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Sea Kayak Paddle and Potluck/Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Paddle at 10:00 a.m.,
Potluck/Planning Meeting to follow at 3:00 p.m.

The 2025 [Sea Kayak Paddle and Potluck/Planning Meeting](#) will now be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025 – please note change in date.

The day will start with a level 2 paddle (weather permitting) from the [URI Bay Campus](#). We will launch at 10:00. Proper cold water gear is required. We should arrive back at the put-in at around 2:00 p.m.

The Potluck/Planning Meeting will start as people arrive after paddling, typically between 3:00 and 4:00. The meeting will be held at 335 Sweet Allen Farm Road, South Kingstown, RI 02879. There will be plenty of food and conversation, so bring a potluck dish to share. Paddlers should also bring ideas for trips to add to the summer calendar. If you cannot come to the Paddle, please come to the Planning Meeting - we need your input on trips!

Please RSVP for the potluck on the [message board](#) and let everyone know what you plan to bring. You can contact Rich Coupland at rlcoupland@msn.com with any questions.



Blackstone Valley Paddle Club Resumes Tuesday Evening Paddles

The [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) (BVPC) will begin its 28th season on Tuesday, May 13th 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/BVPCcalendar.html>.

RICKA elects Executive Officers for the 2025-26 Year

Congratulations to the Executive Officers for the 2025-26 year that were elected at our Annual Meeting in April:

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

We are also pleased to welcome Aaron Rouby and Michael Hazeltine to the Executive Board as Members at Large. Thanks to all of our Executive Board Members (see page 2) for your dedicated service to the club throughout the year.

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 7th 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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Your RICKA membership expired on March 31, 2025...

Please renew your RICKA membership now!

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Due to frequent spam and phishing attacks, we have removed personal phone numbers and email addresses for executive board members from the Paddler. If you need to contact the club, please reach out to Erik Eckilson at eckilson@cox.net.

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 48 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 begins 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.

Please register for this year's season using our online 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 ...

Once you've completed the registration form with the required information (name, email, type of membership), we encourage you to securely pay online with a Debit/Credit card via PayPal.

You do not need to be a PayPal member nor register with PayPal. To pay as a guest simply go to the option near the bottom where it says "PAY WITH DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD".

Remember to have your Debit/Credit card handy but if you happen to close out of



Enjoy the many benefits of RICKA membership

PayPal, you don't need to re-register as we have provided a courtesy quick-link back to PayPal in the Welcome email attachment.

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 2025 season here:
[Join the Fun](#)

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 at 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.

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 13th - meet at 5:30 (due to the early sunset)

Upper Pawtuxet – Hope, RI

Coordinators: 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 20th - launching promptly at 6:15

West River – Uxbridge, MA

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

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 27th - launching promptly at 6:15

West River – Upton, MA

Trip coordinators: Julierie87@gmail.com, Steve Reindeau steverie154@gmail.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 3rd - launching promptly at 6:15

Quinsigamond River - Riverview Apartments

Trip coordinators: Jim Crowley crowbird888@msn.com and Bob Larrive rml405@charter.net

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

June 10th - launching promptly at 6:15

Lackey Dam, Sutton MA

Trip coordinators: Julierie87@gmail.com, Steve Reindeau steverie154@gmail.com

Enjoy a very pleasurable evening on Lackey Pond and Mumford River. Starting at the Lackey Dam, the trip goes upstream into Lackey Pond and under Route 146 into the Mumford River.

June 17th - 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 24th - launching promptly at 6:15

Rice City Pond and the Blackstone River - Uxbridge, MA

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

Paddle on the canal to Rice City Pond and the historic Goat Hill Lock, or more experienced paddlers can paddle the loop,

down the Blackstone River and up the Blackstone Canal.

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 17th - meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch **Spring Cleanup/Paddle – River's Edge Park – Woonsocket, RI**

Trip Coordinator: Gary Powers garpow28@aol.com

For our Spring cleanup/paddle we will put in the Blackstone River abutting River's Edge Recreational. Bags, gloves, and a limited number of reaching tools will be available however, please feel free to bring your own gloves/tools.

May 18th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Central Pond - Rumford, RI

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

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 18th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

Assabet River - Acton to Concord, MA

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

We will put in at the Acton Canoe Launch and paddle down the Assabet River to the Concord River. This trip is mostly flatwater, with some quickwater. We will continue down the Concord River the Old North Bridge in the Minute Man National Historic Site. Suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

May 24th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch (RSVP required)

Big River – Coventry, RI

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 pslardner@gmail.com, and is limited to 12 cars due to limited parking.

May 25th - meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle.

Quinebaug River – Danielson to Canterbury, CT

Trip Coordinators: Paul Leclerc paul_leclerc@hotmail.com and Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net 617-794-0378

This section of the Quinebaug has a bit of everything; scenic stretches of flatwater, quickwater and a few easy rapids. Any boat length will do. There is one straight-forward class 2 rapid which can be portaged. Boat skirts are required if you would like to try the class 2 rapid.

June 7th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

Upper Wood River – Route 165

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.

June 8th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Wood River – Alton Dam

Trip Coordinator: Aaron Rouby aaronrouby@gmail.com

We will launch above the Alton Dam and paddle upstream and then return to the

same launch. No shuttle required. Bring a lunch.

June 12th - meet at 6:00 for a 6:30 launch

June Meeting on the Water - Neponset Reservoir – Foxboro, MA

Trip coordinators: Steve and Joanna Norris sirron30@gmail.com

Our first on-water meeting/paddle of the season is the signal that summer is here! The Neponset Reservoir is surrounded by a mix of conservation land, homes and undeveloped areas. There is about 325 foot portage, so wheels recommended.

June 14th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

Pawcatuck - Bradford to Potter Hill

Trip Coordinator: 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 old Bradford Dam, which can be run or portaged. From Bradford the river twists and turns through the woods and marshland to the Potter Hill Dam. Bring a lunch.

June 21st - meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 launch

Seekonk River - Providence

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 22nd - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

North Branch of the Pawtuxet River – Hope, RI

Trip Coordinators: Cindy Gianfrancesco and Chuck Horbert chorbert13@gmail.com 401-418- 2838

A round trip of approximately a 5-miles that takes you through the winding marshy pond created by the Hope Dam. This trip is suitable for all.

June 28th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Blackstone Gorge - Blackstone, MA

Trip Coordinator: Aaron Rouby Aaronrouby@gmail.com

We will launch above the dam and paddle upstream to the Triad Bridge and Millville Lock before returning. No shuttle required. Suitable for all levels of experience.

June 29th - meet at 9:00 for a 9:30 shuttle

Blackstone River Adventure Paddle – Lincoln to Central Falls, RI

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

We will put in at Sycamore Landing in Lincoln and paddle down to Central Falls Landing – about 9-mile. This is one of the prettiest sections of the Blackston River with isolated woodlands and the remnants of old mill villages. This is not a beginner's paddle. Participants must be able to handle a variety of low and quick water conditions as well as 3 difficult/long portages. Wheels are recommended. Bring a lunch.

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.

- **Necky Zoar Kayak** – yellow, 16'. Tough polyethylene construction with hatches and bulkheads in bow and stern and perimeter lines as well as bungees. Rudder that is operated by foot paddles. Comes with a black cockpit cover and a yellow spray skirt. Weight is 65 lbs. - \$600. Contact/text at 401-410-7434
- **Men's XXL Kokatat Meridian Dry Suit** - GORE-TEX PRO, ocean color block - two years old, lightly used, looks new - \$600. Contact timothyjmotte@gmail.com
- **Eddyline Fathom Touring Kayak**- white with yellow deck -pristine condition. Length 16'6", width 22", depth 13,5", weight 50 lbs. Cockpit Size 31.6" x 16.5". Includes cockpit cover - \$2, 100. Located in Newport. Text 401- 662-6548 with "kayak" in subject line
- **Stellar Kingfisher Sit-on-Top** - white on red. advantage layup, 35 lbs. Lightly used, excellent condition. 16.3 ft long, 22.64 in wide. Cockpit: 59.84 in long, 18.9 in wide, Self bailing. Rudder with solid foot brace and toe pedal control, carbon carrying handles - \$3,500. Sale in person only, cash only. Located in eastern CT - smith16@charter.net
- **PRICE REDUCED - 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 - \$1,200. Seller lives in Providence - text 401-654-3168
- **Thule Hull-a-Port Pro XT Kayak Racks (Model: 848)** - black. Excellent condition. Straps and cords never used; still in original packaging. \$95. Contact andree.rathemacher@gmail.com or 401-792-7034.
- **Thule 50" square bars with universal mount** (mounts to various side rails) - \$50. **Thule 50" square bars** with mounts for 2013 Corolla - \$50. **Thule 56" square bars with universal mounts** (mounts to various side rails) - \$50. Contact Chris at chris.kracic@gmail.com
- **Two 12-foot Perception Pompano 120** - sit-on-top Kayaks in very good condition, lightly used, stored properly. Capacity 350 lbs., 3 dry-hatches, lots of storage, tracks nicely. Also have clip-on seats, paddles, J-racks, tow ropes. \$475 each, buy both and get all the gear. Call (401) 651-7701
- **Bending Branch Breeze** - evening carbon fiber paddle- asking \$125. **Nylon Sprayskirt** - asking \$25. **Paddle Float** - asking \$25. **Bilge Pump** - asking \$15. **Neoprene Paddling Booties** - size 12 - asking \$25. **Fly Fishing Rod** - Orvis Sliver Label TL Tip Flex 9.5 fly fishing rod (9 ft., 4 piece, 3/4 oz. 8 wt) with case. Also Orvis Teton WF-8-F reel. Contact Mark at hozho108@gmail.com
- **Thule Hullivator** - original model. Pistons just tested and each lifts 16+ lbs. Original specifications are 20 lbs per piston. This system will still provide considerable assistance at a fraction of the cost for new (\$900). Mounting brackets are for a Thule square bar. A set of Thule bars and car mounts are available at an additional cost. \$250 Contact Bill Hahn, bhahn02835@yahoo.com, 401-524-1612
- **Necky Looksha** - 17' sea kayak. Gray with rudder. Good condition, stored indoors - \$550. Contact Jay at 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 or 401524-1612

Third Annual Fish Migration Parade

The [Blackstone Collaborative](#) invites fellow paddlers and other supporters of the Blackstone River on **Sunday, May 18th** for the Third Annual Fish Parade to promote restoration of migratory fish to the Blackstone River.

Participants can make their own fish hat, get their face painted, grab a coffee and a snack, and briefly hear from local speakers on the importance of this work.

Then, participants can either reserve a spot on the 40-passenger [Explorer](#) or paddle with us for about 1-mile on a round trip from Central Falls Landing ([15 Madeira Ave, Central Falls, RI 02863](#)) to Lonsdale Marsh to explore the eventual spawning grounds for migratory fish.

You can find additional details here:

<https://www.blackstonecollaborative.org/events/2025parade>

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