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May Club Meeting: Monday, May 18th, 7 p.m. at the JCC Kristin Van Wagner: Narragansett Bay Research

Kristin Van Wagner, Education Coordinator for the Narragansett Bay Research Reserve based on Prudence Island, will speak to RICKA about some of the cutting-edge ecological research that her organization is conducting in the Bay. The Reserve is part of a national program, funded through NOAA and the coastal states, that is promoting research, education, and stewardship in our nation's estuaries. Kristin will also focus on important things we can all do at home to protect the watersheds in which we live.

Directions to the Jewish Community Center, 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.

Basic Flatwater Paddling Course

Would you like to improve your flatwater paddling skills? The RICKA Flatwater Group will be holding a Basic Flatwater Paddling Course on Sunday, June 14th at 1:00 pm. During this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers necessary to control their boats on flatwater. Basic rescue techniques will also be covered. The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield and will be free for RICKA members.

Please contact Bill Luther prijon@juno.com, Erik Eckilson eckilson@cox.net or Cheryl Thompson Cameron stonefoxfarm@juno.com for additional information.

Whitewater School

The RICKA Whitewater Group will hold a Class II Whitewater Kayak School on June 20 and 21, 2009, taught by ACA certified whitewater instructor Mike Rock. It will be free for qualified RICKA members.

In this course, participants will learn and refine the techniques needed to paddle in class II whitewater. After a review of the basic strokes on flatwater, we will head to the river to work on eddy turns, peel-outs and ferries. We will also cover river reading and basic river safety.

To participate in this course you must be a current RICKA member. While this is a beginner whitewater course, it is not for novice paddlers. You must be able to

handle self rescues (wet exits) and already know the basic strokes. Previous moving water experience is a plus. Class size is limited.

Participants must provide their own equipment including a whitewater kayak, sprayskirt and helmet. Recreational kayaks are not allowed in this class. Go to www.woonsocket.org/school.html to register. For more information, contact Erik Eckilson (eckilson@cox.net) with any questions.

New England River Release Schedules

can be found on the RICKA Whitewater page. To view them, go to www.ricka.org and click on Whitewater.

Museum offers kayak building course

Essex, MA - The Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum is offering a kayak building course May 2-9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Waterline Center, 66 Main St., Essex. Class size is limited to six students.

Instructor is Rick Eliot. Students will build their own kayaks, custom-designed to meet their particular interests. The finished kayak is a work of art, ultra light (30 pounds or less), durable, and beautiful.

All tools and materials are provided; no prior carpentry skills required. Tuition is \$1,200, or \$1,100 for students, school teachers and husband-wife twin boats. For information, visit www.essexshipbuildingmuseum.org.

Serious paddlers hit the river

Monday, April 20, 2009

By JIM DANKO, The (Northampton) Republican

HUNTINGTON - A day after the more festive race brought out hundreds of casual canoeists and kayakers, the serious paddlers got down to business on the Westfield River.

On Sunday, 53 boats - mostly teams of two - competed in the 56th annual Westfield River Wildwater Races under sunny skies and seasonable temperatures, said Jeffrey M. DeFeo, of Chester, race chairman.

DeFeo said Saturday's shorter race included 256 boats, beating last year's record 252. The hilltown event is the oldest whitewater race in America.

"We had a great forecast all week and that helps," DeFeo said just before getting in his boat at the starting line. "Yesterday's race is more of a festival atmosphere. Today is more professional ... It's much more difficult. We don't encourage people to do this."

The 12-mile race, which starts at Knightville Dam and ends at Wornoco Dam in Russell, offered plenty of challenges even for the more experienced participants, who had to maneuver several class three rapids and a couple of class fours. The race has a time-trial start, in which racers start in one-minute intervals.

Coming out on top were repeat winners Joe Shaw of Worthington and John Kazimierczyk of Richmond, N.H., who finished with a time of 1:19:06. Charlie Brackett, of Fitzwilliam, N.H., and Brent Lyesiuk, Orange, came in second place, with a time of 1:20:19.

The first place, mixed team winners were Doug Howard, of Townsend, Vt., and Lisa Tambussi, of Montgomery.

Several cash prizes were awarded, ranging from \$500 for first place down to \$50 for lesser wins.

At the finish line, Holyoke residents Peter B. Bevan and Andrew T. Shanahan pulled their canoe from the water and described getting caught up on a rock, and experiencing some other misadventures.

"We just clipped the boulder, and we went under," Shanahan said.

Bevan and Shanahan said it was their first time taking part in the pro-class race. They did not immediately know how well they did. "Unless someone died, we came in last," Shanahan said, laughing.

Meanwhile, earlier in the day at the starting line, Mark A. Zippin, of Monson, was preparing to put his canoe into the water with his race partner, Robert E. Richardson, of Ellington, Conn.

"This is our second year doing it," Zippin said. "We're in a cheap, \$200 canoe. This is a canoe made for ponds."

Zippin said some of the racers use \$1,000-plus canoes. He admitted he was not expecting to win the race.

"We're looking forward to it," he said. "We don't come here to win. We come here to have fun."

It's not just the participants who enjoyed the river action. People could be seen all along the bucolic route, watching and cheering the boaters.

"It's a nice day, and it's fun to see them," said Charles S. Emerson, of Southampton.

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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Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 27 @ 7pm**

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FLATWATER

Late cancellations & changes to trips will be posted on the Flatwater Message Board. Please check before leaving for a trip.

If you would like to sign up for the e-mail list, send an e-mail to StoneFoxFarm@juno.com and write "Join Flatwater list" in the subject line.

Note: Inflatable PFD's (life vests) are not acceptable for paddling on RICKA Flatwater trips or Blackstone Valley Paddle Club trips.

May 3rd

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

Meet at 9:30 am. Shuttle

Leader Linda Konvalinka
Lkonvalinka@comcast.net 508-377-9040.
You must have experience in moving water. The river has strong currents and winds around S curves. 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**. Bring a lunch.

Directions to Plummers Landing: From 146, take Rt. 16 East to Uxbridge Center. Take a left onto 122 North and travel for approximately 3 and a half miles. Take a right onto Church St. (Burger King and the Walmart Shopping Center will be on your left). Park on the right hand side when you see the DEM Picnic Area sign.

May 9th Blackstone River: River Bend Farm to Blackstone Gorge

Meet at 9:00am. Shuttle

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

You must have experience in moving water. You will encounter strong currents, twisty, narrow areas and the Millville Rapids (a short set of rapids that can be Class I or Class II whitewater, depending on the water level. The remainder of the trip is flatwater. **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**.

Directions to River Bend Farm: 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, continue to second left. Turn left onto Oak Street. Proceed north 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. GPS coordinates: N 42 05 641 W071 37 442

May 10th- Great Swamp Meet at 9:00 am. for the Shuttle

Leader Henry Dziadosz
henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313.

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

"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 15th, Friday Winnapaug Salt Pond, Westerly Meet at 1:00 PM, launch by 1:30

Leader: Mark Roberts,
mroberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 cell.
Trip is suitable for all. The water will be still cold, so suitable cold water paddling gear is suggested. Bring a lunch.
Winnapaug Pond is a great place for a gentle paddle. The pond is best for paddling in the spring and the fall when Jet Skis are less common. The pond is quite shallow so larger boats are less common. There is no parking fee pre-season.

DIRECTIONS: From Route 1 in Westerly, follow the signs to Misquamicut State Beach on Atlantic Avenue. Across Atlantic Avenue from the Misquamicut State Beach parking lot there is a dirt pull-out at telephone pole #106. From the back of this pull-out there is a rough dirt road/path to the pond. This path is frequently flooded at high tides and so may be wet at times. You can unload your boats and gear at this pull-out but you must park in the state beach parking lot across the road.

May 17, 2009 10:00 AM Quinebaug River—Fabyan to West Thompson Lake.

Leader: Henry Dziadosz
henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313. This trip is approximately six miles in length. **Difficulty will range from flat-water to some Class I, depending on the water levels.** We will start the **shuttle at 10:00 AM sharp** from the launch area on Fabyan Road in Fabyan, CT.

Allow time to unload your boat and gear before shuttling vehicles to the take out.

Directions: The Quinnebaug access can be reached by turning south on Fabyan Road off of Route 131. It is approximately 1/3 mile from Route 131. Fabyan Road is located halfway between the intersections of Routes 12 & 131 and Routes 197 & 131 in Connecticut.

Launch point is 42.00.615N and 071.56.482W; the takeout point is 41.57.193N and 071.53.935W

May 30th Blackstone River Island Park to Albion, (including the portage at Manville)

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The Shuttle leaves at 10:am sharp.

Allow time to unload your boat and gear before shuttling vehicles to the take out.

Leader: Rev. Don Heath 401-651-5827
Heath53@cox.net. Bring a lunch—there will be a lunch break at the portage.

The river starts out rocky and offers a few sets of rapids.

Directions:

From the North: Take Route 146 south into Rhode Island. After the Pound Hill road exit, take the Route 104 Downtown Woonsocket exit. At the bottom of the ramp notice the brown Visitor Center sign. You can follow these signs. Park in a lot behind the Museum of Work and Culture.

From the South: Take Route 146 north. In North Smithfield, 146 splits. Make sure you stay to the left. Take the next exit, Route 104. Follow the brown visitor center signs at the bottom of the ramp. You can follow these signs. Park in a lot behind the Museum of Work and Culture.

May 30th, Saturday – Pawcatuck River, Bradford RI Arrive at 10:00 and launch by 10:30

Leader: Mark Roberts,
mroberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 cell
Trip is suitable for all. Easy flat water paddle, upstream and back, about 6 miles total. Bits of quick water and fallen trees along the way. No portages. **Bring a lunch.**

DIRECTIONS: From I-95 take RI Exit 1 (right at end of exit), Head south on Route 3 (toward Ashaway) go for about 2 miles. Take a left onto Route 216 and go for 2 miles. Take right onto Route 91 and go about 1/4 mile to Bradford fishing access (on Left).

June 6, Saturday – Big River, Coventry RI Arrive at 10:00 and launch by 10:30 AM.

Leader: Mark Roberts s,
mroberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 cell
Trip is not suitable for kayaks over 15 feet. Narrow and twisty river. Paddle upstream against the current and then return with the current to the put-in. Beautiful paddle. Bring a lunch.

Directions to Zeke’s Bridge state access.
N41 39 906 - W071 37 115

From 95 South.. Take exit 6 To Rt. 3 north (DO NOT take exit 6-A or 6-B Hopkins Hill Road) Take a right at the bottom of the exit and follow 3 North for about a mile and a half. Take a left onto Harkney Hill Road. Follow for a little over a mile and look for the access for Zekes Bridge.

From 95 North, Take exit 6 to Rt. 3 north. (DO NOT take exit 6-A or 6 B Hopkins Hill Road) Take a left at the bottom of the exit and follow directions above.

June 7th Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River - Narragansett Paddle to Gilbert Stuart. Meet at 9:00 am.

Leader Henry Dziadosz
henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313.
Bring a lunch. Suitable for all.

Directions: Take 95 South to exit 9 (a left exit) towards Newport/S. County. Merge onto Rt. 4 South. Turn slight right onto Tower Hill Road. Turn left onto Bridgetown Road (at large tower). Turn slight right onto Middlebridge road. Approximately a mile and half-mile up on the left will be Pollock Street. Turn and follow to the parking area. N41 28.044 W071 27.013

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

We have rental boats available for people on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month from our vendor Great Canadian. (Membership requirements are waived for those paddlers renting boats on our rental nights) We have a limited number of kayaks and canoes that may be reserved for a fee. To reserve a boat, call Great Canadian at 1-508-865-0010 and leave a message with your request (kayak or canoe), and Great Canadian will return your call with a confirmation. They will drop off your boat at the paddle location and pick it up after the paddle.

If you have questions about any of the following trips, contact Cheryl at StoneFoxFarm@juno.com 401-647-5887. Unless otherwise noted, trips are suitable for all experience levels.

Check the web site (www.ricka.org—click on BV Paddlers) for more detailed directions to put-ins.

May 12th 6:15 pm “Kick off the Season Paddle” Quinsigamond River, Grafton MA.

A head lamp or a flashlight may be helpful for early season paddles.

Two options available on this trip; one option includes current and tight twisty turns to navigate and the other option is wider with flatwater conditions. We will meet at the same location and there will be leaders to guide on both options.

Take Route 146 N. or S. into Sutton, MA. Take the Central Turnpike exit and go east toward Northbridge. The road becomes Sutton road; continue straight east. At the five way intersection at Adam’s Corner, continue straight. Drive down the big hill into Rockdale. At T intersection, turn left onto route 122. Continue north into Grafton. Where Routes 122 and 122A split, stay on Route 122 (to the right) for another mile. Turn left at the sign for RiverView Apartments. Follow road 1/4 mile to end. N 42 11 232 W071 41 652

May 17th Great Canadian Demo Days Sutton MA.

10-4 at Camp Marion on Lake Singletary Sutton, MA Tel: (508) 865-0010 or (800) 98-CANOE.

May 19th 6:15 pm Quinsigamond, EkBlaw Put-in. North Grafton MA.

Rentals Available A head lamp or a flashlight may be helpful for early season paddles.

Directions: From 146N take right onto Boston Rd. (From 146S, turn left onto Boston Road). Follow 1.2 miles to end. Turn right onto Providence Rd/122A South. At 1.8 miles, turn left onto Cross Street (before Valley Plaza Discount Liquor Plaza). Go to the end and turn left onto Route 122 North. Continue 2.4 miles; at the intersection of Routes 122 &

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140 turn left onto 122N/140N. Ekblaw put-in will be 0.1 mile past CVS/Stop & Shop on the left.

May 26th 6:15 pm West River

Join us as we are guided by Naturalist Julie Riendeau on this interpretive paddle. **A head lamp or a flashlight may be helpful for early season paddles.**

You'll have the chance to see lots of wildlife as you paddle upstream through this stretch of clean, clear flatwater. The West River, like the Nipmuc River has excellent water quality and is one of our rivers that is clean enough to swim in the Blackstone Valley. Also, no shuttling is necessary.

Directions: From 146 (North or South), take the Route 16 Exit. Take Route 16 East for 2 miles into downtown Uxbridge, then follow signs to continue on Route 16 for 1 more mile. Take a left onto West River Road, (immediately after Countryside Garden Center, on the left). Go approximately 200 feet and park in the gravel lot on the right side of road. N42 05.049 W071 36.505

June 2nd 6:15 pm Nipmuc River.

Rentals Available. Join us as we are guided by naturalist Julie Riendeau on this interpretive paddle. 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. Along the river routews there are numerous beaver dams to drag your boat over.

Directions from the South: 146 North to Route 102 West to East Ave to Harrisville to Route 98 and the Harrisville Fishing Area just outside of town by the green bridge. **Directions from the North:** 146 South to Chocolog Rd. Right on 146A by Darling Farm. Right on 98 south to green truss bridge by Harrisville fishing area. N 41 58.258' W071 40.738'

Take me to the river: 27th annual Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race is Sunday

By Chris Bergeron/DAILY NEWS STAFF

Fri Apr 24, 2009—Preparing for just her second competition, Karyn Tirabassi expects to improve on her performance in the 2009 Run of the Charles Canoe and Kayak Race Sunday.

"We didn't finish last in 2008 so we were pretty proud of ourselves," said the Ashland resident who'll be paddling a canoe for a 4.8 mile leg of the 24-mile relay. "It was tiring but fun. We definitely saw some beautiful scenery."

The marketing coordinator for Capaccio Environmental Engineering, Inc., Tirabassi will be a member of the Marlborough company's 10-employee team to compete in the 27th annual canoe and kayak race organized by the Charles River Watershed Association.

Organizers are hoping to draw a record number of paddlers to the day-long event which features races of varying lengths and all skill levels.

"It's all downstream," said CRWA Executive Director Bob Zimmerman. "It's really nice to discover how rural the Charles River still is."

He called the event the "largest canoe and kayak race in the country" and, depending on the weather, hopes to attract more than 1,800 paddlers.

Zimmerman said Run of the Charles offers canoe and kayak races including 24-mile relays, as well as 19-, 9- and 6-mile races. Elite racers from across North America will compete in the \$5,000 Professional Flatwater Marathon.

"There's something for everyone," he said.

While times vary for the longest races, Zimmerman said teams typically finish the 24-mile relays in four to five hours. Depending on their race's length, some paddlers must carry their boats overland at several locations.

Zimmerman said the Charles River originates in Hopkinton and winds 80 miles before emptying in Boston Harbor.

Founded in 1965, the CRWA began hosting the race 27 years ago to raise funds to clean up the Charles River which receives drainage from 35 communities, home to one million people. "The river has improved dramatically," he said. "Our goal is to support continuing efforts to clean up the Charles River and make Boston a better place to live."

And things are looking up for Team Capaccio this year.

Professional canoeist Travis Wheeler, who works at CEE as an environmental scientist, has been training the team in techniques and strategy.

"Basically I'm teaching them to control the canoe and go straight," said Wheeler, a Lancaster resident who's been racing for 20 years. "Mostly I provide logistical advice."

Wheeler and his fiancée, Terese Galvin, whom he refers to as the canoe's "captain," will compete for cash in the mixed doubles race.

Growing up in Goshen, Mass., Wheeler began racing canoes down the Westfield River as an 8-year-old and hasn't stopped since. He estimated intermediate level paddlers do about 45 strokes a minute while elite racers do between 80 and 90 strokes a minute.

Lisa Wilk, CEE president and CEO, said sponsoring a team makes sense because her company supports the CRWA's mission of protecting the environment.

"Last year we weren't very high in the rankings but we met our goal by finishing in the top 100," she said. "It's for a good cause. And we got to appreciate nature and have a lot of fun."

Canoeists and kayakers can register on the day of the race. To register on Sunday, go to the starting point of your race and CWRA staff will assist you. To learn where each race begins, visit www.crwa.org/rotc/2009/directions.pdf.

Friends of the West River: Troubled local economy dealt a new blow by State and Federal Agencies

Jamaica, VT—For the past four decades, over a thousand visitors flocked to Jamaica, VT each spring for the drawdown of the Ball Mountain Dam Reservoir. They won't be visiting this year.

The Spring whitewater release at the West River means sold-out campsites at Jamaica State Park, "No Vacancy" signs at local inns, spaghetti supper fundraisers for the church, and parking fees and a food wagon that support the local school. This year, there will be few, if any visitors.

Over the last decade, actions by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), (who manage Ball Mountain Dam on the West River), and the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR), have significantly reduced scheduled opportunities for whitewater boating tourists to enjoy the river. The West River in Jamaica, VT is one of the premier whitewater rivers in New England, and at one time hosted the Olympic Trials for whitewater paddling. Historically there have been two full weekends of whitewater releases starting in April and a two day release in the fall.

Last fall the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) announced that the late April releases would be moved several weeks earlier, to a time of year when Jamaica State Park is not yet open to the public. As with past cutbacks to scheduled releases, the ACOE and VANR provided no specific flow studies or monitoring data from the West River indicating that releases over the last 40 years have had any impact on the river's ecology.

After significant discussions last fall and this winter, paddlers, including representatives from AMC, New England Flow, American Whitewater, Friends of the West River, commercial rafting companies, and concerned citizens questioned the planned release change and sought a solution that would support public use of the West River. Despite the feedback both public agencies were receiving, the spring release was scheduled early, weeks before the Jamaica State Park was open.

Then, in a surprise announcement made the last week of March, the ACOE announced the releases would occur not on a weekend at all, but mid-week from April 6-10.

The ACOE then went ahead and released the water on April 1st without notice – a week earlier than even their midweek schedule had indicated. All of these decisions were made unilaterally without consulting with any of the organizations, including the local community that had been working with them over the past two decades.

Kevin Colburn, National Stewardship Director of American Whitewater, hopes a solution can be worked out. "It is extremely likely that solutions exist that would support salmon recovery, flood control, and recreational enjoyment of the West River. We hope that the ACOE and VANR will work collaboratively with paddlers to explore those solutions. We will continue to advocate for good communication, and good decision making based on good data."

An online website www.FriendsofTheWestRiver.org has been started along with a petition in reaction to the ongoing situation. Charles Still, creator of the website notes: "The VANR and ACOE need to be held accountable to the citizens of Vermont and the country. In 2009 over a thousand whitewater enthusiasts won't be visiting the West River on April 25th and 26th. The mismanagement of this river could not come at a worse time for an area already struggling in a down turning economy. We need solutions that support tourism and generate direct revenue for local businesses and tax revenue for the local and state economy."

SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

You must show your RICKA card to receive these discounts:

Claude's Cycles:

Wood canoes & fiberglass canoes 8% off.
Canoe & power sports accessories 10% off.
Snowshoes 10% off. 50cc scooters 3% off.
Receive an additional 2% discount on canoes and 50cc scooters when you pay by bank check. Discounts apply to non-sale items.
· 10 Cedar Lane, Foxborough, MA
· 508-543-0490 (call for directions)
· www.claudescycles.com

Northwind Sports:

· 10% RICKA discount.
· 267 Thames St., Bristol
· 401-254-4295
· www.northwindsports.com

Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:

10% off accessories.
· 489 Old County Rd, Westport, MA
· (508) 636-0300
· www.ospreyseakayak.com

Ocean State Adventures:

10% discount for RICKA members.
· 99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol
· 401-254-4000
· www.kayakri.com

Canoe Passage Outfitters:

Glass and Kevlar boats, 10% off retail;
polyethylene boats 15% off retail;
accessories, trips and instructions, 10% off regular prices.
· 120 Ingell St., Taunton, MA 800-689-7884
· 277 Water Street, Warren 401-245-9025
· www.canoeassage.com

The Kayak Centre:

Glass boats 7% off normal retail; plastic boats 12% off normal retail; accessories with boat purchase 15% off, 10% off all other times for RICKA members.
· Brown and Phillips Streets, Wickford
· 1-888-SEA-KAYAK
· www.kayakcentre.com

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accessories 20% off.
· 4019 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown
· 1-800-249-5400

WaveLength Magazine

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Send a check with your name, mailing address and a note saying you're a RICKA member to:
WaveLength Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7.
www.WaveLengthMagazine.com

SEA KAYAK

Bristol Harbor

Level: 2-3

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Kevin Bowen

Put-in: Town Dock Launch

Pt. Judith Salt Pond

Level: 2

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Tim Motte

(tmotte@crmc.ri.gov)

Put In: Marina Park (Java Madness)

Directions: Take Rt. 1 to the Salt Pond Rd. Exit for the Hospital. Turn left at the end of ramp and follow the road to the Park

Third Beach

Level: 3

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Coordinators: Carole Costanza

(c2sea@verizon.net)

Bob Hogan (hogan_r@earthlink.net)

Put-In: Third Beach, Middletown, RI

Directions: Directions from north, take Rt 138 South to Rt 138A, turn left.

Take Rt 138A to a left turn on Green End Ave. [From the west side of Narragansett Bay, take Rt 138 over the Jamestown and Newport Bridges. After the Newport bridge, continue straight (not downtown exit) on Rt 138 to exit for Admiral Kalabfus Rd. At stoplight, turn left (east), cross Rt 138/114 onto Miantonomi Ave and continue crossing Rt 138A onto Green End Ave.] Continue 1.5 miles to 3rd Beach Rd, take right (south) to the beach area.

Quonochontaug Pond

Safety Practice and Pot Luck

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2009

Time: 10:00am

The potluck will follow after the paddle and will be held at Christy Russell's home in Charlestown.

Paddle Coordinator: Tim Motte

(tmotte@crmc.ri.gov)

Directions: Take Rt. 1 to West Beach Rd. Go straight to the end of the road which will eventually bear slightly right and turn into a dirt road along a breachway.

Spink's Neck Beach

Level: 2-3

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Mike Krabach

(mkrabach@cox.net)

Directions: From Rt. 95, exit to Rt 4 south. Take Exit 7 at Rt 402/403 (to Quonset Pt) and continue on Rt 403. After going over the new railroad overpass, stay on the expressway, (do not exit at W. Davisville Rd.) Continue on the expressway and follow the signs to Davisville, not Quonset Pt. Continue on Davisville Rd as below.

Dutch Island

Level: 2

Date: Sunday, May 31, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Tim Motte

(tmotte@crmc.ri.gov)

Put-In: URI Bay Campus

Directions: The URI Bay Campus is located at the end of South Ferry Road in Wakefield, RI.

Outer West Passage

Level: 3

Date: Sunday, June 7, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Coordinator: Tim Motte

(ttamotte@cox.net)

Put-In: URI Bay Campus

Directions: The URI Bay Campus is located at the end of South Ferry Road in Narragansett, RI.

Paddle along the Jamestown coast to Beavertail. Then return along the mainland coast. There will plenty of opportunities for playing in the rocks, so bring a helmet.

RICKA SEA KAYAKING LEVELS

RICKA does not assign ratings to paddlers. We assign difficulty levels to our trips. A trip's difficulty rating is a guide for judging if you have the skills to participate in a trip.

Every paddler must decide for themselves to participate in a group trip. Your decision should be based on some of the following considerations: the difficulty level of the trip; the forecasted weather conditions; your skill and experience level; your comfort level with the other participants

Every paddler that decides to participate in a group trip shares responsibility for the safety of the group as a whole.

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 13 miles in a day.

Control a kayak in 15- to 20-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.

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.

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Vintage Old Town canoe. 17' (1953) red with black stripe. One owner, good+ condition, dry storage, caned seats. Comes with back rest and large folding wheeled carrier. Photos available. \$2500. Can be seen in Waterford, CT. Please call Barbara in Mass. 508-987-0549. Serious inquiries only please. (4/3)

Boreal Inukshuk Red Touring Kayak 16ft with rudder. Everything is in good shape, a few scratches on the bottom. 650.00 APaul041@hotmail.com (2/23)

Old Town Penobscot 16 canoe. One owner, stored indoors. Good condition. Superb all-around canoe, and a great tandem. Loves moving water. Selling to make room for a solo canoe. Located in eastern CT. \$500 Contact Wayne at wsmith16@charter.net (2/3)

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Garage-clearing sale! 2 Kokatat GoreTex Deluxe Sea Skirt (almost new used approx 5 times) the two I have are identical to this except no pooling reinforcement colour is mango \$65 ea OBO. Yakima set of Mako Saddles and Hully Rollers (fits one Kayak). Will supply with Yakima Bow/Stern tie downs. Used for approx three years in great condition \$70 OBO, could add Yakima Subaru Forrester Might Mounts for another \$15. A pair of NSI thigh padz new in packet \$8. nicholas.fairweather@skye-tek.com (9/16)

Wilderness Systems Tempest Pro 170, (visit www.wildernesssystems.com) Fiberglass Yellow over white hull, little usage, stored indoors, 3 phase seat, 56 lbs, skeg, current MSRP \$3000. asking \$1850. David in Warwick 401-737-5825 (8/26)

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Pygmy Coho wood (Mahogany) kayak. Kit boat. Excellent condition, about 9 years old. Fast, good handling sea kayak. Many extras. \$1,200 or BO. Located in Cumberland. Call Neal 401 333-4091 or nealpiggott@cox.net (8/11)

Walden Spirit, 2 person kayak, 2 years old, very nice. [Click here for photo and specs.](#) \$700.00 or best offer. alice1397@msn.com (7/25)

Seda Glider, 20', kevlar, w/ skirt, very fast + extremely stable sea kayak. in very good shape, \$1600. Call 401-423-2208 or email Robert_Wright@nksd.net (7/21)

Van Dusen, 21' kevlar surf ski, excellent first ski, 23 lbs, very fast yet stable, \$800. Call 401-423-2208 or email Robert_Wright@nksd.net (7/21)

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