

# PADDLER

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## February Meeting

Monday, February 21st at 7p.m. at the JCC  
Marine Mammal First Responder Workshop

At this month's meeting, the Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle Stranding Program at Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration is holding a First Responder Workshop. This workshop is open to people interested in becoming first responders, and also anyone interested in the program and the state of marine mammals in our area.

Plan to arrive early, as this meeting is open to the public and expected to be well-attended.

### About the Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle Stranding First Responder Program at Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration:

First Responders are members of the general public who are willing to drive to respond to calls in their area. First responders never touch the animals and are trained through this course to visually identify common species and signs of physical and stress-related health issues. They then contact us and give us all the information they have so that we can decide the proper response. Since these responders are familiar with their coastline area, the idea is that they will be able to QUICKLY respond to calls about stranded marine animals and because of their training, accurately be able to gauge the health of the Marine Mammal or Sea Turtle they find.



While at the site, they can hand out our species identification brochures (which will be sent to them after training) and talk to the public about the species on our coastline and educate them about what they can do to help. The key to the first responders is their ability to cut our response time, allowing for a sick/injured seal to be brought in or a healthy seal to simply rest on the beach while the public is educated about why the seal is there.

The talk explains federal regulations, specifics about Mystic Aquarium & Institute for Exploration's Marine Mammal & Sea Turtle Stranding Program, the definition of a stranded animal, limitations of stranding programs, detailed descriptions of pinniped species and how to identify them, as well as signs of physical and stress-related health issues on pinnipeds. We also discuss safety and the duties of our First Responders.

First Responders must be 18 years old or more. However members of the public can attend the talk purely as an educational experience.

Directions to the Jewish Community Center are on page 2

## Awards and Auctions (even a kayak!) at the RICKA Spring Soiree

The annual it-used-to-be-a-holiday-party soiree (which fits into peoples' schedules much better than the December parties did) takes place on March 15th. All the details, plus directions and an RSVP form, are on page 5.

### KAYAK SILENT AUCTION

Once again, Great Canadian Canoe & Kayak is providing a kayak for the RICKA auction—a 12-foot Riot Endeavor (below; actual boat is blue & white) with hatches, bulkheads and drop skeg. Bidding begins at \$200 (retail is \$800) with a very reasonable reserve price. If the reserve is not met, the boat will not be sold.. Cash and checks are accepted for all auction items; major credit cards will be accepted *for the kayak only*.



### AWARD NOMINATIONS

Name your award! Nominate your fellow paddlers for serious or fun awards that you suggest. Be creative--there are no restrictions on award categories. Send your nominations to Bob Hogan, hogan\_r@earthlink.net.

## Save the date: Saturday, 3/29 Flatwater Potluck Planning Party

Contact Cheryl for more info at [stonefoxfarm@juno.com](mailto:stonefoxfarm@juno.com) or 401-647-5887. No RSVP needed.

Time: 12:15 pm at River Bend Farm in Uxbridge MA. We will have pizza and soda available. Please bring a dish or a snack to share if you like.

Thank you to Ranger Val who has again generously donated the use of River Bend's meeting room.

Bring ideas of trips you would like to lead or see on the calendar. New leaders are always welcome and encouraged. If you are a bit unsure you can partner up with an experienced leader, just let us know. If you have a trip for which you would like to secure a date for in advance of the meeting, please contact Cheryl.

## Care and Feeding of Drysuits

Wed. Feb 13th 6:30 p.m at the Kayak Centre, Wickford

Kokatat's Suzanne Hutchinson will be at the Kayak Centre to discuss care, maintenance, and repair of winter paddling gear. Hands-on demonstrations of gasket repairs and detailed instructions of proper gear care, including how to iron a drysuit. Feel free to bring drysuits needing repair. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend.

**Directions to the Jewish Community Ctr., 401 Elmgrove Ave., Providence:** From Rt. 95 South take Exit 24 & turn left onto Branch Avenue. (From Rt. 95 North take Exit 24 & turn right onto Branch Ave.) Go past Benny's. Cross North Main Street and continue up the hill (past Kentucky Fried Chicken). At the top of the hill cross Hope St. and continue one block to the end at Morris Ave. Go left, then immediately right onto Sessions St. Go down the hill to Elmgrove Ave. The JCC will be across the street.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, March 5 @ 7pm**

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## Whitewater Group Plans Branch River Icebreaker

As a nod to the years when we had the RI Whitewater Championships, the Whitewater group will hold its first trip of the spring season on the Branch River on March 15 or 16, 2008 (final date and time to be announced).

We will run the racecourse from Harrisville down to Nasonville. This is quickwater trip with some flatwater, two short portages, and four short rapids – none exceed class II.

Cold weather gear (wetsuit or drysuit) is required. All whitewater paddlers are welcome, but you must be properly prepared for the conditions.

Final details will be announced in next month's Paddler, and will be posted on the Whitewater website. We look forward to seeing you then.

## February RICKA Discount

Cape Cod Kayak of Bourne (1270 Rte 28A) is having a huge clearance sale on glass kayaks now through March 1. Discounts range from 10-15% on Boreal, NDK, & Valley; 20% off Riot whitewater kayaks. RICKA members who show a membership card will receive an additional 5% off.

*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.*

## TO ADVERTISE IN THE PADDLER

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(1 vacant at-large position)

# Starting the Year Right

by Chuck Horbert

When I pulled up to the breakfast restaurant across the street from the Branch River put-in and saw that it was actually open, even for the holiday, I knew it was going to be a good day. Erik was already there, sucking down some Joe. About five minutes later, our friend Tommy Taylor pulled in. We discussed options over omelets and pancakes, and decided on a shorter run that would allow us to enjoy the river and play around a bit, as opposed to bombing down the whole 7 miles before the rain started.

The sun that greeted us in the morning gave way to clouds as we unloaded boats and geared up, and Mike Bussell stopped by to wish us a happy new year, and to tell us that he hated us deep down, like true enemies, for daring to paddle his home river while he had to work. Nevertheless, he offered to shuttle us so we could leave all our vehicles at the take-out. Happy New Year, Mike! You Rule! We wish you had been there.

Just as we arrived back at the put-in for our "Day 1 of 2008" trip down the Branch River, the snow started to fall. We quickly got our gear together and launched below the dam, setting up to run the first rocky Class II below the bridge. Tommy showed the way, hitting the big eddy at the top, pivoting, and then driving for the right-side channel, bouncing down the waves to the pool beyond the bridge...all while standing up and poling! Erik (who just started poling this...uh, last...year) handled the first chute to the eddy, but then got swept backwards onto the shallow, bony left side, and had a bit of a rough go at it.

While he and his canoe were dancing with the rocks, I tried Tommy's route, and had a clean run...nice way to start

the year, because I've never tried that rapid standing before.

As we paddled past the old mill we were greeted by a couple up on the new riverwalk, watching us pole downstream. We exchanged holiday greetings, and they wished us a good trip. Conspicuously absent was any of the usual "do you guys know this river? Do you really think you should be standing? Don't you know it's too cold to canoe?" It was nice.

At the next small drop, Tommy and I played around, attaining the small broken dam a couple times and practicing eddy turns. Erik gave it the old college try, and almost made it up. His "stair-rail" pole did not have a sharp enough tip, though, and kept

slipping at critical moments. But...no step outs, and it was fun.

The snow was now coming down pretty good, leaving a hush over the woods. Chickadees and titmice chattered at us from the sidelines, probably offering us "advice" on how to canoe. We proceeded to basically ignore the Boy Scout rules of canoeing...we stood, jumped, drank beer (well, Erik behaved, I swear Michelle!), and generally laughed at the snowstorm. Trees arched gracefully over the river, every branch starkly outlined in white. The river's black, cold water contrasted sharply with the snowy banks, a dark highway down the valley of white and gray.

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## SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

### **Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:**

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

### **Northwind Sports:**

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

### **Quaker Lane Outfitters:**

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

### **Salt Pond Watersports**

- 10% off all canoes & kayaks, 20% off accessories. Located at Rampoint Marina.
- 2 William Schmid Dr, S. Kingstown
- (401)-782-2866

### **WaveLength Magazine**

- Offers a \$10 introductory "Club Sub" for new subscribers (the regular price is \$15). Send a check with your name and mailing address along with a note saying you're a RICKA member to: WaveLength Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7.
- www.WaveLengthMagazine.com

### **Ocean State Adventures:**

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

### **The Kayak Centre:**

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

### **Canoe Passage Outfitters:**

- Glass and Kevlar boats, 10% off retail; polyethylene boats 15% off retail; accessories, trips and instructions, 10% off regular prices.
- 120 Ingell Street, Taunton, MA 02780
- (800) 689-7884
- 277 Water Street, Warren, RI
- (401)245-9025
- www.canoepassage.com

### **Wildwood Outfitters**

- 10% discount on kayaks and accessories.
- 271 Main Street, Wakefield
- 401-789-1244
- www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com

**SHOW YOUR RICKA MEMBERSHIP CARD TO OBTAIN DISCOUNTS**

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# Start

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Whipple Drop, another rocky Class II broken dam, only had one really clean channel through it, and we all dropped down a few feet with style and grace, turning around and poling back up to ferry back and forth, playfully giving the noses of our canoes a little wash in the foam at the base of the drop. No compasses needed...the big rocks had a cover of snow that clung only to the north sides like cocked white caps on a bald rocky head.

Further downstream we had a treat...I noticed a small head, of what I took initially to be a muskrat (albeit a small one), swimming across the river, and pointed it out to the others. To my surprise, when it reached the bank, it leapt out and started hopping along the river past us, revealing itself to be a mink! With a tiny fish in its mouth! Very cool, especially with the snowy background. This was the first mink I have ever seen on this river. Of course, it dove down a hole before the cameras could come out.

Onward we poled, ducking under trees, floating past the snowy hills, chasing a few ducks ahead of us, and reveling in the beauty of the snowfall. It was like paddling in a giant Asteroid video game. The millions of falling flakes were mesmerizing. In the marshes, we did a brief muckl-up on an ice sheet. Soon after, we reached the only portage of the day, around Oakland Dam. Fortunately the ice cooperated, and did not break under us as we dragged the canoes to the trail. I decided to pole the canoe down the snowy slope on the other side of the dam, and managed not to fall. I'll have to try this on a bigger hill!

And alas, the day was not swim-free. Tommy, mere feet from the site of the spot that made him famous last year on Pnet when a photo of him poling in front of the dam was chosen as Photo of the Week on paddling.net, decided to slide down the bank into the river while kneeling in the canoe. Erik set up for the picture. He hit the water, yawed, braced...braced...BRACED...He's IN! Happy New Year! Gotta love dry suits!

Now we were in the home stretch, and the storm was working itself to a respectable blizzard. We were poling snowmen, with about half an inch of snow outlining the gunnels of the canoes and accumulating quickly on the floors. After having some fun at the dam, poling up and down various channels, we turned downstream, hearing a kingfisher chatter somewhere ahead of us. This stretch of the river is straight with steep banks, no houses, just a nice valley with plenty of large rocks to practice eddy turns behind. I was having trouble seeing through my snow-

speckled spectacles. Every half a second my face was bombarded with giant snowflakes. Didn't need the water bottle; just kept my mouth open!

Around the corner, and there was the concrete bridges before Glendale Rapids, our take-out. Eric and I beached above them, and watched as Tommy ran the drop and tried to pole back up them. And then Erik and I helped him carry the boat back up the bank to the top of the rapids so he could get out too.

The rain started immediately after I started driving home (great timing!) But man, we should have stayed on the river...it was safer! There was a little more than an inch of wet snow on the roads, and all the idiots were out. On the way home I nearly got kissed by a late-model Lincoln Town Car that decided to meander its way playfully into my lane despite the best frenzied efforts of its driver. I also passed two SUV's that played tree tag, and a Prius (same color as my wife's...yikes! Oh good, it's not her) that nearly rolled into a ditch, its rear right wheel hanging forlornly a foot off the ground, looking for traction. It was good to get home.

What a great way to start the new year. With apologies to Mike...we'll get out there soon, Dude!

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## NEW DATES FOR CAPE COD TRIP: JUNE 14 - 21

Join us for a week of paddling Cape Cod's coastal waterways. This is one of the best ways to see the Cape's natural beauty and to explore areas accessible only by kayak or canoe. Go to [www.ricka.org](http://www.ricka.org) and click on Flatwater for more details. Campsite reservations can be made now. Leaders: Louse Price [weezrad@charter.net](mailto:weezrad@charter.net) 508-529-3402; Sue Sirois [s.sirois@yahoo.com](mailto:s.sirois@yahoo.com)  
(Please email—phone calls only if necessary.)

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## FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR:

I would like to thank everyone for extending the membership year and allowing me to have more free time for the holidays. It was very nice this year not having the rush of renewals so I could spend more time relaxing with the family.

It's now time to send in your membership renewals. For your convenience we have included a membership form as the last page of the newsletter so you can now send in your 2008 membership. Dues for 2008 will remain at \$15.00.

Thanks,  
Jim Cole, Membership Chairperson

Announcing...

# RICKA Spring Soiree 2008

Saturday March 15 at 6:00pm



## Signature Buffet

Cheese board during cocktail hour  
Garden Salad(Served)  
Boneless Stuffed Chicken - House Stuffing  
Sausage, Peppers, & Mushrooms  
Vegetarian Lasagne  
Tri-Color Tortellini - Pomodori Sauce  
Green Beans Almondine  
Rolls and Butter  
Coffee: Regular, Decaffeinated; Tea  
Mud Pie Ice Cream

## Annual Auction

Good stuff - Good fun  
Rock bottom prices  
Watch as we put our  
past presidents "on  
the spot!"

Please bring something you no longer use - in good or better condition. Preferably outdoors related, ideally paddling related

Again this year: Silent auction for a kayak

**RESERVATIONS  
MUST BE MAILED  
BY MARCH 8**



**Awards presentation**  
Some serious. Some hilarious.  
All in good fun.

# Onset CLUB



## 220 Lt. James Brown Road - North Kingstown, RI 02852

### From Providence & Points North...

Take Interstate 95 South to Exit 9, Route 4. On Route 4 take Exit 7. Bear left on the exit ramp following Route 403 East. Follow Route 403 East for about 4 miles. Make a left onto Commerce Park Road. Follow Commerce Park Road to the first intersection and make a right onto Callahan Road. Follow Callahan Road to the very end, and make a left onto Lt. James Brown Road, and Continue to the Quonset 'O' Club.

### From Connecticut & Points South...

Take Interstate 95 North to East Greenwich, RI-4 Exit, Exit 8. At the first traffic light (Showcase Cinema will be on the left), make a left onto Division Road. Continue to the second traffic light on Division Road and make a right onto Route 4 South. On Route 4 take Exit 7. Bear left on the exit ramp following Route 403 East. Follow Route 403 East for about 4 miles. Make a left onto Commerce Park Road. Follow Commerce Park Road to the first intersection and make a right onto Callahan Road. Follow Callahan Road to the very end, and make a left onto Lt. James Brown Road, and Continue to the Quonset 'O' Club.

### From Newport Area... Including South Kingstown & Narragansett

Follow Route 138 East. Take Route 1 North following signs towards Wickford. Route 1 becomes Post Road. Follow Post Road/Route 1 heading towards the Quonset District (Indicated by green signs). Route 403 East is about 5 miles from the Route 1/Route 4 split. Turn Right off Post Road/Route 1 onto Route 403 East at traffic light. Follow Route 403 East to first traffic light and make a left onto Commerce Park Road. Follow Commerce Park Road to the first intersection and make a right onto Callahan Road. Follow Callahan Road to the very end, and make a left onto Lt. James Brown Road, and Continue to the Quonset 'O' Club.



**RS  
VP**

Number of people attending \_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please pay in full with reservation form. Thank you.

All membership renewals must be sent to the Membership Chair with a signed *Release from Liability*. We regret the inconvenience.

**• • MUST BE MAILED BY MARCH 8 • •**

Send to: Charles Larocque  
561 Seven Mile Rd.  
Hope, RI 02831-1850

# Classifieds

You must be a RICKA member to have an ad posted. For more classifieds, go to [www.ricka.org](http://www.ricka.org). If an item sells or if you change your mind about selling it, please notify the Webmaster as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Necky Elaho**, 15'10" yellow poly, drop skeg, 3 bulkheads & day hatch, cockpit cover, and neoprene skirt. Lightly used. \$990, 364-3093 (2/1)

## **Mohawk Solo 14 Canoe**

Used once. White, with Yakima foot pegs and seat adjusting kit. Paddle w/ epoxy tip and foam block rooftop kit included. Fun play boat, perfect flatwater fishing boat. See [www.mohawkcanoes.com/solo.htm](http://www.mohawkcanoes.com/solo.htm) New (boat plus foot pegs) \$790; \$600 takes all. Will drop off within 1 hr of Cumberland. Pictures avail. on request.

Email [jhmonaghan@verizon.net](mailto:jhmonaghan@verizon.net)

## **Aquabound Shred whitewater**

**paddle**, one-piece carbon shaft, 194cm \$150. Snap Dragon neoprene spray skirt, large deck, large tunnel, only used twice \$100. Contact [clawlor@cpsed.net](mailto:clawlor@cpsed.net) (12/7)

## **17' Cape Horn 170 Pro Wilderness**

**Systems** fiberglass sea kayak with rudder; 23" beam. Stored inside, lightly used. \$1465 with skirt and Ritchie deck compass (\$2700+ new). Olive / Ivory. Straight tracking stable multi-chined touring boat. (203) 281-0066 or [oldphoto9@earthlink.net](mailto:oldphoto9@earthlink.net) (11/27)

## **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](mailto:gabbott505@aol.com) (11/19)

## **15' Mansfield Canoe**, Stowe Co. of

Vt. A classic by Stowe Canoe Co. of Vt. Hand crafted ash seats and paddles, green fiberglass body, this canoe has seen little use and looks great. Includes life vests. Great condition, great buy! \$425 Pictures available. Contact [jon@animail.com](mailto:jon@animail.com). (11/3)

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

**Kayak Sun Flight DLX** (now: Riot Stealth EXP) 12'- 5" - 45 lbs. Cross-over Sea and River, Day Touring, Very stable, good beginning kayak! Designed for Smaller Paddlers (female - young male) 2005 Infrequently used Reduced \$ 550 Inquire: [roomwithview@verizon.net](mailto:roomwithview@verizon.net) (9/17)

**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. Iv 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)

**Seaward Quest, special "Guide Edition"**, 19', fiberglass and in immaculate shape. All the bells and whistles. Striking Ivory hull, red deck and yellow seam striping color scheme. This kayak is fast and can handle anything. Own this rare bird for \$2000. Call Bill @ 401 253 2191, [wjgirrier@yahoo.com](mailto:wjgirrier@yahoo.com) (7/2)

**Kevlar Arluk III** by Necky. Yellow/white, 18ft., \$1399 o.b.o. Also a ton of accessories. Call Bob, 401-247-2309. (5/21)

**Dagger Super Ego**. White water play boat, handles big water (class V) very well. Boat has seen little use.

Google the boat for a picture. \$350 email with interest [jw\\_20@hotmail.com](mailto:jw_20@hotmail.com) or call 401 783-4112 (5/15)

**Seaward Expedition kayak**, made in Canada, 18'-5". Blue over white hull, two hatches, great storage, little usage minor hull scuffs, rudder, stored indoors. Deck bungies and reflective perimeter lines. Multi chine shallow V hull. Adjustable seat and

backrest. Asking \$1275. David in Warwick 737.5825 (5/9)

**Werner Camano Paddle**, all carbon, straight shaft 230cm. Very good condition. Has reflective tape on the blades. I am a smaller paddler and went with a shorter paddle. So I don't really need the longer paddle anymore. I paid \$300 for it and I'm asking \$200 or best offer.

[lsfalter@verizon.net](mailto:lsfalter@verizon.net) (5/2)

\* **8' Pyranha Acrobat 270** - Well used, but no leaks, still reliable and useable. Spray skirt incl. \$100 OBO.

\* **10' old Perception Corsica** - no holes, needs air bags, spray skirt incl. \$85 OBO.

\* **76" Lightning** brand whitewater paddle - tip has been re-fiberglassed, \$25.

\* **White water helmet** - protect yellow, \$15.

\* **Perception Harmony sprayskirt** - LC-1 neoprene - medium waist (approx 25" circumference), fits Corsica or similar whitewater kayak, GC, \$25.

\* **Neoprene pants** - 41" length, approx. women's size 12, \$15.

\* **Walrus 2-person tent** - GC, \$55.

\* **Crazy Creek Therma-lounger**, 46" x 20", \$10. Yakima rack - towers, stretchbars and other parts, best offer.

Call 860-439-1556. (3/17)

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## **CLASSIFIEDS ARE FREE FOR RICKA MEMBERS.**

Send to RICKA Webmaster Alan August: 70 Scott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860; 401-725-3344; [webmaster@ricka.org](mailto:webmaster@ricka.org). Include your name for membership verification. Please notify the webmaster when your gear is sold so that the ad can be removed. Acceptance, duration and formatting of your ad is at the webmaster's discretion.

Please make your check payable to RIC/KA.



## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

FILL OUT, PRINT, AND MAIL TO

**R.I. CANOE/KAYAK ASSOCIATION**

P.O. Box 163 • Wood River Jct., RI 02894

Dues = \$15

First Class Mail option add \$5

Membership year ends March 31.  
Applications received after Dec. 1 will automatically be credited with the balance of the current year plus the entire following year.

Please check  one:  New  Renewal

If you are RENEWING you only need to fill in your name and any new information. SIGN THE WAIVER at the bottom.

Name

Address  Apt

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Home Phone (  )  Other Phone (  )  Ext.

E-Mail  Other Phone type:  Work  Cell  Pager

Your interest(s):  Sea Kayak  Flatwater  Whitewater  Surfing  Racing  Volunteering

RIC/KA has a single class of membership. It includes up to two adults and all minor children living together at a single household. The First Class mail option for newsletter delivery is not a separate class of membership. It should not (in theory) make a difference in delivery time if your ZIP code begins with 027, 028, or 029. Your mileage may vary.

Preferred method of newsletter delivery:  Standard Class USPS  E-mail  First Class USPS  
Select one. If no selection is made your newsletter will be sent Standard Class. There is a \$5 surcharge for First Class

Name of 2nd adult (if any)

Names of children (1)

(2)  (3)

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### WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK — READ CAREFULLY

In consideration of accepting my membership, I the undersigned intending to be legally bound, hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for losses and damages that I may have against the Rhode Island Canoe Association, Inc. and its members, its representatives; and volunteers I for any injuries that I may receive from my participation in the organization's events. I hereby assume any risk arising out of my participation in any activity or event sponsored by the Rhode Island Canoe Association, Inc. This waiver of liability and assumption of risk is based upon Rhode Island Statute 7-6-9 entitled EXEMPTION FROM LIABILITY.

Adult 1  Adult 2

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