



Kayak Committee

Kraig Ruth, 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.

Kayakers Look Forward To A New Year

RISAA's Kayak Committee, formed in 2009 with nine members, now has about 95 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.

The Kayak Committee had a lot of fishing success last year and we put together a schedule for 2019 that includes some of our past favorites as well as some new locations.

WE LIKE TO FISH!

We have kayak fishing outings scheduled for Goddard Park in East Greenwich, 100 Acre Cove in Barrington, Potter Pond in South Kingstown, Sabin Point in East Providence, Passeonquis Cove in Cranston, Newport Harbor in Newport, Weavers Cove in Portsmouth, Colt State Park in Bristol, King's Beach in Newport, Fort Wetherill in Jamestown, URI Bay Campus in Narragansett, Spink Neck Beach in North Kingstown, Third Beach in Middletown, Camp Cronin in Naragansett, and Fogland Beach in Tiverton.

Kayak Committee members are also connected via a special email list and can receive last minute notices of changes in times or locations of outings. We also use that email group to keep each other informed of current conditions and to set up impromptu outings.

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 1303-1305 at the New England Saltwater Fishing Show, or contact me at the email address below.



Courtesy kayak safety checks done by members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary at last year's RISAA Meet & Greet.

Spring Dinner Meeting

The Kayak Committee will be holding its Spring Dinner Meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 8, 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, Kraig Ruth, at ruth@risaa.org.



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