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March Meeting

Monday, March 17th, 7p.m. at The Kayak Centre

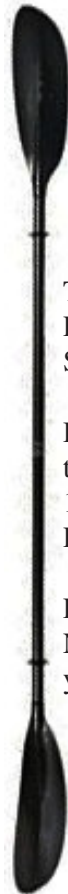
Picking the Perfect Paddle

You've found your perfect boat but do you have the perfect paddle?

It's an essential part of the paddling experience but many overlook this important piece of gear.

Having the right paddle for your specific needs will make your on water experience much more enjoyable.

The Kayak Centre's Billy Stark will walk us through the many considerations of selecting a paddle, from weight and blade shape to size, budget and paddling style.



The Kayak Centre is located at 9 Phillips Street at the corner of Brown Street (by the bridge) in Wickford.

Directions: From all points North, take I 95 South to Rt. 4 South to Rt. 102 South (Exit 5a) until you reach 9 Phillips Street.

From CT and points South, take I 95 North to Rt. 102 South (Exit 5a) until you reach 9 Phillips Street.

From Newport, and points East, take Rt. 138 West to Rt. 1A North to Wickford until you reach 9 Phillips Street.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

The new April-to-March schedule means that your membership expires on March 31st. You can renew using the form in this newsletter, or download from www.ricka.org. Either way, please don't delay (and don't forget to sign the form).

Bid on this kayak at the



RICKA Spring Soiree!

Another party (er, *soiree*), another chance to bid on a fun boat!

This 12-foot Riot Endeavor (actual boat is blue & white) with hatches, bulkheads and drop skeg is provided by Great Canadian Canoe & Kayak. Bidding begins at \$200—retail is \$800—with a very reasonable reserve price (which must be met for the boat to be sold).

Don't forget the silent auction and the always-entertaining regular auction. Bring a pocket full of cash, bid high, and you just might take home the Holy Grail of auction-dom (and paddle-dom!)...that revered cultural icon known simply as—The Lamp.

Cash and checks are accepted for all auction items at the party.



Major credit cards will be accepted for the kayak only.

We have no Race Director for 2008. No director, no race.



Don't complain if you didn't offer to help.

Talk to Competition Chair Chuck Horbert if you think you're interested in getting involved: 401-934-9212, chorbert@juno.com.

Another successful rolling clinic!

Letter received by clinic coordinator Bill Luther:

Bill,

If a goal of RICKA is to introduce people to kayaking you couldn't have done better for my two boys (Jake, 15 and Max, 12) than the February Rolling Clinic. When we entered the pool our experience was limited to watching the "How to Roll" video from the RICKA library. The clinic was well paced and the one-on-one instruction was clear. All three of us were thrilled to be able to do a successful roll. We'll enter the water this spring with renewed confidence.

Unfortunately, I don't have everyone's contact info but please extend our thanks to Ralph, Chuck, Pete, Rich, Frank and all the other RICKA volunteers known and unknown who made rolling clinic happen.

BTW - I was also inspired by Pete's home-made kayak and look forward to attending his next "build your own kayak" workshop.

Best-
Efram

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting date: **Wednesday, April 9 @ 7pm**

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USCG Auxiliary Offers Kayak/Canoe Safety Program

US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Point Judith Flotilla 79, will present a free program on Kayak / Canoe Safety on Saturday, April 5.

Topics include proper equipment, federal & state requirements, rules of the road, navigation and risk assessment, along with the potential hazards of weather, currents, tides and hypothermia.

The program will be held at the Kettle Pond Visitors Center, 50 Bend Rd. (off Rt. 1) in Charlestown. Time: 9AM – 12 PM

Contact: Dave Johnson 789-1659 or
Email dgdive@aol.com to register.



Get ready for spring paddling:

Borrow a book...or a couple of instructional videos...a map or two or perhaps some back issues of your favorite paddling publication from the RICKA library. Send an Email to Bill Hahn at bhahn@gso.uri.edu or call and leave a message at 401-524-1612.

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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“Canoe Man” John Darwin: I Came Back To Check On Wife

Glasgow Daily Record, UK
Feb 26, 2008

Canoe man John Darwin came back from the dead because he thought wife Anne was being unfaithful.

The dad-of-two, 57 - who was thought to have drowned five years ago - returned to Britain from Panama City in December, leaving Anne behind.

The reason for his return was a mystery - but now he has spilled the beans to inmates in the jail where he is on remand.

Freed prisoner Stephen Dodds, 28, said: “People were always asking him why he came back.

“One day, he told one of the lads he was unhappy with his wife—he was convinced she was seeing another man and he decided to come back, so she had to give herself up as well.”

The revelation explains why Darwin and Anne, 55, ignored each other when they appeared in court on £250,000 deception charges last month.

Darwin, who surrendered to police claiming he was suffering from amnesia, is being held in jail.

Dodds said: “John wanted to keep himself to himself, but people were desperate to know why he returned.

“Even wardens wanted to know about the case - they told him they didn’t want him getting away on the gym rowing machine.

The Darwins have been disowned by their sons Mark, 31, and Anthony, 29.

Need to ship a canoe or kayak?

Specialty shippers are the way to go. One club member was so pleased with her experience shipping a canoe to a buyer—no delays, surprises or even a scratch—that she asked to post the shipper’s information here: KAS Transport Specialty Paddlesport Transport, 668 Wilkinson Rd., Macedonia, NY 14502
315-538-9627
kastransport@earthlink.net

Ultimate Forward Stroke

Last Winter Paddle Talk of the Season at The Kayak Centre

Wednesday April 2nd 6:30-8:30pm.

Using less energy while paddling is the most sure fire way to keep a smile on your face all daylong and it begins with your forward stroke.

Join The Kayak Centre and dissect the forward stroke through the eyes of ACA/BCU kayak instructor and Werner Paddles rep Danny Mongno. After assessing your stroke as low or high-angle, he’ll take you through the basic mechanics and beyond.

Throughout the process he will touch on the advancements in paddle designs and increased options to improve fit and comfort, helping you achieve the forward stroke that works best for you.

This is an interactive dry land instructional seminar, so no need to get wet. Just bring an open mind and get ready to perfect that forward stroke! Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

The Kayak Centre - 9 Phillips St.
Wickford, (401) 295-4400
www.kayakcentre.com

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

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

Contact Cheryl for more info at 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.

Watch the message boards for news of any other upcoming planning events.

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 and click on Flatwater for more details. Campsite reservations can be made now. Leaders: Louse Price weezrad@charter.net 508-529-3402; Sue Sirois s.sirois@yahoo.com
(Please email—phone calls only if necessary.)

Whitewater Group Plans Branch River Icebreaker

March 15th - Branch River Ice Breaker - Harrisville - Quickwater/Class II

As a "nod" to the years we had the R.I. Whitewater Championships, we will run the Branch River on the traditional third weekend in March.

We will meet at the falls in Harrisville at 10:30. Cold weather gear (wetsuit or drysuit) and appropriate equipment are required. All whitewater paddlers are welcome, but you **MUST** be properly prepared for the conditions. Contact Erik Eckilson (eckilson@cox.net or 401-765-1741) with any questions.

Directions to Put-in - Route 146 to Route 102 West to Route 107 toward Harrisville. We will put in at the bridge below the dam - park on Steere Street to unload.

Always check the website
<http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/wwwschedule.htm>
and message board
http://members.boardhost.com/RI_Whitewater/
for last minute changes before leaving for a trip.

If you respond to a trip, leaders will expect that you have the skills necessary to paddle at the posted level. Appropriate equipment, including helmets and cold water paddling gear, will also be required. Trips leaders are not responsible for determining the adequacy of your skills or your personal safety. RICKA Whitewater trips are group events but you, and you alone, are responsible for yourself.

Olympus drops perfectly good cameras into the drink

Posted by Stephen Shankland February 1, 2008

LAS VEGAS—I can't speak for their optical quality or performance, but I like the idea behind Olympus' shockproof and waterproof compact cameras—and I liked the publicity stunts the Japanese camera maker used to show them off at the Photo Marketing Association trade show here.

In one demonstration, the camera drops down a pegboard, banging off several on the way down before splashing into a tray of water.

On another, a handful of cameras were frozen in a large block of ice.

And several cameras were positioned in a number of aquariums decorating the company's booth.

Olympus announced the two waterproof models, the Stylus 850 SW and 1030 SW, earlier in January.

Both are dustproof and can withstand temperatures as low as 14 degrees Fahrenheit. The 10-megapixel 1030 SW has a 28-102mm equivalent zoom, can be dropped from 6.5 feet up, and will work as deep as 33 feet underwater, and the 8-megapixel 850 SW has a more stylish design, is equipped with a 38-114mm lens, can be dropped from 5 feet up, and will work as deep as 10 feet underwater.

The 850 SW should be on sale now for about \$300, and the 1030 SW in March for about \$400.

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 - Pomodoro 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.

Quonset 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 followings 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.



You must attend this party.

IT IS YOUR DESTINY!



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

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

City State ZIP+4

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.

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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)

(4) (5)

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

Adults sign for themselves and on behalf of their minor children/ legal dependents.

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Classifieds

You must be a RICKA member to have an ad posted. For more classifieds, go to 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.

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. New (boat plus foot pegs) \$790; \$450 for all. See www.mohawkcanoes.com/solo.htm Will drop off within 1 hr of Cumberland. Pictures on request. Email jhmonaghan@verizon.net

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

Kayak, Perception, Touring Boat - \$800. See details at <http://providence.craigslist.org/boat/569512835.html> (2/10)

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 (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 (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 (11/19)

Old Town Loon 111 Kayak, \$400 pics available: 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 (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. 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)

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 (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 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 any-

more. I paid \$300 for it and I'm asking \$200 or best offer.

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 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)

17' Cape Horn 170 Pro Wilderness Systems fiberglass sea kayak with rudder; 23" beam. \$1465 with skirt and Ritchie deck compass (\$2700+ new). Olive / Ivory. Straight tracking stable multi-chined touring boat. (203) 281-0066 (3/14)

Yakima Rack System - \$100.

Includes rain gutter set with locking cores, 78 inch crossbars, and kayak stacker. Mok4@verizon.net (1/10)

Wanted - old wooden paddles & kayaks (or pieces thereof) that you'd otherwise throw out. outside@cox.net (11/29)

Glass Seaward Endeavor, 17.5 ft. green over white. 5 years old, includes spray skirt. \$1100. cary_428@yahoo.com (11/2)

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