



INVITATION TO JOIN US May 21, 2016

CONNECTICUT RIVER

Floatilla!



Come join us to celebrate World Fish Migration Day! We will be gathering together for this family-friendly paddling event at the mouth of the Connecticut River, much like the migratory fish themselves at the start of their great migration up the Connecticut River. We will be putting in at the Smith Neck Road Boat Launch in Old Lyme, CT (at the end of Smith Neck Road, about 1.8 miles down 156 from exit 70 off of I-95). If you don't have a kayak (or canoe) you can rent kayaks at Black Hall Outfitters, just another 0.7 miles down Route 156 on the left (see contact and rental information below).

We will meet at the parking lot for the Smith Neck boat launch at 9AM and depending on how many boats we have it may take us a while to get everyone launched. We will then be heading south from the launch, loop out to the Long Island Sound at the mouth of the river (if the conditions are good) and then head up the CT River just as the migratory fish would do as they start their migration upstream. On our way back we can have fun exploring the Great Island Estuary, or some energetic souls may also choose to kayak all the way up to Selden Island!

We are encouraging everyone to show their enthusiasm for World Fish Migration Day by decorating their boats or themselves in a fishy manner. Brownie point and exclamations of awe will be given to folks who go all out! Graphics for WFMD signs, banners, clothing can be downloaded at <http://www.worldfishmigrationday.com/promotional-material>, if you want to add official logos, however all sorts of fish decorations are encouraged. Fishhead masks can be ordered online at sites such as AliExpress and others. Bring your waterproof cameras to take tons of photographs that we all can share, we may even get a drone to take some cool aerial videos!

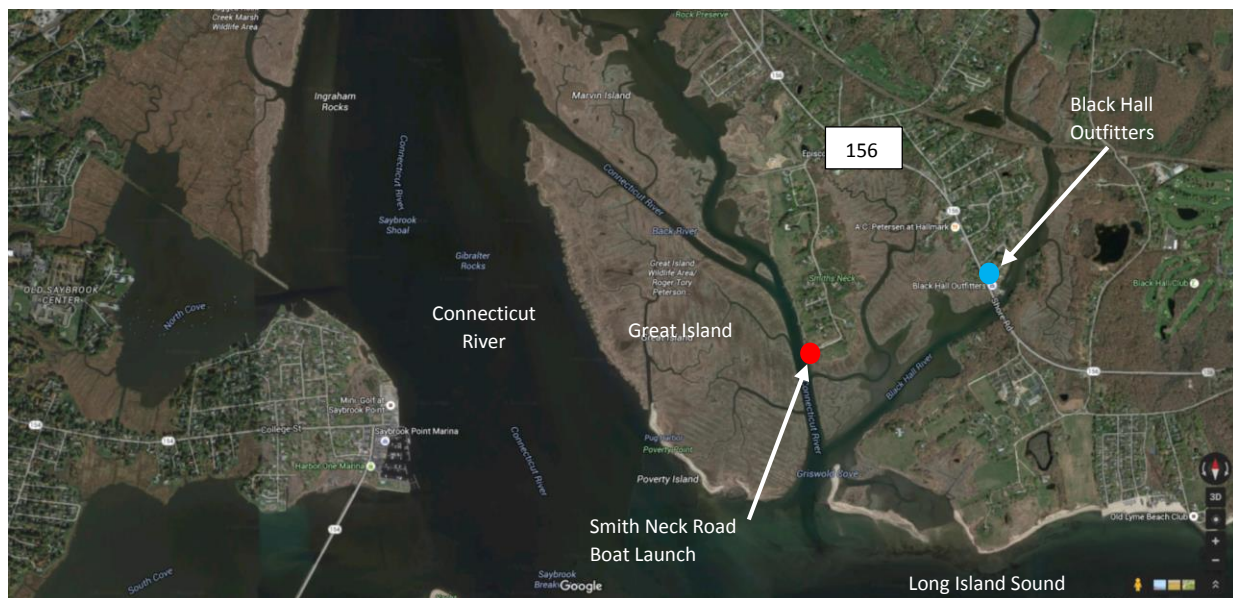


After paddling we encourage everyone to bring lunch for a WFMD tailgate picnic in the Smith Neck Road Launch parking lot! Hopefully we will all have worked up a hearty appetite by then!

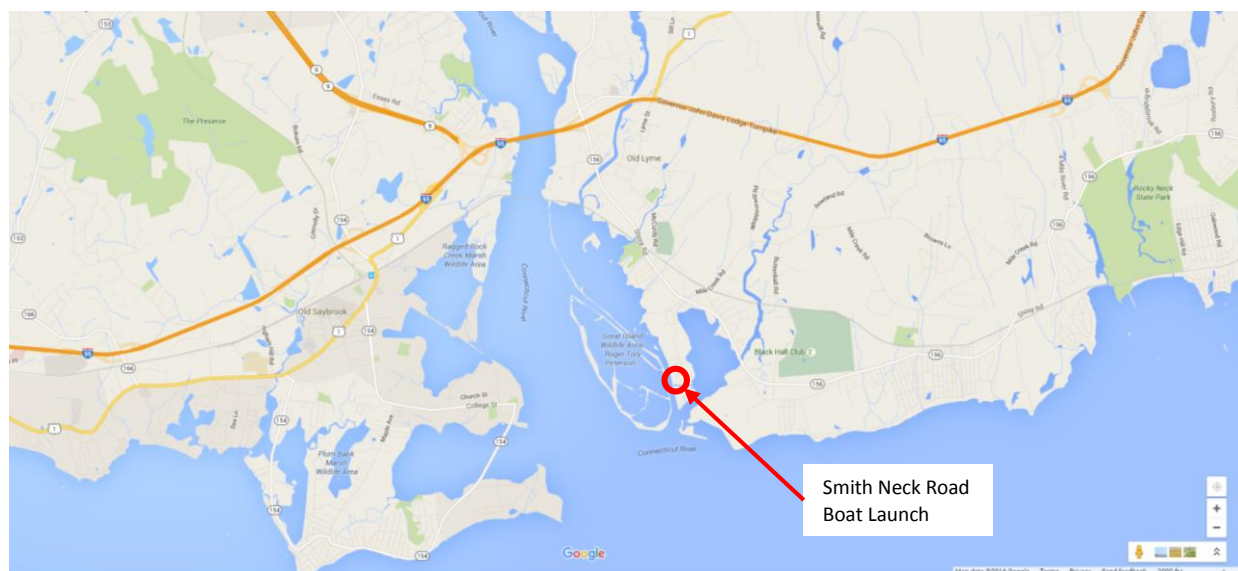
To join us officially please send a quick email to Laura Wildman at [lwildman@princetonhydro.com](mailto:lwildman@princetonhydro.com) with the title **WFMD Floatilla**, just letting us know that you plan on coming and how many paddlers, boats and vehicles you will be bringing (let me know if you plan on renting). All boat rentals needed will be the responsibility of the participants, and should be arranged directly with Black Hall Outfitters, or another rental facility if you can get the kayak from there to the launch point.

Connecticut River Watershed Council has graciously offered to provide liability coverage for the event, so the only cost for the event is a \$5/participant charge to cover liability insurance (which we will collect at the launch location on the day of the event – you will be asked to sign a form at that time). Official participation will be limited to 60 paddlers due in part to parking limitations. All participants must wear USCG approved life vests. We expect participants to have "some" paddling experience, unless they plan to share a boat with a more experienced paddler. Tandem kayaks are available for rent. If this event fills up, others are always welcome to celebrate WFMD on the CT River unofficially too, but will likely need to launch from a different location and will need to do so at their own risk since they will not be covered by the event coverage.

If we have rain (or snow – at this point I wouldn't put it past Mother Nature) the floatilla will be rescheduled for the next day, May 22nd, same time, same place. If both days are bad, then we are fresh out of luck. Again anyone renting boats will have to adjust their rental arrangements directly with Black Hall Outfitters in the event of rescheduling. We will not be handling any rental agreements or cancellations.



Location map for Smith Neck Road Boat Launch (red dot) and Black Hall Outfitters (blue dot) in Old Lyme, CT



# KAYAK RENTAL INFORMATION



860-434-9680  
132 Shore Road  
PO Box 261  
Old Lyme, CT 06371

## Pre-Season Hours of Operation:

M-T-W-TH: Closed  
Friday: 10am - 4pm  
Saturday: 9am - 4pm  
Sunday: 9am - 4pm

Always call ahead prior to season opening.

Note: In addition to the rental fees below Black Hall Outfitter will deliver your kayak to the Smith Neck Road boat launch for an addition \$10 fee.

RENTAL RATE SCHEDULE		BLACK HALL OUTFITTERS
		860-434-9680 www.blackhalloffitters.com
<b>SINGLE KAYAKS-SUP</b>		
FULL DAY- 8 HOURS	_____	<b>\$75.00</b>
HALF DAY- 4 HOURS	_____	<b>\$50.00</b>
2 HOURS	_____	<b>\$35.00</b>
WEEKLY	_____	<b>\$325.00</b>
<b>CANOES-TANDEM KAYAKS</b>		
FULL DAY- 8 HOURS	_____	<b>\$100.00</b>
HALF DAY- 4 HOURS	_____	<b>\$75.00</b>
2 HOURS	_____	<b>\$50.00</b>
WEEKLY	_____	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>FISHING KAYAKS</b>		
FULL DAY- 8 HOURS	_____	<b>\$90.00</b>
HALF DAY- 4 HOURS	_____	<b>\$65.00</b>
2 HOURS	_____	<b>\$40.00</b>
WEEKLY	_____	<b>\$400.00</b>
<p>Reservations are strongly recommended on the weekends, and large groups - call for availability. Customers with reservations will take priority over those without. If you are more than 15 minutes late for a reservation we cannot hold your boat. arrive prior to your session to get ready and prepared- rental starts at scheduled time. Boats returned after closing time will be charged for hours used.</p>		
<p>Rentals start at 9am daily PDF's, paddles and instruction are provided <b>ALWAYS CALL IF WEATHER IS QUESTIONABLE</b></p>		