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March Club Meeting Elements of Kayak Design

Monday, March 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

At our March meeting, Nick Schade will provide an overview of kayak design in an easy to understand manner. He will describe the difference between kayak length and waterline length, why chines don't make much difference in stability, and many other topics to help new and experienced paddlers understand kayak design and get more out of their boats.

Nick is the owner of [Guillemot Kayaks](#) and author of [The Strip-Built Sea Kayak](#) - an instruction book describing the strip-built method that has helped foster a revival in the construction of wooden kayaks. The meeting will be held at the Jewish Community Center, 401 Elmgrove Avenue, Providence. All RICKA members in attendance will be entered into a drawing to win one of four door prizes including a copy of Jim Cole's book [Paddling Connecticut and Rhode Island](#).



Nick's custom-built Petrel prototype near Catumb Rock

Directions to the Jewish Community Center: From Rt. 95 South take Exit 24 and turn left onto Branch Avenue. From Rt. 95 North take Exit 24 and turn right onto Branch Avenue. 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 Street and continue one block to the end at Morris Avenue. Go left, then immediately right onto Sessions Street. Go down the hill to Elmgrove Avenue. The Jewish Community Center will be across the street.

Flatwater Planning Meeting

We will meet Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at River Bend Farm in Uxbridge, MA to set up our calendar for 2012 year!

We will have party pizza and soda; you may bring a snack or dish to share, if you wish. Please bring ideas for trips. If you would like to lead a trip but do not have experience leading, we will partner you up with an experienced leader. Leaders have the right to put restrictions on their trips as they see fit. River Bend Farm allows us the use of their conference room at no charge, a huge thank you goes out to Ranger Val!

See page 7 for additional details.

RICKA Rolling Clinics

RICKA's 2012 Rolling Clinics are full. We appreciate the great response; if you are interested in being on a wait list, please call Cat Radcliffe at 508-369-3028.

Did you know...

RICKA members can join the American Canoe Association at discounted annual rates of \$30 individual, \$40 family (regularly \$40 and \$60). You can learn more at the ACA website at:

<http://www.americancanoe.org/>



Board elections coming up in April

Would you (or someone you know) like to get more involved in the club?

Nominations are now open for club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and Members-at-Large to the RICKA Executive Board.

The Executive Committee 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 that it provides to the membership. Elections will take place at the club meeting in April.

We are also looking for volunteers to fill two open committee chairs – Conservation and Competition. Members accepting these positions are also

members of the RICKA Executive Board. The commitment is one evening a month for a board meeting, plus organizational and committee work to put on events. It's a great way to get involved and meet other paddlers.

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.

Follow us on Facebook

See page 4 or visit us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/RhodeIslandCanoeKayakAssociation>

Branch River Icebreaker (Class II)

Saturday, March 17th

As a 'nod' to all the years that RICKA ran the RI Whitewater Championships, we are planning to run the Branch River on the traditional 3rd Saturday in March.

We'll meet at the Falls in Harrisville. This is a 5-mile trip with 3 significant class II rapids – Whipple Drop, the Glendale Rapid and the Atlas Pallet Rapid. Cold weather gear (wetsuit or drysuit) is required. You must have class II skills and be properly prepared for the conditions.

Final details will be posted on the [Whitewater Message Board](#) when available.

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Your annual RICKA membership will expire on March 31, 2012...

Renew your membership now!

Please complete the form on page 3, or visit the website at:

<http://www.ricka.org/Join/Jointhefun.html>

You can now renew online using PayPal.

Executive Committee:

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at 70 Scott Street, Pawtucket. All are welcome to attend.

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It's Time to Renew your Membership!

Your RICKA Membership will expire on March 31st. For 35 years, the RICKA has been one of the largest paddling clubs in New England. Here is why you should renew your membership.

At RICKA, paddling is at the heart of everything that we do. Last year, RICKA organized over 100 [flatwater](#), [whitewater](#) and [sea kayak trips](#). These trips ranged from easy daytrips to weeklong excursions. Our affiliated clubs – the [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) and the [Southern New England Paddlers](#) – also organized trips throughout the summer. At RICKA, we organize trips for paddlers of every interest and skill level.

Are you looking to improve your skills? Training is also an important part of the RICKA mission. Each year RICKA sponsors fun and informative training

sessions. These including our annual [rolling clinic](#); flatwater, whitewater and sea kayak training; leadership training; first aid and CPR classes. Many of these sessions are offered free of charge, or at a significant discount to our members.

In addition to trips and training, we produce eleven monthly issues of our outstanding newsletter the [Paddler](#), hold [monthly meetings](#) with interesting and informative speakers, and maintain the [websites](#), message boards and email lists that keep you up-to-date on trips and activities. Our [Library](#) also includes an extensive collection of books and videos covering all aspects of paddling.

Do you need to buy or sell boat? You should check out the [RICKA Classified Ads](#) on our website and in the Paddler. If you can't find what you need there, RICKA members also get special discounts at several area retailers.

None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our members. If you like what we do, but are not a RICKA member, please join today – it's just \$15

for the entire family. If you are a RICKA member, please renew your membership now. Your current membership expires on March 31, 2012. You can register with the form below, or on line using PayPal at: <http://www.ricka.org/Join/Jointhefun.html> For more information, please contact Jim Cole, Membership Chair at 401-377-1033 or jimcole@hotmail.com.

RICKA is looking for Worthy Charitable Causes

On occasion, The Rhode Island Canoe & Kayak Association donates funds to worthy organizations that promote recreational boating or conservation of our natural resources.

If you know of an organization that is worthy of our support, please contact Bill Luther at 508-761-7961 or prijon@juno.com. We will evaluate proposals in April, and make donation recommendations at the Executive Committee meeting in May.



Membership Renewal

(Please submit one form per family)

FILL in ONLY your name and any NEW information.

RICKA DUES (with email newsletter) = \$15
 BVPC DUES (Blackstone Valley Paddle Club)= \$10
 FULL MEMBERSHIP (Includes RICKA & BVPC) = \$25
 First Class Mail option for newsletter add \$5

ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK AND MAIL TO: RICKA, P.O. BOX 163, WOOD RIVER JCT, RI 02894

Name Adult 1 (primary) _____

Name Adult 2 (spouse, significant other) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____ - _____

Phone 1 (_____) _____ - _____ Home/Cell/Work Phone2 (_____) _____ - _____ Home/Cell/Work

Email 1 _____ @ _____ Email 2 _____ @ _____

Are you willing to volunteer for club activities? Yes: Picnic, Newsletter, Trip Leader, RICKA Board, Other: _____

You can also renew your membership online using PayPal at <http://www.ricka.org/Join/Jointhefun.html>

Membership year is from April 1, through March 31 of the following year.



An Interview with **RICKA Flatwater Chair Cheryl Thompson Cameron**

What is the RICKA Flatwater group?

RICKA has four interest groups – Flatwater, Whitewater, Sea Kayak and Wilderness. These groups often overlap and many members paddle regularly with all four groups. The Flatwater group is the largest of the four and holds trips on most weekends from late spring through fall.

What types of trips are there?

Flatwater trips run the gamut from lakes and ponds, to rivers, to open water. Swimming, picnicking, short hikes and geocaching accompany some trips.

How do I find out about trips?

You will find a list of trips on the flatwater website.

<http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/>

You can also join the flatwater email list to get email notifications.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RICKA_FLATWATER/join

Who runs the trips?

All trips are run by volunteer trip coordinators. These coordinators will have done the trip before and will be able to advise you of potential hazards. Safety is always of paramount importance, but you, and you alone, are responsible for yourself.

How do I join a trip?

Most flatwater trips are “show and go” requiring no advanced notice. Simply arrive at the time indicated and enjoy the



Cheryl leading a trip on the Charles River

trip. More difficult trips will require an RSVP.

What equipment do I need?

Every paddler will need a boat (canoe or kayak), paddle and personal floatation device (PFD). You can find a list of other equipment on the website.

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

What about clothing?

Paddling is a water sport, so you should plan to get wet. Cotton cloths should be avoided. Polypropylene, fleece, wool, and lycra blends insulate well when wet. In colder weather, a neoprene wetsuit is the better insulator, and splash jackets and dry wear are good investments.

And for my feet?

Footwear should protect your feet in and out of the water. Sneakers, water shoes or heavy Teva-type sandals are recommended.

Do you offer training?

In June, July and August, the [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) holds "Introduction to Paddling" nights for paddlers interested in learning basic skills. The Flatwater group also holds Basic Flatwater Paddling classes that cover basic strokes and rescue techniques.

RICKA on Facebook

By Susan Engleman

It all started at the May 2011 Executive Committee meeting. The board was discussing membership, how to promote the club and how to get the club's name out to more people. Facebook was mentioned, and that was all it took! Andy Viera, Whitewater Chair, and I volunteered for the job. Andy, with his know-how, and I with my love of what's going on, got the site up and running.

Since then, the site has become quite popular. We have 221 followers that have "liked" us so far, and get our feeds each time we post. Andy and I are the administrators that control the site. Each time you see a RICKA post, either Andy or I have been the "voice" behind that. We encourage people to post their paddling activities, pictures and events. We also encourage posts that can bring people together for unofficial activities during the on and off-season.

[RICKA's Facebook page](#) was not created to replace the main [RICKA website](#). It was created to enhance the website, let people learn about us, and send people back to the main website for additional information.

So..if you are a Facebook person, and have not hit the "like" button to get our feeds, please do. If you are not on Facebook, but would like to check out the site, you can go to www.RICKA.org and click on the Facebook icon and be taken to our page.

Now, more than 10 months later, RICKA Facebook has it's own identity and following. We welcome all visitors and hope that Facebook RICKA grows in popularity and can aid the club with memberships and additional followers. You can join us at:

<http://www.facebook.com/RhodeIslandCanoeKayakAssociation>

Charles River – Cambridge to Boston Harbor

By Frank Cortesa

Looking back at the 2011 flatwater season, one of my favorite trips was the Charles River paddle from Cambridge into Boston Harbor. Louise and Cheryl led a long and beautiful round trip paddle that was unlike any trip I've been on in my four years with the club. The trip was different in several ways:

- It was a much further north than we usually venture.
- It was in a much more urban setting than any other trip. Even the Providence River trips have a section of relative wilderness compared to downtown Boston.
- It involved playing "dodgems" with two fleets of sailboats.
- It included paddling through locks, under a drawbridge and crossing under three MBTA train lines.
- It was also the only trip I have been on which included two encounters with armed law enforcement officials, but we'll get to that later.

The only navigation issues occurred in attempting to find the put in. Early arrivers watched from the put in as kayak laden cars, we knew must be part of our group, drove back and forth on Memorial Drive in futile attempts to find the designated parking lot. Eventually everyone was assembled and we embarked on our urban excursion.



Enjoying the Boston skyline



Watch out for the sailboats!

We paddled downstream under the BU Bridge along the Cambridge side of the river passing Boston University on the far right bank. We continued past MIT on the left and crossed under the Harvard Bridge (aka Mass Ave Bridge or MIT Bridge) which is just over 364 Smoots long (Google it), making it the longest bridge over the Charles. The views of the Back Bay area and Beacon Hill with the State House Dome from this spot in the river were spectacular, but much of the group's attention at this point was focused on avoiding several dozen sailboats. The timing of our paddle coincided with two community boating sessions, one from each side of the river. There were no mishaps as our experienced paddlers deftly avoided the amateur sailors by staying close to shore on both sides of the river. We regrouped just before the Longfellow Bridge with its distinctive "salt and pepper" shaped towers and Viking ship carvings on the central piers. Passing under the bridge and the T's Red Line we had a close up view of the work being done to restore the steel arches supporting this beautiful bridge.

We continued downstream past the Museum of Science, under the O'Brien Highway Bridge, the T's Green and Orange Lines and several other train bridges including a drawbridge and another on a huge turntable. The next

major landmark was the Zakim Bridge (aka the Bunker Hill Bridge). The views of this cabled bridge from below and the Bunker Hill Monument, the model for the bridges cable towers, were fantastic. Approaching the locks which control water flow and entry to Boston Harbor, the trip leaders signaled the lock operators with an air-horn. Some of us were a little apprehensive in the locks but the 3-4 foot change in water level was uneventful and almost imperceptible.

Passing out of the locks and around a bend to the right we had a great view of the Boston (TD) Garden with its Bruins Championship Banner. We then crossed under the Charlestown Bridge (and part of the Freedom Trail) crossing the river to approach The Constitution, aka Old Ironsides, the oldest active commissioned warship in the world, entering service with the relatively new US Navy over 200 years ago. We had thought we would be unable to paddle up to the ship but we did not count on the extra level of security for 9/11. At about 150 yards we were stopped by a patrol boat with armed naval personnel who politely, but firmly, told us we should come no closer. Being generally peaceful and law abiding by nature (and significantly out-gunned), we continued past Old Ironsides and began looking for a place to stop for lunch.



Old Ironsides – the USS Constitution

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We stopped for lunch just past the Constitution turning left into what turned out to be part of the Charlestown Navy Yard Historic National Park. A quick Google search will provide lots of information on the old navy yard including a list of the many ships built there.

We sat in front of a large stone building built in 1854 used for ship construction and repair situated between two dry-docks and next to the USS Constitution Museum. To one side of us was the dry-docked Cassin Young, a decommissioned destroyer which saw action in WWII (surviving two separate kamikaze hits at Okinawa) and Korea and is now open to visitors. It is named for Captain Cassin Young, awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for action at Pearl Harbor and later killed in the naval battle around Guadalcanal. Exploring the area we discovered old



Lunch at the historic Charlestown Navy Yard

pieces of The Constitution, likely from the recent restoration.

After a restful lunch break, we began the paddle back upstream passing back through the locks and under the many bridges. The sailboats were off the water when we returned, simplifying the trip. We paddled along the Boston bank with great views of the Back Bay and Cambridge across the river. We passed the Boston Community Boating docks and entered the enclosed section of the river near the Esplanade, intending to

stop at the Hatch Shell, site of the July 4th concerts and fireworks. As we approached what we later found out was a 9/11 memorial event at the Hatch Shell, we encountered a Boston Police boat blocking our path. The officers again advised that we should approach no closer and go back the way we had come in, which we did. Continuing along the Boston side we then cut across the river arriving on the Cambridge side near the BU Bridge.

We found the takeout and were back on shore about five hours after we put in, tired and happy after a great paddle. I and many others look forward to doing this trip again. Thanks Louise and Cheryl!

Frank is a Flatwater Leader, Blackstone Valley Paddle Club Leader and Member at Large on the RICKA Executive Committee.

Announcing the All New RICKA Wilderness Page

Last year at the request of our members, RICKA decided to introduce the new Wilderness group for our members to participate in. The Wilderness group will join our Sea Kayak, Flatwater, and Whitewater groups and offer many new and unique opportunities for our members.

To help the Wilderness group get started, the [RICKA membership application](#) has been updated to include Wilderness in the list of groups so new members and renewal members can indicate an interest. We encourage paddlers to post messages on the [flatwater message board](#) and we have added a calendar for Wilderness paddlers to post trips.

A [Wilderness Home page](#) has also been added to the RICKA web site with lots of information about Wilderness tripping. We

started by writing an [Introduction to Wilderness Paddling](#) just to cover the basics. The Introduction is designed to get you thinking about all the challenges involved with planning your adventure, and how to prepare. It even includes a checklist of items you need to discuss in your planning meetings.

There is also a new [Wilderness Resources Page](#) which gives you lots of detailed information. It also includes a gear checklist so you don't forget anything, and sample float plans to let others know where you will be and when you plan to get back. Planning a trip includes a couple methods to figure out just how long it will take to complete the trip. Other subjects include Planning meals, PFD's, First Aid and medical information, dangers you could encounter, and many other subjects.

We encourage all of our members to review this information to see if it is of interest to you. As with the other groups, the information for Wilderness Paddling is provided to help our members to enjoy their paddling adventures, by providing information that will help make their trips safe and enjoyable.

We also encourage you to provide feedback on the information provided including any corrections or items that should be added. This is your Wilderness page and we hope it will be a useful tool for everyone in the coming years. <http://www.ricka-flatwater.org/wilderness1.htm>

Please send any additions, suggestions or corrections need on the Wilderness page to: jimcole@hotmail.com

Before you Paddle...

Educate yourself about the area in which you will be paddling, and carry appropriate gear, clothing, water, food, etc. Always check the weather forecast before launching. **YOU ALONE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE DECISION TO LAUNCH YOUR BOAT.**

Flatwater Trips

Flatwater trips are now posted on the [Flatwater Message Board](#). Check [web site](#) for directions and/or GPS coordinates. Also check the message board for snowshoeing trips in the unlikely event of snow.

RICKA Flatwater Planning Meeting
Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

We will meet at Conference Room at River Bend Farm in Uxbridge at 1:00 pm to set up our calendar for 2012. If you have a trip that requires a high tide, full moon etc., or if you have a trip that you would like to lead but are not able to make the meeting, please contact Cheryl to reserve the date in advance of the meeting.

We will have party pizza and soda; you may bring a snack or dish to share, if you wish. Please bring ideas for trips.

Directions to River Bend Farm: From Rt. 146 North or South: Take the exit for Rt. 16 East. Follow Rt. 16 East for about three miles into downtown Uxbridge. At light turn right and immediate left, to continue on Rt. 16 East. After light, continue to second left. Turn left onto Oak Street. Proceed north on Oak Street for about 1.5 miles, staying right at fork by school. River Bend Farm is on the right. The parking lot is next to the red barn. GPS coordinates: N 42 05 641 W071 37 442

Sea Kayak Trips

Sea kayak trips are now posted on the Show & Go Message Board at: <http://rickaseakayaking.org/forums/index.php?board=2.0>

Whitewater Trips

Whitewater trips are posted on the [Whitewater Message Board](#). Appropriate skills and equipment are required for whitewater trips.

Branch River Icebreaker (Class II)
Saturday, March 17th

As a 'nod' to all the years that RICKA ran the RI Whitewater Championships, we are planning to run the Branch River on the traditional 3rd Saturday in March. We'll meet at the Falls in Harrisville. Cold weather gear (wetsuit or drysuit) is required. You must have class II skills and be properly prepared for the conditions. Final details will be posted on the [Whitewater Message Board](#) when available.

RICKA Trivia Question of the Month...

Would you like to win an official RICKA Towel? The first 3 entries to get the correct answer will be awarded their very own RICKA towel which comes in a net bag with the RICKA logo. One prize per member in a six-month period.

Name the part used to carry a canoe on your shoulders?

Send responses to membership@ricka.org with the subject "RICKA Trivia".

February's Trivia Question - we had 10 correct answers to the question:

What is the largest natural pond in Rhode Island?

The correct answer is Worden's Pond which covers 1,051 acres.

Discounts for Members

The following retailers offer special discounts for RICKA members:

Blackstone Valley Outfitters
401-312-0369
<http://www.bvori.com/>

Claude's Cycles
508-543-0490
<http://www.claudescycles.com/>

CrossFitRhody
<http://www.crossfitrhody.com/>

Osprey Sea Kayak Adventures
508-636-0300
<http://www.ospreyseakayak.com>

Outdoorplay.com
<http://www.outdoorplay.com/kayaks>

Quaker Lane Outfitters
800-249-5400

The KayakCentre
508-636-0300
<http://www.kayakcentre.com/>

WaveLength Magazine
<http://www.wavelengthmagazine.com/>

See the [website](#) for details and remember to ASK for the discount.

RICKA Classifieds

Classified ads free for RICKA members and are printed here on space-available basis. Please see the [website](#) for the complete list.

- **WANTED: used Think Fit kayak/surf ski** - call Jim 248 - 798-1905
- **Vintage canvas/wood canoe** - 17' long. Stored indoors for 50 years, needs some TLC. Asking \$100. RogerSalvas@aol.com
- **Thule #883 Glide and Set with Unisport roof rack** - complete with locks and keys - \$95.00 fir. **Bike Carrier** for 3 bicycles with locks, fits onto a 2-inch hitch receiver - \$65.00. Dick Czarn 401-762-2134
- **Solo Old Town Pack** - 12 foot ABS, 1 seat, great for fishing, lakes, or short trips - \$250 or best offer. **Solo Dagger Impulse**, Whitewater playboat 12'8" long, 30" beam, perception saddle, side floatation, air bags Ready for the water - \$325 or best offer. Email me for details. jimcole@hotmail.com
- **Dagger Ego** - white water/play boat. Good for surfing. Color: Blue/Green mix. Perfect for the smaller paddler - \$300 android2@earthlink.net. 401-678-6620.
- **Lendal carbon fiber crankshaft padlock paddle** 215cm with Kinetik touring S blades. Extremely lightweight, flutter free with minor surface scratches - \$250 or best offer. Contact Elaine at Laneyberg@charter.net or call (508) 278-5208
- **2009, NDK (SKUK) Explorer HV**, slider skeg and keel strip. Light Quill Deck / Red Trim/ Light Quill Hull. Selling for \$2,800.00 (New). **2009, NDK (SKUK) Greenlander Pro**, slider skeg and keel strip. British Racing Green deck / Yellow Trim/ Light Gray Hull. Selling for \$2,800.00 (Used Lightly). Call Greg P. 860-304-4000 or email coach@kayakwaveology.com.
- **Strip built Outer Island**, 18' X 20", ocean cockpit. Fast and maneuverable. Built with extra layers of fiberglass for battleship strength so weighs approx 55lbs. \$2,200 Located in Westchester County, NY Jerry Borenstein
- **Necky Elaho**, poly, 17' sea kayak with skirt - excellent condition, \$600 or best offer. **Necky Elaho** high volume, poly 17' sea kayak with skirt, excellent condition, \$600 or best offer. Steve 401-295-0877 sstesau@verizon.net
- **Perception Acadia kayak**, blue, 11 1/2 feet long - \$400. Harmony [cockpit cover](#) - \$30. Call 861-1537 or email shelly-dimatteo@cox.net
- **PRICE REDUCTION: Tandem 16 foot wood canvas canoe**, no seats (probably made in 1950's before seats became popular) - \$275 or best offer. Pictures are available. **Woman's Dry suit, small/med**, needs gaskets, very good condition - \$175 or best offer. **Waterproof camera case** - good down to 110 ft. Cost new \$264, selling for \$60 obo. Ewa-Marine D-A Marine case for digital photo camera - Glass, PVC, like new. Perfect for super zoom digital cameras. Contact Jim at jimcole@hotmail.com
- **Boreal Designs Nanook**, composite, dark red/ white, as is \$900. Of course you can try it out! Cat Radcliffe 508-369-3028 catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net
- **Looksha Sport Kayak by Necky**. 14'6" x 23". Stable, hard-chined. poly, yellow. Good condition. Front and rear hatches. Excellent for ocean or lake, day trips or week-end trips. Fun boat. \$600. Call Ed Rose 508-987-6165. Try it out.
- **Dagger Encore OC1** Excellent Whitewater boat. ABS, Red, vinyl gunnels, outfitted with Perception saddle, side floatation, kneepads, \$200 obo. Contact Gary, garywhitney3@cox.net, 401.539-0922.
- **NDK Greenlander Pro**, 17'10"x21" white/white. Built in 2000, in very good condition. No skeg, no leaks. \$900 firm. Two spray skirts for \$100 and one Cricket greenland paddle for \$100. Contact clawlor@cpsed.net
- **WANTED: Khatsalano by Feathercraft**. Rusty Norton (203) 281-0066 lovepotent@hotmail.com
- **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
- **Kokatat Expedition Drysuit** - bought new in 2008. Mango, men's large - very good shape. Has goretex hood and socks, overskirt. Asking \$650. Sells new for \$1,085. Gerry P 860 235-0430 gerry@SeaSherpakayak.com
- **2 P&H Orca 15** kayaks, \$625/each or \$1,200 for both. One blue, one yellow. Call Gerry at 860 235-0430 with questions.
- **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. \$1800.00. Ralph 401-954-3203 or rwernett@aol.com
- **WANTED: Old wooden paddles & kayaks** (or pieces thereof) that you'd otherwise throw out - outside@cox.net

Send your classified ads to RICKA Webmaster Cheryl Thompson Cameron, 53 Anan Wade Road, Glocester, RI 02857-2611; webmaster@ricka.org. Include your name for membership verification. Please notify the Webmaster when your gear is sold so that the ad can be removed. Acceptance, duration and formatting of your ad is at the webmaster's discretion.