

The Chesapeake Paddler



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“Sittin’ on the Dock of the . . . Potomac”

by Cyndi Janetzko & Dave Biss

Jack’s Boathouse is a true DC landmark, and it remains one of the last Potomac put-in points in the city. Lying under Key Bridge in Georgetown, Jack’s has been owned and operated by the Baxter family since 1945.

Jack’s Boathouse is a small business dropped into the middle of the big city. The docks retain their small-town friendliness, and time seems to move more slowly here. Kayakers and canoeists flock to this sanctuary of calm, hoping to escape the hustle and bustle of the surrounding urban landscape. Jack’s means a lot to those of us who seek its refuge: two summers ago, when the area was in danger of development, paddlers in all kinds of boats took to the river for an on-water support rally.

Jacks’s Boathouse is great supporter of the CPA. The Baxters graciously let us use their docks for our Thursday

evening Georgetown Pirates events. We’re always welcome to linger long past closing time, when we’re the only “customers” left. The Baxter brothers even refer friends and customers to our club.

Jack Baxter started Jack’s Boathouse back in 1945, and today his three sons maintain the docks. Frank Baxter runs the business full time, and his brothers Jim and Bill help out. On any summer’s day you’ll see the Baxter brothers renting out canoes or hauling kayaks along the docks.

The threat of development has thankfully passed, but Jack’s still needs our help and support. Running the boathouse takes a lot of work. During boating season the Baxters must rent and maintain the boats, repair the docks, and keep the grounds clean. In the fall they have to prepare the docks for the winter freeze. Spring means readying

the docks and sprucing up the grounds for boating season. This is where all the CPA members come in. In return for using the docks in the summer, we like to help Frank prepare the docks in the spring. Last March a few CPA people came out to help Frank get ready for the big opening day. We had enough hands to help Frank build a couple of new floating platforms to add to the docks that we use during the summer, to rake leaves and debris that had collected since last fall, and to haul boats from their winter quarters.

Every fall Frank moves his docks into winter storage to avoid the damage that river ice can cause. Last year some of us got together to help him with this annual chore. We began by hauling the boats from the docks and storing them for winter. When it came time to move the docks themselves, we

See Jack’s, p.8

About the Logo: The Elements and Their Symbolism

Our goal for the logo has been to capture the essence of the organization and the experience of sea kayaking.

The topographic view of the Chesapeake Bay shows the place where we paddle. Much of sea kayaking involves navigation so it also represents a common tool we use, a map. The colors are literal for easier recognition of the shape: green for earth, blue for water.

The sea kayak is included in the logo as it is the vehicle of our sport. At a sea level view, the kayak cuts through a wave, creating a bow wake. Its color ranges from yellow to red to reflect the warmth of the sun and contrast the cool green and blues of land and water.

The wave ties the map and kayak together as a feature common to both elements. In the light version, the wave is blue for water. In the reverse, the wave is purple, from the spectrum of colors we see at dusk as the sun sets. The wave is also reflective of an aerial view of the sea where the change in color marks a change in water depth.

The circle serves as a container for the logo. From a topographic perspective the circle represents the earth to reflect sea kayaking as a traveling sport.

From sea level, it represents the sun or moon depending on the light or dark backdrop the logo sits on.

The CPA logo was designed compliments of Barbara Foley.

ANNUAL PATUXENT RIVER SPRING CLEAN-UP SATURDAY, APRIL 5

The annual Patuxent River Spring Clean-up will be held on Saturday, April 5 from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Groups and individuals can sponsor a local cleanup site by recruiting volunteers and acting as leaders on April 5, 2003.

Everyone can volunteer to help with logistics and/or pick up trash. Children are especially welcome.

For more information, call the Project Coordinator, Mike Tolker, 410-798-6761, www.patuxent.net.

THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association is an association whose mission is to provide a way for people to safely enjoy sea kayaking within the Chesapeake Bay area and to promote safe sea kayaking practices through the education of the local sea kayaking community and the interested public.

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Coordinator's Column

By Brian Blankinship

Great Beginnings...

This year is off to a great start. About 30 people attended the two trip planning meetings where we scheduled 69 events. Of those, 47 are CPA run, and the rest are events like races and swim supports. Another eight CPA events are not yet scheduled. Most events are beginner level and we have a plethora of camping opportunities. **Save this issue of the newsletter.** There are so many events we can't publish the whole calendar year each month, so future editions will show only a few months in advance.

Our New Logo

The Steering Committee selected a new CPA logo, which debuts in this newsletter. We had a tough time selecting from a series of excellent designs. Barbara Foley, the designer, did wonderful work and deserves our praise! You can see the design in different color schemes at www.cpakayaker.com/logo. As discussed at the annual meeting, we will recognize volunteers by giving them a patch with the new logo and a "rocker" recognizing their work. We hope to have club logo items for sale soon.

VHF Radios

The Steering Committee also decided to use the donation from the Bay Swim to purchase two VHF radios, which will be used on future swim supports and other club events.

CPA Events

The navigation class was a success with 25 students honing their skills. My thanks to Jenny Plummer-Welker, Greg Welker, Diane Dickey, and Les Dickey for helping teach the class. And thanks to the West River Center for providing the space for free.

The next major CPA event is the Cold Water Clinic on March 15. If you are considering paddling before the water warms to swimming temperatures, I strongly suggest you attend this clinic. Not only will you receive information that may save your life, you will also get a chance to test your cold weather clothing in a controlled environment.

This newsletter also includes the registration form for SK102, which will be May 2-4. We have revamped the program to make it even more successful. If you would like to learn basic kayaking skills, Lake Anna is the place to be.

Website Additions

If you have not seen the website recently (www.cpakayaker.com) you are really missing something! Barbara Foley has not only updated the information but has added a great deal of useful features. Stay tuned for even better things to come.

In a continuing effort to improve association management, we added event coordination into the CPA website. Use Events@cpakayaker.com to ask

questions or volunteer to help at the Cold Water Clinic or SK102.

Electronic Newsletter Now Available

Speaking of better things, consider receiving your newsletter online. We currently have an Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format newsletter that is sent by email to those registered. We plan to put the newsletter in a "members only" area of the website and just send an email notification to those who are registered.

So why should you get the newsletter electronically?

- Electronic newsletters are more earth friendly. No one has to cut down trees to make the electronic version.
- Production of the paper newsletter costs more than we charge for membership.
- You will reduce the size of the monthly newsletter folding, stapling and stamping "party."
- You will get the pictures in color.
- Never worry about carrying it with you. Simply log on from home, work, the library or wherever you can.
- You will receive it faster than "snail mail" which gives you the first opportunity to register for trips or events and you can beat the others to the great sale items listed.

As I said, the year is off to a great start and one look at the calendar shows this will be a fantastic year. I look forward to seeing you on the water!

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association Presents

A Spring Paddling Workshop

Come learn the risks, challenges and pleasures of cold water paddling:

- * Get an overview of kayaking in the spring weather from experts in cold water paddling.
- * Discuss how to minimize risks and extend your paddling season.
- * Examine and learn about a variety of cold weather and safety gear.
- * Enjoy company of other paddlers during lunch.
- * Test your rolls, wet exits, and rescues in a controlled, but realistic (cold!), environment .

March, April, and May beckon you out to paddle — but to the water, it's still winter! Any sea kayaker is welcome, from warm-weather paddlers who'd like to lengthen their paddling season, intermediate paddlers hesitant about their skills in cold water, to the experienced paddler who wishes to hone those skills.

Paddlers with appropriate gear can try out their equipment and skills with experienced cold water paddlers acting as spotters. To play in the water, please bring a kayak (with bulkheads or float bags), sprayskirt, PFD and appropriate cold water clothing including wet or dry suit, hand, head, and foot protection (neoprene or equivalent). Changing rooms (without showers) will be available, so be sure to bring a change of warm clothes and a towel! (Those who don't want to play are welcome to stay and observe and cheer.)

In addition to a great learning experience (whether or not you elect to swim) you'll enjoy the camaraderie of other winter paddlers, and you'll take home information and a set of handouts which will give you a new perspective on an extended paddling season. A hot lunch will be provided as part of the program, and hot drinks will be available throughout the day.

Date: Saturday, March 15, 2003

Time: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Location and Fee: TBA (will be announced on the listserve)

The event will include handouts, meal, and beverages. Reservations are required. Please contact Events@cpakayaker.com or 434-971-6934 (Laura Butterbaugh) for additional information or to reserve your space now.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL SK102 SKILLS CLINIC, MAY 2-4, 2003

This is a Chesapeake Paddlers Association "members only" event.

Where: Lake Anna, Virginia; 1.5 to 2 hours south of Washington DC, between Fredericksburg and Richmond, just west of I-95. The lake is a cooling pond for a nuclear power station, so the water is not only very clear, it is also heated! The location is private property, where you are welcome to set up your own tent. There are Bed + Breakfasts nearby for non-campers. Details and directions will be emailed.

Cost: \$25 which will cover the cost of the porta-potties, handouts, and dinner on Saturday night. You will be responsible for all your other meals. You provide your own boat, skirt, and PFD. The free skills clinic will be conducted by CPA volunteers. This is not certified instruction.

Registration will be limited to 80 and will fill up quickly. See instructions at the bottom of the form.

For questions or to volunteer, send email to: Events@cpakayaker.com. If necessary, call Brian at 410-867-1051.

SK102 REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Note: Children 12 and older are accepted, but must take classes with their parent/guardian.

If a participant is 12-18 years old, please check this box

Would you like to be included in the event directory? *Yes / No*

Were you turned away last year for lack of space? *Yes / No*

If you prefer a vegetarian option for the Saturday night dinner, please check this box

SELECT ONE MORNING AND ONE AFTERNOON BLOCK (check the appropriate boxes)

Morning Session: 9:00-12:00 Saturday

BLOCK 1: Kayak Design, Wet Exit, Basic Strokes

BLOCK 2: Stroke Improvement, Intermediate Strokes, Bracing

BLOCK 3: Self Rescues, Group Rescues, Towing

Afternoon Session: 1:00-3:00 Saturday

BLOCK A: Stroke Improvement, Intermediate Strokes, Bracing

BLOCK B: Self Rescues, Group Rescues

BLOCK C: Advanced Rescues

BLOCK D: Rolling

BLOCK E: Greenland Style Paddling

Friday and Sunday events do not require registration

To register: Fill out this form and send it, along with your check for \$25 made out to "CPA" to:
Laura Butterbaugh 1113B River Court Charlottesville VA 22901

HYDRATION SYSTEMS

by Tom Rose

Long ago I stopped carrying water bottles because they are never where I want them, they slide around and get in my way, and often they are too hot or too cold. For the past six years I have had a Camelback with the back straps going all the way around my lifejacket, which works for many paddlers except when it starts to slide around. The water stays cool and I have the hose hooked up to a tab on my life jacket zipper so I can drink without hands. But it's too long and drags the jacket down and hits on the rear deck.

I needed a new life jacket and looked at lots of options and decided on a Lotus Straight Jacket which is small, has lots of adjustments, and has two pockets in the front, and it was on sale at NRS for \$100. I knew that an Ultimate Direction hydration system was designed to fit on any life jacket with adjustable shoulder straps and lower back loops or tabs. It connects in four places at the top and bottom. The Ultimate Big Drop (64 oz.) is designed to mount directly to the jacket and has a secure fit at the top and bottom, but of course I had to make many small adjustments to get it in the

place, but it worked great in my first sea trials. Getting used to the roll up wide open top will take me some time, and it's a different mouthpiece, but Ultimate only sells hydration gear, and they know what they are doing. By the way, it's a beautiful bright yellow that blends right in with my Lotus.

You can also hike with it, but for paddling the shoulder straps fit into a neat pocket. Ultimate spent lots of time with me on the phone explaining how it is supposed to work, because the directions are not detailed. The only other option is a Lotus hydration system, but it costs more and is only 35 oz. Frankly, I would rather have 100 oz., but the Big Drop does not hang down or drag and it seems to be designed quite well. They have paddlers on their staff who have field-tested

Please report . . . sightings of dead, injured, netbound, or stranded whales, dolphins, or sea turtles to the following telephone number: 757/437-6159.

This is the Virginia Marine Science Museum Stranding emergency number and will be followed up within 24 hours by rescue crews.



it. Potomac Great Outdoors carries Ultimate, but does not stock the Big Drop, and REI claims to carry this line, but they are not in stock, so try www.ultimatedirection.com.

Kayakers: We need your help!!

The 2003 Potomac River Swim on May 31, 2003 needs support kayakers for the 7.5-mile swim from Hull Neck, VA to Point Lookout State Park, MD. Pledges raised by the swimmers equally benefit the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, the Southern Maryland Sierra Club, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Point Lookout State Park, and the Potomac River Association. Free camping at Point Lookout State Park, a pre-swim supper, breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt are all included.

For more information, contact Cheryl Wagner at (202) 387-2361 cherylw@crosslink.net or visit our webpage: <http://www.crosslink.net/~cherylw/pr2003i.htm>.

2003 CPA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH					
15	Cold Water Clinic/Pier	8	Chesapeake Bay Bridge Swim/Sandy Pt SP	26	Shore Tour of Patuxent River & St.Leonard Creek, Greg Welker, Jenny Plummer-Welker
7,	Laura Butterbaugh (All)	8	Chesapeake Challenge Swim, Sandy Pt SP		
APRIL				AUGUST	
5	Patuxent River Cleanup Day	8	Chester River, Wendy Baker Davis (Beginner, not first timer)	1-3	St. Clements Island, Bill Dodge
24	Baltimore Waterfront Festival	8?	Janes Island Power Paddle (8 mi)	9	Havre De GraceSusquehanna, Barry Marsh (Advanced Beginner)
25-27	Westmoreland SP, Bill Dodge	9	Susquehanna Sojourn - Canoe Kayak Camping, blenker@acb-online.org	10	Corsica River (Chester), Robb Holt (Beginner)
26	Nanticoke River Race	14	Mallows Bay, John Blackburn (Intermediate)	16	Potomac River/Nice (301) Bridge, Welkers (Advanced Beginner)
MAY				23	The 4 th Annual Broadkill River Canoe and Kayak Race (see 6 Sep?)
2-4	SK102/ Lake Anna, Brian Blankinship (All)	14	Patuxent Hallowing Pt., Dickey's	30	Galesville, Blackburns (Beginner)
3 or 10	Occoquan Reservoir, Oona Pilot	21	Dundee Creek, Barry Marsh (Beginner/Advanced Beginner)		
9-10	Spring River Demo/ Sandy Point SP	22	Tred Avon, Susan Blackburn (Beginner)		
9-10	Okume Stock, CLC	28	Location TBD, Jerry Collins	SEPTEMBER	
11	Rocky Gorge, David Moore (Beginner)	29-Jul 4	WRC Kayak Camp, Brian Blankinship	6	The Broadcreek Blasst, Laurel, Delaware woody@wdphotog.com
15	Baltimore Tall Ships Parade			13	VA Beach Paddlefest
17	Kayak Sailing on Patuxent River, Greg Welker	JULY		20	Baltimore Harbor, Barry Marsh (Advanced Beginner)
17	Wild River Demo Day/ VA Beach	4	Alexandria to DC Fireworks, Oona Pilot/ Barry Marsh	26-28	Fall Fun Fest, Elk Neck SP, John Blackburn (All)
18	Flag Ponds, Barry Marsh (Intermediate)	6	Patuxent River, Selby Landing, Barry Marsh (Beginner/Advanced Beginner)		
25	Rhode River, Robb Holt (Beginner, not first timer)	11-13	Gwynn Island, VA (Bill Dodge)	OCTOBER	
31	St. Inigoes River, Robbins	12	The 2 nd Annual Northeast River Regatta ellis@highstream.net (10+ mi race)	3-5	Delmarva Paddlers Retreat. www.delmarvaretreat.com/
30-1 June	Point Lookout SP, Bill Dodge	20	Eastern Neck Circumnavigation, Wendy Baker Davis (Intermediate)	11-12	Patuxent River Appreciation Days (CPA booth?)
31	Potomac River Swim, 7 mi, Pt Lookout to Va (Intermediate)			17-19	Cape Henlopen (Lewes) DE, Bill Dodge
JUNE					
7	Kent Island, Pam Avery (Beginner)				

2003 CALENDAR (Continued)

Jack's Boathouse (continued)

NOVEMBER

1-3 Chickahominy River,
VA, Bill Dodge

UNSCHEDULED TRIPS

Tom Short:

Potomac Overnight

Oona Pilot:

Fountainhead, Hemlock, or
Bull Run, April or May?

Barry Marsh:

Dundee Creek/
Gunpowder River
Flag Pond/Calvert Cliffs
Havre de Grace/Susque-
hanna River

Baltimore Harbor

Selby or Jackson Landing/
Patuxent River

Ken Swingle:

Fountainhead to Bull Run,
10 to 12 NM, late spring/
early summer

David Moore:

St. Mary's July or August

Woody (?):

Janes Island to Tangier
Island B+B trip
(Intermediate)

Yvonne Thayer (?):

Blackwater reserve early,
before mosquitoes

Ralph Heimlich

Any weekend in July or
August

Pocomoke River Camping and
Nassawango Creek—Camp at
Shad Landing State Park and
kayak up the Pocomoke and
Nassawango Creek, the
northernmost bald cypress
swamp on the Eastern Shore
and a preserve of The Nature
Conservancy. Camp Friday and
Saturday nights at Nassawango
Creek on Saturday and another
trip on Sunday (maybe further
up or down the Pocomoke
River). Ralph Heimlich, 301-
498-0918

(heimlichfamily@comcast.net).

Any Saturday or Sunday in July
Zekiah Swamp/Allens Fresh
Run/Wicomico River—Day trip
putting in Wicomico Shores
landing at end of Aviation Yacht
Club Road and paddling north
and west up Allens Fresh run to
the swamp as far as we can go.
Lunch in the shady swamp and
paddle back. Ralph Heimlich,
301-498-0918

(heimlichfamily@comcast.net).

Would like at least two safety
(rescue) classes

back at the Boathouse. They need
to replace some of the floating
supports, and Frank plans to add a
few new platforms and spruce up
the grounds for a big opening
celebration on the third weekend in
April. He likes to start the season
with a bang: balloons, a barbecue,
free boat rentals, and great fun on
the Potomac.

We want to draw the attention of
the CPA membership to the
situation at Jack's Boathouse.
Frank, Bill and Jim could use
some extra hands for a couple of
weekends at the end of March and
the beginning of April. You're
welcome to come down to the
docks and lend a hand cleaning,
moving boats, and even doing
some carpentry on the docks.

As spring draws nearer, we'll
know more precisely when we can
help out. Some of the timing
depends upon the temperature and
the tides on the Potomac. Keep
this in mind and check in with
Cyndi and Dave as the time gets
closer.

We look forward to seeing you
down at the docks. If we can
contribute a little work in the
spring, we'll have a great place for
"Sittin' on the Dock of the
Potomac" this summer!

Jack's Boathouse, from p.1

had a rough ride. Frank used three
powerboats to push and steer the
docks from Georgetown to the
Columbia Island Marina, near the
Pentagon. It was tough nudging
those floating docks through the
bridge arches, and backing them
into their winter quarters at the

marina was also a challenge. But
we had lots of fun, and it felt great
to help out!

This spring Frank and his brothers
will need to float the docks back to
Georgetown, and they're planning
renovations once the docks are

Contacts for more information and
work-party plans:

Home: (703) 276-2728

Dave Work: (703) 240-5595

Cyndi Cell: (703) 599-0341

Emails: bissd@erols.com or

janetzko@hotmail.com

Weekly Pirates Paddling

We now have five pirate groups paddling every week! Join one and be a pirate!

Pirates at Pier 7

Wednesday nights, arrive 4-6 PM. Paddling, rolling, rescue practice, boat fitting, BBQs, and hanging out with other paddlers. PFDs required. Directions: Take US-50 west toward Annapolis. Exit onto MD-665. Exit onto MD-2 south, over the South River. Take first left after crossing the bridge. Follow road to Pier 7 Marina. Contact: Alan Avery, 410-856-3299 or pirates_pier7@cpakayker.com.

Note: Pier 7 kayak launching is free on Wednesdays only. All other times there is a \$5 launch fee, even if launching from the beach.

Pirates of the Potomac

Tuesday nights, 5 PM. Belle Haven Marina. \$3 launch fee. Seasonal passes \$45. Directions: From Alexandria, VA, take the Mt. Vernon Parkway 1.3 miles south of the Beltway, then left and straight into the marina. Contact: Dick Rock, 703-780-6605 or pirates_potomac@cpakayker.com. In case of inclement weather, call Belle Haven Marina, 703-758-0018 after 3:30 PM to confirm launch cancelled.

Pirates of the Patuxent

Thursday nights, arrive 5-6 PM. Free parking on the right, just north of the boardwalk across from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Contact: Don Polakovics, 301-866-0437 or pirates_patuxent@cpakayaker.com; or Jennifer Elmore, 301-862-2398 or pirates_patuxent2@cpakayaker.com.

Pirates of Georgetown (check website to keep informed)

Thursday nights, 6:30 PM. Jack's Boats (202-337-9642), 3500 K Street, NW in the Georgetown area of Washington, DC under the Whitehurst Freeway. Plenty of parking. Rental kayaks available. Contact: David Moore, 301-445-3273 or pirates_georgetown@cpakayaker.com; website: <http://www.scienceapplications.com/pirates>.

Pirates of Baltimore

Tuesday nights, 5:30 PM. Rocky Point Park. Directions: I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Rt. 702 South (Exit 36), which merges with Back River Neck Rd. Follow Back River Neck Rd. 2.3 miles from the merge and turn left on Barrison Point Rd., then turn right onto Rocky Point Rd. The park is at the south end of Rock Point Rd. Meet at the boat ramps on the right just inside the park gate. Paddling, skills practice, and meeting other paddlers. PFDs, sprayskirts, and lights required. Contact: Barry Marsh, 410-728-4016 or pirates_baltimore@cpakayaker.com.

Wild Bands of Pirates Running Loose Around the Chesapeake!!!

No threat to shipping or commerce expected

Ahoy, mates! It's time to break out the eye patches, because pirate season is almost here! Okay, maybe that should be sprayskirts instead, or maybe drysuits, considering the water temperatures, but you get the idea.

That's right, the 2003 CPA Pirate season is approaching, and with daylight savings time impending, the pirates are expected to begin their weekly paddling excursions in April. The anticipated date for each group is listed below (though not all groups have set a date yet). It is important to note that all of these dates are highly tentative and very much dependent on weather and water conditions. Prospective pirates should check with the appropriate Pirate Kings and Princesses for the groups as the time gets closer to confirm these dates. Full contact information for each pirate group is listed in the pirate box to the left.

Pirates of the Potomac: Tuesday, April 8.

Pirates of Baltimore: Tuesday, April 8.

Pirates at Pier 7: Wednesday, April 9.

Pirates of the Patuxent: TBD.

Pirates of Georgetown: TBD (call will be made in early April).

Further details will be available on the website, in this newsletter, and on the CPA email list as the dates get closer.

CALENDAR

Participants in CPA events must read and comply with the statement of CPA trip requirements and ratings on the next page of this newsletter.

Please contact the trip leaders in advance, even if you are totally familiar with the area being paddled. They need to have contact information in case of changes. Also, there may be space limitations or other trip restrictions.

Another extensive list of kayak trips/related events is available on the Mid-Atlantic Paddler's Association website: <http://mapal.org/index.php>

MARCH

March 15 (Saturday): Cold Water Clinic. See article this issue for details.

APRIL

April 24 (Thursday): Baltimore Waterfront Festival.

April 25-27 (Friday-Sunday): Westmoreland SP. Stay tuned for details.

April 26 (Saturday): Nanticoke River Race.

MAY

May 2-4 (Friday-Sunday): SK102, Lake Anna Skills Clinic. See form in this issue for details.

May 3 (Saturday) OR May 10 (Saturday): Occoquan Reservoir. Stay tuned for details.

May 9-10 (Friday-Saturday): Spring River Demo, Sandy Point SP.

May 11 (Sunday): Rocky Gorge (Beginner): Stay tuned for details.

May 15 (Thursday): Baltimore Tall Ship Parade.

May 17 (Saturday): Wild River Demo Day, VA Beach.

May 18 (Sunday): Flag Ponds (Intermediate): Stay tuned for details.

May 18 (Sunday): Rhode River (Beginner, not first-timer): Stay tuned for details.

May 31 (Saturday): St. Ingoes River. Stay tuned for details.

May 30-June 1 (Friday-Sunday): Point Lookout SP. Stay tuned for details.

May 31 (Saturday): Potomac River Swim, 7 mi., Pt. Lookout. See article this issue for details.

Note: Twice yearly, CPA will publish the entire year's calendar in the newsletter. This issue is one of them. A copy of the entire year's trip calendar is available elsewhere in this issue.

This calendar normally publishes items for the current month and upcoming two months.

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Advertising Rates:

Display advertising will be accepted that relates to the concerns and interests of our readers. Monthly rates for advertising are as follows:

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1/8 page	\$20	2.4" x 3.5"	(1)
1/4 page	\$32	4.9" x 4.7"	(2)
1/2 page	\$50	7.5" x 4.7"	(3)
full page	\$80	7.5" x 9.75"	(3)

A 5% discount will be given for ads supplied as electronic files in acceptable formats (i.e., .tif, .gif, .jpeg, bitmap). Email

or call for more information and for 10-month discount. See advertising contact in masthead.

Public service announcement and personal ads to sell kayaks and accessories are printed for members at no charge; non-members pay \$10 for 3 months.

FOR SALE

QCC Q600X w/skeg. 1 year old. 16.8" x 21". 42 lbs. Kevlar/carbon.. Blue over white. Garage kept. \$2200. <http://www.qcc kayaks.com/kayaks/featured.model.asp?model=q600x#>. Bernadette Knoblauch (knobbee@aol.com), 703-758-9499. (03/03)

Perception Dancer (Red). Excellent condition, garage kept (when not in water). Includes Harmony sprayskirt (also in great

condition) and hip pads. \$325. Eric Haverly, 301-901-6155 (Annapolis area). (03/03)

We have the following items for sale:

1. ADC laminated chartbook (map of Chesapeake Bay, MD and VA, 16th edition). \$40.00.
 2. Large drybag (14" wide x 21" long). \$23.95.
 3. Small drybag (10" wide x 20" long). \$12.95.
 4. Tow belt (brand new, never used). \$65.00.
 5. NOAA weather and emergency radio (weather one broadcaster). \$39.95.
- Ben or Brigitte Valenti (bb7601@cox.net), 703-569-0456 (03/03)

SEDA Double Sea Kayak. Kevlar, 21" x 29". 62 lbs, rudder, 3 hatches, spray skirt, cover, huge storage compartments, \$2100. Jerry Collins, 301-641-3415. (12/02)

Swim Support Needed for the Chesapeake Bay Swim

On Sunday, June 8, 2003, the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim (4.4 miles) and the Chesapeake Challenge Swim (1.1 miles) will take place. A strong turnout of kayakers is an essential part of the safety plan for both events. For general information about the swim events, see <http://www.Bayswim.com>. Kayak support team organizers are as follows:

- Mike Vandamm for the Bay Swim, 301-345-6324, mvandamm@comcast.net
- Alan Avery for the Challenge Swim, 410-956-3299, zaverys@yahoo.com

Look for detailed information in the April and May editions of this newsletter.

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Kayak and Fly-Fishing Instructors

It has been over 20 years since the first days of L.L.Bean's Outdoor Discovery Schools, but each new season seems as fresh and invigorating as the one before. When you love the outdoors as much as we do, the reward is often in the sharing. L.L. Bean is looking for seasonal instructors for our kayaking and fly-fishing programs in Maine, Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey.

Kayak instructors should have certification in First Aid/CPR, and 2 years' experience in paddling. ACA certification is a plus.

Fly-fishing instructors should have a vast knowledge of fly fishing and casting and certification in First Aid/CPR. Federation of Fly Fishers Instructor Certification is a plus.

Please email your cover letter and resume indicating Job Code: CPAKFIML302 to recruit@llbean.com (please send text or MS Word format). Or mail to L.L.Bean, Inc., Job Code: CPAKFIML302, Employment Department, Casco Street, Freeport, ME 04033. So we may review your resume faster, we thank you for not calling. L.L. Bean is an equal opportunity employer.

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CPA Trip Requirements and Ratings

CPA trips are organized by and for members of the club. When you participate, please remember that trip leaders are "hosts," not professional guides, but you must be willing to follow their instructions. They are neither necessarily trained in first aid or CPR, nor do they always carry first aid equipment of safety devices for your use.

You, and you alone, are responsible for your personal safety.

Trip leaders will pre-screen all participants for skills, equipment, and willingness to abide by club rules and policies. If you wish to join a trip, you must contact the leader in advance.

REQUIREMENTS:

Equipment: While on the water, all paddlers must wear PFDs, spray skirts,

and clothes appropriate to the water temperature. Boats must have watertight bulkheads or flotation devices to prevent the kayak from swamping when capsized. All paddlers must have, and know how to use, a pump, paddle float, and whistle. On the day of the trip, leaders may refuse to admit participants for noncompliance with any of these requirements, so if you are not sure, discuss it with the leader in advance!

Waivers: All participants in CPA-sponsored trips and events must sign legal release forms each time before setting out on the water. Only one release per season is needed for regularly scheduled events (e.g., the weekly activities of the "pirates"). The legal release absolves all participating CPA members from legal liability for the injury or death of a fellow participant.

RATINGS:

First Timers: Participants have never paddled before. (No prior skills necessary.)

Beginners: Participants have paddled some, taken classes, or have been on short (up to 4- mile) trips and are able to do a wet exit and paddle float re-entry.

Advanced Beginners: Participants have been on longer trips (up to 10 miles, full-day outings), have some experience with varying conditions such as winds and waves, and have good rescue and group paddling skills.

Intermediate Paddlers: Participants are comfortable on longer trips (more than 10 miles), can maintain a steady pace for extended periods, are comfortable with open water crossings of 2+ miles, can handle a variety of water conditions, and have strong self- and group-rescue skills.



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Trip Calendar for 2003

Piracy on the Chesapeake!!!

SK102 Announcement

...and more!



The Chesapeake Paddler

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