

PADDLER

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April Club Meeting:

Monday, April 20, 7 p.m. at the J.C.C.

Monica Prudencio: How to canoe & canoeing the Blackstone

At the April meeting, Monica will share her newly-created DVD, which will cover information necessary for those who are thinking about learning how to canoe (including kayakers!), and will serve as a refresher course for the not-quite-novice canoer.

This DVD will give you valuable information to get you outfitted and started in a canoe, with topics such as:

- Choosing a paddle and life jacket
- Carrying the canoe
- Getting in and out
- Basic strokes

Where can you go with your new skills? The Blackstone River offers some great opportunities. Monica will give an overview of paddling the Blackstone, with essential information such as put-in points, takeouts and places of interest along the way.

Your RICKA membership renewal is due past due.

RICKA Membership renewals were due by March 31st (the final day of the extended 15-month membership year). If you regularly go on line to read the newsletter/trip listings/rest of the site for free (especially if you're a lapsed member), consider clicking the "Membership" button while you're there—it's just \$15 for the whole year.

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

From Rt. 95 Southbound: take Exit 24 & turn left onto Branch Avenue. (From Rt. 95 Northbound take Exit 24 & turn *right* onto Branch Ave.) Cross North Main Street at the lights and continue up the hill (past Kentucky Fried Chicken). Cross Hope St. and continue one block to the end at Morris Ave. Go left, then immediately right onto Sessions St., then down the hill to Elmgrove Ave. The JCC will be across the street. Park in the lot or on the street.

Sea Kayaking Planning and Pot Luck Party

Join the sea kayakers for their annual Spring gathering. There will be plenty of food and conversation. This is a great chance to meet RICKA sea kayakers. The early summer scheduling will also be discussed.

Directions: 11 Dolly Drive, Bristol. 254-2034 From Providence: 195 west to Exit 7 114 South. Stay on 114 to Bristol. Dolly drive is third right turn after Audubon Society. If you pass LUK gas station, you went too far. It's the 6th house on the right. From the south: 114 North over Mt Hope Bridge, stay on left. Continue through Bristol, past Colt State Park, Luk Gas Station on right, Tupelo Street on right and make next left turn on Dolly Drive to 6th house on the right.

Flatwater Paddling Season Begins!

Note: At this time of year, a wetsuit or drysuit is recommended. At the very minimum, a change of clothes in a waterproof bag is required.

**April 19th
Hunt River, East Greenwich
Meet at 12:30 pm, launch at 1:00**

Leaders: Bennett Thompson and Cheryl Thompson Cameron 401-647-5887
stonefoxfarm@juno.com

Trip is suitable for all.

A lazy afternoon float through a wildlife sanctuary.

Directions: Rt. 95 to Route 4 (exit 9). Take the second exit (route 402) and go to the left (towards Quonset). The access will be a short distance down the road on the right.

**April 25th
Slatersville Reservoir-N. Smithfield
Meet at 10:00 am, launch 10:30.**

Leaders: Don and Karen Heath 401-651-5827 Heath53@cox.net.

Trip is suitable for all. This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of upper Slatersville Reservoir and then a stretch of the Branch River. GPS Coordinates: N41 59. 243 W071 36.073

Put-in is at the DEM Fishing Access/Boat Launch on Route 102 in Slatersville. See detailed directions at www.ricka.org.

**May 2nd- Great Swamp
Meet at 9:00 am. for the shuttle**

Leader Henry Dziadosz
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FLATWATER TRIPS

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Trip is not suitable for kayaks over 15 feet. Narrow and twisty river. Bring a lunch.

“The Great Swamp, located in the southern part of Rhode Island, provides perhaps the most intriguing canoe trip in the state. The trip is an excursion into hidden jungle-like retreats that cannot be reached any other way. Here, you will float into a vast state-owned management area on one river, paddle across a shallow but wide pond, and then finish your trip on another river that snakes its way through dense vine-draped vegetation. There will be no doubt in your mind why this area is called Great Swamp. “(excerpt from Gorp). Most seasons there is one portage around a beaver dam. Sometimes the dam can be run, if you have the skills.

Directions. From Rt. 1 South or North take Rt. 138 heading WEST. Follow this to the intersection with Rt. 110. Right after this intersection on your LEFT is the put in. Watch for the sign. This can also be reached from Rt. 95 North or South. Take the exit for Rt. 138 and follow it EAST. Put in: N41 28 962 W071 33 082. Take out at Biscuit City: N41 27 040 W071 36 951

May 3rd

Blackstone River—Plummers Landing to Stanley Woolen Northbridge, MA.

Meet at 9:30 am for shuttle

Leader Linda Konvalinka Lkonvalinka@comcast.net 508-377-9040. Bring a lunch.

You must have experience in moving water. The river has strong currents and winds around S-curves.

Directions: From 146, take Rt. 16 East to Uxbridge Center. Go left onto 122 North and travel for approx. 3.5 miles. Take a right onto Church St. Park where you see the DEM Picnic Area sign.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting: **April 29 @ 7pm**

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SEA KAYAK TRIPS

Sea kayak trips will be posted beginning in May.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

Join us for our 9th season when we explore a different waterway every Tuesday night in the Blackstone River Valley. Improve your paddling skills, find the best paddling locations in the valley, learn about water quality, and enjoy a relaxing evening on the water. Meet at 6:15 PM each Tuesday night May through August.

To print out a membership application at www.ricka.org, click on Blackstone Valley Paddlers

CPR and FIRST AID CLASSES

RICKA will sponsor CPR and First Aid classes for RICKA members on the following dates:

- CPR class on April 15th at 6:00 PM
- First aid class on April 22nd at 6:00 PM

Each three-hour class will cost \$35, including all materials. Current RICKA members who pass the class will be reimbursed \$10 per class; current RICKA members who pass the class AND were 2008 trip leaders will be reimbursed \$15 per class.

To reserve a spot for one or both classes, contact Terry Meyer at 401.831.5888

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Rhode Island Blueways:

Canoeing & Kayaking for Novices, Experts & Families on America's Newest Statewide Water Trail Network

In a state renowned worldwide for beaches and ocean yacht racing, the secret is getting out: paddling the rivers, ponds and bays of Rhode Island is an experience within reach of just about everyone. Kayakers and canoeists — from beginners to experts — can enjoy freshwater and saltwater paddling blended with old-fashioned hospitality on miles of Rhode Island Blueways.

Online Gateway for Paddle Trip Planning

Through www.ExploreRI.org, you will find suitable places to paddle given your skill level and interests. Click on icons for each launch site for trip-planning information. Or, search for sites by criteria, such as county, town, watershed (river system), or type of water (slowmoving, estuary, saltwater, etc). Each site description also links you to three independent mapping services and describes driving landmarks, shoreline conditions, parking and other amenities. In 2009, more than 170 launch sites are listed.

What is Rhode Island Blueways?

Rhode Island Blueways is a statewide network of paddle trips, ranging from short outings on ponds to challenging crossings of Narragansett Bay. It is also a formal alliance of several dozen public and private partners who cooperate to:

- Manage www.ExploreRI.org (the online public boat launch directory)
- Promote safety-first paddling,
- Promote conservation of the land and water we enjoy, and
- Make it easy for visitors and residents to line up outfitters, gear, transportation, food and lodging for everything from an afternoon outing to an extended vacation.

Contact Blueways Alliance Partners

National Park Service - Rivers & Trails Program contact John Monroe.

Narragansett Bay Estuary Program

contact Meg Kerr.

RI Canoe & Kayak Association contact Bill Hahn.

RI Department of Environmental Management.

RI Tourism contact Mark Brodeur.

Ten Mile River Watershed Council contact Keith Gonsalves.

Taunton River Watershed Alliance.

Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association contact Denise Poyer.

Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council contact Bruce Hooke.

What Makes Rhode Island a Destination for Paddlers?

Paddlers appreciate more than 400 miles of ocean shoreline (more shoreline per square mile than any other state) and freshwater connections. You can paddle from remote islands and secluded estuaries of Narragansett Bay right into working harbors and downtown waterfronts.

While not all of the state's 1,500 miles of rivers are navigable, Rhode Island has much to offer freshwater paddlers — from broad rivers to narrow winding streams, to lakes, ponds and reservoirs of all sizes.

Most of Rhode Island rivers are slow moving, scenic, and easy to paddle. You can paddle through the middle of downtown Providence on the restored Providence, Moshassuck and Woonasquatucket Rivers or venture deep into the Great Swamp on the Chipuxet River, where wildlife sightings are common. You can even find a bit of whitewater on the Branch River in northern Rhode Island.

Explore industrial heritage along the Blackstone River corridor, a waterway reborn after decades of pollution, now abundant with wildlife.

Rhode Island has a long paddling season; most rivers and streams can be paddled from spring through the fall, not just after snowmelt or a heavy rain. Many rivers and ponds are stocked with fish, making the area popular among anglers. The rich waters of Narragansett Bay are popular for salt-water fishing. For paddlers looking to buy a canoe or kayak, Rhode Island charges no sales tax on

boat sales! Outfitters offer a variety of rentals, lessons and guided trips for all paddling skill levels.

Paddling Events in 2009

In 2008, nonprofit river groups organized 13 paddling events to celebrate the launching of Rhode Island Blueways. Find links to 2009 events during the spring and summer at www.ExploreRI.org.

2009 is the 100th anniversary of Rhode Island State Parks; the 10th Anniversary of Rhode Island Rivers Day is Saturday, June 20, 2008. Paddle the Blackstone River or take a free historic river cruise aboard the *Blackstone River Explorer*, a 49-passenger boat, with the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council.

Blackstone Valley Tourism Council 10th Annual DragonBoat Races: Saturday, August 29, 2009 on the Pawtucket River. Taiwan Day Festival is part of the Pawtucket Arts Festival. Festival Pier, Tim Neary Way, off School Street in Pawtucket. Become a DragonBoat paddler by joining the Ocean State DragonBoat Club.

Rhode Island Blueways By the Numbers

- 400+ miles of ocean shoreline - relative to its size, Rhode Island has more salt water coastline than any other state.
- 100 square miles in Narragansett Bay.
- 100 miles of ocean beaches open to the public.
- 170+ access sites shown on www.ExploreRI.org
- ZERO % sales tax on boats charged in Rhode Island.
- 20,000 acres of salt ponds, ponds and lakes.
- 13 paddling events held in 2008 to launch Blueways.
- 2009 first full year of Blueways in full swing.

For more information about the Blueways, contact Terry Meyer, TMeyer@ExploreRI.org; 401 831 5888.

View & Download 48 Rhode Island Blueways Images at <http://picasaweb.google.com/RIBlueways?feat=email>

Maine bill would mandate canoe, kayak licenses

But \$20 “Maine Rescue Card” would guarantee free search & rescue

By Kevin Miller

Bangor Daily News

AUGUSTA, Maine — Like many Mainers, Marion Dunham relishes the chance to enjoy the peace and beauty of the region’s lakes from her kayak.

Dunham said she would even be willing to donate a few dollars more to help support the services provided by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. But change that voluntary donation into a mandatory canoe or kayak license and lawmakers have lost the Readfield resident’s support.

“I’m sorry, it’s a tax,” Dunham told state lawmakers on Tuesday.

For years, policymakers have struggled to find a way to generate more revenues from the significant portion of Mainers — not to mention tourists — who recreate outdoors but do not buy the licenses that provide the majority of DIF&W’s budget.

On Tuesday, a legislative committee held public hearings on several measures to tap into such so-called “nonconsumptive users” to help cover the costs of biologists, game wardens and other programs used by the public.

One bill, LD 626, would require operators of canoes and kayaks who

are over age 16 and who do not carry another DIF&W license to purchase a \$19 annual boating license. Another measure, LD 510, would require DIF&W to bill for search and rescue costs unless the subject held either a DIF&W-issued license or a new \$20 “Maine Rescue Card.”

More than 60 percent of DIF&W’s \$34 million annual budget is financed by revenues from licenses and registrations while the federal government chips in more than 20 percent. Less than 10 percent comes from the General Fund, and that was before the current round of budget cuts.

Rep. Jane Eberle, D-South Portland, said she enjoys seeing loons, eagles and other wildlife while canoeing, kayaking or rowing. Eberle said she believes many people who don’t hold hunting, fishing or trapping licenses are willing to help pay for wildlife and habitat protection programs run by the state.

“Why wouldn’t every single one of us want to have a part in protecting these magnificent creatures . . . and the things that make Maine special?” asked Eberle, the primary sponsor of LD 626.

Others were less enthusiastic about the measure. Russ Hazzard of Winthrop said if DIF&W needs more money it should increase the fees on motorboats, personal watercraft, snowmobiles, ATVs and other things that he said have an impact on the environment.

Hazzard said it doesn’t make sense to put a tax on the canoes, kayaks and nonmotorized crafts that have minimal impacts.

“If you care about the environment, why are trying to penalize those who are trying to protect it?” Hazzard asked.

But several committee members pointed out that canoes and kayaks can transport the invasive milfoil plant from one lake or pond to another. Unlike motorized watercraft statewide, canoes and kayaks are not required to purchase a DIF&W milfoil sticker.

A number of speakers suggested that the department should offer more ways for outdoor lovers to donate money. But lawmakers and DIF&W officials pointed out that the existing voluntary contribution programs generate very little money for the department.

For instance, fewer than 20 people have donated the \$19 to an existing program — known as Wildlife Enthusiast’s Conservation Appreciation, Recreation and Enjoyment, or “WE CARE” — to support endangered and nongame species.

George Smith, executive director of the Sportsman’s Alliance of Maine, asked canoeists and kayakers to think about who paid for the boat ramps they use or for the wardens who help keep lakes and rivers safe.

“They care about the department and they care about the outdoors here in Maine but they’re just not contributing,” Smith said.

Eberle’s bill also has the support of numerous environmental organizations, including Maine Audubon, The Nature Conservancy and the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

ADVENTURE, MINUS THE TOURISTS

The quiet waters of Loreto Bay hold almost 900 species of fish—and few tourists, at least for now.

DARRYLLENIUK

Toronto Globe and Mail
March 28, 2009

With each paddle stroke, sea spray pelts my face like driving rain. In the past five minutes, I've barely moved along the limestone cliffs of the shore. My guide Terry Prichard — my partner in this two-man kayak — yells at the nearby boats, "Paddle back to shore!" We've taken too long a lunch break, and the wind has picked up: we're fighting a strong headwind. But I don't mind; the sky above is a sharp blue, and this morning three bottlenose dolphins passed close by our beachfront camp.

We're heading for our campsite on a cactus-covered island in the Sea of Cortez, along the Baja California peninsula. I've come here to explore the Loreto Bay National Marine Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park's 2,000 square kilometres of water and land are home to blue whales and 891 species of fish, including many that appear nowhere else on earth. With cloudless skies and temperate weather, it seemed the perfect escape from a still-cold Canadian winter.

Our trip began the day before in Loreto, a laid-back town of 15,000 on the east coast of Baja. After divvying up supplies for a week of kayaking, our group of five Canadians sets off with our guides to one of the five uninhabited Sea of Cortez Islands: Danzante Island, a narrow, rocky land mass peppered with soaring sea birds and cardon cactus.

Prichard, a lanky 54-year-old who started outfitter Sea Kayak Adventures in the early 1990s with his wife Nancy, offered tips on technique: If I was going to be able to paddle all week, I

would have to break the beginner's habit of using my arms and work the larger muscles of my back and abdomen. Despite the coaching, my arms were soon aching, and I let Prichard do most of the work.

After a lunch stop on a bone-covered gravel beach, we made the three-kilometre crossing to Carmen Island, the largest island in the park and our base for the night. Boats were hauled up, tents erected and the group was soon devouring a dinner of fish Veracruz on rice, washed down with tequila sunrise. Then Prichard gave us the bad news. "Baja has one of the highest concentrations of scorpions in the world," he said. If we ventured out to pee at night, we'd best not be barefoot.

And as I was about to go to bed, I got a direct introduction to the local fauna. Manuel, one of the guides, held a saucer-sized tarantula in his hand. He didn't flinch as it crawled up his arm and across his chest before he placed it back on the ground. I knew I would be having nightmares. I retired to my tent, searched carefully with my headlamp for any intruders, and zipped it tight.

Today, we've been paddling south, with the wind mostly at our backs. Now, we struggle through the wind to the lee of the island, relax and hug the coast. Suddenly, my paddle strokes get me distance. Pelicans perch on guano-stained rocks and blue-footed boobies soar overhead. Sandy coves and turquoise bays line the squat wall of cliffs.

This idyllic landscape has caught the eye of developers. Long known for sport fishing and adventure travel — and as an escape from the tequila bars and tourist resorts of Cabo San Lucas, further south at the tip of Baja — Loreto is now in the sights of resort builders, including the Trust For Sustainable Development, a Canadian company that launched a \$3-billion project here. (It has been stalled by the credit crunch.)

In Mexico, "All sun and sand development [sites have] been taken," Laura Escobosa, an articulate marine biologist who manages an environmental NGO in Loreto, tells me later.

So far, a lack of fresh water has prevented Loreto from becoming a major tourist destination. But the Mexican government has targeted the area for expansion, with

400-room resorts and at least two golf courses. While no building is permitted on the islands, coastal development will require massive amounts of fresh water and expensive desalination plants, with effluent that could damage the park.

Most people in Loreto want the jobs tourists will bring, but they worry about the future. Years of overfishing and lax environmental standards nearly destroyed fishing grounds in the 1990s. Locals campaigned for protection, and the marine park was formed in 1996. "It was the first time in Mexico that a marine protected area was made by local people," Escobosa says. "People want sustainable development."

Since then, tour operators have noticed a dramatic improvement. "We now see a lot more wildlife in the park," Prichard says. "Things are a lot better now." To keep it up, visitors must practice no-trace camping: Campfires are forbidden and everything that comes in must be brought out.

And as it turns out, our kayaking trip includes some trekking. On Carmen Island, the powerful norte keeps us from paddling very far. So instead, we hike into the rocky desert past organ-pipe cactus and creosote bush. In the afternoon, the group paddles to a sheltered cove north of the campsite, a spot Prichard says is great for snorkelling. The water is cool, but I am soon duck-diving down among king angelfish, pufferfish and small gorgonian fans. The rocky reefs here are too far north for coral, but the multitude of colourful fish makes up for it.

On the final day, I hike up a bluff on Danzante Island for sunrise. It's a short, steep climb, and my legs are burning by the time I reach the rocky lookout. I spot the strip of white coastline on Carmen Island that has been our home for the week. Looking west to the mainland, the 1,500-metre peaks of the Sierra Gigantas resemble crumbling pyramids.

On the paddle out, the norte has subsided and the sea is glassy calm. Frigate birds fly overhead. Then there's a splash, and a head pokes up to look at us. It's a California sea lion, out hunting for fish — a good sign that the park can support all those who depend on it. Our kayaks, no longer weighed down by our provisions, slice through the sea. And with each paddle stroke I feel my back and abdominal muscles, just like I should.

Extreme kayaker sets new waterfall drop record

This is the moment, below, that Pedro Olivia, a daredevil kayak enthusiast, rode down a 127ft waterfall to claim a new world record.

By John Bingham, The Telegraph (UK)
Last Updated: 8:05PM GMT 25 Mar 2009

He hit speeds of 70mph in his freefall down the Salto Belo falls into the waters of the Rio Sacre, a tributary of the Amazon in Brazil.

The stunt, which took just 2.9 seconds, shattered the existing world record for a descent in a kayak which stood at 108ft.

He survived thanks to unique combination of currents which have been created what kayakers believe to be the softest water landing in the world.

The 26-year-old Brazilian had scoured the area searching for the perfect spot for an attempt on the record.

With a drop almost twice that of Niagara Falls, an estimated 5,000 cubic feet of 70F-warm water gush over the Salto Belo every second.

But the 26-year-old had to tour the 100ft-wide waterfall in search of the perfect boulder-free spot before embarking on his attempt.

Members of his Brazil World Record Attempt Expedition team watched anxiously as he finally slid over the lip of the falls, as they captured the terrifying stunt on camera.

Hurling head first to the bottom, he disappeared from sight as he plunged into a deep pool at the bottom.

Moments later he emerged, unharmed, behind the waterfall and was even able to right himself by grabbing onto a boulder formation.

“Although people have certainly perished upon hitting a pool of water from such heights, the team counted on the massive, gushing rivers of central Brazil to produce the softest water landings on Earth,” said Ben Stookesberry, a member of the team.

Although the Niagara Falls, on the US-Canada border are higher, at 176ft, the actual drop is only 70ft because of rocks at the base.

See the video here: www.express.co.uk/posts/view/90980/VIDEO-Watch-kayak-thrill-seeker-s-127ft-waterfall-plunge



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Are you willing to volunteer to help with club activities? Yes No

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