

# PADDLER

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## July on-the-water Club Meeting: Monday, July 20th at 6:15 p.m. Upper Pawtuxet River- Hope, RI

This trip begins at Hope Landing and meanders northward to the source of the river—the 109-foot Gainer Memorial Dam at the Scituate Reservoir. The water is very clean and cold, emerging directly from the depths of the reservoir. Paddlers will return to the take-out. .

Leaders are Cheryl Thompson Cameron and Benn Thompson, [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) or 401-647-5887. The Hope Landing access has plenty of parking and an easy put-in.

Directions: *From Providence*, take Route 6W to the intersection with Route 116 in North Scituate. Take 116S to the village of Hope, in the town of Scituate. Just past the junction at Route 115, cross the bridge and turn right onto Hope Furnace Road. The access to Hope landing is down a short gravel drive.

*From the north*, take 295S to Route 6W and follow directions above.

*From the south*: Take Route 95N to 117W. Go right onto 116N (Knotty Oak Road) to the village of Hope, in the town of Scituate. The access, on Hope Furnace Road, will be on your left just after entering Scituate, before the bridge crossing the river. Drive down the short gravel drive to the landing.

Coordinates: N41 43.868 W071 33.930.

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

## DUCKLING!

("Don't get out of the boat.  
Never get out of the boat!")

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## SAVE THE DATE

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August 23, 2009  
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## 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](mailto:sherlock244@aol.com)); Carleen McOsker ([carleenmco@charter.net](mailto:carleenmco@charter.net))

Flatwater contacts: Mark Roberts, [mroberts@CIA.com](mailto:mroberts@CIA.com) 401-533-1883 cell; Bennett Thompson [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto: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.

# Basic Flatwater Paddling Course

Would you like to improve your flatwater paddling skills? The RICKA Flatwater Group will be holding its next Basic Flatwater Paddling Class on Sunday, July 19th. In this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats on flatwater. We will also cover basic rescue techniques. The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield and will be free for RICKA members. Limited enrollment!

**Class size is limited to 25 paddlers.** Attendance is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please do not reserve a spot unless you are 100% certain that you can attend. If you cancel at the last minute, you will have tied up a spot that someone else could have used.

Please contact Bill Luther [prijon@juno.com](mailto:prijon@juno.com), Erik Eckilson [eckilson@cox.net](mailto:eckilson@cox.net) or Cheryl Thompson Cameron [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) for additional information.

## Looking for a used kayak? If it seems too good....

Several kayaks have been stolen on Poppasquash Point in Bristol recently, both from private owners and the Point Pleasant Inn.

Some have already been advertised—and sold—on Craig’s List.

If you see an offer that looks too good (like the \$50 carbon fiber paddle seen recently on Craig’s List), call the Bristol Police Department.

**If you elect to receive the Paddler by e-mail** please be certain to add RICKA\_Newsletter@Yahogroups.com to your address book so it doesn’t get filtered out as spam.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 29 @ 7pm**

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# Notes about trip schedules

- The trip schedule shown in the newsletter can (and will) change at any time after publication. Trips will be added, cancelled, changed, moved or otherwise adjusted for a variety of reasons. Check the message boards and trip calendars frequently (and always prior to leaving for a trip) for changes. Sign up for the email lists to have information delivered to you.
- To clear up the confusion about launch times: in the case of club paddles, “launch” means “in your boat, ready to paddle,” which is not the same as “launching your car into a parking space at the put-in.”
- Due to space constraints, the newsletter may show only abbreviated directions to the put-ins. More detailed directions may be found on the web site.
- Acquaint yourself with our web site, [www.ricka.org](http://www.ricka.org)! Click on the buttons for the category of your choice: flatwater, sea kayak or whitewater. You’ll find a wealth of information, including the specific gear and experience requirements for each.
- PFDs are always required; lights are required for all evening trips.

## Before you paddle...

Educate yourself about the area in which you will be paddling, and carry appropriate gear, clothing, water, food, etc. Always check the weather forecast before launching. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT.**

## TO ADVERTISE IN THE PADDLER

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## SEA KAYAK TRIPS

### Wickford Harbor

**Date:** Saturday, June 27, 2009

**Time:** 10:00am

**Level:** 2 & 3

**Coordinators:** Mike Krabach

([mkrabach@cox.net](mailto:mkrabach@cox.net)), Carleen McOsker

**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

**Level:** 4

**Coordinator:** Tim Motte

([ttamotte@cox.net](mailto: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.

### Annual Narrow River Beach Picnic

**Date:** Saturday, July 4, 2009

See details on page one

### Fort Wetherill

**Date:** Sunday, July 5, 2009

**Time:** 10:00am

**Level:** 4

**Coordinator:** Tony Moore

**Put-In:** Ft. Wetherill

**Directions:** Follow Rt. 138 and exit into downtown Jamestown on the East side of the island. Head south on the main street which turns into Walcott Ave., turn left at the sign for Ft. Wetherill. Follow this road to the park, turn right into the park (Brick restrooms on right) then take a quick left to the boat launch parking area.

### Full Moon Paddle

**Date:** Tuesday, July 7, 2009

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Level:** 2

**Coordinators:** Carole Costanza

([c2sea@verizon.net](mailto:c2sea@verizon.net)) Bob Hogan

([hogan\\_r@earthlink.net](mailto:hogan_r@earthlink.net))

Check web site for details.

### Weaver Cove

**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2009

**Time:** 10:00am

**Level:** 2 & 3

**Coordinators:** Kevin Bowen (401)223-9679

**Put-In:** Weavers Cove Public Boat

Launch, Portsmouth, RI

**Directions:** From Rt 114 north or south, at a stoplight marked by a sign for the Melville Marina, turn onto Stringham Rd.

and continue down the hill toward the shore. Watch for a little tan storage building on your right, and take a hard left. Continue along next to the railroad tracks and follow signs for boat launch that will be on your right.

### Sakonnet Point

**Date:** Sunday, July 12, 2009

**Time:** 10:00am

**Level:** 4 **Coordinators:** Bob Hogan

([hogan\\_r@earthlink.net](mailto:hogan_r@earthlink.net))

**Put-in:** Sakonnet Point Town Boat

Launch

**Directions:** The boat launch is located at the end of RT-77.

### Slocum River

**Date:** Saturday, July 18, 2009

**Time:** 9:00am

**Level:** 2 & 3

**Contacts:** Carleen McOsker

([carleenmco@charter.net](mailto:carleenmco@charter.net)) Jon Sharlin

([ojphoto1@cox.net](mailto:ojphoto1@cox.net)) **Directions:** Directions

from Providence on Rt 195, exit at Faunce Corner (Exit 12), go right at end of ramp onto Faunce Corner Rd. At Route 6 (Liberty Travel, Mobil station) go straight across onto Old Westport Rd. At the fork, bear left (it's more like straight) onto Chase Road and continue to end (about 3.5 mi.) At the end (Russells mills Rd) take a right, go about 1 mile. Watch for Davoll's Store - yellow building on left. Take the left after the store, which begins Horseneck Rd. About 1/4 mi. down you will see the Town Landing Launch on left near tennis courts and a dirt parking area. The Slocum River is one of the most beautiful salt water rivers in New England. The level 2 trip will explore the river and possibly venture into Little River. The level 3 trip will exit the Slocum

River and explore the coast before returning by way of Allen's Pond.

### King's Beach

**Date:** Sunday, July 19, 2009

**Time:** 9:00am

**Level:** 4

**Coordinators:** Tony Moore

**Put-in:** King's Beach, Newport, RI

**Directions:** From Newport follow Ocean Drive out to Brenton Point State Park. About 1/2 mile east of the Park, watch for the Kings Beach/Fishing Access sign (near Price Neck). The access road is easy to miss.

### Boston Harbor

**Date:** Sunday, July 26, 2009

**Time:** 9:30am

**Level:** 3

**Coordinator:** Eric Johnson

([emjohnso3@verizon.net](mailto:emjohnso3@verizon.net))

**Put-in:** Hingham Town Beach

**Directions:** From Providence: Follow Rt-95 N towards Boston. When RT-95 splits to merge onto RT-128 (exit 12) take the RT-93 N/US-1 N towards Boston. Take Exit 7 and merge onto RT-3 S towards Cape Cod. Take Exit 14 for RT-228 Hingham. Turn left at the end of the exit and follow Rt-228. Rt-228 winds a bit, but is pretty easy to follow. There will be one section where Rt-228 takes a major right hand jog. When you come to Rt-3A turn left. Turn into the first parking lot for the beach.

*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.*

# Northern Forest Canoe Trail: Errol to Groveton, NH

By Erik Eckilson

It was a long, dark drive up to Errol, New Hampshire. Chuck Horbert, Mike Bussell and Bill “Wet Willie” Luther had left earlier in the day so they could scout out the river. I had to work, and didn’t leave Waltham, Massachusetts until after 6:00 PM – right in the middle of rush hour traffic.

It was already dark when I got through the Franconia Notch. I followed Route 3 north toward Groveton, and then I took Route 110 along the Upper Ammonoosuc River toward Errol. It was getting late, and I was anxious to get to the hotel. For several miles, I was stuck behind a van going very slowly, even for this remote area. When we finally hit a straight section of road, I sped past – big mistake.

I wasn’t more than a quarter-mile down the road when something big ran out in front of me. I slammed on the brakes and laid on the horn. Fortunately, I stopped in time. In the middle of the road in front of me stood a large female moose. After a few seconds she lost interest and trotted off into the woods. Now I know why that van was moving so slowly.

For the past couple of years, Chuck, Mike and Bill have been paddling their way through sections of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail. Covering 740 miles, the Northern Forest Canoe Trail links rivers and lakes across northern New York and New England from Old Forge, New York to Fort Kent, Maine. I had been invited to join their trips several times in the past, but always had a conflict. When they told me that their next trip would be the Androscoggin and the Upper Ammonoosuc in New Hampshire, I decided that I had to go. The Androscoggin was the first whitewater river that I ran with my dad in 1990.

My first day started early – breakfast with Bill at 7:00 AM. After breakfast, Jim Cole

and Tommy Taylor met us at the hotel. We got on our gear and headed off to the river. We would be paddling 16 miles down the Androscoggin River. The Androscoggin starts in Errol and runs 178 miles across New Hampshire and Maine until it empties into the Kennebec River. The section we would be paddling includes the Thirteen Mile Woods - one of the prettiest sections of the river.

We shuttled our cars and put-in below the dam in Errol around 9:30 AM. The river starts off with some class II rapids, and then alternates between flatwater, quickwater and easy whitewater down to the Pontook Dam. For much of the morning it was pouring rain – I mean POURING - but that didn’t dampen our spirits. The rain came and went, and we had a great time. Along the way we saw lots of wildlife including osprey, loons, heron, and even a bald eagle. I must admit, on such a cold rainy day, it was nice to go back to the hotel for a hot shower after the paddle. That’s what I call roughing it.

The second day of our trip was a 9-mile run on the Upper Ammonoosuc. We shuttled our cars down to the take-out in the village of Stark. Stark sits at the base of a steep granite cliff called The Pulpit. With its picturesque covered bridge over the Upper Ammonoosuc, it is one of the prettiest New England villages that I have seen.

The Upper Ammonoosuc is much smaller than the Androscoggin. It twists and turns through cow fields and woodlands across the top of NH until it ultimately empties into the Connecticut River. The previous day’s rain had brought the level up nicely. The river was mostly quickwater with lots of maneuvering needed to get through the twists and turns. The day ended with a couple of class II rapids as we entered the village of Stark. We had a good time playing in the rapids, and only had to pull our boats on shore to be home for the night at the Stark Inn Bed & Breakfast.

Unfortunately, this would be the end of my trip. I needed to leave early to be

## Kayaker aiding duck rescued from mud

By Karen Jeffrey, Cape Cod Times  
June 04, 2009 7:28 AM

HARWICH - A tender-hearted kayaker found himself waist deep in mud yesterday after he and his son tried to rescue a duckling.

It began around 2:30 p.m. off Chase Road in Harwich when the man and his son - whose names were not released by the police or fire department - spotted a young duck stuck on the clam flats with a clam shell stuck to its leg.

They rescued the duck but as they approached shore, it got away from them, according to a fire department spokesman.

The father went after the duckling and soon found himself waist-deep in mud.

Harwich firefighters and police were called to the scene and firefighter Robert Sanders slid out on a rescue surfboard to rescue the man.

No injuries to human or duck were reported.

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home for Saturday. As luck would have it, Chuck, Mike and Jim had to leave the next morning as well, leaving only Bill and Tommy to finish the trip.

By the time Bill and Tommy put-in on Saturday morning, the river had dropped a foot from the previous day’s level, but there was still plenty of water. From Stark to Groveton, the river was a mix of quickwater and class I rapids with two dams – one they ran, one they portaged. The day ended at another picturesque covered bridge in Groveton.

What’s next on the schedule? There’s talk of something in Vermont – lots of uncharted territory up there. The guys have 530 miles to go. I hope I’ll be able to make a few more of their trips.

# SAVE THE DATE: August 23rd!

**1st ANNUAL**



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

Bring 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. Attendance is limited to RICKA members, spouses/partners and families. Please fill out the form below and mail with check to reserve your space.

MemberName: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adult Vegetarian Meals: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Kid's Meals (12 & under): \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send check to :**

**Charlie Larocque**  
**561 Seven Mile Rd.**  
**Hope, RI 02831-1850**

Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Tom Brady: Football, yes. Kayak, maybe not.

*'It was more embarrassment than real danger,' spectator says of mishap*

Stephan Savoia / AP Tues., June 9, 2009

New England Patriots star Tom Brady had to be rescued from the Charles River after flipping his kayak on Sunday, the Boston Herald reported Tuesday.

"He had to be rescued," an unidentified spectator told the Boston Herald. "The launch guy went out and got him and got him back in the kayak. He's been bragging about it ever since. He's telling everyone he rescued Tom Brady."

After Brady suffered the mishap on the rented kayak, a boathouse attendant went out to rescue the quarterback, the Herald said.

Brady and wife Gisele Bundchen rented two kayaks for a leisurely ride on the river, the Herald said.

"It was more embarrassment than real danger," the spectator said.

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## 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](mailto: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 27, Saturday – Mystic River, Mystic CT** Arrive at 10:00, launch by 10:30 AM. Organizer: Mark Roberts, [mroberts@CIA.com](mailto:mroberts@CIA.com) 401-533-1883 cell. The river is suitable for all boats and paddlers. Paddle around the old sailing vessels, then upriver. Directions to Isham St. boat ramp, Mystic CT: Rt. 95S to exit 90. Take Rt. 27 Greenmanville Rd. Follow signs for Mystic Seaport. Just past the seaport, turn right onto Isham St...Ramp is at the end.

**June 28th 2009. Salt Pond -Galilee.** Meet at 9:30 am for a 10:00 am launch. Leader Bill Brown [kayakbill222@aol.com](mailto:kayakbill222@aol.com). If you don't have email, call 401-647-5887. Directions: FROM THE NORTH: Take 95 South to Route 4S, which becomes Route 1. Continue to Salt Pond Road / South County Hospital exit. Take a left off exit ramp, continue to launch site. FROM ALL OTHER AREAS: Get on Route 1 and follow the above directions.

**July 6th Full Moon / Sunset Paddle** on 100 Acre Cove in Barrington. Meet at 6:30 pm. Leaders: **Jean Josephson** [kayakjmj@yahoo.com](mailto:kayakjmj@yahoo.com) 401-245-5523, **Gregg O'Brien** [goh243@aol.com](mailto:goh243@aol.com) 401-473-8132 and **Sharon Albert** [s504business@yahoo.com](mailto:s504business@yahoo.com) 401- 942-3378. **Head Lamps or flashlight required.** The put-in for Hundred-Acre Cove and the Barrington River is on Route 114 (the Wampanoag Trail) in Barrington.

**July 11, Saturday – Blackstone River, Valley Falls Marsh, Cumberland RI.** Arrive at 10:00 and launch by 10:30 AM. Organizer: Mark Roberts, [mroberts@CIA.com](mailto:mroberts@CIA.com) 401-533-1883 cell. Suitable for all. Approx. 6 miles. Bring a lunch. **Directions:** Central Falls Landing: From Route 146, turn onto Route 123 east to Valley Falls, take right onto Broad Street, right

onto Madeira Avenue and a right into the parking lot.

**July 18th Charles River, Norfolk & Populatic Pond. Leader: Norfolk to Medway/Franklin MA. Burt Nowell** [bnow@comcast.net](mailto:bnow@comcast.net) 508-695-1866. **Bring a lunch. Meet at 10:00 am** Suitable for all level of experience. **Long boats NOT recommended. Directions:** Rt.495 N to exit 16 King St/Franklin. RIGHT onto King St...approx. 1.3 miles to a set of lights. Go straight thru onto Chestnut St. for approx. 2.9 miles and take a left onto Myrtle St. Go approx 1.4 miles and left onto River Rd. Parking on side of road.

**July 19th Pawcatuck River- Alton to Bradford. Meet at 9:00am. Leader: Henry Dziadosz** [henry@twincitysupply.com](mailto:henry@twincitysupply.com) 401-567-0313. **shuttle.** To Alton Fishing Access: Rt. 95 to Exit 1 onto Rt. 3 south for 1.8 miles. At Rt. 216 go left...the parking area and launch will be on the left shortly after a right turn where Rt. 216 merges with Rt. 91.

**July 19th Flatwater Training. Reservation required. See details on page two.**

July 20th RICKA Meeting on the Water. North Branch of the Pawtuxet River- Hope (Scituate) RI. See details on page one

**July 25th, Saturday – Roger Williams Park and Zoo, Providence RI. Arrive at 10:00 and launch by 10:30 AM. Organizer: Mark Roberts,** [mroberts@CIA.com](mailto:mroberts@CIA.com) 401-533-1883 cell.

Suitable for all boats and paddlers. 4 miles through various ponds and lakes and the Japanese Gardens by the carousel. We break for lunch by the Greek Temple.

**Directions to the put-in:** From 95 South take exit 17- From 95 North take exit 16. Go South on Elmwood, turn left onto Park Avenue and continue to light at Roger Williams Park. Enter the park and bear left- the launch site and parking will be on the right side of the road at the lake.

**August 1st to August 10th-** Adirondack State park, NY- camping and paddling Trip. Henry Dziadosz is leading a week long, paddling & camping trip in Adirondack State Park, NY. Camping will be at Lake Eaton State campground outside of Long Lake, NY. Contact [henry@twincitysupply.com](mailto:henry@twincitysupply.com) 401-567-0313.

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· 10 Cedar Lane, Foxborough, MA  
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· 401-254-4295  
· [www.northwindsports.com](http://www.northwindsports.com)

### Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:

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· [www.ospreyseakayak.com](http://www.ospreyseakayak.com)

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· [www.kayakri.com](http://www.kayakri.com)

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· [www.kayakcentre.com](http://www.kayakcentre.com)

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· 1-800-249-5400

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[www.WaveLengthMagazine.com](http://www.WaveLengthMagazine.com)

## 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](http://www.ricka.org)—click on BV Paddlers) for detailed directions to put-ins.

### June 30th 6:15 pm Providence River, East Providence.

**Spray skirts for kayakers are strongly recommended. We are partnering with the RI Blueways Alliance for this paddle.**

A scenic trip through the heart of Providence. **Directions:** Take 195 East from Providence and then take the Riverside Rt. 44 exit .. just over the Washington Bridge. Bear right off the exit and make your VERY FIRST RIGHT TURN. Take this road to the end and turn left. The launch is a boat ramp on the right a short ways down—just after a large dirt parking lot.

**July 7th 6:15 pm Valley Falls Marsh. Rentals Available Cumberland RI** A very scenic paddle for paddlers of all abilities. Enjoy the scenic marsh and a paddle

up the Blackstone to the Pratt Dam. Detailed direction on web site.

**July 14th 6:15 pm Slatersville Reservoir** North Smithfield RI This trip provides a nice paddle through a flatwater section of upper Slatersville Reservoir and then a stretch of the Branch River. Put-in is located on Victory Highway (Route 102) in Slatersville. Look for a brown DEM Sign for Slatersville Boat Launch.

**July 21st 6:15 pm Ranger night with Ranger Kevin Klyberg-Rivers Edge Recreational Complex on Davison Street. Directions:** See web site for detailed directions

**July 28th 6:15 pm Smith and Sayles Reservoir- Gloucester, RI** 186 acre reservoir **Directions:** Take 295 North or South to exit 7B Greenville, Route 44 west. Follow route 44 west for 9.1 miles. Turn left onto Chestnut Hill Road. Follow Chestnut Hill Road for .8 mile until you come to Sand Dam Road on the left. Portions of this road are not paved, follow for one tenth of a mile until you come to the state access on your left.

**July 30th 6:15 pm “intro to Paddling Night”. Manchaug Pond, Sutton MA 7.** From Rt. 146 North or South take **Exit 5** and head west on Whitins Road. Take left fork onto Parker to end, and then a right. Boat Ramp is on left. **GPS coordinates: N42 05.533 W071 46.040.**

“**Into to Paddling Nights**” will be solely devoted to paddlers interested in learning basic strokes that will allow them to better control their boat, whether they paddle a canoe or kayak. Join us for these “**Introduction to Paddling**” nights. Great Canadian will rent boats for these nights as well. “**Introduction to Paddling nights**” are **free of charge and included with your membership or boat rental!** Trips are not offered on these evenings.

## 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

**Mad River Rampage** whitewater canoe. Solo boat; used lightly for 3 years and stored in garage ever since. Fully outfitted with sidewall reinforcing foam, custom(izable) saddle, electric bilge pump, air bags, waterproof storage compartment. Suitable for big water, extreme rocker, extremely stable (primary & secondary). \$250. Offers considered. Alan, 401-725-3355 or [webmaster@ricka.org](mailto:webmaster@ricka.org). (6/20)

**NRS Sprayskirt** – neoprene sprayskirt for Dagger kayak or any kayak with cockpit opening 34-36" in length and 18-20" wide, I have two size L sprayskirts for waist sizes 33-37". \$25 each or B.O. Call 439-5570. (6/19)

**Necky Jive**—great surf or whitewater boat. Well used but not used up. \$300. [welcomelacefarm@yahoo.com](mailto:welcomelacefarm@yahoo.com) (6/3)

**Necky Arluk 1.9** Kevlar, only 40 lbs; FAST; 18 feet long; 22 inches wide; yellow deck, ivory hull, grey bulkhead hatches; Very good condition; some hull scratches (nothing unusual) and sunfading, but excellent seaworthiness. \$1000. Call 508-631-3375 or [amy.tidwellcrwe@gmail.com](mailto:amy.tidwellcrwe@gmail.com) (5/31)

**P&H Capella** British sea kayak, fiberglass, skeg, 2 bulkheads, plus a day hatch. Length 16' 7", Beam 22". Anchusa Blue deck with sunbeam yellow trim, white hull. Boat was always stored indoors. Great overall performance kayak, \$1600.00 FIRM. This boat was custom ordered from England, I paid \$3000.00 new. Contact Cheryl at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) 401-647-5887. (5/27)

**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](mailto: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)

**Boreal Inukshuk** Red Touring Kayak 16ft with rudder. Everything is in good shape, a few scratches on the bottom. 650.00 [APaul041@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Robert_Wright@nksd.net) (7/21)

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