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## 17<sup>th</sup> Annual RICKA Family Picnic

Cold Spring Community Center  
at the North Kingstown Town Beach  
Sunday, September 29, 2024



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Volunteer of the Year Award  
from Sea Kayak Chair Rich Coupland

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**Register now for this fun event - your registration is due by September 20, 2024.** See page 3 for registration details.

## Sea Kayak Incident Management Course

September 14, 2024

Everyone practices rescues, but how confident are you that you could deal with a real incident. In this course we will discuss and practice incident management to be better prepared for anything that might happen on a trip such as rescues, towing, etc. It will include a focus on adaptive approaches for paddlers of different sizes and strength.

This course is recommended for sea kayak leaders, and anyone interested in improving their rescue response skills [in Level 3 conditions](#). Watch the [Sea Kayaking Message Board](#) for location, time and details. Please RSVP on the [Sea Kayaking Message Board](#).

Supporting the Breast Cancer Research in RI

## Paddle for Progress

September 22, 2024 - check in at 8:30, paddle at 10:00

[Paddle for Progress](#) is not a RICKA event, but is fun, 2-mile paddle that turns Wickford Harbor pink to support breast cancer research. Contact [info@paddleforprogressri.org](mailto:info@paddleforprogressri.org) for additional information.

Run, Paddle & Bike Race in The Blackstone Valley

## Greenway Challenge

September 28, 2024

This year will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> running of the [Greenway Challenge](#). If you are interested in getting a RICKA team together please contact Gary Powers at [rickamembership@gmail.com](mailto:rickamembership@gmail.com).

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 capsized. 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 Meeting

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on September 4<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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### Registration Form:

[Join the Fun!](#)

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## Submit your stories to the **PADDLER**

Do you have a story that you could share, a picture, gear review or trip report? **Please consider sending it to the Paddler.** Chances are, there are a lot of people who would really enjoy seeing it.

Don't be shy, please send it along to [editor@ricka.org](mailto:editor@ricka.org)!

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Pat Ladner with the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award – who will win this year?

person. The 2024 RICKA Awards Ceremony will follow lunch.

Because this is a catered event we must have your reservation no later than **September 20, 2024**. You can register by mail or online using PayPal at:

[http://www.ricka.org/Payments/ricka\\_picnic.html](http://www.ricka.org/Payments/ricka_picnic.html)

If you register by mail, please print out the form below and return it with your check payable to RICKA to:

RICKA c/o Frank Cortesa  
290 Pond Street  
Uxbridge, MA 01569

All are welcome to attend including members, their families, significant others, and friends.

**Register now for this fun event.** Rain or Shine. Who knows, you may be receiving an award.



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## 2024 RICKA Family Picnic

Registration due by September 20, 2024

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Type of Meal (include number):

Croissant: _____	Eggplant Burger _____	Turkey _____	Chicken Salad _____
Gluten & Dairy Free Roll: _____	Eggplant Burger _____	Turkey _____	Chicken Salad _____
Dairy Free Wrap: _____	Eggplant Burger _____	Turkey _____	Chicken Salad _____

Make check payable to RICKA and mail to:

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You can also register on line at [https://ricka.org/Payments/ricka\\_picnic.html](https://ricka.org/Payments/ricka_picnic.html)



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# Blackstone River Expedition

By Paul Leclerc

After reading Frank's trip for the mini Blackstone excursion with dire warnings of unforgiving river passages and hellish portages not for the faint of heart, I knew I wanted in. I joined three other intrepid souls to brave Frank's foreboding quest: Mike D, Gary P, and Jim C.

After setting up the shuttle at Plummer's Landing in Northbridge, MA, we put-in at Mill Villages Park in Grafton, MA and paddled upriver a short distance under a blazing sun to the aerated waters of the cascading Fisherville stepped dam, filling the air with the Blackstone's sweet signature aroma.



The stepped dam at Fisherville

Turning back downstream we found that the river was low, requiring a lot of reading and maneuvering to avoid the many shallow rocks, stony sandbars and riffled shallows (as well as the occasional tire, tank, and pipe), before we came upon our first factory dam portage.

A magnificent bald eagle was spotted flying overhead, coming to rest in a tree, and then flying off again, perhaps to warn its mate of Frank's advancing expedition. After a few maneuvers to avoid a small broken wooden dam, the crew paddled onto the first portage to avoid a larger broken wooden dam that has dangerous debris below the opening.



Portaging the broken dam

I eddied out near the dam to scout a passage for the others to take out. Mike had found one further upstream and the others followed. Getting a foothold on the steep bank was tricky, but all managed just fine and dragged their boats either over or under an old wooden structure to the river below.

This six mile section of the river ran through mostly remote forested areas with a few short more urban sections where it passed under several bridges; at times it felt very remote. A few sections required some pushing and heaving through the shallow waters as our kayaks scratched and bumped their way down.

Some segments required walking several yards in the river to get to deeper waters, while at other times the river pushed hard through a narrow deeper channel requiring us to paddle hard to avoid trees, rocks and steep banks (some with poison ivy).

A few miles down, the shallow free flowing river gave way to the deeper calm waters of a large mill pond formed by the Riverdale Dam. High up in a tall pine was a pair of bald eagles. Perhaps one was the same eagle we had seen earlier about three



A peaceful section of the Blackstone

miles upstream. Their nest was immense and clearly visible. They rested on branches twenty feet apart watching our every move until we reached the dam.

A convenient sign alerted us to the takeout and portage trail on river left, which was surprisingly clear of brush as was the path back down to the river. However, those wary of poison ivy needed to keep a watchful eye and tread carefully. We put in and continued our exploration.

Not soon after, a giant fish thrashed about in the shallow water beside my boat. Gary said it was a two footer, maybe a three or even four footer as his arms kept widening apart. Perhaps a relic from the dinosaur age - the Blackstone's very own Loch Ness Monster?



That fish was this big...

A bit further down, a doe and her two fawns hopped across a ford in the river, easing our fears of monsters lurking beneath.

After safe passage through the many challenging sections, we reached Plummer's Landing, went ashore, high fived, bumped fist and body slammed in jubilation. Jim almost ruined the no-swim trip as he slipped in the mud, tumbled and caught himself before he reached the river's edge. Whew!

While loading the boats for the return shuttle, Mike D commented that this was the best adventure trip he's had in his many years with RICKA. Frank's daunting trip was in the books as a success.

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# Time to Step-up – URI Bay Campus

By Erik Eckilson

The last time that I paddled out of the URI Bay Campus was July, 2019. Tony needed to return the Volunteer of the Year trophy, so we decided to paddle the West Passage checking out the lighthouses.

This time, I would be doing the RICKA Sea Kayak Step-up/Training trip, and getting the Volunteer of the Year trophy back from Cat Ratcliff. I wonder who will be getting the trophy this year?

The URI Bay Campus provides access the West Passage of Narragansett Bay. To the south lies Bonnet Shores and Whale Rock - frequent rock gardening sites. From there, more experienced paddlers can cross to Beavertail at the southern tip of Jamestown - one of the most scenic and exposed coastal locations in Rhode Island.



Heading out

To the west is Jamestown with Dutch Island and the Dutch Island Light. To the north is the Jamestown Bridge, the Plum Beach Light and the more sheltered waters of the upper West Passage.

We would be doing a step-up/training trip to give paddlers who have done mostly Level 2 or even flatwater trips the opportunity to paddle in swells, current, rocks, and other dynamic conditions.

We had 11 paddlers with 4 step-up paddlers, including me. Conditions were



Bonnet Rock

mild with SW winds 10 to 15 kt with gusts up to 20 kt. Waves 2 to 3 feet. Tide was going out.

We headed south from the Bay Campus toward Bonnet Shores. The swells increased as we left the more protected waters of the West Passage and ventured south toward the Rhode Island Sound. Some played in the rocks on the way out. I stayed a little further out to get used to the rolling swells.

When we reached Bonnet Rock we gathered up for the crossing of the cove at Bonnet Shores. We were now paddling across the waves and the wind. The water on the other side of the cove was considerably calmer, and we played in the rocks as we continued south.

With an outgoing tide and a wind from the south, the swells were 2 feet as we left Bonnet Shores and entered into Rhode Island Sound. It was a bit of work paddling



View from our lunch spot

into the wind, but fun to ride up and down on the swells. We could see waves breaking over Whale Rock in the distance when the decision was made to turn around and head back to Bonnet Shores.

On the return trip we were in a following sea, and riding down the face of a large swell for the first time was a blast. The main concern in a following sea is broaching when the wind turns the kayak sideways in the waves. A stern rudder can help keep you going straight.

We stopped for lunch inside the cove on a small rocky beach with a great view of Jamestown and the Beavertail Light. We played in the rocks as we worked out way back down the cove for the crossing.



The crew

The wind had picked up in the afternoon, and I found myself repeatedly having to correct my course while crossing the cove. With smaller swells and stronger winds, I also felt the boat's tendency to broach in the following sea on the way back to the Bay Campus, but it was nothing that I felt uncomfortable with - I'm making progress.

Once back at the Bay Campus we did assisted rescue practice. I was a rescuer and rescuee, and did fine with both. You can never practice rescues too much. Then we did some towing demonstrations. Rick said this was a solid Level 3 trip, so I felt good about that.



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## Support our Paddlesport Partner

# The Kayak Centre

## An interview with Jennifer LaPreste - Kayak Centre Events and Tours Coordinator

### What is the nature of your business?

The [Kayak Centre](#) is the largest full-service paddle sports retailer in Rhode Island. We offer tours, rentals, and instructional classes. Our services also include kayak repair, installation, cleaning and maintenance services.

### Where is your store located?

Our flagship store is open year-round in [Wickford](#). We also have a seasonal location in [Charlestown](#). You can also shop [online](#) from our great selection of boats, gear and outdoor accessories

### What makes your shop unique?

When The Kayak Centre opened in 1995, we set out to create the kind of environment that people would love returning to. This would be a place that offered exceptional on-water paddling programs with high quality boats and gear, and above all, knowledgeable and friendly staff could provide exceptional customer service.

### Do you sell new boats?

We carry one of the largest selections of [kayaks and standup paddleboards](#) in New

England. We also offer year-round demos to help you find the perfect boat or board for your needs.

### How about other gear and accessories?

We also carry a huge selection of [outdoor clothing](#) and paddling [gear](#) and [accessories](#). Order online now or stop by our flagship store in Wickford.

### Do you offer on-water programs?

Our [on-water programs](#) offer options for everyone to get involved in paddling. Whether you [rent](#) a kayak, join a [guided tour](#) or participate in an [instructional program](#), our goal is to make it an informative and memorable day on the water.

### How can I rent a boat?

We offer [on-site only rentals](#) throughout the summer at our waterfront locations in Wickford and Charlestown. Rentals are by reservation only, and you must launch from our rental locations.

### What advice would you give paddler looking for new gear?

We suggest that a paddler looking to upgrade or purchase paddling gear speak with one of our knowledgeable staff members. We will assist them in finding the appropriate gear to fit their kayaking needs.

### What would you tell newbies looking to try paddling?

Try renting kayaks first to become familiar with the sport. If you decide to purchase a new kayak from us you will receive a complimentary 1-hour basic kayaking lesson to ensure that you have the basic knowledge to feel comfortable on the water.

### What are the best places to paddle near you?

We like [Wickford Harbor](#), [Ninigret Pond](#), the [Upper](#) and [Lower](#) Narrow River and for experienced paddlers the open waters of Narragansett Bay.

### How do we contact you?

We are located in historic Wickford Village at 70 Brown Street. You can reach us at:

Phone: 401-295-4400

Email: [funn@kayakcentre.com](mailto:funn@kayakcentre.com)

Website: [www.kayakcentre.com](http://www.kayakcentre.com)



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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.**

### 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.

September 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>  
**RICKA Adirondacks Trip**

The [Flatwater](#) group will return to Lake Eaton Campground in Long Lake Village, NY for the 2024 Adirondacks camping and paddling trip. Please contact Chuck Horbert at [chorbert13@gmail.com](#) ASAP if you plan to attend.

September 8<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 launch  
**Quaddick Reservoir – Thompson, CT**  
Trip coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](#) 401-497-5887 and Tom Farley

Scenic Quaddick Reservoir is nestled in the northeast corner of Connecticut — near the Rhode Island and Massachusetts border. Suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

September 28<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**Nashua River - Groton to Pepperell**  
Trip coordinators: Frank Cortesa [frankcortesa@charter.net](#) 508-369-8205 and Louise Price [weezrad@yahoo.com](#)

The Nashua River has been referred to as one of the prettiest places to paddle in

eastern MA. It twists and turns among islands and side channels that turn this inundated marshland into a giant 5-mile long maze. Round trip will make this approximately a 10-mile trip. Suitable for all. Bring a lunch

September 29<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch  
**RICKA Picnic Flatwater Paddle - Wickford**  
Trip Coordinators: Cheryl Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](#) or 401-497-5887 and Sharon Dragon [shdrag1@gmail.com](#) 401-225-3942

We will put-in at Wilson Park and paddle in the calm, protected waters among the islands and marshes of Wickford Harbor. After the paddle we will head to the North Kingstown Town Beach for lunch and the RICKA Awards Ceremony.

October 5<sup>th</sup> - meet at 11:00 for an 11:30 launch  
**Farmington River - East Granby, CT**  
Trip coordinator: Sharon Dragon [shdrag1@gmail.com](#) 401-225-3942

A flatwater paddle on the Farmington River, upstream to the Route 187 bridge in East Granby CT and back downriver – 7.73 miles up and back. Trip is suitable for all.

October 6<sup>th</sup> - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch  
**100 Acre Pond - West Kingston**  
Trip coordinators are Chuck Horbert [chorbert13@gmail.com](#) 401-418- 2838 and Cindy Gianfrancesco

We will paddle upstream on the Chipuxet River through Thirty Acre Pond and up to Hundred Acre Pond, and then return to Taylor Landing. **RSVP is required for this trip.** There will be a maximum number of boats allowed. Bring a lunch

October 13<sup>th</sup> - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch  
**Blackstone Gorge Foliage Paddle – Blackstone, MA**

Trip coordinator: Gary Powers [rickamembership@gmail.com](#)

The put-in for this section is near the Blackstone Gorge across from 66 County Street, Blackstone MA. This is a pretty fall paddle, just under 4-miles round trip and suitable for all paddlers. Parking lot is small. 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.

September 14<sup>th</sup> - TBD  
**Incident Management Course (RSVP)**  
Level: 3  
Coordinators: Kelly Gable & Brenda Rashleigh

In this course we will discuss and practice incident management to be better prepared for anything that might happen to a group on a trip such as rescues, towing, etc. Watch the [Sea Kayaking Message Board](#) for location, time and details. Please RSVP on the [Sea Kayaking Message Board](#).

September 29<sup>th</sup> - 9:30  
**RICKA Picnic Sea Kayak Paddle**  
Level: 2

Launch: Wickford Town Beach. Park near the Cold Spring Community Center. We'll head south past Rome Point and, time permitting, circle Plum Beach Light. We will return to the North Kingstown Town Beach for lunch and the RICKA Awards Ceremony.

October 20<sup>th</sup> – 2:00  
**Stonington Small Boat Launch**  
Level: 4  
Coordinator: Bill Fournier  
Tidal race play at the cans.

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# RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Wenonah Wee Lassie** - 12' 6", excellent condition, lightweight Kevlar, 24 pounds, only used 10 times, some character marks - \$2,000. Contact [shdrag1@gmail.com](mailto:shdrag1@gmail.com)
- **Thule Hullivator** - original model, pistons just tested and each lifts 16+ lbs. This system will still provide considerable assistance at a fraction of the cost for new (\$900). A set of Thule bars and car mounts are available at an additional cost. \$250 Contact Bill Hahn, [bhahn02835@yahoo.com](mailto:bhahn02835@yahoo.com), 401-524-1612
- **Dagger Stratos 14.5 L in Cosmic** - 2 years old. Great condition, some cosmetic scratches as expected. All outfitting in like new condition. Comes with an extra pair of the foam knee pads, will include a Seals Surf Skirt and a Seals Coastal Tour Skirt. \$900 OBO. Contact [daniel.halperin@outlook.com](mailto:daniel.halperin@outlook.com)
- **Swift Saranac 14.6 Kevlar Fusion** - high-end, high-strength, lightweight kayak. Higher volume for larger paddlers. Perfect for RI's ocean, bays, rivers, lakes - \$2,100. Will deliver in RI. Contact Mark at [hozho108@gmail.com](mailto:hozho108@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)
- **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. **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** - 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)

## DEM Seeking Input on Outdoor Recreation in RI

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is conducting an online survey to gather input on outdoor recreation opportunities in Rhode Island. Feedback will be used to help prioritize funding for outdoor recreation projects over the next five years. Please provide your input and complete the survey here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024SCORPUpdate-GeneralPublicSurvey>

The survey will be open through Monday, September 30, 2024.

Send your classified ads to RICKA Webmaster Cheryl Thompson, 53 Anan Wade Road, Gloucester, RI 02857-2611 or [webmaster@ricka.org](mailto: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.