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The 2017 rowing season started early for the members and friends of the Jones River Watershed Association in Kingston, Massachusetts. I was alerted to the traditional New Year's Day row by Jon Aborn of old Cape Cod Viking fame. The day was bright, breezy and mid 40s. I decided to bring my friend Ed's beautiful CLC dory that he finished up this past summer and left in my care to use at my discretion. When I arrived at noon the Jones river folks greeted me, a stranger, with complete aplomb and hospitality.

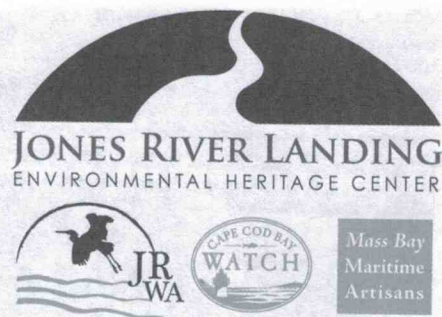
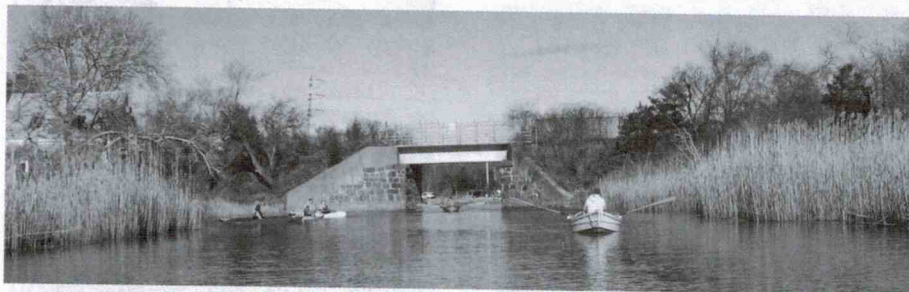
Launching is done manually over a gravel bank. Since the CLC weighs in at about 100 pounds if that, a few hands, made light work. I had next to zero experience with the 17' boat and was a bit nervous, but with encouragement from Jon and the other oarsmen and women I did my best. Rowing single, I had some close encounters with bridge abutments and brush overhanging the ancient stone wall edging the river as the wind gusts pushed me around. The kindly loan of a block of iron ballast settled the dory and improved handling.

By 2:00 we were having lunch by the warmth of the potbellied stove in the Association's boat shop. Naturally the subject of

New Year's on the Jones River

By Steven Salley

conversation was the nautical history of the Jones River, the South Shore, Cape Cod and beyond. I can't say which I enjoyed more, rowing with new friends or reminiscing with them about the boats and the old days. I do say thanks again to the Jones River folks for a great New Year's Day adventure and for the work they do preserving this historic estuary.



The Jones River Watershed Association is a non profit, member based environmental organization established to protect, enhance and restore the quality of the natural resources in southeastern Massachusetts, in particular the Jones River and Cape Cod Bay, for present and future generations while cultivating effective stewardship of our regional environment through science, advocacy and education.

We began our work in 1985 in response to the terrible impacts of water diversions out of the basin. Since that time we have maintained an increasingly consistent level of effort to educate others and ourselves about this small coastal ecosystem and its relationship to the globally significant Gulf of Maine. Because of the incremental steps taken over the years to conserve land, study the river, remove obstacles to fish movement and address the politics that impact our local environment, we have a chance to restore the vital natural resources important to all of us. JRWA is committed to understanding the impacts of climate change and preparing the region to address those changes in practical ways that focus on ecosystem health.

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