

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## Steering Committee Approves Chesapeake Paddlers Association Formal Registration

**PROBLEMS:** Currently, CPA is not registered with the Maryland State Department of Assessments & Taxation ("SDAT") as an organization. Not being an official organization confronts CPA with two major issues: Control over the CPA bank account and funds and potential liability of CPA officers and trip leaders.

CPA's funds currently reside in an account in the name of a former coordinator under her social security number, putting her and CPA funds at these risks:

- She is personally responsible to report interest earned on these funds and to pay income taxes on these amounts. While the amount of any tax liability is likely small, this is an issue.
- If she should pass away or become incapacitated, her estate could seize control over the CPA account. For that matter, she could seize these funds, and while not likely, it could happen.
- If there is any type of judgment or lien against her for any reason, the bank account is at risk for being seized and liquidated.
- If she files bankruptcy, the CPA account under her name would go into the bankruptcy estate.

CPA, the Steering Committee members, the Coordinator, Piracy Captains and trip leaders are potentially more liable as a result of injuries or any breach of contract (e.g., from renting port-a-pots for SK102) from CPA sponsored activities. The largest risk stems from personal injury or property damage sustained by either a participating paddler or the injury of a third party from an event which was caused by a paddler's activities during a CPA sponsored event. The CPA waiver is a good first level protection, but we cannot waive the negligent actions of another party. The CPA waiver waives an individual's right to sue the CPA or the trip leader for the injured party's own negligence, not the trip leader or officer's negligence. CPA, despite the fact that it does not officially "exist," could be named as a defendant, but since there are no "official" assets, it is essentially judgment proof. Thus, a potential plaintiff in a liability suit would almost certainly sue individuals who act in a leadership capacity as they can be sued and more likely than not, have assets to attach in the event of a judgment in favor of the plaintiff. As the CPA is currently configured, there is no "official" organization to shield liability for "organizational" sponsored events.



**OPTIONS:** If CPA registers with the SDAT, it would cost less than \$200 to file. There are two options to consider: Become a taxable, for profit corporation, or become a non-profit corporation.

As a for-profit corporation, CPA would have to pay an annual \$300 fee to the State of Maryland, and any net income from the corporation would be taxed at 15% on the Federal level and 7% on the State level. Net income would be any excess of fees charged and other revenues over costs incurred. If the IRS classifies the entity as a partnership, then each of the members would be treated as an owner of the entity. A partnership return (Form 1065) would be required to be filed annually to all of the members reporting their share of the club's profits as income to each of the members. There are penalties for not filing the Form 1065 timely

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

Ads dated 3 months before the date of this issue will be pulled unless a new request is received by the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. And if it has sold...tell us!

**Advertising Rates:**

We accept display advertising that relates to the interest of our readers. Monthly rates are as follows:

Size cost wide x deep (col)  
 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)  
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Public service announcement and personal ads to sell kayaks/ accessories are printed at no charge; non-members pay \$10 for 3 months.



Cruisin' on the Rappahannock—Photo by Brian Blankinship

**SCHEDULE FOR 2005 CHESAPEAKE PADDLER**

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Jan/Feb 2007	December 15, 2006
March 2007	February 15, 2007

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**

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

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Subscription to the Chesapeake Paddler is included with membership. Membership is \$10/year or \$20/2 years. Send checks or changes of membership information to CPA, PO Box 341, Greenbelt, MD 20768. DO NOT send them to the newsletter editors.

**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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Welcome to autumn paddling!

I hope everyone had a great kayaking summer, learning new skills, meeting new kayaking friends, and exploring new areas of the Bay.

With the days getting shorter and cooler weather arriving fast, take the time to check your cool weather gear before getting out in the changing conditions. Also remember to check your skills! Some paddlers assume that once they have basic safe paddling skills they're ready to paddle year-round. Please remember those skills you learned in the spring and summer won't be all you need to paddle safely in the colder autumn and winter conditions.

Take the opportunity to practice wet exits, re-entries, bracing, and rolling at pool sessions, and practice these skills while wearing your cold weather gear, ask friends (and the [forums](#) and [listserve](#)) for advice on cold weather skills and gear, and check out the CPA's cold weather paddling safety brochure (<http://www.cpakayaker.com/downloads/events/flyers/Safety3fold.pdf>). Autumn and winter are also great seasons for kayak camping, so consider organizing cool weather weekend camping trips; if you'd like to invite CPA members along, post your trip announcements to the forums, listserve, and calendar.



The CPA Annual Meeting will be held on November 19 in Education Annex of the [Cedar Grove United Methodist Church](#) (in Deale, MD: see page 6). This *Chesapeake Paddler* includes the 2007 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. 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) at 8:30 AM and must be off the water by 12:00 M to make the meeting. Prescreening 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.

Happy, safe, and warm paddlin' - see ya on the water and at the Annual Meeting!

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 Incorporation *(Continued from page 1)*

which could be quite substantial.

As a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation with both the State of Maryland and the IRS, CPA would have to file for \$500 application for exemption with the IRS. Once the exemption is received an annual Form 990 is filed with the IRS but no other taxes or filing fees are due. The IRS does tax nonprofits on certain income such as advertising where it exceeds \$1,000 per year. Advertising listed in the monthly newsletter (usually zero) would be subject to this but sponsorship of club events or posting of a sponsors name on the club website would not be considered advertising. As a non-profit, donations to the club of equipment or funds become deductible by the donor, we could use reduced postal rates on mailings, and volunteers can deduct their cost of driving to board meetings or other functions for the club at the current IRS mileage rate of 14 cents per mile. Other out of pocket expenses such as parking fees and tolls are also deductible as charitable contributions.

A corporation is defined as "an artificial being, intangible, and existing only in contemplation of law." A corporation is an independent legal entity, able to contract, sue and be sued in its own name as well as buy and sell property. However, the most important feature (for our purposes) is that it limits personal liability of the individual "owners" of the corporation. If CPA were to incorporate, and the individual leaders of the CPA acted within the scope of their corporate authority, they would be further shielded from liability. If it incorporated, CPA could procure liability insurance for the organization and its directors, officers and all those who act within the scope and direction of the organization. The decision to purchase such liability insurance is separate from the decision to incorporate, but CPA cannot purchase liability insurance *unless* it incorporates.

**STEERING COMMITTEE ACTION:** On October 25, the Steering Committee discussed a white paper on these issues prepared by Ed Hershon and Will Busch, CPA members who are a lawyer and accountant, on a *pro bono* basis. After considerable discussion, Brian Blankinship put forth the following motion:

- 1) That CPA should take steps to incorporate as a 501c(3) nonprofit, no later than January 1, 2007, including any necessary expenditure of funds;
- 2) That the Steering Committee is competent and responsible to take this action;
- 3) That the membership will be informed immediately by a summation of the white paper and any relevant discussion. This should be broadcast on the forum and list server. It should also be posted in the next newsletter.
- 4) The membership will also be informed they have the opportunity to express their opinion at the Annual Meeting, and to overrule the SC decision in accordance with the bylaws.

The Steering Committee unanimously approved this motion, with the exception of Barry Marsh (out of touch on his honeymoon), and Yvonne Thayer (out of touch on assignment). This document is the summary mentioned in point 2) of Brian's motion.

*[Summarized from the Hershon/Busch White Paper presented to Barry Marsh, Coordinator, by Ralph Heimlich]*

## CPA Kayakers Support Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon

In August, CPA's Bob Cianflone, Manuel Vera, Barbara Cook, Dave Ryder, and Lisle and Denise Bean provided swim support to the Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon, in Columbia, Maryland. The event consisted of a 0.62 mile swim, a 17.5 mile bike race, and finally a 3.3 mile run. Over 1,270 athletes aged 14 - 79 competed in the event, including some past Olympic medal winners. The start of the swim event was at 6:50 a.m. in eleven waves, seven minutes apart, with the swimmers divided into groups by age and then alphabetically for the larger age groups. While some groups were finishing the swim, there were others just starting out, which made the kayakers stay on their toes (and posteriors) monitoring the race from start to finish with no interruptions for more than two hours.

Our kayakers were strategically positioned along the lake's race course, marked with large yellow triangular buoys. All the safety equipment they had was their own. During the last wave of swimmers, one participant called for help. She was approximately 100 yards away from Bob, so he paddled swiftly to her. She was crying, had lost her goggles and swim cap, and was shaking all over, and was crying hysterically, and yelling that there was something in the water and she had to get out of the water right NOW. Bob grabbed her arm, and told her she would be okay. She grabbed the side of Bob's kayak, and tried to get inside. After being sternly told, "DO NOT GET IN THE BOAT," Bob reassured her she would be okay, but she kept getting more out of control, and yelled "This lake is freaking me out" and kept trying to get into the boat. Bob's kayak was on its side, forcing Bob to lean to the opposite side while holding on to the woman so they would not go under. Bob called for help, and Manuel quickly came over, positioning their kayaks with distressed swimmer between them to hold her. She kept screaming

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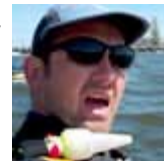
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## Stump Speeches for CPA Officer Candidates

Check on the website at [http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations\\_list.php](http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations_list.php) for updates to stump speeches before the election at the Annual Meeting. Please mail your ballot (see page 8) early, not often.

**Dave Biss as Coordinator**—Nominated by Brian Blankinship; Seconded by 15 member(s)—The Chesapeake Paddlers Assoc. has always been important to me since I joined nearly twelve years ago now. The club plays a large and important role among the paddlers in the greater Chesapeake Bay area. It offers camaraderie between peers, a good role model for safety, information for paddlers of all sorts, and inspiration for those seeking a way to enjoy the outdoors. I have always enjoyed my time spent with club members and have strived to add as much to the club as I could. In the past I have acted as instructor during SK101 and SK102 events, safety coach for Rescue and Re-entry days, coordinator for the Bay Swim, trip leader, and Pirate King for the PoG group. As a coordinator, I would make sure that the club continues the good model to the public for boating safety that has always been its standard, while striving to provide as much visibility for the sport to newcomers as possible. The community that the CPA provides is always utmost in my mind, and I love the way the Piracy groups have grown in number over the past few years. I will support the Piracies by stimulating new ideas that will make them even more popular, fun, and safe throughout the coming year. I will also do my best to find ways to provide important instruction and fun events for our members by bringing together those who love to pass on their skills to others and those who love to adventure in their kayaks with good friends by their side. Next year will be the best year on the water for the CPA, let's all join in and make it happen.



**Ralph Heimlich as Coordinator**—Nominated by Brian Blankinship; Seconded by 3 member(s)—Ralph Heimlich has declined this nomination. I am honored and humbled by the nomination and seconds, but feel that I can do better service to CPA by remaining as Editor of the Chesapeake Paddler. Dave Biss is a worthy candidate for Coordinator, has much more experience as a Pirate Captain and paddler and will lead the club in some good directions. I stand ready to help him. Maybe in a few years I'd be willing to run as coordinator. So, as the immortal William Tecumseh Sherman once said: "If nominated, I will not run; If elected, I will not serve" this time.



**Sue Bauer as Secretary**—Nominated by Dave Biss; Seconded by 10 member(s)—No Stump Speech

**Rich Stevens as Treasurer**—Nominated by John Blackburn; Seconded by 5 member(s)—No Stump Speech



**John Blackburn as Treasurer**—Nominated by Anonymous; Seconded by 1 member(s)—John Blackburn has declined this nomination. I've been a member for about 5 years I think, (time flies when you get old!) the last 3 as your treasurer. I've nominated Rich Stevens as my replacement for that position and I would hope everyone supports him. I would truly enjoy continuing to serve the CPA membership as a member of the steering committee.



**Barry Marsh as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Anonymous; Seconded by 7 member(s)—I've been active in the CPA since joining the club in 2001. I've led dozens of trips for our members, served on the Interim Steering Committee and Steering Committee, founded and led the Pirates of Baltimore, acted as logo gear coordinator, and since 2005 served as Coordinator. The weekly Piracies are the core of the CPA, and during my terms as Coordinator we've seen the number of Piracies double, with several more potential Piracies being formed. I look forward to continuing our efforts toward incorporating the CPA and resolving other business and liability issues, increasing the number of Piracies and events, and continuing to help the CPA become an even greater resource for paddlers. I'd appreciate your support - see ya on the water!

**Brian Blankinship as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Barry Marsh; Seconded by 6 member(s)—Brian Writes: "Former CPA Coordinator, several years on the Steering Committee, SK102 organizer, and more; Brian is a tireless advocate of the CPA, and should continue as an SC member." Brian Blankinship was the Coordinator of CPA for 2003 and 2004 and steering committee member 2005 and 2006. An association member since 1995, Brian helped organize most of the CPA seminar events. He has helped at numerous demo days, swim supports and spearheaded the training of new trip leaders. Brian started and directed the annual SK102 skills clinics at Lake Anna for the last eight years (with great assistance from instructors and Laura B), and has led many CPA trips. Certified as a BCU 4 Star and an ACA Open Water Coastal Kayaking Instructor with Traditional Endorsement, Brian teaches Sea Kayaking for CPA, and owns a local kayaking instruction company, Bay Kayaking. He is also an "Epic Expert" authorized to represent Epic products. He is also the volunteer Director of the Kayaking Camp for the West River Center; which provides kayaking introduction to middle school students. Brian has appeared in several kayaking publications and frequently contributes articles to the association newsletter. Brian is half the CPA race committee and started the CPA race series this year. He is also helping organize SK101 for February 2007.



**Cyndi Janetzko as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Dave Biss; Seconded by 8 member(s)—Cyndi is a very active member of the CPA, and always concerned about issues relevant to our club's interest. She has been a strong voice as a Steering Committee member in the past, and should continue as a member for the following year.

**Dave Biss as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Cyndi Janetzko; Seconded by 1 member(s)—The Chesapeake Paddlers Assoc. has quite a bit of

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influence within the paddling community. Many of the issues addressed by the club are important in continuing the safety model presented by the club as well as the community formed by the club. I would like to continue to be a voice in these issues. [Note that as Coordinator, Dave will be an active member of the Steering Committee.]

**John Blackburn as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Self; Seconded by 3 member(s)—I've been a member for about 5 years I think, (time flies when you get old!) the last 3 as your treasurer. I've nominated Rich Stevens as my replacement for that position and I would hope everyone supports him. I would truly enjoy continuing to serve the CPA membership as a member of the steering committee. We have a serious change coming in the way we are organized with our pending incorporation. I initiated this effort and would like to see it through to it's conclusion in the coming year. CPA is one of the truly unique organizations I've been involved with. I appreciate your support.



**Marshall Woodruff as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Dave Biss; Seconded by 5 member(s)—Since Marshall has joined the CPA he has constantly spoken up with wonderful ideas of how the club could become more beneficial for its members. The KIPP paddles, which he has been leading all this summer, are a perfect example. He felt the need was there to let some members push themselves towards a huge goal, and he has made it happen. Marshall would be a much welcomed new voice on the Steering Committee.

**Ralph Heimlich as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Barry Marsh; Seconded by 7 member(s)—Barry Marsh Wrote - "Current SC member and newsletter editor, Ralph is an asset to the CPA and should remain an SC member." I accept renomination to the Steering Committee. I would like to see CPA reach out to more beginning paddlers in the following ways: Have an SK101 course late winter or early spring. Make a push to get out the Cold Water Safety brochure developed last year at the appropriate time to outdoor stores in the area so people purchasing boats and equipment are aware of the risks in early season paddling. Make a push to have some outreach/safety session at REI, HTO, other venues in the pre-season to let people know we are there and what safe paddling entails. Have SK102 again (and again, and again...) Have representation at demo days for Spring River, REI, Atlantic Kayak, etc. As the season begins, increase the visibility and attendance of CPA members and prospective members at our Piracies. CPA is the best on the Bay!



**Rich Stevens as Steering Committee**—Nominated by Anonymous; Seconded by 2 member(s)—No Stump Speech—[Note that as Treasurer,

**Directions to the CPA Annual Meeting, Sunday, November 19, at 12:30 PM**—The annual meeting will be held at CEDAR GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 710 Masons Beach Road, Deale, MD 20751, (410) 867-7417, ADC map page 34, A7

**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.

## Iron Girl Triathlon (Continued from page 4)

that she wanted to get out of the lake, and fighting with them. The kayakers had to struggle to keep from getting capsized and pulled in and to hold the swimmer up at the same time. Manuel, who was well-prepared, blew his emergency whistle in three-round bursts for the motorized rescue squad boat on patrol in the middle of the lake. Denise, another kayaker who heard the whistle, instructed the rescue squad that there were two kayakers in distress at the north end of the lake needing assistance. Bob and Manuel finally got the full attention of the motorized rescue craft, and the rescue vessel came to them and Bob instructed them to stop their engine. As the kayakers got the swimmer out of the water, they wrapped her in an aluminum rescue blanket, provided her with an extra PFD that Bob had in his kayak, and she was taken ashore to the first aid tent for medical attention. While she had to quit the race due to disqualification, she was ultimately okay. Good work, Bob, Manuel and the the other CPA swim supporters!!

## 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>.

### November

5 (Sun)	<b>Full Moon Paddle - Riley's Lock:</b> Join the Pirates of Sugarloaf for an evening paddle and picnic. <b>Skill Level:</b> Beginner. <b>Organizer:</b> Deb McKenzie
10-12 (Fri-Sun)	<b>Chickahominy River Car Camper:</b> The Chickahominy River enters the James a few miles upstream from Jamestown Island, and has many small winding tribs suitable for kayaks this time of year. Participants must contact the leader to pre-qualify. CPA members only. <b>Skill Level:</b> Advanced Beginner Paddlers <b>Organizer(s):</b> Led by Bill Dodge 703-979-5837. Web Site: <a href="http://troop424.freesevers.com/Chickahominy%20River,%20VA%20Paddle/index.html">http://troop424.freesevers.com/Chickahominy%20River,%20VA%20Paddle/index.html</a>
10-12 (Fri-Sun)	<b>Assateague Camper: CANCELLED due to Junior Hunter Program..Skill Level:</b> Advanced Beginner <b>Organizer(s):</b> Led by Chip Walsh
18 (Sat)	<b>Eastern Neck Island Paddle:</b> Join us today for a day paddle around Eastern Neck Island. For those of you who have been here before, this may be the last chance to see the beautiful Island before winter sets in. <b>Skill Level:</b> Intermediate <b>Organizer(s):</b> Marshall Woodruff 202-345-0606
19 (Sun)	<b>Kayak Seasonal Repair Gathering:</b> We will clean and repair our kayaks before putting them away for the season. <b>Skill Level:</b> All Paddlers <b>Organizer(s):</b> Led by Jennifer Bine 703.533.2436.
19 (Sun)	<b>CPA Annual Meeting and Galesville Paddle:</b> The Annual CPA Meeting will be held on this date and there will probably be a paddle in the morning beforehand too. More info to follow. <b>Skill Level:</b> All Paddlers <b>Organizer:</b> Brian Blankenship.

### Other dates to plan for:

December 9—CPA Christmas Party, undisclosed location in Laurel, MD.

February—CPA Trip Planning Meetings

February 17—SK 101, Introduction to Sea Kayaking (classroom instruction), at the West River Center, Maryland, 8:30-3 PM.

April 27-29—The Ninth Annual SK102 Skills Clinic (on water), Lake Anna, VA



## 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

- Dave Biss  
 Ralph Heimlich (declined the nomination)  
 (Write-in Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Secretary (vote for one)

- Sue Bauer  
 (Write-in Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Treasurer

- Rich Stevens  
 John Blackburn (declined the nomination)  
 (Write-in Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

### Steering Committee (choose six)

- Barry Marsh  
 Brian Blankinship  
 Cyndi Janetzko  
 Dave Biss  
 John Blackburn  
 Marshall Woodruff  
 Ralph Heimlich  
 Rich Stevens  
 (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 November 15, 2006.**



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Sunday Paddlers, Elk Neck 2006—photo by Beth Heimlich

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