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June on-the-water Club Meeting:
Monday, June 15th at 6 p.m.
Stump Pond, Smithfield, RI

This trip is suitable for all boats (canoes, recreational kayaks and sea kayaks) and all skill levels

Directions: Stump Pond- Smithfield RI

Rt. 95 to 146 to 116 South/Lincoln Mall exit (from Providence, North Providence or Pawtucket take the Douglas Pike Rt. 7 North and turn left on 116). At the Junction with 104 stay on 116, taking a left and then a quick right. Go past the police station and over the bridge that divides the pond. Immediately before the Dairy Mart and liquor store plaza take a sharp

right onto Log Road. Bear right at the yield sign and then turn right into the Stump Pond Fishing Area Access.

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If you have questions or need more information, email trip leader Bill Brown at kayakbill222@aol.com or call Cheryl at 401-647-5887.

Don't forget to wear your PFD!

Go Ed, Go!



RICKA member wins (for the second year) at Run of the Charles

RICKA member Ed Earle, 71, of North Attleboro, Massachusetts, won the Recreational/Short Touring (16 ft.) Sea Kayak Division, Senior Category, in the six-mile, 27th annual Run of the Charles, besting more than 25 competitors with a time of 1:07:14.

Ed said, "The unseasonable 90 degree temperature, plus a stiff headwind of 4 to 6 mph, on the three mile long, second leg of the course, seemed to take its toll on many of the competitors. The wind gusts

at times were strong enough to almost take the paddle out of one's hand."

Ed won the same race in 2008, when the temperature was a more seasonable 60 degrees, and credits many hours of training at the gym for this year's success.

Ed has been racing canoes and kayaks for over 30 years, and has been a RICKA member for 25 years. Last year he won the sea kayak division in the Buzzard's Bay Regatta, held in New Bedford, MA.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE RICKA PICNIC August 23, 2009

Save the date for the first annual RICKA family picnic and paddle, to be held at the Pavilion at Fort Getty in Jamestown.

Plan on bringing your boat and your family for a day of fun and food with your fellow RICKA members. There will be both sea kayak and flatwater paddles along the Jamestown shore and Dutch Harbor, plus swimming and fishing for the non-paddlers. Enjoy a catered barbecue with all the fixings and attend an award ceremony recognizing club members who have volunteered their time and talents to promote our sport and make it safer for our members and the public at large. Other activities being considered are a swap meet and/or an auction.

Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for 12 and under.

Complete details will appear in the July issue of The Paddler.

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RICKA 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.

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.

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Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 24 @ 7pm**

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Kayakers saved from drowning on Blackstone River

Sunday, May 17—CUMBERLAND, R.I. — When two young kayakers embarked on what was supposed to be an idyllic springtime jaunt, neither paddler expected that hours later, both would feel lucky to have survived.

Neil Haletky and friend Justin Frank were enjoying a peaceful Friday afternoon on the Blackstone River, a stretch of water both were familiar with. But a blockage caused by spring debris created an unfamiliar current near the Pratt Dam area of the river.

“My buddy went ahead of me and got stuck,” said Haletky.

Frank lost control in the swirling current and wound up face down in the water.

“We’ve done this trip before,” said Haletky. “Last August, there was barely enough water to get through here.”

“We didn’t realize it would be such a problem till we got down here, all the trees and stuff blocking it.”

Lucky for Frank, an onlooker spotted the dire situation from a footbridge spanning the river. It was under the arches of that bridge where debris had accumulated, creating formidable conditions.

Frank did not drown. The onlooker dialed 9-1-1 and within minutes a team of highly trained firefighters came to the rescue.

“This is a terrible section of the Blackstone,” said Cumberland Fire Department Act. Lt. Chris Smith. “Unfortunately, it’s part of our job and we come here quite often for the same exact situation.”

Last November, A father and son tried to make their way through the arches of the bridge. Their canoe capsized and 17-year-old William King drowned.

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SEA KAYAK TRIPS

Westport River

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 2 and 3

Coordinators:

Carleen McOsKer

(carleenmco@charter.net)

Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net)

Put-in: Westport River Boat Launch

Directions: The boat ramp is located at the end of Rt-88 next to Back Eddy Restaurant.

Outer West Passage

Date: Sunday, June 7, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 3

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.

Bay Campus

Date: Saturday, June 13, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 2

Coordinator: Carole Costanza

(c2sea@verizon.net)

Put-In: URI Bay Campus

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

Cuttyhunk Crossing

Date: Sunday, June 14, 2009

Time: 8:00am

Description: Level: 5 (RSVP Only)

Coordinators:

Jon Sharlin (ojphoto1@cox.net)

Bob Hogan (hogan_r@earthlink.net)

Gooseberry Neck

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2009

Time: 10:00am

Description: Level: 2 - 3

Coordinator: Carleen McOsKer

(carleenmco@charter.net)

Put-In: Gooseberry Neck

Directions: Take Rt. 195 to Rt. 88 South. At the end of Rt 88, by the beach, turn right. Follow the road over the causeway and into the parking lot.

Pier 5 to Harbor of Refuge

Date: Sunday, June 21, 2009

Time: 9:00am

Description: Level: 4

Coordinator: Tim Motte

(ttamotte@cox.net)

Put-In: Pier 5

Directions: Take RI-1A past Narragansett town beach. Stay to the left when the road splits and follow 1A under the archway. Pier 5 is on the left after the small rotary.

Wickford Harbor

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2009

Time: 10:00am

FLATWATER TRIPS

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.

June 6, Saturday – Big River, Coventry

Arrive at 10:00 and launch by 10:30 AM.

Organizer: Mark Roberts,
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. Zeke's Bridge state access.
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Directions 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

Description: Level: 2 & 3

Coordinators:

Mike Krabach (mkrabach@cox.net)

Carleen McOster

Put-In: Wilson Park

Directions: From Rt 4 (North or South), exit on Rt 102 east (Wickford). Proceed to stop light at junction of 102 and Rt 1. Turn left on Rt 1 north. Just beyond the Fire/Police Station, turn right onto Intrepid Dr. (small Wilson Park sign). Continue to the launch and the parking lot at the very end. It is labeled Long Pt on the map.

Bay Campus to Narrow River

Date: Sunday, June 28, 2009

Time: 9:00am

Description: Level: 4

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.

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.

Directions 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 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.

June 7th Petaquamscutt (Narrow) River - Narragansett RI

Paddle to Gilbert Stuart. Meet at 9:00 am.

Leader Henry Dziadosz

henry@twincitysupply.com 401-567-0313.

Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater message board. Please check the message board. before leaving for any trip.

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.

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RICKA PADDLER PUBLISHES ROUTES TO BEST SPOTS

A seasoned local traveler writes a guide to navigating the waters of southern New England for kayakers and canoers.

By CHRIS SHELDON / Westerly Sun Staff Writer

CHARLESTOWN — Jim Cole has been paddling his entire life, and now he has used his love of the recreational activity to write a book called “Paddling Connecticut and Rhode Island: Southern New England’s Best Paddling Routes.”

Published as part of the Falcon Guide series, Cole’s book is written for those who kayak or canoe in Rhode Island and Connecticut. It features detailed river descriptions, GPS coordinates, access points, miles, level of difficulty and even lists who to call for up-to-the minute information on floating conditions.

Cole, 62, of Charlestown, began researching the book 15 years ago when he started writing newsletters and river directions as a member of the Rhode Island Canoe/Kayak Association. Cole is also a past president of the association and currently serves as membership chairman.

He has been canoeing since he was 12 and in Boy Scouts. He first took his wife out on the water, and their two children joined in when they were old enough.

As he got older, his wife, Nancy, thought he should try a new approach to boating. “My wife was nervous that I was out there by myself, so she suggested that I should join some kind of club,” said Cole.

He took his wife’s advice and joined the association in 1988.

“After joining I got heavily involved with canoeing and improved my skills,” said Cole.

He also started working as a canoe instructor for Baer’s River Workshop in Exeter. While there, he became certified to give kayak lessons and began doing more kayaking in his spare time.

“My preference is canoeing because it’s more of a challenge, more traditional and more relaxing. Canoeing is a little trickier because you only use one blade, while in kayaking you use two. But you can move around a little more in a canoe,” he said.

As Cole began writing more newsletters for the association, he started enjoying writing about canoeing and kayaking as much he enjoyed actually doing it.

Joe Baer, the owner of the store, suggested that Cole should take all the river trips he had written about over the years and turn them into a book.

“I sent in some samples to a publisher [The Global Pequot Press] I saw online and they said I was just about ready to publish, but they thought it would be a good idea to add some trips in Connecticut,” said Cole.

He said he wanted to write about places that had not yet been written about.

The book was released about two weeks ago and Cole said there has been a lot of interest in it. He’s been asked to autograph 35 copies.

Cole said one of his favorite local spots is the Great Swamp in South Kingstown.

“There are a lot of trees down in it this year, so I am hoping to be able to take a trip through it with the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association to check it out,” he said.

He said that being safe is a big part of paddling.

“The most common mistake people make is not wearing a life jacket. That bothers me worse than anything else,” he said.

He added that statistically, more people get killed while they’re kayaking or canoeing without a life jacket than people on jet skis.

State law requires jet ski riders to wear a life jacket.

Cole said he goes paddling two or three times each week. He currently owns 10 canoes and kayaks, and enjoys fixing older ones in need of repair.

He has paddled rivers in all six New England states and New York, and he is planning a trip to the Androscoggin and Ammonoosuc Rivers this month.

“I just like being outside and enjoying wildlife. People don’t realize all the different things [you see] each time you go out there,” he said.

Cole said he is hoping to write a second edition of the book with more trips or even start a Web site. “I’ve probably got 20 trips written up that I couldn’t fit in the book,” he said.

FLATWATER

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June 13, Saturday – Nemasket River

Leader: Rev. Don Heath 401-651-5827
Heath53@cox.net The shuttle leaves promptly at 10:00 am. Allow time to unload your boat and gear before shuttling vehicles to the take out. Bring a lunch. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater message board. Please check the board before leaving for any trip.

Description: A few quick-water stretches and a couple of easy portages. 12 mile paddle. Good boat handling skills required. Lots of wildlife, eagles nest, two herring runs, two portages. Clean, clear flatwater.

The Nemasket River is in Lakeville MA
The AMC River guide describes this river as one of the prettiest in Eastern MA

Directions: Take exit 4 off of RT 495. Follow Rt 105 south towards Lakeville for 1.1 miles. Take a left and turn onto Vaughan street (just before Starr's liquors) and follow straight for one mile to the put-in which is on the left. Vaughn Street put-in GPS coordinates are: N41 51.598 W070 55.018

June 13, Saturday – Great Swamp, Kingston RI.

Arrive at 9:30 and shuttle at 10:00 launch by 10:20 AM. Organizer: Mark Roberts, mroberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 cell Shuttle

"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.

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

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

June 14th Flatwater Training See details on page two.

June 14th Hopeville Pond Griswold, CT

Meet at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am launch. Leader Bill Brown kayakbill222@aol.com If you would like more information and do not have e-mail, please call Cheryl at 401-647-5887. Bring a lunch.

Suitable for all levels of experience and boat lengths.

Hopeville Pond is a widened three mile section of Pachaug River in Griswold, Connecticut. It winds through woodland, farmland and areas with light cottage development between a dam at the north end and a section of the river connecting to Pachaug Pond at the south end. Pachaug pond can be reached by paddling upstream on the river at the south end and carrying around the dam."

Directions: Take Interstate 395 to exit 86 and take Route 201 East, following signs for Hopeville Pond State Park. Stay on Route 201, which forks to the right after about a half mile. (where Hopeville Road goes off to the left); the park entrance is on the right one mile past the fork.

June 15th Monday Evening RICKA meeting on Stump Pond,

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.

Smithfield RI. See details on page one.

Roger Williams Paddle that was schedule for 6/20 has been moved to 7/25.

June 21st Bungay River, Attleboro, MA

Leaders: Benn and Don Thompson
stonefoxfarm@juno.com or 401-647-5887. Meet at 10:00 am for a 10:30 am launch. There is not a suitable place to stop for a lunch break on this trip. Suitable for all levels of experience and boats under 15 feet.

An easy paddle up a very scenic river. The Bungay River is part of the Ten Mile River Water Shed. Heading north, a large part of this river is flanked on both sides by about a half mile of protected open space. It is considered the best Southern Red Maple Swamp around.

GPS Coordinates: N 41 57 228 W071 16 822

Directions: On I-95 take exit 5 (rt 152). Take a left off the exit and bear right. Your on 152 now. Go about 3/4 of a mile and on your left you'll see a sign for Holden street. Take that left. The put-in is 1/4 mile down on the left. Just before you come to the bridge crossing the river there is a state canoe launch and a parking area on the left.

June 27, Saturday – Mystic River, Mystic CT

Arrive at 10:00 and launch by 10:30 AM. Organizer: Mark Roberts, mroberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 cell. The river is suitable for all canoes and kayak, and paddlers of all skill levels. Start off paddling around the seaport viewing the old sailing vessels, then paddle upstream to the marshes and turn around. Bring a lunch.

Note: Parking is limited, so you may have

to drop your boat and gear and park in the seaport parking lot (free and a short walking distance away, also public rest rooms available).

Directions: Isham St. boat ramp, Mystic CT. Take Rt. 95 to exit 90. Take Rt. 27 Greenmanville Rd. Follow signs for Mystic Seaport. (you will be heading south). Just past the seaport, turn right onto Isham St. (It is just before Oak St. which can also take you there). Ramp is at the end of Isham St.

June 28th 2009. Salt Pond - Galilee.

Meet at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am launch. Leader Bill Brown kayakbill222@aol.com Note: Bill prefers e-mail communication. If you would like more information and do not have e-mail, please call Cheryl at 401-647-5887.

Bring a lunch. A state launch is available on Salt Pond Road:

Directions: FROM THE NORTH: Take 95 South to Exit 9 (left side exit) to Route 4. Stay on Route 4, eventually it will join Route 1. Continue on Route 1 (NOT 1A) and look for Narragansett exit: Salt Pond Road / South County Hospital. Take a left at the bottom of the exit ramp and follow to the parking and ramp. * The ramp is on the left, after J. G. Goff's (formerly Hanson's Landing). The parking lot across the street is for cars without trailers.

*FROM ALL OTHER AREAS: Get on Route 1 (NOT 1A) and follow the above directions.

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 a question 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.

June 2nd 6:15 pm Nipmuc River.

Rentals Available. Join us as we are guided by Naturalist Julie Riendeau on this interpretive paddle. Suitable for all levels of experience.

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 route there are numerous beaver dams to drag your boat over. GPS coordinates for the put-in: N 41 58.258' W071 40.738'

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.

June 7th Great Canadian Demo Day, Sutton MA.

Note: date change from the 14th 10-4 at Camp Marion on Lake Singletary Sutton, MA Tel: (508) 865-0010 or (800) 98-CANOE.

June 9th 6:15 pm. Blackstone Canal, Lincoln, RI

Suitable for all levels of experience. A fun, scenic paddle along the bike path in Lincoln. This trip is suitable for everyone.

Directions from Providence:

1. I-95 North to Route 146 in Providence
2. Route 146 North to Breakneck Hill Road (approximately 5 miles)
3. East on Breakneck Hill Road (Route 123) (approximately 2.5 miles)
4. Enter Bikeway Entrance on left on Route 123 in Lonsdale

Directions from the north: 1. Exit 9 on I-295, South on Route 146 (approximately 3

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· 10 Cedar Lane, Foxborough, MA
· 508-543-0490 (call for directions)
· www.claudescycles.com

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· 401-254-4295
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· www.ospreyseakayak.com

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· 401-254-4000
· www.kayakri.com

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· 120 Ingell St., Taunton, MA 800-689-7884
· 277 Water Street, Warren 401-245-9025
· www.canoeassage.com

The Kayak Centre:

Glass boats 6% off normal retail; plastic boats 10% 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

Quaker Lane Outfitters:

All canoes & kayaks 10% off; accessories 20% off.
· 4019 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown
· 1-800-249-5400

WaveLength Magazine

Offers a \$10 introductory "Club Sub" for new subscribers (regularly \$15). 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

Don't miss the annual Narrow River beach picnic/surf & play day

Annual fourth of July event open to all paddlers- flatwater, sea kayakers and white water paddlers.

Saturday, July 4, 10 a.m.

Sea Kayak contacts: Joe Sherlock (sherlock244@aol.com); Carleen McOsker (carleenmco@charter.net)

Flatwater contacts: Mark Roberts, mroberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 cell; Bennett Thompson stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-647-5887.

Put-in at Pollock St. landing. Directions: Take Rt. 1 to Bridgetown Road. Turn off of Bridgetown Road onto Middlebridge Road. Pollack Ave. is on the left.

Note: if you plan to surf in your kayak, helmets are strongly recommended.

miles to Breakneck Hill Road).

2. East on Breakneck Hill Road (Route 123) (approximately 2.5 miles).

3. Enter Bikeway Entrance on left off Route 123 in Lonsdale.

June 16th 6:15pm River Bend Farm Loop

Rentals Available. We will have a National Park Service Ranger paddling with us this evening. "Ranger Nights" are offered every month, guided by National Park Service Rangers on interpretive paddles. Paddle on the canal to historic Goat Hill lock or **experienced** paddlers can paddle the loop, down the river and then up the canal. **To paddle the river section, strong padding skills are a must, experienced paddlers only.** An alternate flatwater paddle to historic Goat Hill Lock is available for paddlers wanting an easier route. There will be leaders for both sections. 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

June 23rd 6:15 pm Lacky Dam and the Mumford River.

Suitable for all levels of experience. Naturalist Julie Riendeau will give a short program on Ospreys. The Worcester Chapter of the AMC will be paddling with us tonight as our guests Directions: Take 146 north into Whitensville, take the exit that reads Lackey Dam Road/Whitensville. At end of exit take a right, follow road approximately 1/2 mile to the dam. Parking is available on the service road to the dam. Paddle through Lackey Pond into the Mumford river. N42 06.184 W071 41.394

June 25th 6:15 pm "Intro to Paddling Night" at Lincoln Woods State Park

Rentals Available. "Intro to Paddling Nights" will be solely devoted to paddlers interested in learning basic strokes that will allow them to better control their canoe or kayak. "Introduction to Paddling nights" are free of charge and included with your membership or boat rental! Trips are not offered on these evenings. Directions: Take the Twin River Road exit from route 146 and follow the signs. Turn right onto the ring road in the park and follow to the state boat ramp. N 41 53 370 W 071 25 684

June 30th 6:15 pm Providence River, East Providence launch

Spray skirts for kayakers are strongly recommended. There may be boat traffic and waves before we enter the river. We are partnering with the RI Blueways Alliance for this paddle. Leaving the put-in you will head northwest towards the hurricane barrier. Entering the open water below the hurricane barrier there may be some chop, especially with a south wind. Directions: Take 195 East from Providence to the Riverside/Rt. 44 exit. Bear right off the exit and make your VERY FIRST RIGHT TURN. (This comes up quickly so watch for it). Turn left after the railroad tracks and follow to the boat ramp.

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.

Classifieds

Necky Elaho, Red, Length: 15'8" Width: 22.5" The Elaho is a low profile touring playboat. Its multi-chine diamond hull and rocker combine to make a very playful and maneuverable kayak. Polymer construction makes this boat incredibly durable. Excellent condition. \$800 obo. Will email pictures upon request. Call Rick at 401-864-5457 or ricktjader@cox.net (5/22)
Valley Aquila fiberglass sea kayak, 18'3" x 22.5" red over white, suitable for larger paddler, good condition, \$800, call Tim at (401) 783-6287 before 9 p.m. (5/9)

Men's XL Immersion Research, Long Sleeve, Sessions Paddle Jacket, black with grey trim, neoprene neck and latex sleeve gaskets, too small for me, has had little use, sells for \$180 new, yours for \$75, call Tim before 9 p.m. at (401) 783-6287. (5/4)
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)

Betsie Bay Recluse 19 feet by 20.5 inches. Fast, fun boat, and a good roller. New hatches, decklines forward of cockpit, gel seat insert, and backband. Sprayskirt included. \$1,500.00 Contact Wayne at wsmith16@charter.net (2/3)

Hull-A-Port kayak rack, used once, new July 08, \$ 85.00 Pat 401-480-3508 (10/4)

P&H Capella RM166 Lava red poly sea kayak with a skeg, 3 bulkheads, and a day hatch. Length 16' 7", Beam 22" Weight 54 lbs. Good condition, great overall performance and a fine boat for the Bay! Cost-\$750 Contact Joe Sherlock 603-325-0046 email sherlock244@gmail.com (9/28)

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)

Necky Looksha Sport Kayak; includes ExtraSport life jacket, spray skirt and Werner Comano paddle. Excellent Condition. Asking \$750. Call Bob at 401 295 1019, email: gizzycat@cox.net (8/21)

Dagger Honcho in excellent condition. Blue/gray/white. Surf/whitewater. Asking \$375. Call Al at 401-624-4251 or email me at alccri@hotmail.com (8/16)

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. \$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)

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 INDOORS \$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 (I 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) **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) **Thule kayak rack** single rack from an Escort for sale. \$100.00 call Sally Ann 401-861-5049 or campy272@juno.com (2/18)

Ultra light and fast handmade kayak - Thirty-four pounds 16' long X 23" beam. Stitch & glue plywood kit construction. Almost new - \$950 Contact Greta: 272-2950 in am or at gabbott505@aol.com (11/19)

Old Town Loon 111 Kayak, \$400 pics available: wsk112@gmail.com (10/5)

Dagger Super Ego and Dagger Ego kayaks for sale. 300 for each. Both are in great shape. Nice for park and play and great ocean surfers. 401 783 4112. lv message (9/10)

Werner Cyprus Paddle 220 cm ,Straight Shaft used once, \$380.00 new will sell for \$275.00 Call Greg or Patrice at 401-624-2822 (8/14)

Current Designs Extreme. Excellent condition. Fast Sea Kayak. Handles all conditions well. Kevlar. Smart Trac Rudder control. Yellow/White. New \$3200+, asking \$2600. Located in North Kingstown. Call Tom 401 885-7649 (8/24)

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