

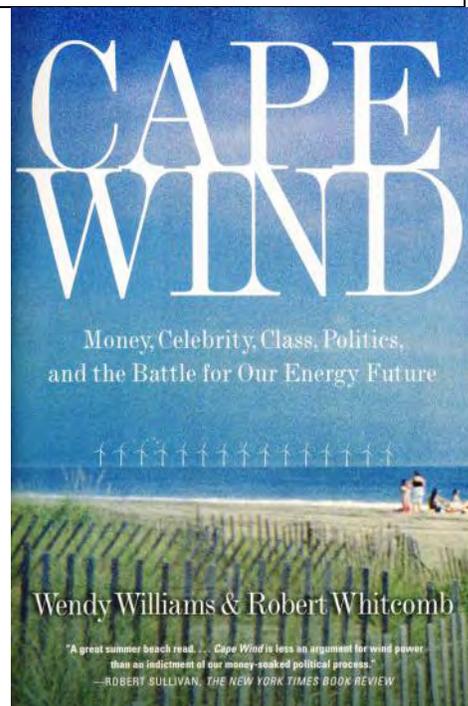
April Club Meeting

Wendy Williams

"Of Windfarms, Squid and the Future of the Oceans"

Monday, April 18th, 7 pm

REI Cranston
22 Chapel View Blvd
Cranston RI



Wendy Williams, author of *Cape Wind: Money, Celebrity, Class, Politics and the Battle for America's Energy Future* (with Robert Whitcomb of the Providence Journal) and of the just-released *Kraken: The Curious, Exciting, and Slightly Disturbing Science of Squid*, will talk about wind power, the Cape Wind project, and the very weird group of animals called cephalopods -- smart octopuses, giant squids and artistic cuttlefishes.

Directions to REI Cranston:

From Rt. 95 take Exit 14 onto Route 37 West. Take Exit 2-B to merge onto Route 2 North (New London Avenue). Stay in right lane, take first right onto Chapel View Blvd. REI is the last building on the right, after Shaw's and Petco. REI staff will direct you once inside the building.

Get Involved

Board Elections Will Be Held at the April Monthly Meeting

The annual election of the Board will take place at the April general meeting on 4/18/11. All members are encouraged to come and vote.

Nominations for club officers will be open until voting begins for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board is responsible for both the day to day operation of the club and the future directions the club will

take in the services and activities it provides to the membership.

We are also looking for a Chair for the Competition Committee. The person(s) filling the position will be part of the RICKA Executive Board.

The regular time commitment is one evening a month for a board meeting, plus organizational and committee work to put on events.

If you are interested in any of these positions, or would like to nominate someone, please contact Nomination Committee Chairman Erik Eckilson at (401)765-1741 or eckilson@cox.net.



CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Executive Board

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 4, 2011, 7 pm
Call or email the Board President (see masthead) for location.
All members are welcome to attend.

Flatwater www.ricka-flatwater.org

For details and directions go to www.RICKA.org and click on "Flatwater". Please contact the listed trip organizer for details if you do not have web access. Changes and cancellations to trips will be posted on the flatwater message board. Please check the board before leaving for any trip.



The lake at West Thompson Dam

April 16th/rain date April 17th Quinebaug River CT.

Meet at 11:00 for an 11:30 shuttle. Trip coordinator Henry D. 401-567-0313. henry@twincitysupply.com
Trip is suitable for paddlers with moving water experience. **Wetsuit or Drysuit required.** Bring a lunch.

If you paddle down from the Fabyan Dam it is a nice trip that requires some navigating around downed trees and there are a few riffles along the way.

Trip starting at the Fabyan Dam: Coordinates are as follows: Fabyan Dam Access N 42° 00.610 W 071° 56.494

This designated Water Trail along the Quinebaug River is a flat water course with some quick water sections, with no portages, approximately 5 miles in length. This section of the Quinebaug River flows from the Fabyan Dam down to West Thompson Lake. The Quinebaug River Water Trail provides excellent examples of a riverine environment and the geological developments in the valley. As you embark down the river, note the differences in the riverbanks which change from steep and forested to flat agricultural fields. American sycamore trees, black willow, and silver maples abound along the banks.

Look and listen for the many wildlife inhabitants including turtles, great blue herons, green herons, geese, ducks, muskrats, beavers, red foxes, deer, turkeys, hawks, belted kingfishers, and various song birds. Bald eagles have also been sited, usually in late winter and early spring. When you look closely along the edge of the river in the summer, you may see some remains of fresh water mussels or piles of fish scales and bones. This is a sure sign of otter.

Directions: The put in is on Fabyan Woodstock Road. This runs south from Route 131 between North Grosvenordale, CT (intersection of Rts. 131 and 12) and Quinebaug, CT (intersection of Rts. 131 and 97). Follow Fabyan Woodstock Road for about 1/2 mile. There is parking on both sides of street.

Sea Kayaking www.rickaseakayaking.org

Sea kayak trips through May 1 will be posted on the Show & Go Message Board, <http://rickaseakayaking.org/forums/index.php?board=2.0>

May 7: Gooseberry Point 10 am-2 pm
Potluck Planning Party 3 pm, 75 Drift Road, Westport, MA
<http://rickaseakayaking.org/calendar/month.php?year=2011&month=05>

Whitewater <http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/wwschedule.htm>

Flatwater (ctd)

April 23 - Quinsiamond River, Grafton, MA
FIND THE EASTER BASKET PADDLE

Riverview apts put-in. Meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 put-in.

Trip coordinator: Louise
Price weezrad@yahoo.com.
Wetsuit or Drysuit required. Suitable for all. Bring a lunch.

We will paddle the Quinsiamond River and there will be one Easter Basket hidden somewhere on the river. Who will find it?



Directions: Take Route 146 to Central Turnpike exit in Sutton. Head east toward Northbridge. The road become Sutton road, continue straight east. At the stop sign at the five way intersection at Adam's Corner, continue straight. Drive down the big hill into Rockdale. The road comes to a T intersection. Make a left onto route 122. Head North into Grafton. Shortly after in Grafton 122 and 122A split, a Cumberland Farms store sits precariously in the middle. Stay on Route 122 (to the right) for another mile. Turn left at the sign for RiverView Apartments. Follow road 1/4 mile to end (it becomes a dirt road).
N 42 11 232 W071 41 652

May 1st Lake Nippennicket to Memorial Park on the Town River-Bridgewater MA. Meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle. Trip coordinator: [Lee Parham leeparham@myway.com](mailto:Lee.Parham@myway.com) 508-286-5999
Wetsuit or Drysuit required.
Bring a lunch

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CLUB EVENTS & ACTIVITIES (ctd)



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Flatwater (ctd)

Lee Parham offers this paddle to RICKA paddlers to bring awareness to the Taunton River Watershed Alliance. We may be joined by members of the TRWA.

Suitable for kayaks under 15 feet. We will be traveling with the current on this 6 mile paddle. This trip has narrow, twisty sections and some areas will be scratchy with bushwacking required. We will have lunch at the end of the trip.

The Town River starts at Nippenicket Lake and then flows south through the Hockomock Swamp and into the confluence of the Matfield River and Taunton River. We will cross Nippenicket Lake and follow the Town River to the take out at the War Memorial Park, formally a site of an old grist mill complete with ruins.

Description: A lazy, meandering river that starts out wide and increasingly narrows. Enjoy the views from the river of old farmland, meadows, wildlife and old stone bridges.



Directions: Take Route 495 to Route 24 N (exit 7A). Take your very first exit on Route 24 which is exit 15 (Route 104). Go to end of ramp and take a left toward Raynham. Put in is .3 miles on the right, the sign says Lakeside Drive.
Put-in: GPS N41 57 850 W071 02 003

May 7th Wood River - Rt 165 to Wyoming Pond. Take out depends on wind (Dam or Skunk Hill Road). Shuttle leaves at 9:30 sharp. Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033

Wetsuit or Drysuit required.

Bring a lunch

Upper Wood River

The beginning of the river may be narrow, shallow and rocky but soon opens up. There is one portage at Barberville Dam and a short set of rapids after the portage.

" There is a large gravel parking lot around an old Quonset hut and good access to the west (river right) bank of the river for launching hand-carried boats. Paddling downstream from this site you are heading into the heart of the Arcadia Management Area on a river that is one of the natural treasures of Rhode Island as well as one of Rhode Island's finest trout streams. The river is narrow and winding and in low water can be a bit scratchy. The shoreline of the river is wooded and houses and roads are nowhere to be seen. We will portage 4 miles downstream at the Barberville Dam, where there is a handicapped accessible landing on the right side of the river. After the portage around the dam, there is another 3 miles of paddling to Wyoming Pond." (info gathered from the RI Blueways website
Meet at the put-in.

Directions:

From 95 north take exit 5 (102 south). 1 mile to junction of route 3 south. 1 1/2 miles further to junction of 165 west. Go west on 165 to about 4 miles (estimated) to state ramp on the left.

From 95 south take exit 4 (route 3 north) Go approx 4 miles north on route three to junction of 165 west. Go west on 165 about 4 miles (estimated) to state ramp on the left.

May 8th Snake River Norton MA- Meet at 10:00 for the 10:30 shuttle. Trip coordinator: Lee Parham leeparham@myway.com 508-286-5999

Members of the Taunton River Watershed Alliance membership may join us. Trip is suitable for boats 15 feet and shorter. Many, many tight turns. Bring a lunch.

Put in on the Canoe river and then paddle across Winnecunnet Pond. After crossing Winnecunnet Pond you will enter the Snake River and follow that until you come to Lake Sabbatia. A fun trip with lots of diversity. Suitable for all levels of experience.

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. **Coordinates to put in are: N 41 58.631 W 71 08 .637**
Take out coordinates are: N 41 56 791 W71 06 .870

May 14th Trip coordinator Training followed by a paddle.- Erik Eckilson Eckilson@cox.net.

Details are still in the works for this program and paddle. Check the flatwater calendar for details in the near future.

May 15th Great Swamp -Taylors Landing to Biscuit City Road, shuttle leaves at 9:30 sharp.

Jim Cole JimCole@hotmail.com 401-377-1033

Bring a lunch.

"The Great Swamp, located in the southern part of Rhode Island, provides perhaps the most intriguing canoe trip in the state. The trip is an excursion into hidden jungle-like retreats that cannot be reached any other way. Here, you will float into a vast state-owned management area on one river, paddle across a shallow but wide pond, and then finish your trip on another river that snakes its way through dense vine-draped vegetation. There will be no doubt in your mind why this area is called Great Swamp." (excerpt from Gorp)



Meet at Taylors Landing

Directions. From Rt. 1 South or North take Rt. 138 heading WEST. Follow this 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.

Put in: N41 28 962 W071 33 082

Take out at Biscuit City: N 41° 27.060 W 071° 36.969





MARKETPLACE



RICKA CLASSIFIEDS

Nimbus Seafarer 2 person sea kayak. Very rugged construction, able to carry alot of gear for camping/excursions. Excellent condition; always washed after use & stored indoors. This boat is very similar to the current Nimbus Hyak model. Norton, MA. \$1600 jeckart@comcast.net or 508.789.3725. (3/23)

Wanted: Khatsalano by Feathercraft Rusty Norton (203) 281-0066 lovepotent@hotmail.com (3/3)

Tahe Reval sea kayak, 18' x 21" , 50 lbs, Beautiful orange deck over white fiberglass in brand new condition. \$1,700. (retail \$2,900) Hull is similar to the Valley Nordkapp so this is a very fast kayak, designed for a paddler 180lbs and up. Contact: aikijerry@optonline.net (1/31)

Kokatat Expedition Drysuit Bought new in 2008. Mango, Men's large-very good shape. Has gore-tex hood & socks, relief zipper, 3 pockets, cordura reinforced seat & knees, overskirt tokeep water from entering top of skirt. Check out more details at http://www.kokatat.com/product_detail.asp?code=exp Asking \$650. Sells new for \$1,085.

2 P&H Orca 15 kayaks, PRICE REDUCED \$625/each or \$1,200 for both. One blue one yellow. These are a large person's, hard chined, 3 layer, poly touring kayak perfect for anything from day trip river exploration to open water, multi day expedition use. **Includes Werner Skagit 220cm paddle** with each boat in very good shape. \$130 new. Popular as club boats in the UK. Also available:

Seals Coastal Tour Skirt 2.2 (fits the Orcas) in unused shape. \$85 new. Asking \$60. http://www.sealsskirts.com/prod_tr_coastaltour.html

Gerry P. 860-235-0430 gerry@SeaSherpaKayak.com (11/27)

Valley Nordkapp Jubilee sea kayak, 17'10"x21" cockpit 29.5 x 15.5 retractable skeg, 56 lbs., color is white on white, vg cond. 4-5 years of age, saw little action, always garaged. \$1800 - lovely boat for the right size person. **Ralph 401-954-3203 or rwernett@aol.com** (11/19)

Garmin eTrex H GPS Yellow, new \$99.95, \$40 obo.

Waterproof Ewa-Marine D-A Marine case for digital photo camera good down to 110ft. New \$264, \$80 obo. - Glass, PVC, like new www.ewa-marine.com/index.php?id=103&L=0 Perfect for superzoom digital cameras. **jimcole@hotmail.com** (10/28)

Necky Elaho HV- \$1,500. purchased new this summer, list is \$ 2,900. yellow over white 17' & 22 1/2" w/rudder, picture on Craigslist RI **Pat 401-480-3508** (9/30)

2 Compass Cayak Streamers 10.5', 18 lbs. Kevlar . Built by (late) Joel Flather as a modified Rush-ton hybrid canoe/kayak. Looks like a small canoe but paddled like a kayak. 2 for sale: one fully open deck, one partial deck. Both have green hulls, foot pegs, removable seats and two-piece wood paddles. Always stored inside, normal hull scratches. \$450 each. Photos or demo on request. **Jim 401-624-6031 or jim.spears@cox.net** (9/13)

Dagger Crossfire (poly) - 2 float bags inc- color, white, cranberry and green \$350. Westport, MA **carleenmco@charter.net** (9/4)

Old Town H2 YO - \$399 Carrying handles * Rear-deck storage equipment Length: 11'2" Width: 29.5" Depth: 17.5" Approx. Weight: 42 lbs. Approx. Capacity: 250 lbs. This kayak is green/yellow, has seen limited use and is garaged & well cared for.

Werner 'Sprite' Kid's Fiberglass Kayak Paddle - \$59 The Sprite is a touring paddle for kids. Featuring proportionally smaller, fiberglass reinforced nylon blades on a smaller diameter fiberglass shaft. Smaller blades and shaft are a good fit for small hands. Great for family paddling! The smiley face sticker on the blade face lets you know if you are holding the paddle correctly. Excellent condition, well cared for. 850g (30oz) at 200 cm

Youth PFDs from MTI Adventurewear- \$39 Youth life vests perfect for young paddlers. <http://www.mtiadventurewear.com> Colors: blue, yellow, violet. Well cared for, good condition, lots of life left in them.

Peter 508-878-8382 or pabergh@gmail.com (7/20)

One Ocean "Cirrus" kit built kayak, 22"x17.5', 40" cockpit, for large person (I'm 6'4", 235). Two tone deck, 2 hatches, lines, carry handles. Natural finish, spray cover. Very fast. 1 year old, some bottom scratches from normal use. View "Cirrus" @ oneoceankayaks.com. Located Narragansett. Can deliver. \$950 OBO. **401-792-2291 tnprins@yahoo.com** (6/20)

Dive fins (new). Blue + black Mares Challenge Size 7.5-8. \$10.

NRS Kayak Air Bags from Northwest River Supply. Fits 9.5 foot Perception or similar rec kayak. **Call 401.941.8061 and leave a message and phone number.** (5/18)

Brand new Swift Bering Sea kayak, kevlar, skeg, red over white. 40 lbs, 15'10" long, 23.5" wide. Fast, stable, forgiving kayak. See details at <http://www.swiftcanoe.com/kayak/touring/BeringSeaSport.htm>. Retail for \$3,200, asking \$2,300. **Cat 508-369-3028 or catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net** (4/25)

Wanted—Old wooden paddles & kayaks (or pieces thereof) that you'd otherwise throw out. **outside@cox.net**

Classifieds are free for RICKA members only. E-mail webmaster@ricka.org, phone 401-725-3344, or Webmaster, Alan August, 70 Scott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860. YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME IN THE MESSAGE (but not necessarily in the ad) so we can determine that you are a member. If you do not include your name the ad will be ignored. Your ad will be removed after one year unless you request that it be reposted with a lower asking price.

DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERS

Bring your RICKA membership card and remember to ASK for the discount.

Blackstone Valley Outfitters

10% off retail prices on all kayak accessories, guided trips and instruction.

25 Carrington Street, Lincoln, RI 02865

401-312-0369, www.bvori.com

Claude's Cycles

Snowshoes 10% off. Canoe & power sports accessories 10% off. Wood canoes & fiberglass canoes 8% off. 50cc scooters 3% off. Receive an additional 2% discount on canoes and 50cc scooters when you pay by bank check. Discounts are for card carrying RICKA members and apply to non-sale items.

Foxborough, Ma. (call for directions)

508-543-0490 www.claudescycles.com

CrossFitRhody

Work out as if your life depends on it. 20% discount off any CrossFit membership.

<http://www.CrossFitRhody.com>

Eastern Mountain Sports

Cranston and Middletown locations only; not valid in other locations, online, or on phone orders. Valid on full-price, in-stock merchandise only. 15% off plastic hulls and accessories purchased with a hull; 10% off all other kayak accessories without purchase of a hull.

Offer expires 12/31/2010.

Ocean State Adventures (OSA)

10% discount on lessons, tours and rentals.

508-292-5632 www.oceanstateadventures.com

OspreySea Kayak Adventures:

10% off accessories.

489 OldCounty Rd Westport Mass. 02790

(508)636-0300 www.ospreyseekayak.com

Quaker Lane Outfitters :

Canoes & kayaks 10% off. Accessories 20% off.

4019 Quaker Lane (Route 2) North Kingstown.

800-249-5400

The KayakCentre

Glass boats 6% off, normal retail, plastic boats 10% off normal retail; accessories with boat purchase 15% off, 10% off all other items.

Brown and Phillips Streets, Wickford Village

1-888-SEA-KAYAK www.kayakcentre.com

WaveLength Magazine

<http://www.WaveLengthMagazine.com>

Offers a "Club Sub" introductory subscription to club members for \$5 off the regular price of \$15.

Send a \$10 check with your name and mailing address along with a note saying you belong to the RI Canoe & Kayak Association to Wave-

Length Magazine, 2735 North Rd., Gabriola, BC, Canada, V0R 1X7.



Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association

invites all interested citizens to a

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

regarding the

KENYON MILLS DAM FISH PASSAGE PROJECT

TUESDAY, April 12, 2011
7:00 P.M.

located at

H.L. ARNOLD FIRE & SAFETY COMPLEX
208 RICHMOND TOWNHOUSE ROAD (ROUTE 112)
RICHMOND, RI

Representatives of the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association (WPWA) and other partner agencies, and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) staff will be on hand to provide information on the current status of this project to restore fish passage on the Pawcatuck River at the Kenyon Mill Dam adjacent to Kenyon Industries. Environmental, cultural and historic aspects of the project site being studied and addressed by alternatives under consideration will be discussed at this meeting.

Project partners including the WPWA, the Town of Richmond, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, the RIDEM Division of Fish and Wildlife have provided technical and/or funding assistance. American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) economic stimulus funding has been approved for the project through NOAA's Restoration Center.

Slides presented at this meeting will be posted on the WPWA website. (www.wpwa.org).

RICKA is looking for worthy or charitable causes to donate funds to which promote recreational boating

The Rhode Island Canoe and Kayak Association is a recreational organization which operates as a Not for Profit group. On occasion the Treasury runs into small surpluses which we do not intend to keep as earnings so we intend to give some away.

We are asking the membership if they are aware of any other unrecognized needy groups that go largely overlooked and promote recreational boating or conservation of our natural resources We have heard of Save the Bay, Boy Scouts of America and the Nature Conservancy.

If you feel strongly about one particular cause or know about a local interest group, please contact me Bill Luther, Prijon@juno.com 508-761-7961. I am a one-man committee and would welcome anyone wanting to join me.

We will evaluate in April and make donations recommendations at the Board meeting in May.

Membership Renewal

FILL in ONLY your name and any new information.

ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL TO:

RICKA
P.O. BOX 163
WOOD RIVER JCT, RI 02894

RICKA DUES=\$15 (includes eMail Newsletter) []

BVPC DUES=\$10 []

First Class Mail option add \$5 []

Name Adult 1 *(primary)

Name Adult 2 (spouse, significant other)

Address

City State ZIP+4

Home Phone () - Other Phone () Circle one: Work Cell Pager

Email 1 @ Email 2 @

Are you willing to volunteer for club activities? Yes: Picnic Newsletter Content Other:

Preferred method of newsletter delivery: [] E-mail [] First Class Mail (\$5.00 surcharge)

Membership year is from April 1, through March 31 of the following year. There is NO Standard Mail option this year.

