



Kayak Committee

David Pollack, Chairman



The Kayak Committee was formed to provide a forum for members to share their knowledge and expertise concerning kayaking and, in particular, the skills, techniques and safety considerations associated with fishing from a kayak, and to engage as a group in kayak-related activities. The Committee meets twice a year off the water, but its principal activity has been conducting outings, fishing from our kayaks at various locations throughout Rhode Island and Connecticut.

The Kayakers Will Be Busy This Year

RISAA's Kayak Committee, formed in 2009 with nine members, now has about ninety members, ranging from beginners to highly experienced experts. We are all fishermen, with experience levels starting with those who have not yet landed a fish while in a kayak, up to those who have landed striped bass in the 40-50 pound ranges. We fish with fly rods, spinning rods, and conventional tackle. We cast, troll, and bottom fish. In short, there's something for everyone. Some of our members have fished all over the world, but our focus is Rhode Island, and some of our members have joined the Committee primarily to learn where and when to fish their kayaks in Rhode Island waters.

We attribute our Committee's growth in part because we love to fish and we do a lot of it.

Last year the Kayak Committee had outings at 100 Acre Cove in Barrington, Ninigret Pond in Charlestown, Potter Pond in South Kingstown, the upper bay in Cranston, Goddard Park in East Greenwich, Newport Harbor, Weavers Cove in Portsmouth, Quonnie Pond in Charlestown, Kings Beach in Newport, Third Beach in Middletown, the URI Bay Campus beach in Narragansett, Fort Adams in Newport, Fogland Beach in Tiverton, and Camp Cronin in South Kingstown, and the Bristol Narrows.

We also had several impromptu outings, arranged by members over our private email board.

We learn from our experience, and our outings subcommittee, chaired by **Kraig Ruth**, is putting together a schedule that will

pick up the best from the past and introduce the group to new waters as well. The schedule will be completed by April and the dates and locations published in RISAA's calendar.

Kayak Committee members are also connected via a special email list and can receive last minute notices of changes in times or locations. We also use that email group to keep each other informed of current conditions, and we hope to expand on that this year.

While our outings are limited to Committee members any RISAA member interested in kayak fishing and sharing information and skills with a group of committed

kayak anglers should consider joining the Committee. To do so, visit us at booths 1106 - 1107 at the New England Fishing Show, or contact me at the address below.

Spring Dinner Meeting

The Kayak Committee will be holding its Spring Dinner Meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 9, at Gregg's Restaurant in North Kingstown. This is an informal affair where we discuss some business, but meet primarily to renew acquaintances, welcome new members, and enjoy ourselves. We order off the menu; there are separate checks and no minimums.

We invite all new members, and any RISAA members considering joining the Kayak Committee, to attend. Quite a few of our committee members will be there and happy to answer any questions you may have. If you plan to attend, or have any questions about the event, please contact me, David Pollack, at pollack@risaa.org.



Kayak Committee members at the Goddard Park outing last year