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March Club Meeting: Monday, March 16, 7 p.m. **RULES OF THE ROAD**



If you drove a car in a foreign country, would you learn something about the rules of the road? Of course you would. Not knowing the basics—like which side of the road you should drive on—could get you into a world of trouble.

Our local waters have traffic rules, too, yet many people fail to learn them. You can spot them right away—they're the ones taking a snack break right in the middle of the shipping lane.

Paddlers do, in fact, need to know the rules of the "road," and there's far more to it than the endless debate about who has the right of way.

Our guest speaker for the evening, from the US Coast Guard, will give us the basics that we need to know to help keep a day of recreation from

It's time to renew your RICKA membership

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ending with a completely avoidable accident.

Come join us at the Jewish Community Center in Providence on Monday, March 16th at 7pm. New members are encouraged to attend!

Directions to the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence:

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OFF-SEASON BOATING & HYPOTHERMIA

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Half of the bay on the east side of Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge, Chesapeake Bay, was covered by a thick, white sheet of ice. A narrow lead afforded us passage to open water. It was sunny, 38 °F, light breeze and early afternoon. We saw mergansers, scaup, bufflehead, redheads, canvasbacks and a great crowd of whistling swans. In the distance, we heard the "Ow-ow-a-let" calls of oldsquaws. That special day, powerboats were frozen into their marinas and we were alone in a pristine wilderness.

Paddling on cold water (60 °F or less) carries great risk. In case of an accident, there may be no quick rescue unless you or your paddling partners are able to do it. If you are not dressed for immersion, even near-by boaters may not be able to save your life. On cold water, our clothing (PFD and wetsuit/dry suit) must enable us to remain at the surface and fully functional. We must be prepared (trained and equipped) to carry out our own rescues.

What happens in cold water?

Water removes heat from the body 25 times faster than cold air. About 50% of that heat loss occurs through the head and neck. Immersion in turbulent water or attempted swimming may double that rate of heat loss. Survival time can be reduced to minutes. Strong swimmers, without thermal protection, have died before swimming 100 yards in cold water. In water under 40 °F, victims have died before swimming 100 feet. Immersion in cold water causes a series of traumatic responses that rapidly incapacitate and kill boaters who are not wearing protective clothing.

The Rhode Island Canoe/Kayak Association (Rhode Island Canoe Association, Inc.), although safety conscious, cannot guarantee your personal safety in club activities. You are responsible for the adequacy of your own skills, training and equipment when engaging in or attending RICKA activities. A PFD—worn as intended by the manufacturer—is a requirement for all RICKA trips.

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Flatwater Planning Party on March 28th

Get the 2009 flatwater season rolling at a potluck planning party on Saturday, March 28th from 12:30 to 3:30 at River Bend Farm.

Come equipped with some great trip ideas to share, as well as a snack or dish if you like (pizza and soda will be available). Trip leaders are urged to attend.

If you're new to the club, or new to leading trips, don't worry—you can always partner with an experienced leader, or just suggest ideas for trips you'd like to see on the calendar.

Anyone with questions or a particular trip date that needs to be locked in before the meeting, can contact Cheryl at 401-647-5887 or stonefoxfarm@juno.com. No RSVP is necessary.

Our thanks to Ranger Val, who has again generously donated the use of River Bend's meeting facility.

Directions to River Bend Farm in Uxbridge MA: From Rt. 146 North or South: Take the exit for Rt. 16 East. Follow Rt. 16 East for about three miles into downtown Uxbridge. At light turn right and immediate left, to continue on Rt. 16 East. After light,

take second left onto Oak Street. Proceed on Oak Street for about 1.5 miles, staying right at fork by school. River Bend Farm is on the right. The parking lot is next to the red barn.
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Reservations for party of six hundred, please.

Party attendance has been falling steadily . . . and last year it dropped so much that the club had to subsidize the party because we failed to meet the minimum requirement of fifty people (out of almost *six hundred* members!).

Attendance at the club picnic has also been declining. Last year, at the behest of numerous members, the picnic meeting was changed from Monday after work to Sunday afternoon. Even with free hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the club, we had the lowest attendance in our 31-year history.

What kind of party would appeal to you?

Do you want a party where we can recognize and thank our hardest working volunteers in addition to having a great meal with our paddling comrades?

Do you want to have a picnic with the club providing the food?

Should the two events be combined?

Should we do something completely different?

Please email RICKA President Bill Hahn with your thoughts at president@ricka.org. Don't worry about what others will want...this time, it's all about you! Please tell us what would guarantee *your* attendance. And if you have no desire to attend any event of these types please let us know that, too.

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Next meeting: Wednesday, April 1 @ 7pm

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Winter Paddling: Circling Peddocks

By Eric Johnson

Monday, February 09, 2009

Last week H suggested that I try to muster interest in a Hingham Harbor paddle. She figured we could invite people over to our house for a post paddle gathering. It sounded like a great idea so I posted the paddle.

PB quickly expressed interest. As week wore on I hoped to see more people show some interest. Hingham isn't THAT long a drive from Providence. Maybe the windy forecast made people shy. The forecast called for 15knt to 20knt winds.

On Friday the only responses to my post was PB and a post attempting to stir up interest in an "exciting" paddle in one of the usual haunts.

Between the windy forecast and the lack of interest, I considered canceling. I checked with PB and he was still up for paddling. So the paddle was on.

Saturday morning started off rough. This was the first time I needed to put the roof rack on Egg 2.0. They came off in jiffy and I imagined they would go on just as easily. The rear rack did pop right on. I popped the covers off the mount points, popped the rack on, and fastened the bolts. The front rack was a different bag of poo. The bolts decided to be intransigent. They didn't line up with the mount points. It took much fishing around to get the bolts to catch.

After battling with the bolts, I was late getting on the road. My quick stop at McDonalds to grab coffee turned into waiting in a Russian bread line. Then my iPod started acting up...

PB called me at 9:40 and I figured he was calling to give me crap for being late. Nope. He was calling to tell me that Hingham Harbor was packed with ice. He said he would investigate alternative put ins before I arrived.

When I finally got to the put in I saw for myself what PB meant by full of ice. The whole harbor was covered in a thick sheet of ice. Close to shore the ice was covered in white. A little further out it looked like there might be water. Close inspection revealed that it was just ice not covered in snow.

We decided to move the put in to Windmill Point in Hull. That beach is rarely iced in. The wind made getting into the dry suits and ready to launch difficult. PB said he'd be lying if didn't admit that "what are we thinking?" didn't cross his mind. I was actively banishing that very thought from my mind.

Once we actually got on the water, things turned around. The wind seemed to diminish. The activity warmed us up.

We paddled around Peddocks Island. On the first leg the island blocked much of the wind.

Things got a little interesting at the tip of the island. The wind and the shoal kicked up some waves.

Along the outside of the island the wind was at our backs. The sun also

made a brief appearance.

When we rounded the top of the Peddocks the wind made itself known. It hit us in the face and made paddling tricky. We also had to contend with Hull Gut flooding out of the harbor. If we were smart paddlers we might have scouted the situation out and planned a proper ferry angle. Instead we just pointed our bows toward the put in and fought our way forward.

PB made excellent head way. I, on the other hand, struggled. I couldn't quite get the skeg adjusted to counter the wind and resorted to corrective strokes. Each time I corrected the current wiped out my forward momentum. Once I got past the tip of the point I struggled to make the turn into the beach. With some aggressive edging I made the turn and landed.

Getting back into street clothes was much easier. The temp had gotten into the 40s.

The struggles made this relaxing paddle even better. It turned out to be a great day.

—From Eric Johnson's blog, *On the Big Sea in a Little Boat*.

Hull, MA Photo by Paul Bender



Hypothermia

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Cold Shock

Immersion in cold water causes a powerful gasping reflex. If the victim is under water, due to lack of a PFD, water may be inhaled resulting in rapid drowning. Exposure of the head and chest to cold water causes sudden increases in heart rate and blood pressure, which may result in cardiac arrest. Uncontrolled rapid breathing (hyperventilation) follows the initial gasping response and may also lead to unconsciousness. The victim must attempt to recover a normal breathing rhythm as rapidly as possible.

Swimming Failure

Soon after entering cold water, hands, arms and legs become stiff and devoid of feeling. The victim rapidly loses the ability to swim, climb out of the water into an upright boat, or hold on to either a capsized boat or a life line thrown by a rescuer. Without a PFD, the victim drowns long before core hypothermia has developed.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia (reduced core body temperature) develops more slowly than the immediate effects of cold shock. Survival curves show that an adult dressed in average clothing may remain conscious for an hour at 40 ° F and perhaps 2-3 hours at 50 ° F. The crisis is more serious than these numbers suggest. Any movement in the water greatly accelerates heat loss and shortens survival time. Without thermal protection, as noted, the victim is soon helpless. Without a PFD, drowning is unavoidable. Shivering occurs as body temperature drops from 97 ° F down to 90 ° F. Muscle rigidity and loss of mental capacity occurs at about 93 ° F. Unconsciousness occurs when the body's core temperature reaches about 86 ° F. Death occurs at about 80 ° F.

Once in the Water

Try to get back in or on your boat immediately. Do not leave the boat. If you are not wearing thermal protection and can not get out of the water, stay as still as possible. Fold arms, cross legs, and float quietly on the buoyancy of your PFD until help arrives (Heat Escape Lessening Posture; H.E.L.P.). If 2 or more people are in the water, put your arms around one another.

Stay still and close together (Huddle posture). Your ability to survive will depend on luck and how you prepared yourself before going out. Without a life jacket (PFD), you may drown and abruptly sink from sight. If you are dressed for the possibility of immersion, a rescue, with the help of your paddling partners, should not be difficult.

Now your survival depends on the timely arrival of outside help !

Improve your odds-Dress to swim !

How Fast can it Happen?

On Memorial Day, 1996, two brothers (10 and 18-years-old) capsized their canoe in 50 ° F lake water (Adirondacks). They were being towed in high winds. The younger brother, wearing a PFD, was promptly rescued. Minutes later, the older brother, wearing blue jeans, a light shirt and no PFD, could not be found. His body was recovered by divers the next day. He was not able to hold on to the capsized canoe for even the few minutes it took to save his younger brother.

Treatment of Hypothermia

1. Mild hypothermia (victim shivering but coherent). Move victim to place of warmth, remove wet clothes, give warm, sweet drinks; no alcohol or caffeine. Keep victim warm for several hours.
2. Moderate hypothermia (shivering may decrease or stop). Victim may seem irrational with deteriorating coordination. Victim should be kept lying down with torso, thighs, head and neck covered with dry clothes, coats or blankets to stop further heat loss. Obtain professional medical attention immediately.
3. Severe hypothermia (shivering may have stopped. Victim may resist help or be semiconscious or unconscious). Removed from water, victim must be kept horizontal, face up, and immobile. Victim must be handled gently. Cover torso, thighs, head and neck with dry covers to stop further heat loss. Arms and legs must not be stimulated in any manner. Cold blood in extremities that suddenly returns to the core may induce cardiac arrest. Seek medical attention immediately.
4. Victim appears dead. Little or no breathing or pulse, body rigid. Assume victim can be revived. Look for faint pulse or breathing for 2 minutes. If any trace is found, do not give CPR. Medical help is

imperative. If pulse and breathing are totally absent, CPR should be started by trained medical personnel.

Planning Ahead

Wearing clothing that permits safe cold water immersion is the only way to combat the risk posed by cold water boating. Such gear can be found in windsurfing shops, and various canoe/kayak shops. Diving suits (1/4 inch neoprene) are too stiff to permit sustained paddling.

The common advice to wear layers of clothing (wool, nylon, polypropylene) is misleading. These fabrics are warm when damp in air because of air trapped in the fibers after they have been wrung out. They do not, by themselves, significantly retard heat loss in cold water. They provide effective insulation when worn inside a drysuit.

Clothing routinely used by coastal kayakers includes neoprene boots, gloves, and hat/hood (with a chin strap). A neoprene farmer-john or "fuzzy rubber" wetsuit (2.5-3 mm) worn with a drytop pullover jacket is an effective combination. Drysuits are more flexible, more expensive, and are essential on the coldest days of winter. This apparel must be topped off by your PFD. Attach a boat horn to your PFD.

Carry dry clothing in a waterproof bag. Take food and a stove with you. Make sure you have all standard kayaking equipment on board including a pump, spare paddle, tow line, weather radio, flares and etc. Your objective should be complete self-sufficiency. All group members must be able to do assisted rescues. Paddlers not dressed to swim are a danger to themselves and those with whom they paddle.

Tell someone where you are going and when you will return. Inform them of your return. Finally, watch the boats around you. Out on cold water, you are depending on one another for prompt rescue in case of an accident.

Note: Many of us prepare for cold water boating by testing our wetsuit/drysuit outfits in cold water. We do this at a site where we can walk in and walk out in the presence of friends. We also practice rescues and rolling in cold water to assure that we will be fully functional in the cold water environment.

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From Fishing Rod to Lightning Rod

By Carter Simcoe, ESPNOutdoors.com

February 13, 2009

When it came, the rain advanced as an army. One moment I was casting for cobia from my kayak; the next, I watched as a wall of water galloped across the sea toward me.

The first drop came right along with the first couple of hundred. From deep inside the storm, I heard a lightning bolt split the sky and thunder pealing just behind it, deafening.

Storms on the open water are never fun, but riding one out in a kayak is downright sobering. Kayaks have shown a recent resurgence as fishing craft, and rightly so. They launch anywhere, their minimal draft allows you to reach places larger boats cannot, and they carry no chance of engine trouble.

Still, a powerboat does have its advantages, and never is that clearer than when you find yourself on open water looking at storm clouds. Lightning strikes may be rare — they kill about 100 people and injure 500 in the United States annually — but sitting helplessly on craft barely larger than yourself while lightning splatters all around forces you to recalculate those odds, especially when your rods start quivering with electricity ...

Let's back up a second, because it's important to explain how quickly this particular trip went from pleasant to panicked. This was just a few years ago, when I was in college, my early days of chasing saltwater game fish with a fly rod.

I found myself cutting some classes to spend a bit of time camping along the Louisiana coast, venturing out in my kayak in the shallow marsh behind one of the barrier islands.

I got in several days of great fishing before an exceptionally high tide caused the water in the shallows to rise several feet. I started looking out to sea, toward the near-shore oil rigs dotting the horizon.

I had always wanted to kayak out to one of the rigs anyway. I dragged the kayak across the beach, paddled it through the surf break, and was soon on my way.

The rigs I was headed for are only a few miles off the coast and don't hold the various reef fish and tuna associated with blue-water rigs. Still, I paddled ahead, optimistic.

As the rigs swelled on the horizon, several thunder clouds suddenly appeared in the distance as well. This isn't unusual; warm rising air in the Gulf can form a storm in a hurry. These, though, were moving quickly and in my direction.

I'd been caught in storms on the coast before, but always while fishing the marsh. There, I'd pull back up to the beach, leave the kayak, and find a dune to sit behind and wait. It was a lousy way to spend a day of fishing, but hardly life-threatening.

This was different. The day turned from mid-afternoon to dusk in an instant as the rain cascaded over me. The sea heaved beneath the kayak; I felt queasy, but the number one concern was the lightning.

As bolt after bolt tore through the sky, I hunkered into my jacket, cursing my luck. When at last I pulled my head out, I became acutely aware of a buzzing noise behind me.

There at the back of the kayak, I saw my 9-foot graphite fly rod standing up in its rod holder. I had completely forgotten about it but there it stood with its entire length shuddering visibly and emitting a buzzing sound that seemed to be increasing.

Funny how a little static in the air can turn a fly rod into a lightning rod.

I did the only thing I could think to do: snatch the rod and throw it overboard. It wasn't a moment too soon. The closest strike yet thudded nearby, rattling my chest and scorching the air with the smell of a large electrical short.

I laid down the best I could in the kayak for the remainder of the storm and tried to make myself small. Time passed — 15 minutes? An hour? — and the sun returned. I'd been blown dramatically off my course, and set to paddling toward camp against an increasingly strong current, thankful to be alive, ready to be on dry land.

You can't altogether avoid weather-related risks if you're outside. But there are also a lot of rookie mistakes that get learned the hard way if you aren't careful. I'm now religious about breaking down rods when storms roll in. Hearing that buzz once was plenty. Hearing it even once more, I know, could be the last.

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California Rancher Says Kayakers Are Unwelcome

By Martin Espinoza, The Sonoma Press Democrat

Saturday, February 21, 2009

Holding their long, sleek kayaks high above their heads, paddlers (pictured below) squeezed past two pickup trucks that were blocking a path leading to a quiet estuary that has become a battleground between kayakers and local ranchers.

The trucks belong to Stan Mazzucchi, a 57-year-old land owner who said he's fed up with the Cow Patty Pageant, a yearly race that takes paddlers down the Estero Americano, past breathtaking green hills, cow pastures and wetland marshes from Valley Ford to the Pacific Ocean.

"This is wetlands and they're in here tromping around," Mazzucchi said as he stood next to one of the pickup trucks. "The ranchers are pissed off."

For their part, kayakers say their impact on the local ecology is negligible and that they take great care to stay clear of private property. They say the beauty of the estuary is what brings

them out, and that they would never do anything to hurt it.

"I think there's room for everybody out here to play nicely," said John Dye, this year's organizer of the Cow Patty Pageant.

Dye, who lives in San Rafael, said he canceled the race about a month and a half ago after receiving a letter from a local property who asked that the race not be held. But some of the kayakers who had participated in previous events pushed back.

Dye said that after speaking to a private attorney and county and state officials, it became clear that the waterway itself was public property. The old roadway off Marsh Road, which gives kayakers access to the estuary, is Marin County property as far as he can tell.

The estuary from Valley Ford to the coast defines the Sonoma-Marin county line. The access road lies on the Marin County side.

Patrick Campbell, the owner of Laurel Glen Vineyard and a past organizer of the race, said the estuary is used by a lot of people, including duck hunters.

"We're not harming the ecology at all," Campbell said. "It's a two-county national treasure and people enjoy it."

But Mazzucchi said he believes the access road is private property, and that

kayakers often trespass on private property along the estuary. He presented several digital photos that showed kayakers out of the water, walking along the estuary, holding their boats over their heads.

"They don't really consider the property out here when they cross the land and the geese are nesting out there and the ducks are nesting out there," he said.

The conflict was an afterthought for many of the kayakers, some of whom came from the Bay Area to enjoy the paddling through an enviable countryside. Few complained about having to squeeze between the trucks or, in some cases, walk through thorn-filled wild blackberry bushes.

They carried their kayaks to their cars parked along Marsh Road, just off Valley Ford Franklin School Road.

About noon, as more and more kayakers completed the 12-mile trip to the coast and back, they gathered amid jovial laughter.

"I love the Pacific wind blowing. It's drop-dead gorgeous here," said Eric Rosas, a 54-year-old canoe builder from Colusa who completed the race with a partner in a canoe. "If I had my druthers and I could afford it, I'd live here."

Craig Tanner, 49, of Benecia, who was among the first to finish the 12-mile race, said kayaking is a friendly sport that brings together some of the "nicest people" around.

Tanner, supervisor of the printing department for the City of Concord, said he didn't understand why local ranchers objected to the event.

"Paddlers are the most environmentally conscious people," said Tanner, still breathing heavily from the trip, which and his partner finished in an 1 hour and 23 minutes.

But Mazzucchi said its not just the annual event that has him and other ranchers angry about the two-decade race. He said dozens of kayakers hit the estuary every week.

"It's gets pretty disturbing," he said.



Classifieds

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Swift Kipawa canoe, Expedition Kevlar, 16'6", 52lbs., Forest Green gelcoat, cherry (and some ash?) gunwales & seat frames, Clark cherry yoke, comfortable angled/wide/curved nylon web seats, floatation tanks, asymmetrical hull - plenty of glide, sliding bow seat. E/C except plenty of external gel coat scratches - mostly below waterline. \$975. OBO. Bruce Ballantyne 401-333-5818. Cumberland, RI. (7/16)

Night Heron stitch and glue, 18x20. High performance kayak, hard chine Greenland style. Immaculate. Hardly used. Built in foot pump. Two water tight hatches/ bulkheads -rear is VCP rubber hatch for larger items storage. \$1,700. Jerry Borenstein 914 793 0431. aijijerry@optonline.net (7/1)

Boreal Design Pakesso 14' 6" Fiberglass - The Pakesso with rudder is both compact and lightweight. The rudder will appeal to the novice paddler, by allowing them to easily steer the kayak. A more experienced paddler will appreciate the reverse hard chine combined with a semi-arched hull. Standard equipment includes a rudder, a comfort seat, recessed hatches with quick release, thigh braces, recessed fittings and deck line. <http://www.borealdesign.com/en/kayak.php?id=1> LIGHTLY USED, STORED IN-DOORS \$1,500 SATISFACTION GUARANTEED! n3303j@erols.com (508)868-3471 (Cell) Ron Cichowski (6/19)

Old Town Nantucket 16' Yellow touring kayak w/rudder. Big cockpit (1 go 245lbs) very stable boat. 2 waterproof storage compartments, Includes Werner Graphite Paddle, Spray skirt, Pump, Paddle float for reboarding, adjustable seat, deck mount day bag. Photo's available. \$925.00 Southern RI Call Dave 772-678-9113. or email riwavedanc@aol.com (6/1)

NDK Greenlander Pro, white over white, garage kept, very good condition, only used a couple of times in the winter, I use my surf ski in the summer. Pick up only, \$1500. contact Chris at clawlor@cpsed.net. (5/15)

Mad River Lamoille 18' Excellent canoe for tripping and family camping. Kevlar construction is lightweight and durable. \$900.00 See reviews <http://www.paddling.net/Reviews/showReviews.html?prod=376> contact henry@twincitysupply.com (4/27)

Valley Nordkapp, 21/2 years old Ultra carbon/kevlar layup, custom front bulkhead (more storage space), custom skeg slide placement, custom color (midnight blue over white with grey trim), manufacture installed keel stip, deck mounted compass. Sells new for \$4400, asking \$2800. Pictures available. Email kkaykk@aol.com, or call Ken at 401-486-0264 (4/19)

Old Town Tripper canoe 1991 royalex 17' 5" length excellent condition stored in the basement at least the past 10 years. Asking \$800 or best offer. Call Ken @ 401-766-5346 or e-mail KLP02876@yahoo.com (4/2)

Walden Naturalist Kayak very good condition 10 yrs old ,terrific entry level and young adult kayak asking \$200 or best offer, Call Ken @ 401-766-5346 or e-mail KLP02876@yahoo.com (4/2)

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P.O. Box 163
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