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September Club Meeting The Allagash Lake Loop with Chuck Horbert Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Allagash Lake Loop is a spectacular trip that links several streams, ponds and lakes in a 40-mile loop trip starting and ending at Chesuncook Lake in northern Maine. The trip is one of the most physically demanding in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and includes the need to traverse the infamous and legendary Mud Pond Carry.

Chuck is one of several RICKA wilderness paddlers who have section-paddled the [Northern Forest Canoe Trail](#) – a 740-mile water trail across New York, Vermont, Quebec, New Hampshire, and Maine. He was also the organizer of the [Paddle Across Rhode Island](#). You can read all of Chuck's wilderness paddling exploits in his blog at [Northern Forest Canoe Tales](#). The meeting will be held at the Jewish Community Center.



Chuck crossing Chamberlain Pond with Mount Katahdin in the distance.

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. **Please follow the signs and enter on Elmgrove Avenue and exit on Sessions Street.**

Autumn Gales 2016

While not a RICKA event, [Autumn Gales](#) is sponsored by our friends at [Kayak Wavelogy](#), and features our own Tim Motte on the coaching staff – congratulations Tim!

Autumn Gales is a rough water sea kayak training event that is geared to intermediate and advanced paddlers. It brings world-renowned coaches from the UK and Europe together with local guides like Tim, to create a fun and exciting experience. Training takes place in the dynamic waters and tide races of Fishers Island Sound.

For more information on Autumn Gales 2016 you can visit their website at:
<http://www.autumngales.com>

October meeting to feature trip on the Missouri River

At our October Meeting, Paula Bissel will talk about her trip down the Upper Missouri – a river with a rich and interesting history including Lewis and Clark campsites, still-standing homestead buildings, fur trade sites, and steamboat landings. The meeting will be held on October 18th at the Jewish Community Center.



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Wilderness Selections from the RICKA Library

Northern Forest Canoe Trail - Official Guidebook (Book) - Reviewed by Susan Engelman



The newest addition to the RICKA Library is a great source of information for anyone thinking of paddling a section of the Northern Forest Canoe Trail that runs 740 miles and links waterways from New York to Maine. The book is divided into sections by state and includes information on camping, portages, gear and equipment. It describes opportunities for flatwater, quickwater and whitewater paddling on a range of rivers, streams, lakes and ponds. Details of flora and fauna are also included. Paddlers of all skill levels will appreciate the vast amounts of information this book has to offer.

The Complete Wilderness Paddler (Book) – Reviewed by [Log of Ibi](#)



The authors use a canoe trip on the Moisie River as the vehicle for teaching us everything we need to know to make a similar trip. The book includes sections on navigation, maps, portaging, camping, reading rivers and learning how to plan descents by ferrying, lining and maneuvering. It covers everything from how to find a wilderness worthy of paddling, to managing capsizes and wilderness disasters. It's unfortunate that the book hasn't been revised, but the dated material is minor and easily ignored, as the most valuable information on things like safety, wind and the behavior of whitewater are timeless.

These are just two of the great books and DVD's covering the range of paddling topics that are available in our [collection](#). If you would like to check out these or any other selections, contact Bill Hahn at librarian@ricka.org. Library selections can be mailed to you with a postage paid return mailer provided at no cost to the borrower.

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Summer may be coming to an end, but if you haven't done so already...

You should still renew your RICKA membership now!

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You can renew by mail, or online using PayPal.

Executive Board:

The next Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the [REI Cranston Store](#) 22 Chapel View Boulevard, Cranston. All are welcome to attend.

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RICKA Family Picnic

By Erik Eckilson

Once a year, the entire club gets together for the RICKA Family Picnic. It's a great time for everyone to get together for some fun. It's also an important opportunity to recognize the dedicated volunteers that make this club possible.

After a few year hiatus, the RICKA Family Picnic was reinstated in 2008 by then RICKA President (now RICKA Librarian) Bill Hahn. For the past several years, RICKA President Susan Engelman has coordinated the event. An important consideration in planning the picnic has always been to find a fun location where everyone can participate in the paddles.



RICKA paddlers heading out

For several years the RICKA Family Picnic was held at Fort Getty in Jamestown – a great location with access to the West Passage for sea kayakers, and Dutch Harbor for flatwater paddlers. We have also had the picnic at Goddard State Park in Warwick – another great location on Greenwich Bay with one of the best picnic pavilions around. To appeal to those in the southern part of the state, we have also had the picnic at Ninigret Park in Charlestown - because who doesn't like walking over the barrier island from Ninigret Pond to the beach.

This year, the picnic was held at Colt State



Erik and Jim

Park in Bristol. Colt State Park was once part of the estate of Rhode Island banker and industrialist Samuel Colt – the founder and former Chairman of the US Rubber Company. It is located on Poppasquash Neck just north of Bristol Harbor, and the entire western shore looks out over Narragansett Bay. It is a great location for a paddle, and a popular site for picnics of all sizes. Thanks to Member at Large Lori Lucas for making the arrangements for us to use the park.

I headed to Bristol with my tandem canoe since I would be paddling with my good friend and long-time RICKA member Jim Cole. This trip would be a little bittersweet since it would be last RICKA trip with Jim before he moves to Florida.

I arrived at the boat ramp at Colt State Park to find that a nice group had already gathered. Our leader was Earl McCrea, and he got us out on the water at around 10:30. We headed south along Poppasquash Neck past the fishing dock. We didn't make it around the point into Bristol Harbor, but we did stop to take in the great views of



Manning the grills

Narragansett Bay - north to Warren and Providence, west to Warwick Neck, and south to Prudence Island.

After the paddle we headed to the pavilion for the cookout and RICKA Volunteer Awards Ceremony. For the past several years, RICKA Secretary Henry Dziadosz and Flatwater Chair Cheryl Thompson have coordinated the cookout, and they do a great job. I even got to flip a few burgers along with RICKA VP Sharon Dragon. Everything always tastes better when it's enjoyed with a few good friends.



Lets eat!

After the meal, Susan Engelman got us started on the most important part of the day – the RICKA Volunteer Awards Ceremony. We started off with the Most Consecutive Months Paddling Awards. These went to Chris Kracik and Lori Lucas for the Geochachers (44 months), and Frank Cortes and Jim Crowley for RICKA (66 months). I received the Golden Keyboard Award (originally established by long-time Newsletter Editor Alan August) from last year's recipient Chuck Horbert for my work on the Paddler newsletter. Then we turned to the BIG awards...

Carleen McOster received a Lifetime Achievement Award for her work as the Chair of the RICKA [Sea Kayak](#) group. Carleen has opened up her home for the sea kayak planning meetings, coordinated the sea kayak calendar, and has recruited many sea kayak leaders for the club. She has

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also led many trips herself, and is known for her sea kayaking skills.



Frank receives the Volunteer of the Year Award

Jim Cole received the Timeless Award for his many years of service to the club. Jim is a former RICKA President and Vice President, a long-time Membership Chair, and the current [Wilderness](#) Chair. He is a former Volunteer of the Year, and one of the members of the [Paddle Across Rhode Island](#) team. He is also the founder and leader of our affiliated club the [Southern](#)

[New England Paddlers](#). He can paddle a canoe or kayak, and often teaches training sessions for both.

Frank Cortesa received the Volunteer of the Year Award. Frank is a [Flatwater](#) and [Blackstone Valley Paddle Club](#) leader who is always happy to lend a hand. His boat is usually the last one in the water since he always helps everyone else launch first. He is always concerned with the safety of others on the trip, and after the trip he can usually be seen helping others load their boats. He is a frequent instructor at Flatwater and Blackstone Valley Paddle Club training sessions, and leads many trips himself.

One of the high points of the RICKA Family Picnic is the auction of the infamous RICKA Lamp. For the past several years, Safety and Education Chair Cat Radcliffe has auctioned off the lamp to the highest bidder. The winner becomes the custodian of the lamp for the year, and it must be returned the following year with the addition of a new RICKA decoration.



Susan receives the RICKA Lamp from Cat

For the past several years, RICKA President Susan Engelman has been the custodian of the lamp. At this year's auction, it was decided that Susan should become the lamp's permanent custodian. Like Jim Cole, Susan will also be moving to Florida, so this will be her last year coordinating the picnic. Thanks Susan!

And thanks to everyone who helped to make the RICKA Family Picnic a great day. We would also like to thank all the RICKA volunteers that make this club possible.

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

Late changes and cancellations will be posted on the [Flatwater Message Board](#). Please check the board before leaving for any trip. Check [web site](#) for directions and/or GPS coordinates

September 3rd - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Charles River and Populatic Pond - Norfolk to Medway/Franklin MA

Coordinators: Louise Price weezrad@yahoo.com and Frank Cotesa Frank.Cotesa@charter.net

We will paddle down the Charles River, through picturesque Populatic Pond, and then continue downstream. The first half of river should be okay, but second half water may be low - we will give it a try. Bring a lunch.

September 5th – meet at 10:30

Bungay River - Attleboro MA

Coordinator: Bill Luther Prijon@juno.com
508-761-7961

An easy paddle up a very scenic river - you will soon forget you are in the city of Attleboro. **An RSVP by Sunday at 6:00**

p.m. is required to attend this trip. The trip will be easier with boats under 15 feet.

September 24th – meet at 9:30 for a 10:00 launch

Charles River - Cambridge to Boston
Coordinator: Susan Engelman 508-353-6411 sje54@hotmail.com

We will paddle up the Charles River past the Museum of Science and through the locks, and venture a short distance into Boston Harbor to view the US Constitution before turning around and returning to our put-in. Due to the nature of winds, current, going through the locks, and the distance of this trip, strong paddling skills along with good boat control is recommended for this trip. This trip is suitable for boats 12 feet and over. Bring a lunch.

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September 24th

Onset Harbor- Sandwich, MA

Coordinators: Cheryl Thompson
stonefoxfarm@juno.com 401-497-5887
and Louise Price weezrad@yahoo.com

A few of us are camping at Shawme Crowell. Reservations can be made at Reserve America. We will paddle Onset Harbor on Saturday, and there is a possibility we will paddle on Sunday before leaving. If you would like to come just for the paddle, contact us and we will provide the coordinates for the launch.

September 25th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 launch

Blackstone Gorge

Coordinators - Julie Riendeau
juliebrv@charter.net and Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887 or
stonefoxfarm@juno.com

All are invited to this GO program event in conjunction with the National Park Service. We will paddle up the Blackstone River past the Triad Bridge to the Millville Lock. This trip is suitable for all boats and all levels of experience.

October 2nd – meet at 11:00 for an 11:30 launch

Palmer River – Rehoboth, MA

Coordinator Henry Dziadosz
Hdziadosz@verizon.net 401-567-0313.

An easy, scenic paddle up the Palmer River. This is a round trip and no shuttle is required. Suitable for all boats and levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

October 8th - meet at 10:00 for a 10:30 shuttle

Pawcatuck River - Bradford to Potter Hill

Coordinators: Mike Vechinsky
M.Vechinsky@att.net 860-271-1586 and Sharon Dragon shdrag1@gmail.com

A beautiful section of the Pawcatuck River with one portage. This 7.5-mile section has plenty of deep water. Suitable for all boats and levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

October 16th - meet at 10:30 at the launch
Neponset River - Signal Hill, Canton, MA

Trip coordinator: Bill Luther
prijon@juno.com

We will put in at Signal Hill - a 150-acre Trustees of Reservations property. This section of the Neponset River twists and turns through forest and wetlands. Suitable for all boats and all levels of experience. Bring a lunch.

October 22nd - meet at 10:00 for the shuttle, 10:30 for the round trip

Charles River - Needham to Wellesley

Trip coordinator Susan Engeleman 508-353-6411 sje54@hotmail.com

Most paddlers have been doing this trip as a round trip of 11.6 miles. There can be a shuttle offered for those that desire just one way. We will lunch/or some will end at Elm Bank in Wellesley. Long boats are suggested for the round trip. Meet at 10:00 if you need to shuttle. Shuttle will leave at 10:30. Those choosing to do the round trip please meet at 10:30 for an 11:00 launch.

October 30th - meet at 1:00 for a 1:30 launch

Halloween Paddle on the Norton Reservoir

Leader: Lee Parham
leeparham@comcast.net

Join us for a beautiful paddle on Norton Reservoir and a get together at Lee Parham's waterfront home after the paddle. Bring a dish to share. Trip is suitable for all. Costume or funky hat optional.

November 12th – meet at 1:00 for a 1:30 launch (Rain date November 13th)

Annual Turkey Paddle and Dinner

Coordinators: Sharon Dragon
shdrag1@gmail.com or Cheryl Thompson 401-497-5887 or stonefoxfarm@juno.com

We will paddle on Wallum Lake in Douglas State Park with dinner after at the waterfront Lodge Restaurant. [RSVP](#) required by November 5st if you are planning on coming to the restaurant.

Sea Kayak Trips

Before choosing to participate in a trip, check the marine forecast and consider the trip level – we do not rate the paddler, only the paddle. Read the [RICKA Sea Kayak Paddling Basics](#) section of the website. Always check the [Calendar](#) for changes to the schedule. Cancellations due to weather or other conditions will be posted on the [Message Board](#) by 8:00 a.m. the day of the trip.

Saturday, September 3rd

Gooseberry Point, Westport, MA

Time: 10 am

Level: 3

Coordinator: Brenda Rashleigh
vtbren@gmail.com

Carleen McOsker

Carleenmco@gmail.com

Saturday, September 10th

Isle of Shoals - Rye Harbor, Rye, NH

Time: 9 am

Level: RSVP only

Coordinator: Tim Gleason
gleasont63@gmail.com

Sunday, September 11th

Potters Cove, Jamestown, RI

Time: 10 am

Level: 3

Coordinator: Brenda Rashleigh
vtbren@gmail.com

Gary Branch

GPBranch@verizon.net

RICKA Classifieds

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

- **Valley Q-Boat** - Quill over Quill Q-Boat with black trim. Some spider cracks. Asking \$1000 or B.O. Eric emjohnso3@verizon.net
- **Kokatat front entry GORE-TEX GFER dry suit** with relief zipper and GORE-TEX socks. This suit has been lightly used and is in excellent condition. \$400. Contact [Bill Hahn](#)
- **Old Town Tripper** – this 17” royalex canoe has been stored inside for over 20 years and is in very good condition - asking \$800. Contact 508-808-0530 or jrmiller59@yahoo.com
- **Folbot - Greenland Series** - two person model, excellent condition, folds into two canvas bags for airline travel. Length 17’, width 34”, wt. 62 lbs., stored indoors - asking \$500. Contact Phyllis at 907 240-7170 or paseeba@gmail.com
- **Kokatat Orbit Tour PFD** - Small/Med - \$75. Contact michael.hazeltine@gmail.com
- **FOLBOT "Yukon"** - 13', excellent condition. Spray cover, extra seat, paddle. \$800 OBO. Wakefield area, can deliver to RI buyer - 401-783-2750
- **NRS Flux Drytop** - men's size XL, red with black highlights, latex wrist and neck gaskets. Excellent, like new condition used less than 6 times. Sells new for \$325, yours for \$200. **Henderson 7mm Dive Boot** - men's size 11 fit my size 10 feet with thick socks and drysuit booties with room to spare. Two years old but used less than a dozen times. Sells new for \$95, yours \$45. **Reed Aquatherm Fleece Men's Long Sleeved Top** – black, men's size large. Worn less than 12 times and in good shape. I paid around \$95, yours for \$35. Contact Gerry at sea sherpa kayak dot com
- **Bungee/ Stretch Cord** - all sizes, colors, and styles available. Prices start at \$5.00/spool. Jonathan at 401-447-7973 Jon@marineropeinternational.com
- **Dagger Exodus 168** – red, length 16'-11", width 23.25", weight 60 lbs, cockpit 34" x 19". Bow and stern storage compartments, full rudder system - mint condition. Asking \$789. **Corsica S Whitewater Kayak** – purple, length 10' 7", width 24", weight 39 lbs. Some scratches. Kayak, spray skirt, PFD, carbon fiber paddle – \$389. **Two Dagger Mamba 8.1 Whitewater Kayaks** - your choice of sunrise or yellow. Length 8' 1", width 26.75", weight 47 lb., cockpit 34" x 19". Very little use. Kayak, PFD, helmet, carbon fiber paddle - \$699. Email or call watersedge99@comcast.net 508-944-2539
- **PRICE REDUCED: NDK Pilgrim** - white/white/navy seam, 15'9" length, 19.7" beam. Versatile sea kayak for small or lean paddler - \$1,600. Contact catherineradcliffe@earthlink.net
- **Romany Explorer sea kayak** – fiberglass, 17'6" X. 21.5". **Prijon Hurricane whitewater kayak** with stern air bag. **Kopapa Kiwi kayak** - 8' X 26". Medium dry top & drysuit (needs wrist & ankle gaskets). Large PFD, bilge pump. 3 cockpit covers. 5 paddles and 2 dry bags. Yakima rack w/ locks plus 2 sets of saddles. Extra towers & clips \$1500. Contact goray7ray@gmail.com
- **Werner Carbon Fiber Ikelos paddle** - bent shaft. 215 cm. Only used twice and is in brand new condition - \$350. Contact aikijerry@optonline.net
- **Valley Aquanaut** - plastic, in good condition with built in skeg - \$600. Contact Paul O'Reilly at 401- 640-5052
- **Necky Looksha** - 17' poly model includes Werner carbon paddle, cockpit cover, spray shirt, paddle float, kayak dolly - \$1,200. Call Pat Cosma at 401-480-3508

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