

KAYAK REPORT AUGUST MEETING 2018

1. The emergency repairs on the West Beach bulkheads done in the winter helped to save the areas for the kayak racks on the west side of the stairs.
2. The kayak racks to the west of the stairs were completely destroyed in the winter storms. In the spring, several volunteers spent two Saturdays rebuilding these kayak racks. There are currently 6 racks on the east side of the stairs and 12 racks on the west side of the stairs, with 6 storage spots on each rack.
3. Kayak storage spots were very popular this year, especially with new members, and most spots were reserved. Please remember that all kayak storage is at your own risk and provided as a convenience for members. Make sure to put your name and member number on your kayak and securely lock it at any time that you are not on the beach. If it is unlocked and someone throws it in the water the Coast Guard may launch a search for a missing boater.
4. **IMPORTANT REMINDER:** It is strongly recommended that all boats be removed from the racks before winter. Most locks will become completely rusted and need to be cut off if they are left all winter. During the storms last winter, waves came over the bulkhead, racks were knocked over due to the weight of the boats and swept away. If the racks are empty, they have a better chance of surviving the winter.