

The Chesapeake Paddler



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A Circumnavigation of Manhattan *By David Moore*

BRRRIIINNNGGGG!

The alarm clock rouses me to darkness. It is 3 am—time to get moving if I am going to make the 5:45 am launch with my paddling group. We need to start on time so we can hit the tides and currents that will get us around the island. What island? Why Manhattan – popularly known as New York City. (Properly speaking, it is only one borough of the city.) Today is the annual Circumnavigation of Manhattan, and 30-plus miles of paddling await us.

My host and trip organizer Jerry Blackstone and I head south from Yonkers. We stop for coffees and arrive at the Downtown Boat House. We are the first to arrive in the diminishing darkness.

Across the Hudson River, the lights of Jersey City dot the horizon. It is 4:45 am. We unload and wait for the other paddlers. They appear gradually, and the pier fills with boats and gear. Fifteen kayakers soon crowd the dock.

We launch about 6 am and head south. We're going down the Hudson, towards New York Harbor.

The morning is clear with light clouds, a startling contrast to the rainy past couple of weeks. The Statue of Liberty, well to the south, greets us with the dawn. We get an immediate surprise; despite our calculations, the current is not against us. We are riding runoff from the recent rains upriver. The flow has overwhelmed the current. Ground Zero opens up on our left, the distinct space left by the World Trade Center. As we round the Battery, the Coast Guard notices our presence and announces to the world, "Security! Security! All mariners note that 15 kayakers are in the water heading towards the East River."

Well, almost. We wait for the Staten Island Ferry to leave its pier before we enter the East River. The East River is much narrower than the Hudson and the flood tide pushes us quickly upstream. We are moving at 6 to 7 mph while barely paddling. I put paddle to the pedal, and soon my GPS registers 10 mph. I fly out in front of the group and then slow down because we are a group, and there is traffic on the river.

We hurry past the United Nations Building and up the East Channel around Roosevelt Island. As we



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FOR SALE: One-piece, feathered paddle by Advanced Technology (www.atpaddle.com/TouringXOSSeries.html). I believe it is the Xception OS E model. Paddle is new! 230 cm. Cost: \$299. Asking \$100. Contact Lisa at lgardner25@comcast.net. (9/04)

FOR SALE: CLC Chesapeake LT16. 15'8" X 23", approx. 45 lbs. Fiberglass over wood construction. 1 year old. Tracks very well. Varnished mahogany over white. Beautiful boat! Asking \$1800. Lisa Gardner, lgardner25@comcast.net. (8/04)

SPACE FOR RENT: Rent kayak space at the Pier 7 Boat House on the South River. Convenient to Annapolis. Free launches on Wednesday nights. Secure indoors storage. Greg Welker, 301-249-4895 or gwelker@chesapeake.net (9/04)

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We need your stories! Please let us know if you can write a trip report, product review or informational article for the newsletter. Direct inquiries to Danielle, the Editor, at news_editor@cpakayaker.com.

THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION

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Coordinator's Column

Public Access

CPA's main function is to promote safe sea kayaking. We have intentionally not affiliated the association with issues or organizations outside that focus.

Occasionally, the line gets fuzzy. Public access to launch spots for kayaks is one of those fuzzy areas. In this issue is a discussion of several public access issues that have come before CPA.

My goal would be for CPA to make the issues known to the members and ask each

of you to become involved as you see fit. The Steering Committee has agreed to represent the association on a couple issues, but so far it has been limited to making statements of support.

Annual Meeting

As mentioned in the last newsletter, it is time for the CPA Annual Meeting and elections. We will hold the annual meeting at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, in the Education Annex. As in the past, we will serve lunch at the start of

the meeting. The meeting will start at 12:30 pm (see Page 9 for directions).

As always, there will be a paddle before the meeting. Cold weather gear will probably be necessary. The distance and direction will be determined by who shows up. We will launch from Galesville at 8:30 am and must be off the water by 12:00 pm to make the meeting. Prescreening is waived for this paddle. If you want to join us, bring the required gear and come on down!

—Brian Blankinship

Kayakers -- We Need Your Help!

The 2005 Potomac River Swim (7.5 miles) needs support kayakers to accompany individual swimmers on Saturday June 4, 2005. The swim is at Point Lookout State Park in Maryland near St. Mary's City. Swim proceeds are donated to environmental organizations, including Sierra Club, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Potomac River Association, Interstate Commission for Potomac River Basin and Point Lookout State Park.

Kayakers accompany individual swimmers on their crossing and get:

- pre-swim supper/briefing on Friday, June 3
- camping at Pt. Lookout State Park on Friday, June 3
- post-swim picnic at Pt. Lookout State Park on Saturday, June 4
- commemorative t-shirt



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Public Access Issues

The mission of CPA is to promote safe sea kayaking. We have been approached by organizations and individuals hoping we would become involved in other issues, but for the most part we have successfully avoided this.

However, sometimes it is hard to say what issues CPA should back. I for one do not wish to see the charter of CPA moved away from the core. My fear is we as an association may promote or support something that individual members would be against.

There are many issues, such as environmental awareness that directly relate to sea kayaking and most aspects of the issue are things we can all agree on. But the devil is in the details.

For example: Many of our sister organizations work to have dams removed, a potentially admirable environmental viewpoint. But doing so might take the hypothetical lake you and I like to paddle and turn it into a whitewater stream. It might also cause the lodge we love to stay at to close and the kayak store that gave CPA members a discount to shut down because the revenue generated by recreational dollars spent at the lake dried up. Several CPA members hypothetically owned lake front property which is no longer waterfront. It could also cause environmental damage as the wetlands around the lake boundary disappeared. So what seems like a good idea can be harmful on several levels.

In 2003, the Steering Committee decided: "Use of the club name will be limited to the following topics: 1) public access to water, 2) water safety, 3) charity swim support, 4) water clean-ups. Environmental issues, although important, will not

be sponsored by the club."

While we all agree environmental issues are important, there are many other organizations which concerned CPA members can join that would be more effective than CPA in that arena. Public access, however, doesn't seem to have many champions.

The association has several public access issues before us right now:

Church Creek. Members of the CPA attended public hearings about the possible establishment of a public launch for "canoes and kayaks" on property being developed on Church Creek. It seems the neighbors of this project are not in favor, but Anne Arundel County Parks is willing to maintain a passive recreation area which includes the launch site. Alan Avery is scheduled to speak as the CPA representative on this issue. Our position is in favor of public access and will not weigh in on other issues involved such as land division or zoning.

Contees Wharf. This launch site was closed when the county allegedly told nearby property owners they would no longer maintain the access road. The local owners posted the road "Private" and put up a gate. We are not certain either action was legal. Gar Robbins is trying to sort it out for us. Alan Avery did a lot of research on deeds, but was not able to conclusively say the road is public. Conversely, there was no proof it was private, either.

National Park Service (NPS) and the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network (CBGN). The NPS is considering several options for a national park of some sort on the Chesapeake Bay. Their current favored option is to support the existing CBGN. There were options that specifically

addressed public access, but in my reading of this option, it is not addressed. Should the CPA approach the NPS to have access for car top boats added to this option?

Annapolis area Community Boating Center. Several boating organizations representing wind and person-powered boaters are trying to start a community boating center. The concept is to provide access and boat storage as well as some form of clubhouse. CPA member Pam Avery is working with them and I have made a public statement of support on behalf of CPA. We have not signed on as full partners nor provided money towards this venture.

Garrett Island. This is a privately owned island on the Susquehanna River. In the past they have passively allowed camping but due to rude campers who have not cleaned up after themselves, the owners are closing the island. A couple CPA of members camped there and the owners/caretakers were impressed with their Leave No Trace ethics and suggested CPA would be allowed to continue to use the island. John McTeague put together a volunteer workforce for a clean up of the island, with CPA's blessing. A group of paddlers conducted a camp and clean up earlier this year. CPA wrote a letter to the owners thanking them for the continued access and suggesting we may do more clean ups in the future. The letter stopped short of committing the association.

As your representatives, the Steering Committee members will do their best to act in your best interest, but I would like to see CPA members involved in these issues as individuals, rather than the association taking action.

—Brian Blankinship

Annual Meeting Voting Ballot

At the meeting we will discuss CPA business and elect the association officers (Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer) and the other six Steering Committee positions. We posted electronic notices asking candidates to send their name and a brief "campaign speech" to "webmaster@cpakayaker.com." The deadline was October 10 so they could be listed on the proxy ballot in this newsletter. If you would like to run for one of these positions but didn't submit your name in time to be posted on the ballot, please feel free to conduct a "write in" campaign. Check the website (www.cpakayaker.com) to see who is running along with their "campaign speeches". If you can't attend the annual meeting, please fill out the proxy and give it to someone to bring to the meeting, or mail it to the address on the reverse side. We will count proxy votes at the same time as "live" votes at the meeting.

Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee

Officers (choose one of each)

Coordinator

Barry Marsh

Secretary (vote for one)

Ralph Heimlich
 Steve Lindeman

Treasurer

John Blackburn

Steering Committee (choose six)

Alan Avery
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After you've voted, please tear out this page, fold, apply a stamp, and mail no later than October 31, 2004.

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PADDLIN PLACES

This feature is compiled from discussions on the CPA mail list. It focuses on places to paddle, as documented by list participants.

Chris Conklin: Launching From Miami Beach, Baltimore County

is not allowed.

Miami Beach Park is located on the Chesapeake Bay, three miles southeast of Glenn Martin State Airport or just north of the mouth of the Middle River. It is a very nice beach with facilities and good parking. There is a fine view east across the bay to the East Shore with Love Point and Rock Hall beyond.

I first called Baltimore County Parks and asked if launching was possible and they said NO! I asked if there was someone I could talk with and they gave me Pat McGregor's phone number. He said that you can beach launch while there is no swimming allowed. So, it is a good idea to call 410-887-3873 to check to see if the beach is closed to swimming. The person on the phone or on the beach may not know that you can launch when there is no swimming allowed. I will continue to

This park is normally closed to canoe and kayak beach launching when swimmers are present, but when water conditions are poor, swimming

investigate other launching opportunities and try to get Baltimore Co. to allow launching that does not interfere with swimming, even when swimming is permitted. Also, the Baltimore County Parks and Rec. website (as I can find) does not mention Miami Beach.

Directions: From Eastern Avenue northeast of Glenn Martin State Airport take Carroll Island Road southeast. Take a right (south) on Bowleys Quarter Road. Continue until you get to Goose Harbor Road and take a left (northeast). There should be a sign saying "Miami Beach Park." Stay to the right onto Miami Beach Road; continue to end. The entrance is under construction and I do not remember about fees.

Please park in the parking lot and carry to the beach.

CPA Pool Sessions*, 2004-2005

Where: Fairland Aquatic Center, Burtonsville, MD

When: Saturdays, now through spring

Time: 4-5:50 pm and 5:50-7:45 pm

Fee: \$7 per person. Pay at FAC

Required:

1. Boats and gear must be clear of leaves, mud, Grass, etc.
2. A reservation. To get a reservation, email Joan at Jspinner2@peoplepc.com (preferred) or call 301-559-3345 by the Thursday prior to the session; leave a message with the following information:
 - a. your name and phone number
 - c. date of session
 - d. time slot
 - e. number and type of boats (WW or sea kayak)

You will receive a reservation number. If you do not receive a reservation number, you do NOT have a reservation. Reservations will not be accepted more than 2 weeks in advance.

Directions: Take your best route to I-95 between Baltimore and Washington. Exit at MD-198 West. Turn left at 2nd light, Old Gunpowder Road. The pool is about a half mile down on the right. Boat entrance is around to the left side of the building.

*These are open sessions, not lessons. You must bring your own boat and gear. In case of inclement weather, call the center to see if it is open: 301-206-2359

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do, a line of powerboats passes us going in the opposite direction. Their wakes add to each other and reflect off the banks. We're in four feet of clapotis and shouts of "Whoopee!" erupt amongst us. We're playing in the waves and still moving at 7 mph.

We soon arrive at our first break point—a beach on Long Island near the Hellsgate. The Hellsgate is a dangerous zone of standing waves and whirlpools, formed by converging currents of the Harlem and East Rivers and the Long Island Sound.

During our break, we discuss how to best cross it. We are well over 2 hours ahead of schedule at this point, so we take a long break. A nearby sculpture garden offers a nice diversion.

Soon, it's back to the boats before the rising tide carries them away. We cross the Hellsgate without too much difficulty and head into the Harlem River against a 2 mph current. This is a toughest part of the trip: the river is filthy, the scenery is not great and I am tired from only three hours of sleep. The current changes to slack as we slide by Yankee Stadium, then flows with us as we head towards the Hudson.

Eventually, we stop at a boathouse funded, in part, by Bette Midler. It is a lovely facility, but the guard refuses to let us rest there. Fortunately, there is a beach behind the floating structure. We take a break and then push on towards the Hudson.

Finally, the scenery becomes pretty. We are in a gorge as we pass the northern tip of Manhattan. We round the corner through some eddies and find Dyckman Beach. We land carefully, for there is a lot of broken glass. We look for toilets, food and drink. There is a child's birthday party underway—we are a sharp contrast to the kids in their best clothing!

We relaunch and discover that simply holding our position is difficult. A 3 to 4 mph current tries to push us downstream. But soon we're flying down the river again. We blast below the George Washington Bridge and breeze past the Waterworks.

Now, the river is congested. Coast Guard regulations require us to stay in the channel, so we are forced out with the large craft. In fact, we nearly collide with two barges that are crossing each other's paths. They go on either side of us. Their wakes, a 15 mph wind, some chop and clapotis make for interesting paddling.

Ferries and other craft are zooming around us. We form into a tight group for the remainder of the trip.

And, here we are: back at the Downtown Boathouse. At 3 pm, it is quite different from the darkened facility that we departed from at 6 am. Kayaks are everywhere in the water and people line up for free rides on the dock (the boathouse provides free paddling opportunities to New Yorkers). Volunteers do all the work; in return, they get to store their boats in the facility. The boathouse also provides loaner kayaks; in fact, a couple of paddlers from our group used them.

I do a couple of "victory" rolls and pull my boat out of the water. Jerry, the others and I load our gear and go in search of food.

Seems these New York paddlers enjoy the same things we CPA paddlers do: they also paddle to eat!



Product Review: Platypus Kayak Hydrator

Greg Welker

Manufacturer: Cascade Designs

Weight: 10.1 oz

Volume: 60 oz, 1.8 liters

Suggested retail price: \$29.99

My wife and I sea kayak extensively. We are on the water two to three days a week during the spring, summer and fall and paddle weekly during the winter.

Last winter as we returned from a kayak camping trip, we were unable to remove our hands long enough from the paddles to drink from our deck-bound bottles. This spring, we came across the Platypus Kayak Hydrator at a trade show and bought two.

The Hydrator has a 60 oz. water bladder ("Hoser") attached to a drinking tube. The Hoser and tube, along with a clip, rest inside an insulated pouch. The pouch is covered with cordura nylon.

The Hoser has a zip-lock bottom, letting you add ice cubes and facilitating cleaning. The drinking tube attaches to the bag via a standard screw-on fitting. The unobtrusive hose clip is made of plastic and metal. The insulated pouch has a velcro closure at one of the narrow ends where the water bag is inserted. The pouch has about ¼" of flexible foam insulation, sandwiched between the inner and



outer layers of nylon cloth. The pouch comes with two partially removable straps for your back, if needed. The straps fold and store inside the pouch which

fastens to the kayak

deck by swivel hooks located at the four corners of the pouch.

We mounted the hydrators on the rear decks of our sea kayaks, just aft of the cockpits, using two existing deck bungees. The hydrator stays in place and does not flop around on the deck. We brought the drinking tubes around our left sides and under our arms. We attached the clips to our PFD's. The mounting location of the hydrator did not cause a problem for paddle float rescues.

We did have trouble with the hydrators when landing and exiting our kayaks. When we forgot to disconnect our units we remained attached to our boats. At other times, the drinking tubes popped off the mouthpieces. When that happened it was hard to find the tube in the water, and all our drinking water drained away!

So now we carry a spare

mouthpiece and do not rely on the hydrator as the sole water source. The hose is long enough that it does not interfere when we roll or perform other maneuvers. We did find that the hose clips rust after only a half dozen trips on salt water – even with careful rinsing in fresh water after each trip. This makes the clips unusable because the spring no longer works. I wrote to Cascade Designs about this matter; they replied that they are unaware of the problem. So, I made my own clip using a hook and a marine-grade stainless steel split ring.

Before making a hot weather trip, we fill the bags 90% full and freeze overnight. We do not freeze the drinking tubes; instead, we seal the water bags with soda bottle caps. We have had no problems with the zip lock closure, but we usually fill from the faucet through the screw cap fitting. Fitting the frozen bag and tube into the pouch is straightforward.

After six months, we have been extremely pleased with how well the insulated pouch works. Even when we placed the bags on the back deck in full sun on a 90-degree day, they retained ice for at least five hours, and often longer.

Directions to Annual Meeting

CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADC map page 34, A7
710 Masons Beach Road, Deale, MD 20751 (410) 867-7417

Via Route 4

Take the Beltway to Route 4 (Pennsylvania Ave) South/East (past both Rt. 301 and Wayson's Corner)
Exit at sign "EAST 258 TO EAST 259, BRISTOL DEALE"
Follow exit ramp over Route 4 and continue on 258 BAY FRONT ROAD straight through light at Route 2
Continue on Rt. 258 for several miles until it ends at a "T"
Turn RIGHT onto Rt. 256 DEALE CHURCHTON ROAD
Follow past the library on your right; the CHURCH is on the LEFT at the next "T" intersection. There is a brick entrance way. The Sanctuary is brick with a white steeple. We will meet in the Education Annex, the first building on the left.

Via Route 50

Take ROUTE 50 East and continue well past Rt. 301.
EXIT onto ROUTE 424 DAVIDSONVILLE ROAD South
Continue straight across Rt. 214—the road becomes BIRDSVILLE ROAD
At "T" intersection, turn RIGHT onto Rt. 2 SOLOMONS ISL. RD
In about 100 yards, take first LEFT turn onto MILL SWAMP RD
At "T" intersection, turn RIGHT onto Rt. 468 MUDDY CREEK RD and continue straight through light at Rt. 255 Galesville Road. Continue for several miles around a large bend
At next light, turn RIGHT onto Rt. 256 DEALE CHURCHTON ROAD
Follow past the library on your right; the CHURCH is on the LEFT at the next "T" intersection. There is a brick entrance way. The Sanctuary is brick with a white steeple. We will meet in the Education Annex, the first building on the left.

CPA Trip Requirements and Ratings

All 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 or 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 water-tight 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 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 needed.

Beginners: Participants have paddled some, taken classes, or have been on short (up to 4-mile) trips and can 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 groups paddling skills.

Intermediate Paddlers: Participants are comfortable with open-water crossings of 2+ miles, can handle a variety of water conditions and have strong self- and group-rescue skills.

CALENDAR

Participants in CPA events must read and comply with the statement of CPA trips requirements and ratings.

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

The latest information about CPA trips is at www.cpakayaker.com.

OCTOBER

8-11 (Fri-Mon) Pocomoke Sound, Virginia. (Beginner)
Greg Welker

10 (Sun) Nominations for officers and steering committee members due; see CPA website for form

16 (Sat) Chestertown. (All)
James Song

24 (Sun) Autumn Leaves Paddle. (All) *David Moore*

28 (Thu) Halloween Paddle, Jack's Boathouse. (Beginner)
Dave Biss

29-31 (Fri-Sun) Chickahominy River Paddle and Camp. (Beginner) *Bill Dodge*

30 (Sat) Indoor Pool Sessions Begin (All)

31 (Sun) Daylight Savings Ends

NOVEMBER

7 (Sun) Annual Meeting

13 (Sat) Fall Paddling Series. (All) *James Song*

DECEMBER

4 (Sat) Holiday Party, Alan Avery's house (All)

11 (Sat) Winter Paddling Series. (Advanced Beginner)
James Song



Weekly Pirates Paddling

CHECK THE STARTING DATES FOR EACH GROUP ON THE CPA WEBSITE:
<http://www.cpakayaker.com>

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 the first left after crossing the bridge. Follow road to Pier 7 Marina. Contact: Alan Avery, 410-856-3299 or pirates_pier7@cpakayaker.com.

Note: Pier 7 kayak launching is free on Wednesday only. All other times there is a \$10 launch fee per kayak if launching from the beach.



Pirates of the Potomac

Wednesday nights, 5 PM. Belle Haven Marina. \$3 launch fee. Seasonal passes \$45. Directions: From Alexandria, VA, take the Mount 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@cpakayaker.com. In case of inclement weather, call Bellhaven Marina at 703-768-0018 after 3:30 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: Dan Wells, 410-414-2660 or pirates_patuxent@cpakayaker.com; (alternate) Don Polakovics, 301-866-0437, pirates_patuxent2@cpakayaker.com

Pirates of Georgetown

Thursday nights, arrive between 6-6:30 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; <http://www.jacksboathouse.com/POG>

Pirates of Baltimore (the roving Piracy!)

1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at Canton Waterfront Park, 3001 Boston St., Baltimore; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Rocky Point Park, Essex, MD. Meet at 5:30 PM for paddling and skills practice and to meet other paddlers. PFDs, sprayskirts and a waterproof light required. Contact Barry Marsh, 410-728-4016 or 703-837-3017.

Pirates of Algonkian (upper Potomac)

Tuesday nights, 6 PM until sunset. Paddlers from VA and MD paddle along the upper Potomac shores. We raid unsuspecting canoes and fisherman for food, drink and catch-of-the-day. AAARRRRG! We also portage and paddle down along the C&O Canal. We often explore Seneca Creek and elongated islands as well as practice skills, rescues, and rolling workshops. Two launch points: Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, VA, and Fountainhead Regional Park in Clifton, VA. Contact: James Song, james.song@verizon.com or tsongus@yahoo.com or 703-375-4754.

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