

# PADDLER

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## August Club Meeting/Paddle

Monday, August 18th, 5:30 p.m.

Upper branch of the Pawtuxet River, Hope, RI

**Leader: Kent Cameron,**  
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401-647-5887.

**Suitable for all boats and levels of experience.**

Hope Landing Access. Rt.116 to Hope Furnace Road, access to upper Pawtuxet River.

We will paddle up to the Scituate Reservoir and back again. The water is very clean, coming directly from the reservoir.

**Coming from the North,** 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** 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. GPS Coordinates: N41 43.868 W071 33.930

**Late cancellations & changes to trips will be posted on the message boards. Always check the message boards before leaving for any trip.**

## South American outfitter denies creating "missing canoeist" tour

by Edward Robertson, *Travel Weekly.com*  
July 30, 2008

Journey Latin America has denied claims that it has built a Panamanian tour focusing on the lost years of back-from-the-dead canoeist John Darwin.

The story, which made the national media, branded the operator "stupid" for trying to create a tour around the exploits of Darwin and his wife, who planned to move to Panama after Mr Darwin faked his own death in a canoe accident in 2002.

The couple were jailed for more than six years each last month.

Journey Latin America marketing manager Jenny Powles said the operator's Panamanian program has benefited from the destination's increased publicity with inquiries up by 200% last month alone.

She admitted the operator had used the increased attention to publicize its holidays, but said no new programs have been created to cash in on the couple's notoriety.

*DON'T MISS THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS*

## RICKA Whitewater School

**August 16 – 17**

The RICKA Whitewater Group is planning a Class II Whitewater School pm August 16th and 17th, taught by ACA certified whitewater instructor Mike Rock. This is free for *qualified* RICKA members (this is not a novice-level class) who have the correct gear (recreational kayaks are not allowed). Pre-registration is required. You'll find the registration form online at [www.woonsocket.org/school.html](http://www.woonsocket.org/school.html).

## New England Intermediate Rough Water Symposium

**August 29 – 31**

**Pt. Judith, RI**

Rock gardening, surf training and tidal stream paddling for paddlers, instructors and coaches

For more information see [www.maineislandkayak.com/symposium.html](http://www.maineislandkayak.com/symposium.html), or contact Tom & June Bergh, Maine Island Kayak Co. at 207-766-2373; [tom@maineislandkayak.com](mailto:tom@maineislandkayak.com)

# RICKA Executive Committee Vacancies

Applicants are being sought to fill vacant positions, listed below, all of which have voting privileges at the Executive Committee monthly meeting (which the holders of these positions will be expected to attend).

This is an opportunity to get involved with the inner workings of your club and promote the goals of RICKA and your fellow paddlers.

## Competition Chair

The new chair can resurrect the whitewater and/or flatwater race, or strike out in a totally new direction. Past Chairs are available to assist and advise.

**Qualifications:** Familiarity with, or the willingness to learn about, classes of boats and/or racers for canoe and kayak races. Ability to coordinate volunteers to aid in all aspects of scheduling and running a race event, or to act as a liaison between RICKA and race events being coordinated by other local or regional groups.

## Conservation/Environmental Chair

**Qualifications:** Interest in and knowledge of local conservation/environmental concerns and the public and private organizations, and state agencies working on these types of issues. The ability to write brief articles of local interest to canoers and kayakers on conservation/environmental matters. The ability to recruit and coordinate volunteers for local events of importance to RICKA.

A **Member-at-Large** brings to the Executive Committee his/her interest in helping to direct the future of our organization. Members-at-Large can be seasoned paddlers and long time members or new members just starting out.

To apply, please send a note to Bill Hahn ([bhahn02835@yahoo.com](mailto:bhahn02835@yahoo.com)) or Terry Meyer ([terry\\_meyer@cox.net](mailto:terry_meyer@cox.net)) with a brief description of your background and areas of interest.

# BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA KAYAK TRIPS

## 1. REQUIRED

In order to participate in RICKA sea kayaking trips you **MUST** have this equipment:

- A sea kayak that meets the following criteria:
  - 15 feet or longer
  - front and rear flotation (bulkheads or flotation bags)
- Coast Guard-approved PFD
- Spray skirt
- Paddle float
- Bilge pump
- Appropriate clothing for the **water** temperature

## 2. SUGGESTED

We strongly recommend that you bring along the following:

- Drinking water
- Food
- Sunscreen
- Whistle
- A change of clothes

*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.*

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

Next Executive Board meeting: Wednesday, Sept.3rd @ 7pm

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# I Finally Ran Zoar Gap

By Erik Eckilson

Photos by Jim Cole

Ok – I admit it. I’ve been up to the Deerfield River many times in the past few years, but I had never run Zoar Gap. I’ve paddled the section above it, I’ve paddled the section below it, but I had never run the Gap itself.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with it, the Deerfield is a pretty river located in



the northwest corner of Massachusetts near Greenfield. Due to a power company dam release, its one of the few rivers in the northeast where you can paddle whitewater all summer long. The Fife Brook Section is an easy class II with the exception of Zoar Gap which is class III. More experienced boaters can run the Dryway which is class III/IV. RICKA has some paddlers with that level of skill, but I’m not one of them. The only time I go to the Dryway is to take pictures.

Anyway, we planned a RICKA Whitewater trip on the Fife Brook section of the Deerfield for Riverfest weekend – July 26th. With all the rain we had received the week before, we were hoping for a good release, and we got one – 1,200 cfs. That’s enough to keep you from bottoming out in the shallow spots, but not so much as to wash out the holes and eddies in the class II section.

We arrived at the put-in below the Fife Brook Dam at around 10:30 - the place was mobbed. Just about every paddle club in the northeast must have had a group there, so RICKA was in good

company. We had five boaters – me, Jim, Jay, Brendan and Dan. That’s two canoes and three kayaks.

By the time we unloaded our gear and shuttled the cars it was 11:30, and the crowd had dissipated. We had a leisurely paddle down the upper section and pulled into the class II take-out above Zoar Gap at around 2:30. It was decision time – should I run the Gap or not. It was a beautiful day – nice and warm. There

were also plenty of people at the bottom of the rapid to fish me out if I swam, so why not.

There are three routes though Zoar Gap – left, right and center – each requiring a different combination of moves. Most people told me that the route just right of center would be the easiest, so that’s the one I would try. Besides, that’s the way Dan was going. I headed down to the eddy above the Gap and queued up for my turn.

Dan went first, hit the eddy across the river and then disappeared down into the rapid.

Now it was my turn. I crossed the river and eddied behind a large rock just above



the Gap - so far, so good. From there it’s a straight shot down the right side. I pulled out of the eddy and paddled hard into the rapid in case I drifted to the center and needed to punch through the hole at the bottom. No problem. The current took me just where I needed to go – a clean run just right of center.

Jim was next. He took the “sneak” route to the far right. It’s a more difficult route, but he made it look easy. He had a big smile on his face as he came through the drop at the bottom of the rapid.

As is usually the case, Zoar Gap looked much worse than it actually was. With property training, some good advice and a little luck, running it wasn’t too bad. It felt cool to sit in the eddy below the Gap and look up at the crowd on the street, but all I could think of was “Thank god I didn’t swim - that would have been embarrassing!”



# Communication key to making canoeing fun

by Howard Meyerso, *The Grand Rapids Press*

Friday July 04, 2008, 9:05 AM

Why is that guy yelling at his wife?

That's what I wondered as I watched a couple struggle to keep their canoe running downstream.

The man barked directions. His wife didn't have a clue. They were both novices. He was no better than she.

Caught in the current, the canoe banged into the banks. They spun and turned backwards — an easy situation to fix. But as he hollered for her to make corrections, he did just the opposite of what he was supposed to do.

The result? They promptly banged into the other bank. He started yelling all over again.

Variations of this happen all the time. I've seen dads yell at their kids, big brothers at little brothers, and couples who bicker anyhow struggle terribly with power issues about who is in charge.

Canoeing, however, is supposed to be fun. To make sure it is, a few things need to be clear.

## Tips to make canoeing fun

- Good communication is needed in both directions about obstacles, route changes, tactics and strokes.
- The stern paddler does most of the steering. The front paddler provides most (but not all) of the forward power.
- Canoes run straighter if paddlers make their strokes on opposite sides. Switch sides in unison when one or the other gets tired.
- The more experienced paddler sits in back — except when too much weight in front might compromise handling.
- The back paddler should match the front paddler's rhythm and power. If it is too fast or slow, conversation is needed.

## Few places for instruction

Communication, of course, is where this all starts. It is the basis for smooth and effective paired paddling.

Unfortunately, there aren't many places to get canoe instruction these days.

The American Red Cross in Grand Rapids does not offer it. Nor do most canoe liveries.

"Once in a while we get someone at river's edge who asks for instruction, but otherwise, we have never had any demand for it," said Naomi Davis with Ivan's Canoe Rental in Baldwin.

The company sends thousands of canoers down the Pere Marquette River each year and most of them are just going for the ride.

Outdoor participation surveys show paddlesports are the fastest growing segment of the outdoor recreation community, according to Jeremy Oyen, the director of safety, education and instruction for the American Canoe Association.

Canoers outnumber kayakers 2 to 1. Yet, paddlers will more readily find kayaking instruction than canoeing instruction.

That's because recreational canoeing has been around for more than a century. Many presume they know how to paddle on a lake and assume the same for moving water.

"People say, 'I know how to canoe,' " Oyen said. " 'I was taught by someone in the family; my father, my grandfather.' But people starting in a new sport like kayaking search out instruction."

ACA is working to better link paddlers with paddling courses and instructors. It has a fledgling online program called the American Paddler Course Connection. The site is expected to be ready for prime time in October.

"Right now in Michigan there are only a few kayaking courses listed," said Oyen. "But what we want to do is give

people a list of the courses and instructors in Michigan (and other states)."

Jon Holmes, a certified kayaking instructor in Grand Rapids, said he sees the demand for kayak lessons. Kayaks are a hot ticket. Individual spouses can each go their merry way. Kayaks require less technique to get started and are more affordable than a good canoe.

"When it comes to what people are buying, it's kayaks over canoes," said Holmes who also works at Bill and Paul's Sporthaus in Grand Rapids. "It's the women who shape the buying decisions, and they are saying 'I don't want a damn canoe. You are yelling at me all the time.' "

## SEA KAYAK TRIPS

### Bay Campus

**Saturday, August 9**

**9:00am**

**Level: 2**

**Coordinator:** Carole Costanza  
(c2sea@verizon.net)

Bob Hogan (hogan\_r@earthlink.net)

**Put-In:** URI Bay Campus

**Directions:** The URI Bay Campus is at the end of South Ferry Road in Narragansett.

### Weaver's Cove, Portsmouth

**Saturday, August 16**

**9:00am**

**Level: 2**

**Put-In:** Weaver's Cove Public Boat Launch, Portsmouth, RI

**Directions:** From Rt 114 north or south, at a stoplight marked by a sign for the Melville Marina, turn onto Stringham Rd. and continue down the hill toward the shore. Watch for a little tan storage building on your right, and take a hard left. Continue along next to the railroad tracks and follow signs for boat launch that will be on your right.

### Moonlight Paddle, Narragansett

**Saturday, August 16**

**6:30pm**

**Level: 2**

## SEA KAYAK TRIPS (continued)

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**Lights are Required**

**Monday Evening, August 18th  
RICKA's "Meeting on the  
Water" paddle. Upper branch of  
the Pawtuxet River in Hope, RI**

See details on page one.

**Cuttyhunk Crossing  
Saturday, August 23**

**Level: 5 (RSVP Only)**

**Coordinators:**

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**New England Rough Water  
Symposium**

**Friday 8/29—Sunday, 8/31**

(See details on page one.)

**King's Beach, Newport  
Sunday, August 31**

**9:00am**

**Level: 4**

**Coordinators:** Tony Moore

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

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

## FLATWATER TRIPS

**August 10th Sunday  
CT River: Ferry to Hamburg Cove  
10:00 shuttle**

Leader: Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com  
401-377-1033. **Bring a lunch.** **Directions:**  
I-95 north: Go to exit 70, left at end of

ramp, then pass under I-95 to traffic light. I-95 south: Go to exit 70, go straight (slight zigzag to left) and travel .7 miles to second traffic light. Turn right at traffic light onto Route 156. From the traffic light, travel north for 8.5 miles to the stop sign at the end of Route 156. Turn left at stop sign onto Route 82 and travel 3.3 miles, go straight at first stop sign (Route 148), then turn left at next stop sign and go .2 miles to the ferry landing. The ramp is on the right at the ferry landing.

## SEA KAYAKING LEVELS

RICKA does not assign ratings to paddlers. We assign difficulty levels to our trips. A trip's difficulty rating is a guide for judging if you have the skills to participate in a trip.

Every paddler must decide for themselves to participate in a group trip. Your decision should be based on some of the following considerations: the difficulty level of the trip; the forecasted weather conditions; your skill and experience level; your comfort level with the other participants

Every paddler that decides to participate in a group trip shares responsibility for the safety of the group as a whole.

Level 1: No previous kayak experience required.

Level 2: Participants should be able to:  
Paddle 6 miles in a day.  
Perform a wet exit.

Perform an assisted deep water rescue.

Maintain a heading for short distances without the use of a rudder.  
Turn a kayak using forward and reverse sweep strokes.

Level 3: Participants should be able to:  
Perform skills listed under Level 2.  
Paddle 13 miles in a day.  
Control a kayak in 15- to 20-knot winds.

Feel comfortable in 2-3 foot waves.  
Handle SURF and BEACH LANDINGS.

Level 4: Participants should be able to:  
Perform the skills listed under Level 3.  
Paddle 15 miles in a day.  
Control a kayak in 20 knot winds.  
Handle large ocean swells.

Level 5: Participants should be able to:  
Perform the skills listed under Level 4.  
Paddle 20+ miles in a day.  
Control a kayak in 25 knot winds.

**Monday Evening, August 18th  
"Meeting on the Water" paddle  
Upper branch of the Pawtuxet  
River in Hope, RI**

See details on page one.

**August 24th Sunday  
Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston  
10:00am.**

Leader: Bill Brown kayakbill222@aol.com  
No shuttle needed for this trip. Suitable for all. Bring a lunch. We will put in at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet River and paddle upstream and then return to Rhodes.

**Directions:** From 95 South take exit 17- From 95 North take exit 16. Both exits lead to Elmwood Avenue. Drive south on Elmwood to Park Avenue. Take a left onto Park Avenue and go to end. Take a right onto Broad Street. Go 1/2 mile on Broad Street. Take a right at the gazebo and follow the road right in the parking lot.

**August 29th Friday Evening  
Providence River Paddle  
6:00pm**

Leaders: Bill Brown  
kayakbill222@aol.com and Shannon  
Kelley outside@cox.net 401-270-4838.  
**Head lamps or boat lights required for  
night paddles.**

**Put-in at Bold Point, East Providence**  
**Directions:** Take 195 East from Providence and then take the Riverside Rt. 44 exit .. just over the Washington Bridge. Bear right off the exit and make your VERY FIRST RIGHT TURN. (This comes up quickly so watch for it). Take this road to the end and turn left. The launch is a boat ramp on the right a short ways down- just after a large dirt parking lot.

**September 1st Labor Day  
Surf & Play Day Annual event  
open to all paddlers- flatwater,  
sea kayakers and white water  
paddlers.**

Contact Cheryl Thompson Cameron or  
Benn Thompson at 401-647-5887 or  
StoneFoxFarm@juno.com if you need  
more information. **Bring a lunch.**  
**If you plan to surf in your kayak,  
helmets are strongly recommended.**  
Informal day at the beach, we do not

## FLATWATER TRIPS (continued)

have a formal paddle on this day. Meet at Narragansett Beach. (best to arrive at the launch by 9:30 to ensure parking) Put-in on Narrow River and Paddle (to the right) a couple of miles to the mouth of the river and the beach. **We will meet up at the beach, not at the launch.**

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**Directions:** Take 95 South to exit 9 (a left exit) towards Newport/S. County. Merge onto Rt. 4 South. Turn slight right onto Tower Hill Road. Turn left onto Bridgetown Road (at large tower). Turn slight right onto Middlebridge road. Approximately a mile and half-mile up on the left will be Pollock Street. Turn and follow to the parking area.

### September 12th Friday evening Providence River Meet at 5:30

Leaders: Gregg O'Brien, goh243@aol.com (401) 580-5147 and Jean Josephson kayakjnj@yahoo.com (401)245-552

**Head lamps or boat lights required for night paddles.**

**Put-in at Bold Point,** East Providence

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**Have fun...**  
**...and don't forget to wear your PFD!**  
**(It's a requirement for all RICKA trips)**

## Registration Deadline for UniBank Greenway Challenge is Sept. 1

In just a few short weeks the registration for the UniBank Greenway Challenge will be CLOSED. Don't get left out of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Blackstone River Valley adventure race.

This year's designated charitable organization is Waters Farm Preservation, Inc. of Sutton, MA

There is a limited capacity and the number of teams participating has grown each year. Sign up now to guarantee that your team will be there and ready to participate come September 27th!

The registration form, liability and photo waivers are ready for you to print from the registration page at <http://www.greenwaychallenge.org>, or grab a brochure at a sponsor location.

## Basic Flatwater Paddling Course Sunday, Sept. 7th at 1:00

In this 3-hour class, paddlers will learn the basic strokes and maneuvers to control their boats on flatwater. We will also cover basic rescue techniques.

The class will take place at Stump Pond in Smithfield and will be free for RICKA members.

Registration is required.

Go to <http://www.woonsocket.org/flatwatertraining.html> to sign up.

## RICKA trip coordinators and contacts are volunteers

who are not responsible for evaluating your skill level or ensuring your safety, comfort and happiness. Educate yourself about the area in which you will be paddling, and carry appropriate gear, clothing, water, food, etc. Check the weather forecast before launching. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIDING TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT.**

## SPECIAL SAVINGS FOR RICKA MEMBERS

### 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](http://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](http://www.canoepassage.com)

### Wildwood Outfitters

10% discount on kayaks and accessories.

- 271 Main Street, Wakefield
- 401-789-1244
- [www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com](http://www.wildwoodoutfittersri.com)

### Ocean State Adventures:

10% discount for RICKA members.

- 99 Poppasquash Road, Bristol
- 401-254-4000
- [www.kayakri.com](http://www.kayakri.com)

### Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures:

10% off accessories.

- 489 Old County Rd, Westport, MA
- (508) 636-0300
- [www.ospreyseakayak.com](http://www.ospreyseakayak.com)

### Northwind Sports:

- 10% RICKA discount.
- 267 Thames St., Bristol
- 401-254-4295
- [www.northwindsports.com](http://www.northwindsports.com)

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

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OBTAIN YOUR DISCOUNTS**

# Calgary triathlete rescues storm-stranded canoeists

The Canadian Press

CANMORE, ALTA. July 31, 2008 — A triathlete dove into frigid mountain waters to rescue two boaters whose canoe had capsized, and dragged them and their boat to shore.

Casey Peirce, 30, of Calgary was on a bicycle ride with her family near Spray Lakes west of the city on the weekend when the group heard two people in the water yelling for help.

They saw a man and woman about a kilometre from shore clinging to their overturned canoe, and Ms. Peirce, a strong swimmer, dived in.

“To be honest, I thought twice about jumping in because I know how cold that water is,” said Ms. Peirce. “But I had recently done a triathlon and I knew I had the training to do it.”

She said it took 15 minutes to swim out to the couple, but at least 45 minutes to swim back with them in tow. Her sister Darcy dialled 911 from shore.

Ms. Peirce said she knew the couple didn't have a lot of time left because they had already been in the water for an hour and the woman was mostly submerged.

“When I got to them, I first asked them if they were injured, but they were both too

cold to speak,” she said. “I knew by the time anyone else got to them, it would be too late.”

The return swim was trying for Ms. Peirce as she towed the canoe with a rope tied around her waist, her hands too cold to pull it.

“It was really cold and by the last 50 metres it got pretty heavy. I couldn't feel my limbs any more, but I saw Dad on shore with a rope and he towed me in the last part. It was a team effort at the end.”

The canoe had an outboard motor attached that was dragging underwater.

The boaters had a serious case of hypothermia, conservation officer Rod Jaeger said.

“The two people had been out canoeing when they got caught in a storm,” he said. “They were hit by a four-foot swell and it capsized their boat. They were hanging onto the boat for over an hour.”

Once Ms. Peirce and the couple were on shore, her parents and sister worked to warm the three of them.

The canoeists, believed to be in their 40s or 50s, had tried swimming to shore, but went back to their boat because they kept getting swept down the lake, Ms. Peirce's mother said. Even if they had made it to shore, they would have had a four-kilometre walk to the nearest campsite.

The couple, who did not require hospitalization, phoned Ms. Peirce's parents to express their gratitude for the rescue.

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 four miles to the **George Washington Camping area** on your right. Go into the campground and follow the one way signs for approx 1/4 mile.

**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 and go six miles; turn right onto Rt. 44 West in Chepachet and go 4 miles to **George Washington Camping area** on your right.

## August 19th Ranger Night Spring Lake Party and Paddle Annual VIP and Paddle Club Potluck picnic 6:15pm Rentals Available

**Earlier paddlers meet at 4:30 and a few leaders will lead a paddle around the lake before the party.**

Put in at the boat ramp on Black Hut Road (see directions below). **Complimentary pizza & lemonade will be provided. Please bring your favorite potluck picnic dish to share.** 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 to 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. 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. Follow directions above.

## BLACKSTONE VALLEY PADDLERS

**August 5th 6:15pm**

**Hopedale Pond, Hopedale MA**

**Ranger Night . We will have a National Park Service Ranger paddling with us this evening**

**Suitable for all levels of experience**

**Directions: From Route 146 North or**

**South:** Take Route 16 Exit. Follow Route

16 East for about nine miles, through

Uxbridge and Mendon into Hopedale. At

first traffic light in Hopedale, turn left

onto Hopedale Street. Follow Hopedale

Street north for about 3/4 of a mile,

passing massive Draper Loom Mill on left.

Canoe launch is on left, just past The

Little Red Shop.

**August 12th**

**6:15pm**

**Stump Pond**

**Directions:** Rt. 95 to 146 to 116 South/

Lincoln Mall exit (or take Douglas Pike Rt.

7 North and turn left on 116). Stay on 116.

Go past the police station and over the

bridge that divides the pond. Immediately

before the Dairy Mart take a sharp right

onto Log Road. Bear right at the yield

sign; the Stump Pond Fishing Area

Access is on the right. **W41 52.145**

**W071 42.638**

**August 14th 6:15pm Bowdish**

**Lake, Gloucester, RI \**

**Training Night**

**From Rt. 146 South** - Take Slatersville

Exit. Turn right onto Rt. 146 A. At light by

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**Seda Impulse** 18' x21" stored in heated garage. used only about 5 times. like new. Kevlar light wt., 44 lbs.

Contact Dick Companion, 401 -624-3610, [dickcompanion@cox.net](mailto:dickcompanion@cox.net) (7/25)

**Walden Spirit**, 2 person kayak, 2 years old, very nice

[alice1397@msn.com](mailto:alice1397@msn.com) (7/25)

**Impex "Force 5"** kayak, 2008. New in April & still in Flawless condition, yellow over white, with red seat and trim stripe. Three compartments with Valley hatches and a BRUNTON 70P, built-in marine compass, added new in June. Flush mounted deck hardware & reflective lines. See

[Impexkayak.com](http://Impexkayak.com), then select "Pro-Touring", for design details. Injuries have put an end to long distance kayaking. Paid \$3,145 in April, asking \$2,400 now. Call Ed at (508) 695-3470, (S.E. Mass.) (7/21)

**Seda Glider**, 20', kevlar, w/ skirt, very fast + extremely stable sea kayak. in very good shape, \$1600. Call 401-423-2208 or Robert [Wright@nksd.net](mailto:Wright@nksd.net) (7/21)

**Van Dusen, 21' kevlar surf ski**, excellent first ski, 23 lbs, very fast yet stable, \$800. Call 401-423-2208 or email Robert [Wright@nksd.net](mailto:Wright@nksd.net) (7/21)

**Swift Kipawa canoe**, Expedition Kevlar, 16'6", 52lbs., Forest Green gelcoat, cherry (and some ash?) gunwales & seat frames, Clark cherry yoke, comfortable angled/wide/curved nylon web seats, floatation tanks, asymmetrical hull - plenty of glide, sliding bow seat. E/C except plenty of external gel coat scratches - mostly below waterline. \$975. OBO. Bruce Ballantyne 401-333-5818. Cumberland, RI. (7/16)

**Perception Harmony WW paddle.** 202 cm/RH control. Would like to trade for a decent, 2-piece recreational

paddle about 220 cm long. Will sell outright for best offer. Email Janet [moonstone\\_baby@yahoo.com](mailto:moonstone_baby@yahoo.com) (7/6)

**Werner Camano paddle**, fiberglass (215/220?). Structurally sound and cosmetically very good. Priced at \$150. Contact Elmer in Glastonbury, CT, at [edreyer2@cox.net](mailto:edreyer2@cox.net) or 860.633.3746 (7/4)

**Night Heron** stitch and glue, 18x20. High performance kayak, hard chine Greenland style. Immaculate. Hardly used. Built in foot pump. Two water tight hatches/ bulkheads -rear is VCP rubber hatch for larger items storage. \$1,700. Jerry Borenstein 914 793 0431. [aikijerry@optonline.net](mailto:aikijerry@optonline.net) (7/1)

**Boreal Design Pakesso 14' 6"** Fiberglass - with rudder. Compact and lightweight. The rudder will appeal to the novice paddler; a more experienced paddler will appreciate the reverse hard chine and semi-arched hull. Standard equipment includes a comfort seat, recessed hatches with quick release, thigh braces, recessed fittings & deck line. <http://www.borealdesign.com/en/kayak.php?id=1> LIGHTLY USED, STORED INDOORS \$1,500 [n3303j@erols.com](mailto:n3303j@erols.com) (508)868-3471 (Cell) Ron Cichowski (6/19)

**Old Town Nantucket 16'** Yellow touring kayak w/rudder. Big cockpit (I go 245lbs) very stable boat. 2 waterproof storage compartments, Includes Werner Graphite Paddle, Spray skirt, Pump, Paddle float for reboarding, adjustable seat, deck mount day bag. Photo's available. \$925.00 Southern RI Call Dave 772-678-9113. or email [riwavedanc@aol.com](mailto:riwavedanc@aol.com) (6/1)

**Perception Pirouette ww kayak** incl. Harmony 204 cm/90/RH paddle and LC-1 spray skirt. Very good condition; always stored in the garage; \$350. Call Jim at 401 294-3257 or e-mail at [tinkhamaj@netzero.net](mailto:tinkhamaj@netzero.net). (6/1)

**Walrus Microswift Tent One-person**, ultralight(2.85 lbs) fits easily into kayak hatch, also good for bike touring or backpacking. Packed size 5" by 16". Never used.\$70 [bikekayakskate@yahoo.com](mailto:bikekayakskate@yahoo.com) (6/1)

**Pygmy Coho** wood (Mahogany) kayak. Kit boat. Excellent condition, about 9 years old. Fast, good handling sea kayak. Many extras. \$1,500 firm. In Cumberland. Contact Neal 401 333-4091 or [nealpiggott@cox.net](mailto:nealpiggott@cox.net) (5/27)

**Necky Arluk IV**, yellow deck /white hull, 24" wide, 16' long, w/Rudder, Fiberglass in good condition, stored inside. \$1350 obo. Contact: [jimcole@hotmail.com](mailto:jimcole@hotmail.com) (5/24)

**NDK Greenlander Pro**, white over white, garage kept, very good condition, only used a couple of times in the winter, I use my surf ski in the summer. Pick up only, \$1500. contact Chris at [clawlor@cpsed.net](mailto:clawlor@cpsed.net). (5/15)

**Mad River Lamoille 18'** Excellent canoe for tripping and family camping. Kevlar construction is lightweight and durable. \$900.00 See reviews <http://www.paddling.net/Reviews/showReviews.html?prod=376> contact [henry@twincitysupply.com](mailto:henry@twincitysupply.com) (4/27)

**Valley Nordkapp**, 2 1/2 years old Ultra carbon/kevlar layup, custom front bulkhead (more storage space), custom skeg slide placement, custom color (midnight blue over white with grey trim), manufacture installed keel stip, deck mounted compass. New \$4400, asking \$2800. Pictures available. Email [kkeykk@aol.com](mailto:kkeykk@aol.com), or call Ken at 401-486-0264 (4/19)

**Old Town Tripper canoe** 1991 royalex 17' 5" length excellent condition stored in the basement at least the past 10 years.Asking \$800 OBO. Call Ken @ 401-766-5346

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