early beginning's into paddle sports.

What makes your shop unique?



Being specialized in sea kayaking makes us unique. We focus on British made boats and coaching. We run lean and focus on being accessible - traveling to coach on the sea, an on-line shop for boats and gear, and demos and fittings by appointment. Our workshop and boat barn are where we live, and we actively answer emails and phone calls.

What advice would you give paddler looking for new gear?

When looking for new gear have a look at what the coaches are using and wearing. They tend to gravitate to gear that they have tested to be tried and true. We only sell the products that we use ourselves.

What would you tell newbies looking to try paddling?

Take a starter or improvers course to get some of the maneuvering, rescue and safety fundamentals in place. You will be surprised what you can do in a small craft. This kind of gets folks hooked into paddle sports.

What advice would you give paddlers looking to improve their skills?

Find a coach that you believe can help you.

Think about what your goals are and what you want to do or improve, and then work with the coach to help you get there. Build a relationship with your coach that is respectful and honest. This goes both ways in building that coach/athlete relationship.

What satisfaction do you get from teaching people at different levels?

The satisfaction is watching them grow and learn to achieve their paddling goals. Then you know you are coaching well. It doesn't matter if you are working with beginners, intermediate or advance sea paddlers. I enjoy helping them explore or revisit the fundamentals in paddle skills, navigation, and seamanship.

What are the best places to paddle near you?

Personally, I like the dynamic waters around Fishers Island Sound and the eastern reaches of Long Island Sound for the tidal flows, and the outer coast of Newport for the exciting rock hopping.

What are your favorite trips?

My favorite trips are the international ones like Southern Patagonia, the islands around Scotland, Ireland and Wales, the Canadian Maritimes and around Grand Manan.

How do we contact you?

You can reach us online, by phone or by email:

Web site: www.kayakwaveology.com
Email: coach@kayakwaveology.com
Telephone: 860-304-4000

We hope to see you on the water!

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](#)

May 14th - meet at 5:45 (due to the early sunset)

Upper Pawtuxet – Hope, RI

Coordinators: Roscoe Skurka cskurka@cox.net 401-823-8925, Skye scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie resq1192@gmail.com

Season opener for BVPC is a joint paddle with [Southern New England Paddlers](#) (SNEP). A 4-mile round trip up the Pawtuxet River to the Scituate Reservoir and back again. Bring a headlamp.

May 21st - launching promptly at 6:15

West River – Uxbridge, MA

Trip coordinators: Julierie87@gmail.com, Steve Reindeau steverie154@gmail.com and Frank Cortesa 508-369-820 frankcortesa@charter.net

You'll have the chance to see lots of wildlife as you paddle upstream through this stretch of clean, clear flatwater. Suitable for boats 15-feet and under in length. We will be paddling around obstacles and over beaver dams. Be prepared to encounter and enjoy these as part of the trip.

May 28th - launching promptly at 6:15

West River – Upton, MA

Trip Coordinators: Frank Cortesa 508-369-820 frankcortesa@charter.net and Jim Crowley crowbird888@msn.com

An upstream paddle leads to Old Zac, a pond owned by the town of Upton. We will be paddling around obstacles and over beaver dams. Be prepared to encounter and enjoy these as part of the trip.

June 4th - launching promptly at 6:15

Manville Dam – Cumberland, RI

Trip coordinators: Tom Farley, Earl MacRae earlandpat@comcast.net, Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887 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 11th - launching promptly at 6:15.

Nipmuc River – Harrisville, RI

Trip coordinators: Julierie87@gmail.com, Steve Reindeau steverie154@gmail.com and Frank Cortesa 508-369-820 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 18th - launching promptly at 6:15

Quinsigamond River - Riverview Apartments

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

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

June 25th - launching promptly at 6:15

Lincoln Woods - Lincoln, RI

Trip coordinators: Manny Terezakis egterezakis@gmail.com and Bob Larrivee

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

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.

May 5th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle.
Wood River - Route 165 to Wyoming Dam

Trip coordinator: Sharon Dragon 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.

May 11th to May 12th

Big River Camp and Paddle

Trip coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-418-2838

We will put-in at Zacks Bridge and paddle upstream into the Big River Management Area for the night. RSVP required and trip is limited to 6 or 7 tents.

May 18th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch
Ten Mile River and Central Pond

Trip coordinators: Danny O'Shea doshea5031@aol.com 401-527-3447 and Al Sampson

This site gives you access to Central Pond. The shores are tree-lined, and you can paddle up the Ten Mile River to Slater Park in Pawtucket. There will not be a lunch stop on this trip.

May 19th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 shuttle.
Great Swamp - Taylor's Landing, Kingston, RI
Trip Coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com
401-418-2838

The Great Swamp provides perhaps the most intriguing canoe trip in the state. Trip is easier for shorter boats. Please bring a change of clothes in a drybag and a lunch.

May 25th - meet at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch
Quinebaug River- Brooklyn, CT
Trip Coordinators: 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.

June 1st - meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 shuttle
Assabet River – Acton to Concord
Trip Coordinator: Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com 401-225-3942

We will paddle down the Assabet River to its convergence with the Sudbury River to form the Concord River. This trip is mostly flatwater, with some quickwater. Suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

June 8th - meet at 8:30 for a 9:00 launch
Seekonk River - Pawtucket
Trip Coordinators: Skye Pechie scitamb.2@juno.com and Steve Pechie 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 9th - meet at 10 for a 10:30 shuttle
Pawcatuck River - Jay Cronin to Bradford
Trip Coordinator: Sharon Dragon 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 15th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 shuttle
Snake River – Taunton, MA
Trip Coordinator: Gary Powers

The Snake meanders with countless hairpin turns through the vast Hockomock Swamp. Suitable for boats 15-feet and under in length. Bring a lunch.

June 17th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch
Meeting on the Water Upper Pawtuxet in Hope, RI
Trip coordinators: Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert 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 21st - meet at 7:30 for an 8:00 pm launch
Full Moon Paddle on Worden Pond - South Kingstown
Trip Coordinators: Jen Stanton bigredstantons@gmail.com Cindy Gianfransisco and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-418-2838

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

June 22nd - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle
Pawcatuck River - Bradford to Potter Hill
Leader: Erik Eckilson 617-794-0378 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 30th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch
Big River - Coventry
Trip coordinators: Pat Lardner 401-524-8057 pslardner@gmail.com, Deb Britt 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 4th - meet at 9:00 for a 9:30 launch
Providence River - Bold Point, East Providence
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. If you would rather not cross the Washington Bridge, you can launch at South Water Street in Providence (parking is limited).

Sea Kayak Trips

Sea Kayak trips are now posted in the Show and Go Section of the [Sea Kayak Message Board](#). Appropriate skills and equipment are required

Sea Kayak Paddle and Potluck/Season Planning Meeting
May 4th – Paddle at 10:00,
Potluck/Planning Meeting at 3:00

See page 1 for details. Please come to the Planning Meeting even if you cannot come to the Paddle - we need your input.

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **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 or 401-333-5350
- **Necky Looksha** - 17' sea kayak. Gray with rudder. Good condition, stored indoors - \$695. Contact Jay at 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 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 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. **Betsie 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
- **Borial 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** - Hull rollers and saddles - \$400. Other items on website. Contact Julie at 401-688-7907 or 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
- **Skin on frame kayak made by Seawolf** - the model is the Kurki. 17 feet long, 29 lbs, rolls easily, I easily maintain 4-5 mph in the open ocean. Spray skirt and float bags included. Delivery within the RI-CT-MA area can be negotiated. Contact 443-974-0814
- **NDK Explorer HV** - touring, expeditioning and active water play boat. About 10 years, modest gel coat scratches and cracking, Yellow over white with black deck seam and cockpit coaming. Hatch covers are in good shape. Includes a deck mounted Bruton compass and recessed deck fittings - \$1,450. Contact Gerry@seasheerpakayak.com
- **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 here is the link) - used only a few times - \$200. Contact jonathansharlin@gmail.com
- **Necky Kayook** - 15', two sealed compartments, foot-controlled rudder. Includes cockpit cover, spray skirt, some accessories - \$175. Contact Ed Poyer at edpoyer@gmail.com

Send your classified ads to RICKA Webmaster Cheryl Thompson, 53 Anan Wade Road, Gloucester, 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.

RICKA elects new Executive Officers

Congratulations to the Executive Officers for the 2024 to 2025 year that were elected at our Annual Meeting in April:

President: Erik Eckilson
Vice President: Steve Pechie
Secretary: Skye Pechie
Treasurer: Frank Cortesa

We would also like to extend a special thanks to our out-going President Frank Cortesa and Treasurer Sharon Dragon for their years of dedicated service to the club, and for continuing to serve on the Executive Board in other capacities. We appreciate your on-going service.