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New Year's Eve Paddle

Cyndi Janetzko



It was New Year's Eve and I was out for a night paddle. That in itself is not unusual, except that I launched from an island campsite on the Gulf of Mexico and paddled with four other paddlers I met just a day before. Needless to say, this was not exactly what I envisioned when my relatives first talked about spending the Christmas holiday in Florida.

It all began back in August while visiting my sister in Chicago. She suggested heading south for the Christmas holiday. Never one to turn down some sunshine in December, I wholeheartedly supported the idea.

Once we decided to go, the question became where. Of course,

Dave and I voted for locations to which we could drive so that we could bring our boats with us. After looking at the maps and charts and talking with other family members, we all agreed to meet in Clearwater Beach, Florida (just outside of Tampa) for the week between Christmas and New Year's. We rented a large house one block from the beach. When my sister had to cancel at the last minute, we invited Barbara (the CPA web master) and Anatoly to join us.

Before heading to Florida, I did my homework. I purchased several books on paddling in the area and dog-eared several potential paddling trips by reading them every night. I also checked out a few trip reports that I found on the Tampa Bay Sea

Kayakers' site. One trip report in particular caught my eye. Terry Hobbs told about his New Year's Eve campout and paddle from the year before (http://www.clubkayak.com/tbsk/Trip_Pages/04-37kayakCamping.htm). His trip sounded like a great way to ring in the New Year and convinced us to bring along our camping gear with the idea of doing something similar.

On the Wednesday before New Year's, Barb, Anatoly, Dave and I shouldered the kayaks and made the 50-yard trek from our beach house to the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. It was a beautiful day—low 70s, lots of sun, no wind and water temps near 60. What a change from the 12 degrees it had been when we left DC!

We'd been at Clearwater a few days and so far hadn't seen any other paddlers except the stray tourist in a sit-on-top (*sans* PFD of course). We launched and paddled north. After traveling about a half mile, we saw kayakers in the distance; but, these weren't your average tourists! Nope, we had run into a pod of dry-suited, NDK paddling kayakers.

What a group this turned out to be—a plethora of local paddling knowledge! As we paddled they told us where to see the manatees, which mangroves were worth paddling to, which new inlets were

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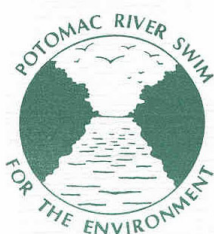
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SAVE THIS DATE:
 Saturday, June 4, 2005
 Potomac Swim Support
 Details coming soon

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Have an idea for an article, or is there information you would like to see in the newsletter? Email Danielle at news_editor@cpakayaker.com or call her at 703-208-0812.

THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION

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DEADLINES: Closing date for articles, trip reports, information and advertisements is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. The editors retain the right to edit or not to print any submitted material. See advertising information in the Classifieds section.

The Chesapeake Paddler is published monthly, approximately March–December and may be reprinted whole or in part if credit is given to this newsletter and any identified author (unless an article is specifically copyrighted), and a courtesy copy is sent to the Managing Editor.

Coordinator's Column

Ahoy, CPA Paddlers,

In February we held a Steering Committee meeting and two trip and event planning meetings—one in Maryland and one in Virginia. So far our members have volunteered to organize and lead more than 30 paddle trips and events in 2005, and many more activities are being planned. Check out all the trips and events we've added to the CPA website and March newsletter calendars! If you'd like to organize and/or lead a kayaking trip or event, please contact any member of the Steering Committee and we'll help you get it on the calendar. If you're looking for other CPA members to help you organize or lead a trip or event, get in touch with us and we'll see if we can help find someone for you to work with.

Many paddlers' main activity with the CPA is the weekly Piracies.

Our Piracies are a great way to meet other kayakers and to learn and practice skills. Over the past few years, we've added new Piracies near Algonkian Regional Park on the Potomac and in Baltimore. The founding Pirate King of the Pirates of Algonkian won't be able to run that Piracy this year, so we're looking for a new Pirate King or Queen to take the helm. It'd be great to revive this Piracy and continue to offer weekly paddling opportunities on a stretch of water accessible to a lot of CPA paddlers.

Bob Huber recently took over the Pirates of Baltimore from me (thanks, Bob), and is working on plans to grow the Piracy this year. We've heard interest in forming new Piracies in the north Bay (Havre de Grace and Northeast have been mentioned) and on the Eastern Shore (Kent Island and St. Michaels). Please contact me if you'd like to take over the Pirates of

Algonkian or to learn about forming a new Piracy anywhere on the Bay.

After receiving less interest than we had expected to for the March 26 "Skills for Safe Trips" class, we've reformatted the event into a Trip Leader Training class. Brian Blankinship has stepped forward to organize this class (thanks!), which will focus on all aspects of leading CPA trips and peer paddles. More info can be found on the CPA website calendar; contact Brian if you're interested in attending. This class will be held at the West River Center near Annapolis on March 26.

Happy, safe, and warm paddlin', and see ya on the water!

Barry

Seventh Annual Skills Clinic (SK102)

By Brian Blankinship

On March 13-15, over 100 sea kayakers will descend on Theresa Pendleton and David Compton's property on Lake Anna for the seventh SK102 skills clinic. CPA members provide free, on-water instruction geared towards new paddlers. This is not commercial instruction; it is an incredible opportunity to learn, test equipment, learn to teach, and socialize with CPA members.

80 participants and 20 instructors/assistants will hold classes all day Saturday and Sunday morning. This year, the organizers, Brian Blankinship and Laura Butterbaugh, will try to make sure people sign up for appropriate classes based on their current skill level.

For those new to paddling, basic strokes in the morning and rescues in the afternoon are a great combination. For more experienced paddlers, advanced strokes and advanced rescues would be perfect. Paddlers already comfortable with their stroke and advanced rescues can take rolling. Greenland style paddling is also an option, with some Greenland paddles available for student use.

Evenings are reserved for social events. The weekend starts off on Friday with a night paddle. On Saturday, expect a cookout and campfire where musicians will serenade us. Our version of fireworks—a flare demonstration—will cap the evening.

Registration fills quickly. All people must be pre-registered. There are no walk-ins and we cannot allow "guests" of participants because of space and insurance issues. Registration preference is given to those who were turned away previously.



THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SK102 SKILLS CLINIC, MAY 13-15, 2005

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

Where: Lake Anna is 2 hours south of Washington DC, between Fredericksburg and Richmond, VA, 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 heated! The location is private property, where you are welcome to set up your own tent. There are motels nearby for non-campers. Details and directions will be emailed, and are posted on www.cpakayaker.com under Special Events, SK102.

Cost: \$32, which will cover the cost of the porta-potties, handouts, insurance provided by the American Canoe Association (ACA), and dinner on Saturday night. You will be responsible for all your other meals. You provide your own boat, spray skirt, and PFD. CPA volunteers will conduct the free skills clinic. This is not certified instruction.

For questions or to volunteer, email: SK102@BayKayaking.com. If needed, call Brian at 410-867-1051.

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

You will be notified by email of acceptance/non-acceptance. For those turned away, checks will be destroyed. ALL MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED: NO NON-REGISTERED GUESTS OR WALK-INS allowed on the grounds.

SK102 REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Email address: _____

Address : _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

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

If a participant is 12-18 years old, please check here _____

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

Did you attend last year? Yes / No

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

If you are an ACA member, the fee is discounted to \$25. ACA Membership # _____

If you prefer a vegetarian option for dinner, please check here _____

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

For course descriptions, go to www.cpakayaker.com and look under Special Events, SK102.

Saturday Morning Session: 9:00-12:00

___ BLOCK 1: Kayak Design, Wet Exit, Basic Strokes

___ BLOCK 2: Stroke Improvement, Intermediate Strokes, Bracing

___ BLOCK 3: Self Rescues, Group Rescues, Towing

Saturday Afternoon Session: 1:00-3:30

___ 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

Sunday Morning Sessions do not require registration, and will be announced by email.

To register: Fill out this form and send it along with your \$32 check payable to "CPA" to:
Laura Butterbaugh, 829 Chester River Dr., Grasonville, MD 21638

The CPA forums are now available with RSS

by Anatoly Ivasyuk and Barbara Foley

Build it and they will come. That was the hope when the CPA introduced online forums as a new service to the membership in early 2004. While the forums have many useful features, the membership has been slow to adopt them due to the inconvenience of having to visit the website to see what's happening. Well that's all over now; the CPA has enabled an RSS feed for the online forums.

RSS is a technology which enables you to pull news and messages from online sources into your RSS "mail box", in many cases just as easily as pulling email into your regular mail box. This provides a convenient service if you prefer to receive information without having to go out and fetch it yourself. All you need is an RSS reader; RSS readers can be found integrated into many email programs, as plug-ins for your existing email software, and as standalone software programs.

So with a compatible RSS reader you can now "subscribe" to our forums. If you keep your RSS reader running, it will check all of your subscriptions about once every hour or two hours by default and let you know if there are new articles or postings available for you to read. With the CPA forums, any posting made to any of the forums will show up in the feed, or you can subscribe to individual forums if you prefer.

The only real downside is that RSS is designed for people who are online fairly often. RSS feeds usually have a fixed number of entries, so depending on the frequency of posts the oldest posts may "disappear" from the feed before you can download it. Fortunately, those posts aren't completely lost since they are stored indefinitely online in the forums. The number of entries on the CPA forums RSS feed will be adjusted in order to minimize this effect for people who are not online as frequently.

Do I have to learn new software?

It depends. Chances are that you're already using software that can read RSS or can be made to read RSS. Many email clients and web browsers have RSS readers built-in or have them available as add-on components, and there are both free and commercial readers available.

How do I subscribe?

If you've made it to this point and you already have an RSS reader, the location of the CPA forums RSS feed is: <http://www.cpakayaker.com/forums/rss.php>

To subscribe to a specific forum, add the forum ID number to the location. For example: <http://www.cpakayaker.com/forums/rss.php?f=1> will create a subscription only to the General forum.

Here is a list of forums you can subscribe to with their forum ID number.

CPA Forums

General	f=1
Events	f=2
Gear Swap	f=3
Special Offers	f=4
Stolen Boats	f=12
Policy	f=5

Pirates of the Chesapeake Forums

Algonkian	f=6
Baltimore	f=7
Georgetown	f=8
Patuxent	f=9
Pier 7	f=10
Potomac	f=11

If you do not yet have an RSS reader, there are many options.

RSS Readers

Mozilla Thunderbird: <http://www.mozilla.org>
This is a popular email client, the successor to the Mozilla and Netscape mail software. In the latest release they have added a full-featured RSS client. RSS feeds get delivered like mail and look like regular mail folders. (Win, Mac, Unix; free)

intraVnews: <http://www.intravnews.com>
This is an add-on for Microsoft Outlook that delivers RSS feeds and makes them look like regular mail folders. (Win; \$5)

Mozilla Firefox: <http://www.mozilla.org>
Firefox is a great alternative web browser that includes an RSS reader in the latest release. This is great if you don't have RSS in your email client. (Win, Mac, Unix; free)

FeedReader: <http://www.feedreader.com>
FeedReader is a standalone RSS reader that can run in the background on your machine and check your RSS feeds automatically. (Win; free)

Pluck: <http://www.pluck.com/>
This is an RSS reader add-on for Microsoft Internet Explorer. (Win; free)

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just appearing and where to surf. Since they seemed like such a wealth of information I causally mentioned the idea of camping somewhere for New Years. It turns out I was paddling with Terry, the author of that trip report I had read online only a few days ago. Their trip was on again for this year! Not only that, they were headed to the very island now for lunch, and we were welcome to come along.

The island at which we had lunch and where we would later camp is called a spoil island. Spoil islands line the Gulf side inter-coastal waterway and were created as the channel was dredged. Debris and soil were deposited along the waterway and formed into islands.

Some of these islands are small, others are large; some have beaches, others only mangroves. No book I found described these islands, but Terry and his friends knew each in detail. Spoil Island Two is the unofficial kayak site. It has several good camping spots and a nice little landing beach on the north end which is free from kayak-destroying oyster beds. After lunch, we bade our farewells and promised to be back on Friday afternoon with the necessary camping requirements: a few extra bottles of champagne.

Friday, we again shouldered the kayaks and carried them down to the beach along with our bags of camping gear. I played with packing configurations for a while as this was the first time I had loaded up my new sleek Silhouette with camping gear. I was amazed to see how much more space it has compared to my old Montauk. Two feet make a difference!

We paddled north along the island of Clearwater, then past the now-dry inlet separating it and Caladesi Island. It was funny to think about how we were originally planning to

circumnavigate Caladesi Island after reading about it in the AAA book. Nothing prepared us for the fact that the island had joined the mainland in 1978 during a hurricane. Someone should update those maps! We continued to the tip of Caladesi and then cut east through a new channel into the Intercoastal Waterway. From there it is pretty much a straight shot east to the island. When we arrived at the island after about a 90-minute paddle, we found the camp already set up with the fire just beginning to blaze. Terry had arrived the day before to stake it out and Bob, Kevin, and John were also there.

After dinner, Terry was itching to go for a night paddle, so six of us suited up and paddled out into the dark. We decided to head back out into the gulf and down toward Clearwater Beach, basically retracing the route we took to reach the campsite. Despite having paddled the exact same waters only hours earlier, we were surprised at how different it all felt in the dark. As we crossed the channel, all was quiet with not a boat to be seen. It was clear that

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2005 CPA Pool Sessions*

Saturdays, now through spring at the Fairland Aquatic Center, Burtonsville, Maryland
4-5:50 pm and 5:50-7:45 pm; \$7 per person. Pay at FAC.

Required:

1. Boats and gear clear of leaves, mud, grass.
2. A reservation; please email Joan at Jspinner2@peoplepc.com (preferred) or call 301-559-3345 by the Thursday before the session. Leave a message and 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. Enter through the patio.

*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.

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.

2005 CPA Trip and Event 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.

March	18-20 Jersey Paddlefest (<i>All</i>) www.jerseypaddler.com/padspport (888) 22.KAYAK 26 Trip Leader Training (<i>All</i>) Brian Blankinship (410) 867-1051
April	2 Greenland Paddle Making (<i>All</i>) Nelson Labbe (703) 866-0896 SESSION NOW CLOSED 9 Patuxent River Cleanup (<i>All</i>) Chip Walsh chipwalsh@com.net ; Ralph Heimlich heimlichfamily@comcast.net 16 Greenland Paddle Making (<i>All</i>) Nelson Labbe (703) 866-0896 SESSION NOW CLOSED 30-May 1 Assateague Island Camping Trip (<i>Beginner</i>) Leader TBA
May	6-7 Springriver Demo Days (<i>Advanced Beginner</i>) Alan Avery (410) 956-3299 7 4th Annual Chesapeake Bay Paddlefest (<i>All</i>) Hal Ashman (410) 335-5352 13-15 7th Annual SK102 Skills Clinic (<i>All</i>) Brian Blankinship (410) 867-1051 21 Tridelphia Reservoir Day Paddle (<i>Beginner</i>) Sue Bauer/Rob & Jackie Castle 22 Patapsco Swim Support (<i>Advanced Beginners</i>) Barry Marsh (410) 728-4016 22 Kayak Swim Support Training (<i>Beginner</i>) Dave Biss & Cyndi Janetzko (703) 241-0036 29 Rocky Gorge Memorial Weekend Paddle (<i>Beginner</i>) David Moore (301) 445-3273

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June	<p>4 SassafRAS River Day Paddle (<i>Beginner</i>) Rich Stevens (703) 527-4882</p> <p>4 Potomac River Swim (<i>Advanced Beginner</i>) Cheryl Wagner (202) 387-2361</p> <p>10-12 Point Lookout Maryland Car Camping (<i>Beginner</i>) Bill Dodge (703) 979-5837</p> <p>12 Great Chesapeake Bay Swim (<i>Advanced Beginner</i>) Dave Biss & Cyndi Janetzko (703) 241-0036</p> <p>17 No Octane Regatta (<i>All</i>) Dave Moore (410) 728-4016</p> <p>18 Paddle for the Cure (<i>All</i>) Hal Ashman (410) 335-5352</p> <p>18 Swim for Life (<i>Advanced Beginner</i>) Alan Avery (410) 956-3299 & Steve Sharkey (410) 758-8756</p> <p>26 Baltimore Harbor Paddle Day (<i>Advanced Beginner</i>) Barry Marsh (410) 728-4016</p>
July	<p>4 Fourth of July Fireworks Paddle and Picnic (<i>Beginner</i>) Yvonne Thayer (202) 364-4879</p> <p>9 Miles River Day Paddle (<i>Beginner</i>) Rich Stevens (703) 527-4882</p> <p>8-10 New Point Comfort Car Campout (<i>Beginner</i>) Bill Dodge (703) 979-5837</p> <p>10 Safety & Rescues (<i>Beginner</i>) Dave Biss & Cyndi Janetzko (703) 241-0036</p> <p>16 Rec Boat Safety Training (<i>Beginner</i>) Ralph Heimlich heimlichfamily@comcast.net</p> <p>23 Dundee Creek & Gunpowder River (<i>Intermediate</i>) Barry Marsh (410) 728-4016</p>
August	<p>21 Susquehanna River/Havre de Grace (<i>Intermediate</i>) Barry Marsh (410) 728-4016</p>
September	<p>3-10 Paddling in the Adirondacks (<i>All</i>) Dave Moore (410) 728-4016</p> <p>17-18 St. Clements Island Kayak Camper (<i>Beginner</i>) Bill Dodge (703) 979-5837</p> <p>30-Oct. 2 Elk Neck Car Camper (<i>Beginner</i>) Ralph Heimlich heimlichfamily@comcast.net</p>
October	<p>14 Evening Hunter's Moon Paddle (<i>Beginner</i>) Chip Walsh chipwalsh@comcast.net</p> <p>23 Sunset & Moonlight Paddle (<i>Beginner</i>) Chip Walsh chipwalsh@comcast.net</p> <p>27 Third Annual Halloween Paddle Party (<i>Beginner</i>) Dave Biss & Cyndi Janetzko (703) 241-0036</p>
November	<p>Chickahominy River Car Camper (<i>Beginner</i>) Bill Dodge (703) 979-5837</p>

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the Tampa Bay paddlers had a lot of experience paddling the waters at night. They quickly split us up into groups of two and we all called to each other as we slid forward, searching for the inlet leading into the Gulf.

The tide was lower and it took a few tries before we found the channel and could turn down along Caladesi Island. Our turn-around point was the north end of Clearwater, or less than one mile from the beach house we had rented. We all joked about the possibility of stopping by the house to enjoy the hot tub for awhile prior to returning to our island paradise! Not wanting to turn back quite yet we all floated, watched the sporadic fireworks lighting the sky.



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SharpReader: <http://www.sharpreader.net/>
Another standalone RSS reader for Windows.
(Win; free)

Abilon: <http://www.activerefresh.com/abilon/>
Another standalone RSS reader for Windows.
(Win; free)

SlashDock: <http://homepage.mac.com/stas/slashdock.html>
A standalone RSS reader for Mac OS X.
(Mac; free, donate to disable ads)

Shrook: <http://www.fondantfancies.com/shrook/>
A standalone RSS reader for Mac OS X.
(Mac; \$24.95)

HotSheet: <http://www.johnmunsch.com/projects/HotSheet/>
A standalone RSS reader written in Java 2, so it should run on most platforms with a Java 2 runtime.
(Win, Mac, Unix, Other; free)

NewsMac: <http://www.thinkmac.co.uk/newsmac/>
Another standalone RSS reader for Macintosh.
(Mac; free, donation requested)

FeedDemon: <http://www.feeddemon.com>
Another standalone RSS reader for Windows.
(Win; \$29.95)

Opera: <http://www.opera.com>
An alternative web browser. The latest version of the Opera email client includes an RSS reader.
(Win, Mac, Unix, OS/2; \$39)



2004 SK102 class

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