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what's new and  
exciting!*

*The Small Boat Shop  
144 Water Street  
Norwalk, CT 06854*

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# 2011 Summer Kayaking Schedule



### Norwalk Islands Programs

#### **Saturdays and Sundays -- \$105**

Water safety and basic paddling techniques are discussed before leaving the dock. After launching, we will head down the Norwalk River and into Long Island Sound. Weather permitting, we will stop for lunch and rest breaks out on the islands themselves.

New for this season Thursday tours!

**Arrive at The Small Boat Shop at 9:30AM** for check-in and instruction. Tour groups will return to The Shop between 3:30PM and 4:00PM.

#### **Full Day Tours Weekends -- \$105**

June Saturday 4, 11,  
Jul Saturday 2, 9, 16, 23 Sunday 10  
Aug Saturday 6, 13, 20, 27 Sunday 7,

Sept Saturday 3, 10, 17, 24 Sunday 4, 25  
Oct Saturday 1, 8, 29

### Thursday Full Day Tours

Come sneak out on a Thursday Tour for a mini vacation. Get away from the weekend crowd and enjoy the gentle pace of life on "Island Time" by coming on one of our Thursday Tours.

#### **Full Day Tours Thursday--\$105**

June 16, 23, 30 July 7, 14, 21, 28  
Aug 4, 11, 25 Sept 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

#### Three special trips with

#### ***FRIENDS OF THE NORWALK ISLANDS :***

June 25, Saturday, Bird watching trip with local ornithologist. \$105.

August 21, Sunday, Cookout on an island (price to be announced)

September 12, Monday, Evening Sunset-Moonrise trip \$105.

### Calf Pasture Beach Programs

#### **The following programs launch from Calf Pasture Beach in East Norwalk**

#### **Four Hour Tours – Wednesdays -- \$85**

Offered in conjunction with the Norwalk Recreation & Parks Department, these shorter tours give customers a taste of the Islands without a full-day commitment. **Customers should arrive at the Calf Pasture Beach small boat launch ramp at no later than 30 minutes prior to launch time.** Let the gatekeeper at the park know that you're with the Rec. & Parks kayaking tour. There will be basic

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safety instruction before launching. Tours run from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

**Wednesday Short Tours Schedule -- \$85 (10:00am-2:00pm)**

Jun 15, 22, 29  
Jul 6, 13, 20, 27  
Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28

**Fall Foliage Tours-- \$110**

**Fall Foliage Tour Lake Lillinonah --\$110**

Oct 15, 22

This dammed off stretch of the Housatonic River is nestled between rolling hills in Newtown, CT. There is a good chance of seeing a bald eagle at this time of the year over the Paugussett State Forest or George Waldo Scenic Preserve.

**Deep River/Connecticut River Estuary--\$110**

Oct 16, 23

Come paddle with us on the beautiful Connecticut River. A designated AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER, this estuary is a trip you'll long remember. We will start at the charming town landing in Deep River, and pick a fun route based on the tides and the mood of the group. There's always a chance of spotting a bald eagle, and almost every bend in the river has an interesting story associated with it.

**Sea Kayaking Instruction -- \$135**

Launch from our docks on the Norwalk River, and paddle to an instruction site. Once there, students learn capsizing and exiting a kayak, several methods of offshore rescue, fundamental paddle strokes and boat control. The instructional day lasts about six hours including paddling to and from the instruction

site, lunch and rest breaks. Eat your Wheaties, this is a full day's workout!

**Sea Kayaking Instruction -- \$135**

July Sunday 17, 31  
Aug Sunday 14, 28  
Sep Sunday 11, 18

**Eskimo Rolling Instruction -- \$140**

Eskimo Rolling is a two-hour class with one instructor for every two students. We normally teach the sweep roll but will teach different rolls on request. Arrive at The Small Boat Shop ½ hour prior to class time.

**Eskimo Rolling Instruction -- \$140 by appt.**

**Youth Group Kayaking Lesson--\$595**

On summer Wednesdays from 10am-2pm, Youth Group Kayaking is part instruction, part tour, and all fun. We start on Calf Pasture Beach with equipment and pre-launch instruction. From there, we will paddle out to the Norwalk Islands. Along the way, the children will be introduced to basic paddling and kayaking rescue techniques.

This fee includes all equipment and instruction for up to six young people and is available by pre-arrangement on Wednesdays.

***GREAT BIRTHDAY PARTY IDEA!!***



***SPECIAL GROUP TRIPS \$1595***

Get up to twelve of your friends together and arrange a trip to paddle at any of several wonderful locations in Connecticut. We always enjoy paddling in the Mystic Seaport area, Stonington, and the Connecticut River Estuary.

We will provide the guides and equipment, and you suggest the location.



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## Registration

Reservations are required. All tours are registered on a first come basis. Prices include guides and equipment.

Tours **must** be prepaid at least one week in advance for registration. Space is limited. Registration can be made in person at The Small Boat Shop or by phone (203) 854-5223 with a Visa/MasterCard. Reservations made by mail (check) are not secured until received by The Small Boat Shop. **(continued)**

## Registration continued

Equipment will be provided. If you are bringing your own sea kayak, it must be pre-approved by The Small Boat Shop prior to registration. There is no discount for bringing your own boat.

A liability release form will be signed by each person. Each kayaker must be willing to assume responsibility for their participation. Please assess your skills honestly.

Cancellations must be made at least one week in advance of the tour date in order to receive a full refund. **Cancellations made with less than seven days notice will receive no refund. There are Special Cancellation Requirements for groups of six or more.** We run trips rain or shine. SBS will cancel in the event of strong winds or other hazardous conditions. Tours cancelled by The Small Boat Shop will be rescheduled.

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## What to Bring

Participants should dress appropriately for the time of the year, i.e. layered clothing, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, etc. Sneakers, sandals, or water shoes are required as you will be walking in the water and on beaches with rocks and shells. Your shoes will get wet. A spare change of clothing in case of an unexpected swim is also recommended.

Bring a lunch and plenty of water to drink. No hard coolers please. Bring more water than you anticipate needing. Sun and exercise cause you to lose fluids and energy faster than usual.

Showers are available after full day programs in Norwalk. Bring your own towel and toiletries.

## Directions to The Small Boat Shop

144 Water Street, Norwalk, CT 06854  
(203) 854-5223

## From western Connecticut, New York and New Jersey

Take I-95 North to exit 14. At the end of the exit ramp turn right. At the fourth traffic light, take another right onto Water Street. Go four tenths of a mile down Water Street and turn left into REX Marine Center. The Small Boat Shop is about 200 feet down the lane.

## From eastern Connecticut

Take I-95 South to exit 16. At the end of the ramp turn left onto East Avenue. Go two tenths

of a mile and (at the gas station) turn right onto Fort Point Street. Turn left at the second stop sign to stay on Fort Point. Cross the Norwalk River Bridge. At the end of the bridge, turn left onto Water Street. Go four tenths of a mile down Water Street and turn left into REX Marine Center. The Small Boat Shop is about 200 feet down the lane.

## From Northern Connecticut

Take Route 7 South to Norwalk. Follow the Route 7 Expressway south to the "South Norwalk/Maritime Center" exit. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto West Avenue. Turn left at the fourth traffic light onto North Main Street. At the third traffic light, turn left onto Washington Street. Turn right at the next traffic light onto Water Street. Go four tenths of a mile down Water Street and turn left into REX.

## Directions to Calf Pasture Beach

Take I-95 Exit 16. If traveling North on I-95 turn right onto East Avenue, if traveling South on I-95 turn left onto East Avenue. Go straight through two traffic lights and under a railroad bridge. Bear left after the third traffic light to Cemetery Street, then bear right onto Gregory Boulevard. Continue to a traffic circle. Bear left at the circle then turn right and follow Calf Pasture Beach Road to the beach parking area.

## Directions to Fall Foliage Tours

## Directions to Lake Lillinonah

From Merrit Parkway, take exit 49 onto Route 25 North. At about 16 miles, in downtown Newtown, pass the giant flagpole in the intersection at the center of town. Then bear right on to Hanover road. At a "T" one mile down Hanover, turn left to stay on Hanover Road. Pond Brook Boat access is about 2 miles down , on the right.

## Directions to Deep River Launch

Take I-95 to exit 69 onto Rte 9. Take exit 5 and turn right on rte 80 to Deep River. In Deep River, cross rte 154 and your road becomes River Road. Take River Road to the Town Landing.

## Equipment Rental

Kayaks and equipment are included with each guided trip at no extra cost.

Kayaks are also available for individual rent from the Small Boat Shop.

Single kayak \$45 for 24 hours

Double kayak \$90 for 24 hours



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## About the Small Boat Shop

In 1980, recently retired Ed Rogers started the Small Boat Shop, selling the types of interesting small boats that he personally was interested in and liked, primarily small cruising sailboats, touring rowing shells, and sea kayaks.

The Small Boat Shop quickly earned a reputation for excellent service and quality products. The on-water location enabled customers to try boats before purchasing, and its large number of suppliers enabled the Shop to offer a selection of hard to find products and services.

The line of sea kayaks, canoes, and accessories was expanded to represent the best and most useful equipment available.

The present owner, Dick Klinger, bought the shop in the 1990's. The shop expanded into instruction, and runs lessons and guided trips by sea kayak to the Norwalk Islands and several other enjoyable paddling locations in Connecticut.

The Small Boat Shop's main emphasis has always been to enable customers to enjoy and appreciate the coast in a healthy and environmentally friendly manner.

Today, the Small Boat Shop is the premier location in Connecticut for service, information, and quality paddlesports equipment.

## Services available at the Small Boat Shop

Lessons - Instruction

Guided trips – Tours -Kayak Rentals

Indoor Winter Storage

Boat Repairs - Deliveries (pick ups)

## Products available at the Small Boat Shop

Current Designs

Wilderness Systems

Perception

Old Town

Ocean Kayak

Feathercraft

Alden Ocean Shells

Epic

We No Nah

Necky Kayaks

Meyers aluminum boats

Thule roof racks -Trailex trailers

Kokatat technical clothing

Werner paddles

Aquabound paddles

Extrasport PFDs