

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## East Side, West Side, All Around the Town

by Yvonne Thayer

Paddling around Manhattan Island is as exciting as it sounds. Thirty-one miles of heaving water, turbulent currents, New York harbor, the Statue of Liberty, shimmering skyscrapers, soaring bridges, massive barges, tree-topped bluffs, a peerless skyline—This trip can't be beat!

When Yonkers-based CPA member Jerry Blackstone posted the invitation in July, I signed right up. I'd lived in New York briefly after college and crossed the George Washington Bridge countless times, but couldn't wait to see it by water. Dave Moore, who made the trip last year, was also going and we drove up together. We arrived at Jerry's by 11 PM for a few hours sleep before heading down to the Downtown Boat House at 5:30 AM.

Just after 7 AM on August 20, 25 kayakers set off down the Hudson River. Jerry had called the Coast Guard operations officer to inform him of our float plan and was happy when he wished us a great trip. Jerry was even happier to hear the Coast Guard on his marine radio notify marine traffic in the Harbor of the "25 kayakers heading to the Battery to circumnavigate Manhattan."

It was somewhat foggy and gray, threatening rain for much of the day, but only a few sprinkles fell. We were grateful that the overcast day kept most of the noisy pleasure boat crowd off the river. We did pass a number of Circle Line ferry boats, cargo boats, a caravan of barges, some power boats, jet skis and tug boats.



Yvonne and the Big Apple

As we rounded the Battery, with the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Governors Island, Staten Island and Queens on our right, trip leader Steven Blumling directed us well away from the sea wall. The intent was to avoid the reflected waves, strainers and frequent ferry traffic. We passed under many bridges, including the monumental BMW (Brooklyn, Manhattan and Washington) bridges, hearing the screech of car, truck and train traffic far overhead. Spurred by the powerful current and the effect of the full moon, we flew up the East River. David clocked us at over 11 mph and others said they got up to 14 mph.

We took the east channel by Roosevelt Island and made our first stop at the beach in Halletts Cove in Astoria, Queens. The Socrates Sculpture Garden installation had just been taken down, but we took the time to snack, walk, take pictures, visit

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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Dan Hoke at Red Point, Northeast River

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Have an idea for an article, or is there information you would like to see in the newsletter? Email Ralph at [news\\_editor@cpakayaker.com](mailto:news_editor@cpakayaker.com) or call at 301-498-0722.

## 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.

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## Coordinator's Column

By Barry Marsh

Ahoy, Paddlers,

Summer's almost over - I hope everyone had a great paddling season! I know I did - I enjoyed lots of fun trips with friends and the CPA, met many of our members, learned some new skills, and got yet another kayak (see my Silhouette, below)!

With the days getting shorter and the cooler weather finally on its way, now's the time to check your fall and winter gear to make sure you're ready for colder weather paddling. Our calendar for the fall and winter months is a bit empty right now, so it'd be great if you'd consider organizing Fall trips so others can enjoy the wonderful opportunities offered by cooler weather kayaking.

We have a new Newsletter Editor! With the October issue of the **Chesapeake Paddler**, Ralph Heimlich takes over as Editor from Danielle Ring, who is busy establishing her own freelance writing career. Welcome aboard Ralph, and thanks and good luck, Danielle! As with any CPA activity, newsletter duties aren't performed by just one member - the newsletter is a group effort, with the newsletter staff pulling many members' efforts together to get each issue out to you. Feel free to send your articles and suggestions to Ralph ([news\\_editor@cpakayaker.com](mailto:news_editor@cpakayaker.com)), and please offer your expertise if you'd like to help.

The October **Chesapeake Paddler** includes the 2006 CPA Officer election Proxy Ballot. We'd appreciate if you could take the time to select your candidates and mail the ballot. Ballots will be counted and winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 6, in the Education Annex of the Cedar Grove United Methodist Church (in Deale, MD); see page 4 for [directions](#). As always, there will be a paddle before the meeting, and cold weather gear will probably be necessary. The distance and direction will be determined by the paddlers who show up. We will launch from Galesville (see below for directions) at 8:30 AM and must be off the water by 12:00 PM to make the meeting. Pre-screening is waived for this paddle, but paddlers will need to complete a CPA Waiver. If you want to join us, bring the required gear and come on down! As in the past, we will serve lunch beginning at 12:30 PM, followed by the business meeting.

See ya at the Annual Meeting, and on the water!

Barry



### Pre-Annual Meeting Paddle

We'll hold our traditional pre-meeting paddle before this year's CPA Annual Meeting. The paddle will be from Galesville, and we'll meet at 8:30 AM. Paddlers need not be pre-screened to participate, but will need the required CPA trip gear—clothes appropriate for the colder conditions, PFD, paddlefloat, bilge pump, sprayskirt, whistle, and a kayak with watertight bulkheads or flotation bags. All paddlers will be asked to sign a CPA Waiver, available on the website and from the Trip Leader at the launch site (we'd prefer paddlers bring a completed Waiver to the paddle).

We'll meet at Galesville, MD. From the Annapolis area, take MD Rte. 2 South. Turn left onto Rte. 214 / Central Ave. East, then after about a mile turn right at the light onto Rte. 468 / Muddy Creek Rd. Follow Rte. 214 about 5 miles and turn left at the light onto Rte. 255 / Galesville Rd. Follow Rte. 255 until it ends in a "T" intersection in Galesville, and the small launch beach is at the park right ahead.

## CPA Pool Sessions, 2005-2006

**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

These are open sessions, not lessons. You must bring your own boat and gear.

### 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](mailto:Joan@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
  - b. date of session
  - c. time slot
  - d. 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. In case of inclement weather, call the center to see if it is open: 301-206-2359

## Directions to the CPA Annual Meeting Sunday, November 6, at 12:30 PM

CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
710 Masons Beach Road, Deale, MD 20751  
(410) 867-7417  
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### FROM DC OR POINTS SOUTH VIA ROUTE 4:

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

### FROM DC VIA ROUTE 50:

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

### FROM BALTIMORE VIA ROUTE 50:

Take I-97 south until it terminates at Rte. 50, head EAST towards Annapolis. Exit at the first exit, Rte. 665 / Rte. 2 and follow Rte. 2 SOUTH. Pass Pier 7 and several traffic lights. Turn LEFT at light onto Rte. 214 / CENTRAL AVE. At the light, turn LEFT onto Rte. 258 / BAY FRONT RD. and continue for several miles until it ends at a "T." Turn RIGHT onto Rte. 256 / DEALE CHURCHTON RD. Follow past the library on your right; the CHURCH is on the LEFT at the next "T" intersection. There is a brick entranceway. The Sanctuary is brick with a white steeple. We will meet in the Education Annex, the first building on the left.

## Piracy Reflections

As the warm weather winds down to Fall, our Pirate Queens and Kings reflect on the summer swiftly dying:

Though it was our first, the Pirates of Sugarloaf enjoyed a busy season of paddling on an assortment of waters. The spring paddle season began modestly with David Shamus being my personal tour-guide at our home waters of Black Hill Regional Park. As the air and water temperatures warmed, more Pirates enlisted. We enjoyed seeing beavers and turtles at Black Hill, being dinner guests among the muskrat at Piney Run, going One Way under the Bridge at Seneca, hooking up with the Algonkian Pirates on the Potomac, and paddling the "flatwater" of the Monocacy River. The recent Skills Session at Greenbrier was a fun and educational evening we'll repeat next year. Paddlers with all varieties of boats came out. Thank you all for a fun and successful season and I look forward to seeing you on the water next year.

*Deb McKenzie—Queen of the Sugarloaf*

Arrrrghh!!!! Tis another season that's rolling to an end for the Pirates of the Potomac. We have sunk a lot ships and buried a ton of gold. For the hearty souls who made it, I'm sure you'll agree it was a great break in the middle of the week for all of us. We had a great success with memories to carry us into the dark months ahead. I hope next year I will see all of your snarly faces and maybe some new blood to add to the group.

*Dick "The Rock"—Potomac Pirate King*

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some of the permanent sculptures and chat up an artist preparing wood frames for some massive cement exhibit. Jerry passed out diagrams of the flood tide progression for that day, demonstrating the logic of our layover before entering the Hudson River at just the right moment to catch the tide home. We continued on up the East River past the lighthouse at the north end of Roosevelt Island and exhorted the spread out paddlers to join up for a quick, tight crossing through the heavily traveled channel to the Manhattan side of the river. We hugged the shore, passing joggers and even a slow-moving red truck, staying left into the west boundary of Hells Gate, where the East River turns into Long Island Sound and the Harlem River empties into the East River.



NY paddlers take a break

Continuing past Randall's Island, we entered the narrow Harlem River. Under the moon's spell, it carried us quickly along, under a number of small car, train and pedestrian bridges, passing gritty Brooklyn streets and rusted-out boat graveyards. We stopped at a beach beyond the gaily painted but closed Peter Sharpe/Bette Midler boathouse on the Harlem River at 190<sup>th</sup> Street. Unwilling to miss out on the forceful Harlem River current, we postponed lunch and continued on around the top of Manhattan island. Thick pines (some say it is original forest) stretched down to the shore, creating a quiet wonderland of trees, vines and wild blossoms. We soon passed under the Henry Hudson bridge and the open Amtrak rotating railroad bridge, spilling back into the Hudson River, past the Columbia University boathouse and the gigantic blue "C" painted on a massive rock face.

Heading down through the Palisades, we arrived at Tubby Hook around 1:30 for a lunch break. There we met up with several other kayakers on shorter river trips. Some decided to join us for the trip back to the boathouse. Several people were fishing on the pier. I saw a tiny flounder, a small snapper and a smaller crab swimming frantically around in the bottom of a fisherman's bucket.

We set off in a dash down the Hudson, nominally intending to join up at the 79th street boat basin. Wherever the river narrowed, the waves and swells increased, to nearly two feet in places. The first boats made it back to the boat house around 4 PM and the last, Jerry, pulled in at 4:35 PM. Our 31-mile trip around Manhattan took just over six hours paddling time. We cleaned up and headed over to the Spaghetti House at Bleeker Street in the East Village for a well-deserved *après paddle*.

For another, more detailed paddle trip report, see [http://www.hrwa.org/reports/manhattan\\_circ.html](http://www.hrwa.org/reports/manhattan_circ.html).

**Piracy Reflections** (Continued from page 4)

CPA's newest piracy had a short but sweet paddling season. With a late start on the paddling season, we quickly became the Pirates of the North who Navigate at Night (and sometimes Knock into Navigational Nuns)\*. Scattered over 4 states, we often found ourselves paddling alone in the past, and the chance to paddle with others drew us irresistibly. As one excited pirate was heard to say "THIS is what I've been hoping for!!" It's a fine crew. We'll lay up in Tortola for the winter and be back to ravage the Northern reaches of the Bay in the Spring. \* Distant relations of the "Knights who say Ni"

**Wendy "The Amish Terror" Baker Davis**

With no one single individual able to lift the crown of our long time Pier 7 pirate king Alan Avery, a trio of mates and all the pirates of Pier 7 pitched in to make this another wonderful paddling season on the South River. The Pier 7 paddling nights were highlighted this year by a number of different events. As usual, Chesapeake Light Craft brought boats down for us to paddle, and Greg Welker taught classes on kayak cookery and places to camp. Thank you to Dave Shamus for organizing an on-the-water class with Olympic medal winner Greg Barton. Believe it or not, the pirates ate on tablecloths this year, provided by Sue Bauer, which created an elegant setting for the always well received FOOD provided by the paddlers. We've been known to eat almost anything, but we were always on the lookout for the tasty morsels provided by Jackie Castle. Now if we can only keep the leftovers out of the new refrigerator, donated by Rich Stevens, who also provided our dinner lighting, we'll have room for the beer. We look forward to seeing all of you, and new faces too, when the water warms next spring.

**Rob and Jackie Castle, Brent Cogswell, Greg Welker**

## 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 <http://www.cpakayaker.com/events.html>

<b>October</b>	<p><b>8-10 (Sat-Mon) Tall Pines II</b> (<i>Advanced Beginner</i>) <a href="#">Greg Welker</a> 301-249-4895 (trip is full).  <b>14 (Fri) Evening Hunter’s Moon Paddle</b> (<i>Beginner</i>) <a href="#">Chip Walsh</a>  <b>26 (Wed) Jonas Green Park Sunset &amp; Moonlight Paddle</b> (<i>Beginner</i>) <a href="#">Chip Walsh</a>  <b>26 (Wed) Pier 7 Piracy Final Day</b> (<i>All</i>) <a href="#">Greg Welker</a> 301-249-4895  <b>27 (Thu) Third Annual PoG Halloween Paddle &amp; Party</b> (<i>All</i>) <a href="#">Dave Biss</a> 703-241-0036</p>
<b>November</b>	<p><b>6 (Sun) Annual Meeting and Paddle</b> (<i>ALL</i>) <a href="#">Barry Marsh</a> 410-728-4016  <b>11-13 (Fri-Sun) Chickahominy River Car Camper</b> (<i>Beginner</i>) Bill Dodge 703-979-5837</p>
<b>December</b>	<p><b>Your Trip Here—Winter Paddlers, Start Something!</b></p>



Jim Allen and Ellen Stefaniak off Bullock Island, Potomac River

## 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 ([http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations\\_list.php](http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations_list.php)) 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.

### Officers (choose one of each)

#### Coordinator

- Barry Marsh  
 (Write-in Candidate)\_\_\_\_\_

#### Secretary (vote for one)

- Jackie Castle  
 Sue Bauer  
 Steve Lindeman (declined the nomination)  
 (Write-in Candidate)\_\_\_\_\_

#### Treasurer

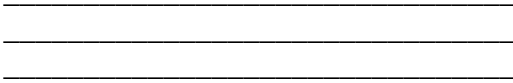
- John Blackburn  
 (Write-in Candidate)\_\_\_\_\_

### Steering Committee (choose six)

- Brian Blankinship  
 Cyndi Janetzko  
 Dave Biss  
 Ralph Heimlich  
 Rich Stevens  
 Rob Castle  
 Yvonne Thayer  
 Alan Avery (declined the nomination)  
 (Write-in Candidate)\_\_\_\_\_

### Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee

After you've voted, please tear out this page, fold, apply a stamp, and mail no later than October 31, 2005.



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Chesapeake Paddlers Association  
P.O. Box 341  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20768



## Weekly Pirates Paddling

For more details, check out the CPA website and user forums at [www.cpakayaker.com](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: Rob & Jackie Castle (410-451-2337), Brent Cogswell (410-381-0037), Greg Welker (301-249-4895), or [pirates\\_pier7@cpakayaker.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pirates_patuxent@cpakayaker.com); (alternate) Don Polakovics, 301-866-0437, [pirates\\_patuxent2@cpakayaker.com](mailto: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, Dave Biss 703-241-0036 or Cyndi Janetzko 703-241-0036. Or on the web at [pirates\\_georgetown@cpakayaker.com](mailto:pirates_georgetown@cpakayaker.com); <http://www.jacksboathouse.com/POG>

### Pirates of Sugarloaf

Tuesday nights, arrive 5:15 PM. Recreational paddling at Black Hill Regional Park in Germantown, Maryland. Daily permit fee of \$5 paid at boat ramp; seasonal permit is \$55. Contact Deb McKenzie, 240-601-1440, [pirates\\_sugarloaf@cpakayaker.com](mailto:pirates_sugarloaf@cpakayaker.com)



### 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 Bob Huber, (410) 335-0994 or [pirates\\_baltimore@cpakayaker.com](mailto:pirates_baltimore@cpakayaker.com).

### Pirates of Algonkian (upper Potomac)

Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM until sunset. Upper Potomac and the various Northern Virginia Regional Parks. Our primary launch points will be Algonkian Regional Park and Fountainhead Regional Park. Other occasional launch sites will include Bull Run Marina, Occoquan Regional Park, Pohick Bay Regional Park ... and maybe even Mason Neck. Check out the Algonkian Pirates Discussion Forum for current info and plans. Contact: Jeff Walaszek, 703-670-7712, [pirates\\_algonkian@cpakayaker.com](mailto:pirates_algonkian@cpakayaker.com)



*Credit: Dave Moore*

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