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August Meeting

Monday, August 20th, Launch at 6:00 pm
Upper Pawtuxet River paddle, Hope, RI

Join us for a relaxing evening paddle from Hope Landing to the source of the Pawtuxet River—the Scituate Reservoir—and back. Issuing from the body of water that provides much of the state’s drinking water, the river is clean, clear and cold. This trip goes through shady, rural countryside, and on a warm evening, swirls of mist rise off the chilly water.

This trip is suitable for boats of all shapes and sizes, and paddlers of all levels. Kent Cameron is the trip leader: stonefoxfarm@juno.com, 401-647-5887

Direction: Route 116 can be accessed by many different routes, depending upon your starting point. Use a map or MapQuest.com to find the best route, then follow the directions below.

Coming from the North on Route 116: travel on Route 116 South into the village of Hope, in the town of Scituate. Just past the junction of Rt. 115, look for the bridge crossing the river. Turn right onto Hope Furnace Road. The access to Hope landing is down a short gravel drive.

Coming from the South on Route 116: travel on Route 116 North into the village of Hope, in the town of Scituate. The access, Hope Landing, will be on your left just after entering Scituate, before the bridge crossing the river. Drive down a short gravel drive onto Hope Furnace Road.



The Rhode Island Fall Classic offers canoe and kayak racing classes for everything—from short plastic rec boats to world-class Olympic and marathon racing boats and everything in between. Paddlers range from first-time racers to regional and national—that’s right, national—champions.

Complete details on the race are enclosed with your newsletter, and are also available on the RICKA web site, www.ricka.org.

If you’d like to volunteer on race day, contact Barbara August at b.august@cox.net or 725-3344. Morning, afternoon or all day—your help is appreciated.

“Paddle Jam” in California

Sunday, July 29, 2007
SAN FRANCISCO — They call themselves the Bonds Navy.

Kayaks, canoes, sailboats, surfboards, even an inflatable swimming pool - more than 200 strong on Saturday floating in McCovey Cove just outside the right-field wall at AT&T Park. All with one mission: to be the first one to pluck Barry Bonds’ next “splash-down” home run.

“We’re friends until Barry’s up,” said kayaker Larry Ellison, “and then it’s every man for himself.” The stakes were higher Saturday than they’ve ever been since the regatta started showing up after the ballpark opened in 2000.

Bonds went into Saturday needing one home run to tie Hank Aaron’s record of 755 home runs. That ball - and especially No. 756 - could be worth enough money to retire on.

Just ask Ellison, a 56-year-old computer software engineer who specializes in disaster recovery.

“My title at work is ‘recovery expert,’ which also applies for what I do at the cove,” he said with a laugh. In 2004, he was lucky enough to snag two of the most important Bonds home runs in a row - No. 660, which tied the slugger with his godfather, Willie Mays, and No. 661.

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"I gave 660 to Barry because I knew how important it was to him, and the next night he hit 661." Ellison said before pausing to laugh. "He sent someone out to the cove to say I could keep that one. I love the idea of him thinking I'd give two back." With help from Bonds' agent, Ellison found an auction house that helped sell No. 661 for \$17,000. He used \$3,000 of the proceeds on a custom-built kayak that he mounts on the roof of his Toyota Prius every day for a 45-minute drive to San Francisco.

"It's longer than my car," said Ellison. But it's worth the strange stares he gets down the highway. Painted Giants orange, the kayak has a tablet PC in a waterproof case mounted on the bow so Ellison can watch the game live on television in the cove streamed from a Slingbox at his home.

Sitting on the water surface with a view of nothing but the ballpark's wall, his competitors resort to more basic ways of knowing when Bonds connects - transistor radios. "We just watch the spotters on the arcade," said Gary Faselli, referring to fans. "We determine which way the ball comes by the direction they run." But trying to hold a small radio while paddling has its hazards. "I've lost a few of them," Faselli said.

"More than we care to count," Jim Meiseneac shouted from his kayak. Ellison, a whitewater kayaker, has his own strategy for plucking splash-down balls. "When the ball comes into the water, what you try to do is separate the ball from the competition," he said. "If the ball is on your right and people are coming from the left, you want to put the bow in front of the

ball so they can't get to it." There haven't been any fights, but the competition is fierce.

"You get a lot of guys who don't have Bonds balls and they get real aggressive," he said. "There are kayaks crashing into each other and people tipping over." Ellison said the regatta was larger, "at least 400," when Bonds was closing in on the single-season record in 2001.

"You could walk across the water, it was so thick," he said. If they don't snag No. 755 or 756, that's OK for the Bonds Navy regulars.

"We realize that the most valuable baseball won't be 756," Ellison says. "It's the last one Barry hits. That sets the all-time record. That'll catch a lot of people off-guard because they won't be thinking that." Still, Ellison is prepared in case he snags No. 756 today. He even has a change of dry clothes inside his kayak.

In 2004, after he caught No. 660, he was brought in to a news conference with Bonds and Mays - wearing his wetsuit.

"I walked in and Willie Mays whispers to me, 'Have you ever met Barry Bonds?'" Ellison said. "I said, 'I've never met Willie Mays!'"

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 date: Wednesday, September 5th @ 7pm

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Ken Weber, Journal's nature columnist, dies

Saturday, August 4, 2007

By G. Wayne Miller
Journal Staff Writer

SMITHFIELD —

Longtime Providence Journal columnist Ken J. Weber, whose eloquent nature essays were a widely read feature of the paper's commentary pages, died unexpectedly Thursday at Our Lady of Fatima Hospital in North Providence. He was 63.



Weber began his career at The Journal in 1971, when he was hired as a copy editor; and retired as a section editor in 1996. His nature columns ran for years in the Sunday Magazine, and when the magazine ceased publication in 1995, his columns continued on the commentary pages of the Saturday paper.

Weber was also the author of several popular books, including *Paddling Southern New England: 30 Canoe Trips in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut*, now in its second edition, and *Weekend Walks in Rhode Island: 40 Trails for Hiking, Birding & Nature Viewing*, now in its fourth edition.

Weber is survived by Bettie J. (Hoorman) Weber, his wife of 42 years; four children, and nine grandchildren.

Today's Providence Journal column, his next-to-last one, finds Ken Weber quietly observing the animal kingdom. Typically, he seems at peace — and he brings, as he often did, a gently comic touch.

Weber's last column, an essay on foxes, will be published a week from today.

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PAWCATUCK RIVER WARNING:

As of August 1st, two trees were blocking the river in the Carolina section, 2/3 of the way through the rapid. Trees in rivers are one of the deadliest hazards a paddler can get caught in. Either portage this rapid or avoid this section of the river altogether. An update will be posted on the RICKA web site when the hazards are removed.

BLACKSTONE RIVER WARNING:

Due to the mill fire in Uxbridge on July 21, we have been advised not to paddle below the Bernat section at this time. Water quality tests over the weekend of July 28-29 showed elevated levels of volatile organic compounds, including benzene, and toxic metals, including lead, according to a spokesman for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, who also said that the organic compounds will vaporize as they move down river and that the concentration of metals will dilute to levels safe for wildlife. Watch for updates on the RICKA web site.

BACK IN BUSINESS

Osprey Sea Kayak, in spite of the June fire that destroyed 57 boats, is open for business 7 days a week, with their full schedule of instruction, tours and rentals, as well as special classes with guest instructors.

On Sunday August 12th there will be a 'Help Keep Osprey Floating' Benefit at the Head of Westport. The festivities include a BBQ provided by Smoke and Pickles, Rockin' Music provided by Zuma (featuring Ricka's own, Todd Moore), Silent Auction, and raffle. For ticket info contact Izzy at Osprey Sea Kayak 508-636-0300 or email cnsladd@cox.net

OUT OF BUSINESS

If you haven't already heard, Sakonnet Boathouse in Tiverton has closed its doors—and not for the usual reasons that end a business. After years of “we-will-we-won't-we-will,” the state finally, decisively said “we will,” and seized the property by eminent domain for the new Sakonnet River bridge. We wish the Sakonnet Boathouse staff well.

Below: Mike Rock and Paula Bissell on the Willimantic.

Photo by Erik Eckilson



Note about trip listings:

Always check the web site or email list before a trip for any changes or additions. In many cases, more detailed directions can also be found there.

SEA KAYAK TRIPS

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8, 4:30PM
SEA KAYAK TECHNIQUE & RESCUE
PRACTICE, NARRAGANSETT
URI BAY CAMPUS, ALL LEVELS**

Contact is Tim Motte, 401-783-6287,
ttamotte@cox.net

Directions: South Ferry beach: URI Bay Oceanography Bay Campus.: (CRMC designation public access) Directions from Rt 1 (north or south); from Tower hill go down Bridge Town Rd, (east), across the river and up to the light at Rt 1A. Cross the road onto South Ferry Rd. Watch for signs for the URI Bay Campus and NOAA. Launch from the beach at the very end of South Ferry Rd. Parking can be tight, so you may want to drop

your boat and gear off at the beach and then park your vehicle in the Campus lot just above it.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 9:00AM
FOGLAND BEACH, TIVERTON, RI
Level 2&3**

Contact is Kevin Bowen, 401-254-2034,
KPBOWEN@att.net
DIRECTIONS TO FOGLAND (Tiverton Town Beach) on the Sakonnet River: RT 24 to RT 77 South. After about 6 1/2 miles, come to Tiverton 4 corners (Gray's Ice Cream). Continue approx. 1 mile. and you will see Ferol Bink Farms. Turn Right onto Pond Bridge Rd. Go to end (stop sign). Turn Left, and follow the road around. Take Right into Fogland Beach .

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15, 4:30PM
SEA KAYAK TECHNIQUE & RESCUE
PRACTICE, NARRAGANSETT
URI BAY CAMPUS, ALL LEVELS**

Contact is Tim Motte, 401-783-6287,
ttamotte@cox.net

Directions: See August 8th listing

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 19. 9:00AM
FORT WETHERILL, JAMESTOWN
Level 3-4**

Contact is Tony Moore, 401-560-0168, tsunamikayak@juno.com
Directions: Fort Wetherill State Park, Jamestown: (State Park Area) Directions from either the Jamestown or Newport Bridges. 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. There is plenty of on-site parking, but on the weekends the lot can fill early.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22, 4:30PM
SEA KAYAK TECHNIQUE & RESCUE
PRACTICE, NARRAGANSETT
URI BAY CAMPUS, ALL LEVELS**

Contact is Tim Motte, 401-783-6287,
ttamotte@cox.net

Directions: See August 8th listing

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 10:00AM,
BARN ISLAND, STONINGTON, CT,
Level 3**

Contact is Bill Hahn,
bhahn02835@yahoo.com
Barn Island Stonington CT: From Rhode Island take Rt 95 to Exit 91. Swing left and left again at the stop light to head east on Rt 234 for ¼ mile. Turn right (south) on Farmholme Rd. At Rt 1, jog right to the stop light and turn left onto Greenhaven Rd. Immediate right on Palmerneck Rd. Coming from the southern part of RI: go thru Westerly to Stonington, CT on Rt 1. Turn left at the traffic light (just past the Wequetequock Fire Station) onto Greenhaven Rd. Immediate right on Palmerneck Rd. Follow signs to the boat launch.

VT kayaker unhurt after boat cut in half

Monday, July 30, 2007

MEREDITH, N.H. - A kayaker from Vermont had a terrifying close call when a boat sliced his kayak in two on Lake Winnepesaukee.

Stephen Spitzer, 46, of Brattleboro was kayaking at about 1 a.m. Saturday when a 27-foot powerboat ran over his boat, cutting the front part of the kayak off, the Marine Patrol said.

Spitzer's kayak had no lights. No one was hurt.

Commentary

"Spitzer's kayak had no lights." *Spitzer's kayak had no lights?* At one in the morning, on the busiest lake in New Hampshire?

If you were expecting a "big bad powerboaters" commentary, you'll be disappointed. As Pogo said in the 1971 comic strip: "We have met the enemy, and he is us." Regardless of what other people do (and much of what other people do is stupid, uncalled for, potentially deadly and impossible for paddlers to avoid), we're still responsible for taking basic precautions to improve our odds.

Carrying lights for night paddling is a no-brainer.* The point of nighttime illumination is to make you visible to other boaters (not give you a "boat headlight" that will blind your paddling partners, unless you really can't find your way). A bright flashlight waved at an oncoming boat will attract attention. Why not make lights part of your standard gear? Consider the things that could go wrong on your simple day paddle—you get delayed, the tide turns, the weather changes, the portage isn't marked, your partner is injured—that might keep you out after dark.

A little preparation can help prevent you from being your own worst enemy.

—C.B.S.

*It's possible that Spitzer, too, is a "no-brainer."

SEA KAYAK TRIPS

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WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29, 4:30PM SEA KAYAK TECHNIQUE & RESCUE PRACTICE, NARRAGANSETT URI BAY CAMPUS, ALL LEVELS

Contact is Tim Motte, 401-783-6287,
ttamotte@cox.net

Directions: See August 8th listing

SATURDAY, SEPT 1, 10:00AM SAKONNET P.T, LITTLE COMPTON, RI Level 3-4

Contacts are Carleen McOsker, 508-636-0546 or carleenmco@charter.net and Jon Scharlin, 401-521-5222, ojphoto1@cox.net

Directions: Sakonnet Harbor Fishing Access, Little Compton: Directions from Rt 195, exit on Rt 24 in Fall River, south. At Fish Rd (Exit 6) go south to tee and turn right. Go to end and turn left (south) on Rt 77. Continue to end at Sakonnet Point Road at the southern end of Route 77.

MONDAY, SEPT 3, 10:00AM NARROW RIVER/NARRAGANSETT BAY PADDLE AND PICNIC Level 2 AND Level 3-4

Contacts are Carleen McOsker, 508-636-0546 or carleenmco@charter.net Bob Hogan, 401-935-5592, hogan_r@earthlink.net and Joe Sherlock, 401-743-3012, sherlock244@aol.com

All club members are invited. There will be a flatwater level 2 paddle on the Narrow River and a level 3-4 paddle on the open water. Paddle in from the Pollock Rd boat launch and meet on the beach at the mouth of the Narrow River. Socialize, sunbath, beach comb, swim, surf, paddle, and eat! Bring food and drink.

Directions: Narrow River Public Boat Launch, Pollock Rd, South Kingstown : At the Tower at the corner of Rt. 1 and Rt. 138, head east down the hill on Bridgetown Road, then turn right onto Middle Bridge Road. Go about 1.5 miles, turn left onto Mitchell Ave or Pollock St: the public boat ramp is at the end of both.

SATURDAY, SEPT 8, 10:00AM STATE PIER 5, NARRAGANSETT, RI, Level 3-4

Contacts are Carol Costanza, 401-789-1335, ccostanza@netsense.net and

Maryanne Beirne

Directions: State Pier #5 (Tucker's Dock): Directions from Rt 95 north or south: take Rt 4 south, which merges into Rt 1 south. Take the Rt 108 exit towards Point Judith-Scarborough. Go south about ¼ mile and turn left onto Woodruff Ave., which turns into S. Pier Rd. Toward the end make a little right/left jog to stay on S. Pier Rd. and continue across Ocean Road onto the Pier (next to Monahans's Realty).

FLATWATER TRIPS

Aug 11th Blackstone Riv.–Manville Dam
Launch at 10:00 am
Leader: Bill Brown KayakBill222@aol.com

Suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. No shuttle is required. We will put-in at the Manville Dam in Cumberland and paddle upstream to the

Hamlet Avenue Bridge in Woonsocket and back.

Directions:

From 295 N. take exit 10. Turn right and go 5 lights to Manville Hill Road (about 3 miles).

From 295 S. take exit 10. Turn right and go 4 lights to Manville Hill Road (about 2 3/4 miles).

Turn left onto Manville Hill Road and go down the hill about 3/4 of a mile and look for the quarry entrance on the right. Turn in and then turn left into a small field and park.

August 19th Barrington River Launch at 12 noon

Leader: Caryl Salisbury Editor@ricka.org
401-245-1890

Suitable for all boats and levels of experience.

Directions: The put-in is on Route 114 (Wampanoag Trail) in Barrington. Go

SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:

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

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

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- 4019 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown
- 1-800-249-5400

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- 2 William Schmid Dr, S. Kingstown
- (401)-782-2866

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www.WaveLengthMagazine.com

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- 99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol
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- www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com

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FLATWATER

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south on 114 and take the last turnaround, just before 114 becomes a two-way road (it will be obvious, but if you miss it, go through the next intersection and turn around in the church parking lot). Just after the turnaround (you're now heading north), a small sign on the right says Walker Farm. Turn in and park anywhere that's not posted.

August 20th RICKA's Meeting on the Water.

See details on page one.

August 25th

Slocum River- Dartmouth MA

Launch at 3:00pm

Leader: Caryl Salisbury

Editor@ricka.org 401-245-1890

Directions: 195E to exit 12 Faunce Corner and go right at end of ramp onto Faunce Corner Rd. At Route 6 (Liberty Travel, Mobil station) go straight across onto Old Westport Road. At the fork, bear left (it's more like straight) onto Chase Rd, continue to end (about 3.5 miles). Turn right onto Russells Mills Road. Watch for Davoll's Store (yellow building on left, about 1 mile) then continue straight onto Horseneck Rd, down steep hill. Just after the hill watch for landing on the left next to the tennis courts.

September 8th RICKA Flatwater Race. Details attached.

September 9th

Mystic River and Seaport

Launch at 8:30 am

Leaders: Barbara and Alan August
Webmaster@ricka.org or 401-725-3344.

Suitable for all experience levels and sizes of boat.

Enjoy a leisurely paddle through the historic seaport and backwaters of the Mystic River.

Isham Street ramp, Mystic, CT

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.. Sea kayakers can venture out to the sea.

Ramp is at the end of Isham Street. Directions: Isham Street 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. 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.)

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. Call to leave a message with your request (kayak or canoe), and Great Canadian will return your call with a confirmation. Great Canadian will drop off your boat at the paddle location and bring it back to their shop after the paddle.

August 7th Manchaug Pond 6:15 pm Rentals available

Manchaug Pond is suitable for all levels of experience however- please be aware there may be motor boat traffic.

From Rt. 146 take the Manchaug/Whitinsville Exit and head west (left) to Manchaug on Whitins Road. Continue several miles going past mills on right hand side, to fork of Parker Rd. and Manchaug Rd. Take left fork onto Parker to end, and then a right. Boat Ramp is on left.

August 14th Lackey Dam, Mumford River

Whitinsville MA 6:15 pm

Suitable for all levels of experience Take 146 north into Whitinsville, take the exit that reads Lackey Dam Road/Whitinsville. 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.

August 21st Echo Lake (Pascoag Reservoir)- Gloucester RI 6:15 pm

Rentals available Suitable for all levels of experience.

Join us for fun and games on the lake.

From Rt. 295 - Take Take 295 North or South to exit 7B Greenville, Route 44 west. Follow Rt. 44 West for approx. 12 miles Turn right onto Jackson School House Rd- Follow for a half mile and turn right after the bridge at N 41 55.593 W071.43.164. State access site is .10 of a mile on the right.

From Rt. 146 South - Take Slatersville Exit. Turn right onto Rt. 146 A. At light by Slatersville Plaza, go straight on Rt. 102 South. Follow Rt. 102 South for seven miles to intersection with Rt. 44 in Chepachet. Turn right onto Rt. 44 West and continue about 2.5 miles to Jackson School House Rd. Turn right onto Jackson Schoolhouse Road. Follow for a

Paddling Pirates Blame Demon Rum

Associated Press - July 13, 2007

HAYDEN, Idaho (AP) - Maybe it's the plot for the next Johnny Depp movie: "Pirates of the Hayden."

A lakegoing, kayak-paddling robber has acknowledged participating in recent heists on at least six boats on Hayden Lake, a gleaming blue jewel in northern Idaho better known for its calm bays than for its buccaneers.

The 17-year-old confessed to stealing wakeboards and other equipment from boats at six private Hayden Lake docks last weekend - all incidents in which the teen and his companions accessed private docks with a kayak.

Lieutenant Kim Edmondson of the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office said the young swashbuckler felt bad about his crimes and turned himself in, saying that the thefts were committed amid a bout of underage drinking.

Edmondson says, "He had an overwhelming amount of guilt pour over him when he was sober."

Homeowners who awoke to find their belongings missing from their schooners will get them back, she said.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

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half mile and turn right after the bridge.. State access site is .10 of a mile on the right.

From Rt. 146 North - Take Slatersville Exit. Turn left off ramp onto School Street. At intersection by Slatersville Common and Church, veer left onto Green Street. Continue through Slatersville to first light at Rt. 102. Turn left onto Rt. 102 South. Follow Rt. 102 South for six miles to intersection with Rt. 44 in Chepachet. Turn right onto Rt. 44 West and continue about 2.5 miles to Jackson School House Rd. Turn right onto Jackson Schoolhouse Road. Follow for a half mile and turn right after the bridge.. State access site is .10 of a mile on the right.

August 23rd 6:15 pm Training night at Lincoln Woods Lincoln RI

Directions: Take the Twin River Road exit from route 146 and follow the signs. Turn right onto the ring road in the park (you have to). Follow a few miles to get to the **state boat ramp**.

August 28th Spring Lake. Ranger night 6:15 pm

Rentals available - Paddle Club members had asked if we could arrange to have rental boats for this special event. Great Canadian is happy to provide the boats. A National Park Service Ranger will join our group this evening. Annual VIP and Paddle Club Pot luck picnic.

Last paddle of the 2007 season for the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club. NPS Ranger Suzanne Buchanan will be there to guarantee plenty of fun.. For the Spring Lake Party and paddle, we will put in at the boat ramp on Black Hut Road (see directions below). There will be a van or car there to shuttle our potluck contributions to the party over to the beach. We will put in and paddle and land on the beach. This will cut down on cars parking in the beach lot and will allow our BVPC club members to paddle over and enjoy the party as well!

Spring Lake was created at the turn of the century as a summer recreational area and continues to serve the needs of many folks seeking summer relaxation and fun! Paddle boats, an ice cream stand, spring-fed lake, volleyball on the beach, and best of all, the penny arcade with antique arcade games.

The picnic hall has been reserved for the VIP and paddle club picnic. Complimentary pizza & lemonade will be provided. Please bring your favorite pot luck picnic dish to share. Plates, napkins & spoons will be provided.

Come ready to play!! Bring your bathing suit, toys & games”.

From Rt. 146 North take Slatersville/ Forestdale exit. At end of the ramp, take left onto School Street. School Street merges into Greene Street in Slatersville, next to white church. Greene Street then becomes Main Street. Follow Main street until end at light at intersection with Route 102/ Bronco Highway. Make a left onto Route 102. Follow Rt. 102 about 2 miles to Glendale. At Bella’s Restaurant, on left,

take left on to access road. At end of road, turn right onto Victory Highway and first right onto Joslin Road. Take first left onto Spring Lake Road. Proceed about 1/2 mile and take left onto **Black Hut Road** - there is a sign to the beach here. **Go past Spring Lake beach parking lot and follow Black Hut along the shore line of the lake through a small lake front neighborhood. State boat launch will be on right at the bend in the road.**

From Rt. 146 South: Take Slatersville/ Forestdale exit. At end of ramp, turn right onto School Street. School Street merges into Greene Street in Slatersville, next to white church. Greene Street then becomes Main Street. Follow Main street until end at light at intersection with Route 102/Bronco Highway. Make a left onto Route 102. Follow Rt. 102 about 2 miles to Glendale. At Bella’s Restaurant, on left, take left on to access road. At end of road, turn right onto Victory Highway and first right onto Joslin Road. Follow directions above.

Wrong-way canoe gets straightened out for win

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By MIKE SPENCER, The Bay City (MI) Times

Al Limberg and Barb Bradley had a great start and finish to the 60th Weyerhaeuser Au Sable River Canoe Marathon, but in between there was a scary moment when the mixed team favorites thought they were headed back to Grayling for a redo.

The Wausau, Wis., paddlers got bumped by a passing canoe and turned around just five minutes into the race near Joe Wakeley’s house. All they could see was about two-thirds of the 75 boats coming full steam toward the side of their canoe.

“I couldn’t believe it. We were going the other way,” Bradley said. “I was stunned. I’ve never been in a race

where you’re going backwards. “Can you imagine the feeling of having 60 boats aiming at you! That was not a good scene.”

Luckily for the husband-wife team, some paddling friends started yelling for them to get out of the boat. “It was a great idea,” said the 50-year-old Bradley.

“I lifted up the boat and did a 180 degree and plopped her down and we got back in,” said the 49-year-old Limberg. “But, holy smokes, we lost a lot of places.”

Limberg and Bradley, the 2002 mixed team champs, took over the lead for good at 4001 Bridge (eight seconds) and never let up to win the mixed team race in 16 hours, 3 minutes and 39 seconds.

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Perception Harmony **Sprayskirt** LC-1, for a white water boat, VGC, \$30 asking price. New London call Judy 860-439-1556 or

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Hydra Searunner kayak - 17', thin polymolded plastic with non-absorbent foam liner that provides good stiffness. Tracks well. 2 storage hatches, declines, and a paddle included. \$500 call Mike 774-287-6988 (5/23)

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