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April Meeting

Monday, April 21st at 7p.m. at the JCC

Preserving the Taunton River Watershed

Dick Shafer and Carolyn LaMarre

The largest river that empties into Narragansett Bay *isn't* in Rhode Island. The Taunton River and its tributaries flow into Mt. Hope Bay and on to Narragansett Bay, thereby providing the majority of the estuarian environment for Rhode Island.

The Taunton River Watershed Alliance, now 20 years old and going strong, is dedicated to protecting and preserving the watershed and making low-impact recreational activities more accessible along its waterways.

One of the Alliance's most important efforts has been toward obtaining national "Wild and Scenic River" status for the Taunton and its principal tributaries — the Nemasket and Town rivers. TRWA members regularly paddle these ancient water trails and organize a number of paddling events each year.

Here's an opportunity to learn more about another organization of enthusiastic and responsible paddlers, right in Rhode Island's back yard. Dick Shafer is the president of the TRWA board, and he is also the Economic and Community Development Director for the City of Taunton. Carolyn LaMarre is the organization's executive director.

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.

On the Sea Again

by Eric Johnson

Sunday, March 30, 2008—After nearly two months off the water, I finally got a chance to paddle!!

PB, who has also been off the water for a while, was looking to paddle and planned a Sunday outing. The Sunday forecast was for sun and minimum wind with air temps in the low 40's. Water temp was also in the low 40's. The plan was to launch out of King's Beach in Newport. It would provide us with some protection from the wind, an open water feel, plenty of rock gardening opportunities, and the possibility of some surf play.

Despite the predicted mild sea state, the paddle was posted as a level 4 because of the exposure and the water temperature. The idea is to discourage marginal paddlers from showing up, while advertising the possibility of a day out for paddlers who have the kit and the skills. While giving winter trips a high level rating can be seen as "elitist," I think it is a good balance between inclusiveness and group safety/harmony.

Winter paddling is more risky than summer paddling. Having a paddler along who is not properly equipped or who is borderline in terms of skills puts that much more stress on the rest of the group. It makes what should be a fun day on the water more like work. The only other option to avoid having inappropriate paddlers showing up is to not post paddles at all.

Time to renew your RICKA membership

The extended membership year (Jan '07 - March '08) has expired. If you haven't already, please renew now by using the form included with this newsletter or by downloading the form from the RICKA web site: www.ricka.org.

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Sea Kayak Planning Meeting

Saturday, April 26th at 6:00 pm at the home of Kathleen and Paul Scharf, 108 Fort, Street Cranston, RI
Email: kathleenscharf@verizon.net; phone: 401-941-7289

Pot luck supper- bring whatever you like to have and share
Also those of you who have been on the water for a couple of years and feel enthusiastic, please sign on to coordinate a trip.

Carleen will be there with a large calendar to note your choices. If you prefer to let her know before the meeting, please feel free to do so: email carleenmco@charter.net; phone 508-636-0546

Also, there may be workshops offered this season that you are aware of and wish to include—bring details so they can be added to the schedule.



“Scoop the Herring” Day

On April 26 from noon to 2 p.m., the Rhode Island DEM will join the Ten Mile River Watershed Council for “Scoop the Herring Day.”

Participants will form a “human fish ladder” to count and transfer the returning herring over Omega Dam to their historic spawning grounds.

A paddle from Freedom Green to Omega Dam will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, and cleanup activities will go on throughout the day.



For more information, email KtgGroup@aol.com or Info@TenMileRiver.net.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 7 @ 7pm

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BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

Join us for our 8th season, as we paddle the Blackstone Valley from May 13th through August! Details on how to join can be found by going to www.ricka.org and clicking on “BV Paddlers” at the top of the page.

The full schedule for the Blackstone Valley Paddle Club can now be found at <http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/bvcal.htm> or BVPC 2008 Calendar. This season promises to be a lot of fun for paddlers of all abilities. We offer great paddle locations, free training nights and rental boats are available. National Park Service Rangers join us once a month for special “Ranger Nights” and we are guided by a naturalist on special paddles.

E-mail StoneFoxFarm@juno.com with questions.

Upcoming Demo Days

REI: April 26 10am-3pm, North lot at Lincoln Woods 275-5250

The Kayak Centre: May 3 & 4 at North Kingstown Town Beach. (401) 295-4400

Great Canadian Demo Days: May 18/June 8, Town Beach, Lake Singletary, Sutton MA (508) 865-0010; (800) 98-CANOE

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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On the Sea

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I had spent Saturday moving a friend (It was one of the smoothest moves I've ever done.) and my muscles expressed their disdain as I dragged myself out of bed this morning. It was nothing like the previous weekend, when, after lugging my brother's gigantic furniture around, I was nearly immobilized. As I packed up to leave, my muscles loosened up and by the time I hit the road I was feeling fit and fabulous.

In the parking lot of King's Beach, the wind was bitter and the temperature felt well below the promised low 40's. Fortunately, down by the water the situation was substantially better. The banks provided some shelter from the wind and the sun was warm.

Getting into the dry-suit was chilly. It was also a little depressing to find it snuggler than I remembered. I even had to readjust my PFD. (No more winter hibernating!!!) Once encased in layers of fleece and goretex, I was even warm in the parking lot.

The group of eight that set out onto the water was extremely strong. It consisted of PB, JS, BH, TM, GP, and myself. Two of JS's instructor friends joined us to fill out the group.

The conditions around this section of Newport are usually bumpy, but today the water was like glass. There was no swell and hardly any chance for excitement. We found what excitement we could by hugging the rocky coastline. There are plenty of outcrops to cozy up against. There was even the occasional rogue swell to keep us on our toes.

Overall, we lollygagged along the coast towards First Beach. It was fine with me. I was excited to simply be on the water. I appreciated the chance to rediscover my kayak-sense without needing it. It was nice to discover that I had not lost too much in terms of "skills." I could still handle the Q-boat pretty well. My forward stroke felt

natural and relaxed. Where I noticed the time off the water was in my endurance. After a 9 mile paddle, I was beat.

I also noticed it in my roll. At the end of the paddle I did a few rolls. They still worked, but they felt terrible. The first one felt rushed. The second one was a complete disaster. I blew it and barely recovered enough to make the 2nd attempt. The last one just felt creaky and like I was way out of position. It was probably a combination of fatigue, cold water, and the extra padding. I'll take comfort in the fact that even an ugly roll is a successful roll.

With the little taste of salt water, I'm ready for the season to start in full. I sense there will be some excellent paddling in the near future!!

Trip Report: Branch River, March 15th

by Erik Eckilson

It was a typical spring morning – cold and wet. Still, we were determined to paddle. I think Chuck said it best when he posted on the whitewater message board that "it would take much, much more than a little bit of rain to keep me off the river". Well, he got his wish. The rain turned into freezing rain, then to snow and then back to rain. Like I said, it was a typical spring morning.

Driving by the Dunkin Donuts in Slatersville I saw two whitewater kayaks on the roof of a car that I didn't recognize – a good sign.

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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

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- 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
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- www.kayakcentre.com

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- 277 Water Street, Warren, RI
- (401)245-9025
- www.canoepassage.com

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- www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com

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I learned later that it was Joe S. and Ken. When I arrived at the put-in at the Harrisville Dam, Chuck was already there. Brian and Sandy arrived a few minutes later, followed by Joe, Ken, Peter, Chris and Mike.

As we were standing around getting acquainted and reacquainted we saw a kayaker paddling on the Harrisville Pond above the dam. It was Paul, who had spent the fall clearing the Nipmuc River. He warmed up by paddling the Nipmuc from Brooke Road down to Harrisville. We helped him get his kayak down to the put-in.

The put-in for this trip is below the Harrisville Dam on the Clear River. The Branch is formed when the Clear River merges with the Chepachet River about three miles down stream. The trip is about seven miles - mostly flatwater with some quickwater and three short class two drops. Its what passes for a whitewater run in Rhode Island.

For many years, this was the site of the RI Whitewater Championships run by RICKA. While the race is gone, we still try to run the Branch on the traditional third weekend in March.

We ended up with nine boats - three canoes and six kayaks. Chuck and Mike were poling. I was paddling my solo whitewater canoe. The kayaks - well - they all look the same to me.

We quickly ran the shuttle (thanks Sandy) and were on the river by 11:00. The first real rapid is the Whipple Drop about a half-mile downstream. It's a broken dam with a three-foot drop and lots of rocks. At high water levels, it washes out. In low water, its easy to bounce off a rock and take a swim - and that's exactly what happened to Chuck. He looked fine as he entered the drop,

but hit a rock and rolled left. In the blink of an eye, he was out of the boat and in the river. He quickly got his boat and gear to a nearby eddy.

Chuck caught more than a little bit of flack for that maneuver - especially from Joe. "Hey poleboy, what's next?" Don't worry though, the river gods have a way of getting even.

A littler further downstream is the Glendale Rapid. In high water, large waves are the major feature of this rapid, but this run continued to be about bouncing off rocks. Joe and Brian made a tight turn into an eddy on river-right half way down the rapid - nice move. The rest of us took the easier route and eddied out behind some rocks on river-left further downstream.

Below the Glendale Rapid is a nice section of quickwater with some small surf waves. We queued up at one of the larger waves to catch a ride. This particular wave had an overhanging tree branch about half way into the river. In hindsight, this was not a good wave to try to surf. Joe headed out onto the wave and got swept into the overhanging branches - over he goes into the shallow rocky water. I saw him set up for his roll. On his first attempt he rolls up into the overhanging branches. Back down he goes. He didn't try again. Joe was in the water, but he easily got his boat and gear to a nearby eddy.

The river gods had their revenge. Now it was Joe's turn to take a little flack. Chuck's response - "in that case, payback was a birch".

The last rapid is at the Atlas Pallet mill. There is a large boulder at the bottom, and in high water, the current pushes everything toward this rock. No problem - everyone made it through and enjoyed the easy surf waves at the bottom.

It was a nice day with a great group - hopefully the first of many this spring.

WHITEWATER TRIPS

April 12 or 13: Upper Millers, South Royalton, MA Class III

While not a difficult class III run, the rapids are long and there are 2- to 3-foot standing waves in some locations. Not a beginner trip. See the message board for details.

April 26th and/or 27th: West Jamaica, VT - Class II

Spring release - we will paddle the lower section from Salmon Hole to Route 100. Others will be paddling the upper class III section. See the message board for details.

RICKA member Ed Mullen sends a picture of his hand-carved paddle with drip rings (below) "to show my Aleutian Paddle impaired colleagues that you can still have a drip ring on a hand carved paddle. From the pictures you can see that two stacked Turk's Head Knots are big enough in diameter to deflect drips and still can slide along the shaft to allow for personal taste as far as the placement of the drip ring goes."



Canoe challenge honors legendary canoeist

By LINDA GITTLEMAN

The Morning Sun, Mount Pleasant, MI
Saturday, April 5, 2008

For Todd Cesar of Sumner, it was his father's canoeing accident that haunted him all his young life.

Just 10 years old when his dad died, Cesar said he was left with so many unanswered questions—too many in fact. Did his dad really die in that accident or, since the body was never recovered, did he simply disappear?

And what did Verlen Kruger, arguably the most famous canoeist in the U.S., know about it? Kruger was with Gerald Cesar when the accident occurred.

Back then, Cesar had no way of knowing that thousands of miles paddled later, he, along with friends, would create the Bushwhacker Challenge in memory of Kruger, who died in 2004 at age 82.

The challenge, is scheduled to take place from May 16 through May 22 on the Pine and Chippewa rivers, and may turn out to be the biggest event on the rivers ever seen.

A good many of those competing will remember Kruger, author of his own book, "One Incredible Journey," and the subject of another, "All Things are Possible, The Verlen Kruger Story." The proceeds from the event will go to the Verlen Kruger Memorial.

For Cesar, the excitement of the event is a long way from how it all began.

In the 1970s, Todd's dad Gerald Cesar was married, the father of two, and worked at Oldsmobile in Lansing. In his spare time he raced on the professional canoe circuit and built canoes. During those years, he paddled with his son Todd and Todd "helped" him build canoes. Back then, Gerald learned of Kruger, a Lansing resident. He sought Kruger out and, "the next thing you know, they are kindred spirits," said Todd Cesar.

"They both loved the wilderness, canoeing, the rivers," he continued. They were like brothers."

Twice before the two men had set out to climb Tip Top Mountain in Ontario without success. One day, on their third

attempt, they were traveling down the White River in their new solo canoes on their way to the mountain.

Gerald was in front of Kruger and he knew he had to get out to avoid the rapids, but his canoe flipped over. It appeared he intended to ride out the rapids. Kruger was able to get out of his canoe, and he saw his friend as he was carried away.

It was "ugly," Cesar said. Gerald's body, however, was never found.

At his young age, Todd Cesar didn't know any of that. His dad was just gone and from time to time, someone would mention something about the possibility that perhaps Gerald wasn't dead. Maybe he simply abandoned his family.

"It just eats at you," Cesar said. "He was my hero. I couldn't get over it. It was eating at my sister too. We never had an answer and my mom didn't want to talk about it. So many questions."

In those years after the death of his father, Cesar, now 43, more or less abandoned canoeing. Once in a while he might rent a canoe, but that was it. Kruger, on the other hand, continued to set world records on the number of miles paddled, records that still hold today.

Finally, one day in 1997, his sister suggested to Todd that they look up Kruger, who still lived in Lansing, so they could put it behind them. "We went to Lansing and didn't know what to expect," he said. "I was on the defensive, I was angry."

When they arrived, Kruger couldn't have been more hospitable, Cesar said.

And what they learned was that Kruger had numerous slides and photos of his dad; that Kruger spoke about the "brother" he lost whenever he gave speeches. "He showed us what happened. He had documents from the police."

It was a lot to digest and Cesar needed a little time. He still had concerns.

Then one night a few months later, the phone rang. It was Kruger. "Todd," Kruger told him, "The cross I put up for your dad on the White River is missing. I want your consent to put another one up." Cesar said he didn't know what to say, but mumbled something like, "I guess so."

Then the father of nine asked Cesar if he'd like to go with him. "I was scared to death my heart was racing," he said.

He told Kruger he knew not one thing

about taking care of himself in the wilderness, didn't, in fact, know any of the things that he'd need to know on a trip like that.

"Think about it," the World War II veteran told him.

Cesar subsequently told him yes, but with the caveat of his ignorance about nearly everything. Kruger replied that he'd teach him everything he needed to know.

And he did. Cesar began training by paddling upstream.

"That's the best education—upstream. With Kruger it's always upstream," he said. "Oh my God, I hurt so bad."

Sooner, rather than later though, "I got so hooked, I couldn't get enough," he said.

With Kruger and another friend, Cesar climbed Tip Top Mountain, the elusive goal of his dad's.

Now the married father of three (all three kids are paddlers), Cesar said he wanted to do something original, something different and he thought the Chippewa and Pine Rivers would provide a 150-mile trip to challenge the most experienced paddlers.

The upper stretches of the Pine River are particularly difficult, he said. Whenever such a trip was planned, Kruger would always say, "You want to go bushwhacking, huh?"

And the Bushwhacker Challenge was born.

Duct Tape Bandages

(For some paddlers, that's just redundant.)

\$5.95 —3M Nexcare Duct Tape Bandages are made of real duct tape with medical grade adhesive. Available at Vermont Army/Navy
www.vtarmynavy.com

OK, but for on-water emergencies, the "non-medical-grade" adhesive seems to work, too.

ALLCO SUBMITS APPLICATIONS FOR RHODE ISLAND OFFSHORE PROJECTS

from *Wind Energy Weekly*

Making its contribution to the list of projects working to become the first offshore facility in the U.S., private investment firm Allco Renewable Energy Group announced plans to develop up to four wind projects off the coast of Rhode Island.

“Because of Governor [Don] Carcieri’s laudable commitment to developing renewable energy resources through wind power, we believe Rhode Island could be the first state to successfully develop an offshore wind farm in the United States,” said Jim Wavle, managing director of Allco Renewable Energy Group. “We are committed to a community-based approach and have successfully worked with communities to develop renewable energy resources throughout the United States.”

One of the projects would be located south of Block Island and provide power to residents there. The company suggested that the project would actually lower electricity rates for the island’s residents.

Permit applications submitted to CRMC seek permission to place meteorological masts in four of the offshore districts identified in the governor’s wind siting study. The masts would analyze wind strengths for at least a year and a half. Another four permit applications relate to the actual building of wind projects in each of those areas. CRMC has begun the process of determining the information that would be needed to complete the permitting of wind farms in Rhode Island’s coastal waters.

Allco said its approach assumes that Rhode Island would receive revenue from the project, either through revenue participation, joint ownership or a combination of both. The firm also said it recognizes that an offshore wind energy project “must be harmoniously integrated with existing environmental, recreational, and commercial uses,” and that it would address all concerns during the process.

“We’re excited to help make Governor Carcieri’s vision of meeting 15% of Rhode Island’s energy needs through the development of wind power resources in Rhode Island a reality,” said Wavle. “In particular, the offshore wind project proposed by Allco south of Block Island could make the island the first community in the nation wholly powered by wind energy, which will significantly reduce electric rates for island residents.”

Because of its favorable winds and high electric rates, Block Island was the site of one of the earliest U.S. Department of Energy prototype large wind turbines, a 200-kW onshore unit installed in early 1979 and later removed.

Allco is currently in negotiations to build the largest solar energy farm east of the Mississippi river, with 8 megawatts of production capacity, at the site of the former hazardous waste dump in Coventry. Allco is also considering installing wind turbines if the site is suitable.

Rescuers save 3 people from Long Island Sound

by Joseph Mallia and Matthew Chayes, Newsday.com

March 31, 2008 Three people were rescued from the waters of Long Island Sound after their canoe overturned off a Stony Brook beach, Suffolk police said Monday.

After receiving the report of the overturned boat Sunday, police dispatched a helicopter and their own boat to rescue the three, Amad Sarwar, 22, of Old Field, Chris Kalogeras, 23, of Medford, and Amber Humphrey, 19, of Shoreham.

The three were on the water about a mile off West Meadow Beach in Stony Brook with another friend in a kayak accompanying them when the canoe overturned around 6:20 p.m., police said. None of the four boaters had a life jacket as required by law.

The three canoeists held onto the side of the kayak in 42-degree water and called for help using a cell phone. A helicopter dropped an emergency life raft to the three. A police department boat arrived to pull them out of the water, police said.

The boaters were taken to Stony Brook Harbor and then to Stony Brook University Medical Center for treatment, including for exposure and hypothermia. One victim had a body temperature of 91 degrees.

All four boaters, including kayaker Nick Alexander, 24, of East Patchogue, were issued summonses for failing to have life jackets.

A woman who answered a phone line registered to Kalogeras, identifying herself as his mother, said Kalogeras was still in the hospital where he was sleeping and could not be disturbed.

The other three boaters also could not be reached for comment.

Whitewater Movie *Pulse* Just Released

This award-winning film stars Tao Berman—extreme kayaker and three-time world record-holder—who is, according to *Sports Illustrated*, “the most popular kayaker in the world.” From the movie’s press release: *Pulse* follows Tao and friends around Chile, Lake Superior, Mexico, and Washing-

ton, and includes stunning footage and interviews, as well as three unique action segments that you simply have to see to believe. Winner of “2008 Best Professional Film” at the National Paddling Film Festival. The movie is now available on DVD from Heliconia Press: www.heliconiapress.com.

FLATWATER TRIPS

Note: Throughout this month, a wetsuit or drysuit is recommended. At the very minimum, a change of clothes in a waterproof bag is required.

For more detailed trip descriptions and directions, go to www.ricka.org and click on “flatwater.”

April 12th Saturday- Hunt River East Greenwich CANCELLED - Opening day of fishing season.

Leaders: Kent Cameron—StoneFoxFarm@juno.com, 401-647-5887 and Shannon Kelley—outside@cox.net, 270-4838.

A lazy afternoon float through a wildlife sanctuary. Suitable for all levels of experience and boat lengths.

Directions: Rt. 95 to Route 4 (exit 9). Take the second exit (route 402) and go to the left (towards Quonset). The access will be a short distance down the road on the right.

April 19th Saturday- Canoe & Snake Rivers- Norton MA Meet at 10:00am for a shuttle

Leaders: Louise Price—weezrad@yahoo.com 508-529-3402; Cheryl Thompson Cameron—stonefoxfarm@juno.com, 401-647-5887

Narrow twisty waterways. No kayaks over 15 feet. Suitable for all levels of experience.

Put-in on the Canoe river, cross Winneconnet Pond, enter the Snake River and follow to Lake Sabbatia. A fun, diverse trip.

Directions: From route 495 take exit #10 (route 123). Follow east towards Easton 0.2 of a mile. Take your first right which is Leonard Street to the end. At the end of Leonard, take a right onto Plain Street. Follow 0.1 of a mile to the put-in.

April 26th Saturday-Concord River- Concord MA Meet at 10:00 am for a shuttle

Leader: Mark Roberts—MRoberts@CIA.com, 401-533-1883
Bring a lunch. Note- we will be paddling upstream.

Suitable for all. Paddle down the Concord River, Bedford to Concord section, Meander past the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge and stop for a hike and photography.

Directions: Route 495 to exit 32. Take right at end of ramp and follow Route 225E towards Carlisle. Go approx. 1.4 miles to stop sign. Take a left. Continue on Route 225E. At approx 5.1 miles another stop sign. Take a left. Continue on Route 225E. At 7.8 miles you will cross over the Concord River and go down the road and take your first left. Continue down road to put-in.

April 27th, Sunday- Big River, Zeke's Bridge, Coventry RI.

Meet at 10:00 am

Leader: Henry Dziadosz henry@twincitysupply.com
Hdziadosz@hotmail.com 401-567-0313.

Bring a lunch. Narrow twisty waterways. No kayaks over 15 feet. Suitable for all levels of experience. We will paddle upstream against the current and then return with the current to the put-in.

Directions from 95 South.. Take exit 6 To Rt. 3 north (DO NOT take exit 6-A or 6-B Hopkins Hill Road) Take a right at the bottom of the exit and follow 3 North for about a mile and a half. Take a left onto Harkney Hill Road. Follow for a little over a mile and look for the access for Zekes Bridge.

Directions from 95 North, Take exit 6 to Rt. 3 north. (DO NOT take exit 6-A or 6 B Hopkins Hill Road) Take a **left** at the bottom of the exit, follow directions above.

May 4th Great Swamp - Taylors Landing, Kingston, RI. Meet at 10:00am for a shuttle

Leaders: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033 and Mark Roberts MRoberts@CIA.com 401-533-1883 Cell.

Narrow twisty waterways. No kayaks over 15 feet. Bring a lunch

Directions. From Rt. 1 South or North take Rt. 138 West. Go to the intersection with Rt. 110. Right after this intersection on your **LEFT** is the put in. Watch for the sign. This can also be reached from Rt. 95 North or South. Take the exit for Rt. 138 and follow it **EAST**.

19th Century Shipwreck Washes Ashore On Cape

A centuries-old ship washed ashore on a Wellfleet beach after Sunday's storm on Cape Cod, according to a published report.

The 19th-century schooner could be seen south of Newcomb Hollow Beach on Tuesday, the Cape Cod Times reported. It's not clear when the ship sunk, but it's the largest shipwreck to wash up or be uncovered since a similar ship appeared on a beach in Orleans about 10 years ago, according to William Burke of the National Park Service.

Burke estimated that the vessel dated to the 1800s or older, but another historian said that it could be the Logan — a boat that wrecked around 1920.

The National Park Service plans to document the new shipwreck in photos and take measurements. Burke said that visitors were welcome to look and touch the vessel, but are not allowed to take a piece of the shipwreck. Between 1850 and 1980, there were more than 3,500 shipwrecks in the waters off Cape Cod.



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