

Chesapeake Paddler



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2006 Chesapeake Paddlers Association Annual Meeting
photo by Ralph Heimlich

CPA Annual Meeting and Elections

Our club annual meeting has a guest location this year at John and Susan Blackburn's new house. Directions are given below. We will also have a pre-meeting paddle at Galesville for those who want to get a little wet before we talk business.

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2007, commencing at 12:30 pm. In a break from previous years, the meeting will be held at the John and Susan Blackburn's house at Tracys Landing, Maryland, south of Annapolis. A pre-meeting paddle will be held at Galesville, Maryland, starting at 8:30 am. The address is:

John & Susan Blackburn
[6105 Traceys Overlook Rd.](#)
[Tracys Landing, MD 20779](#)

(Click on the address to get to MapQuest.com)

If the weather is nice, we will try to hold the meeting in the great outdoors (i.e. in the Blackburn's yard). Please bring along a camp chair or stool if you have one. If the weather is poor, we will hold the meeting inside. We will order some pizza for the attendees of the meeting, but if you want to show off your culinary expertise or just want to stop by the grocery store on the way, we encourage you to bring a side dish or dessert to add to the food.

Come prepared to nominate members for the CPA Committee and other chairs. Current nominations and "stump speeches" are on [page 5](#). Also come prepared to raise and discuss any issues regarding CPA action from the past year, or issues expected to emerge in the next future. Lastly, come prepared to eat food and meet great people who love to paddle.

Here are some quick directions to the Blackburn's house.

From Annapolis (or north):

- Get onto MD-2 South / Soloman's Island Rd from off of Rt. 50 or Rt. 665 / Aris T. Allen Blvd.
- Follow MD-2 for about 17 miles
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From Galesville (where we will be paddling):

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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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A 5% discount will be given for ads supplied as electronic files in acceptable formats (i.e. .tif, .gif, .jpeg, bit-map). Email or call for more information and for 10-month discount. See advertising contact in masthead.

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



The Lisa Arrasmith Memorial Flaming Peep Show at Elk Neck photo by Ed Hershon

SCHEDULE FOR 2008 CHESAPEAKE PADDLER

Chesapeake Paddler is published 10 times a year, with combination issues in November/December and January/February. The deadline for submitting copy is usually the 15th of the preceding month as follows:

Issue	Deadline for Copy
Nov/Dec 2007	November 15, 2007
Jan/Feb 2008	December 15, 2007
March 2008	February 15, 2008

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 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.

Officers:

Coordinator—Dave Biss, 703-241-0036, coordinator@cpakayaker.com

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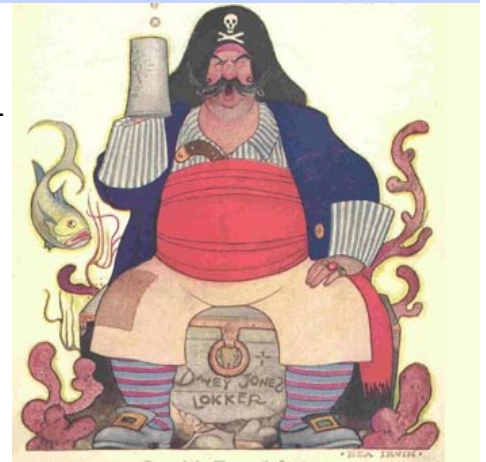
DEADLINES: Closing date for articles, trip reports, information and advertisements is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. The editors retain the right to edit or not to print any submitted material. See advertising information in the Classifieds section.

The Chesapeake Paddler is published monthly, except Nov-Feb 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.

2007 Annual CPA Holiday Raid

Aye...ye be invited fer some holiday spirits at the Annual CPA Holiday Party. Chart yer course fer the **8^h of December**. We be a meeting at 1900 hours at coordinates: N-39 09' 17.22" by W-76 53' 05.66". There will be swashbuckling fun, grub, grog and a chance to plunder the treasure chest for an exchange of loot for those pirates wantin' to participate. Wave yer flag if ye be attendin. Sees ye there.....aarrghh !!!!!!!! **Land Lubber translation:**

Come join your hosts Ralph and Beth Heimlich for the annual CPA Holiday Party. Make your way to our house at 7914 Belgaro Road, Laurel, MD 20723 on December 8 at 7 p.m.



If your last name begins with:

A-K bring a salad (green, fruit, jello, pasta, etc.) and some bread

L-S bring a casserole or entrée (nothing ALIVE please!)

T-Z bring a dessert (cake, pie, cobbler, etc.)

To feed 6-8 people (trust me—we'll have plenty).

We'll supply a ham and non-alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to bring your own beer, wine, or other beverage of choice (supplying booze to you lot would even break a pirate!!).

We'll have a "white elephant" ("Shoveunder", "Chinese") gift exchange for those wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped "treasure" worth less than \$10 (check your Cracker Jacks boxes now).

Regifting is an art form!

RSVP's would be appreciated by Wednesday, December 5 via email at heimlichfamily@comcast.net. If there are any questions, please email (I hate phones).

Directions:

From I-95 between Washington and Baltimore - Take exit 35 west towards Scaggsville on Route 216. Continue through 2 lights and take the first (north) exit on the traffic circle to Route 29 North. Go 1 exit north and take the exit for Gorman Road (east) off the next traffic circle. Go around the curve (slowly) and make the 1st right on McIver, go downhill to the stop sign at the T, turn left on Belgaro Road and follow it past Crestview Lane. We're the 3rd house on the right with a parking problem. Call 301-498-0918 if you're lost.

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. See directions on [page 4](#).

CPA Annual Meeting *(Continued from page 1)*

- Go back out to MD-468 / Muddy Creek Rd and turn left
 - In about 2.5 miles turn right on Swamp Circle Rd.
 - In about 1.5 miles turn right onto MD-258 / Bay Front Rd East
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- Look for the CPA Sign.

From Washington or Northern VA:

- Get onto Pennsylvania Ave / MD-4 on the eastern side of the city. (you can either go through the city or around via the Beltway)
 - Follow MD-4 until it turns into Southern Maryland Blvd.
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Pre-Meeting Paddle Plans and Directions—The Pre-meeting paddle will start at 8:30 am. at Galesville, Maryland. Please be there ready to launch at 8:30 am with all required CPA gear (see <http://www.cpakayaker.com/events/trip.html>). Please wear clothes according to the water temperatures. Even though we are having an unseasonably warm end of the season, please be prepared for colder Chesapeake Bay water temperatures (check http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.php?station=TPLM2 for Thomas Point Light water temps). There is usually significant boat traffic in this area, so come prepared for wind, waves and fast boats. Wear your PFD, bring a whistle, water, snacks and a VHF radio if you have one.

From the Annapolis area:

- Take MD-2 South
 - Turn left onto Rt. 214 / Central Ave. East
 - After about a mile turn right at the light onto MD-468 / Muddy Creek Rd.
 - Follow Rt. 214 about 5 miles
 - Turn left at the light onto Rt. 255 / Galesville Rd.
- Follow Rt. 255 until it ends in a "T" intersection in Galesville, and the small launch beach is at the park right ahead.

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 - Turn left onto Southern Maryland Blvd.
 - Turn right onto MD-258 / Greenock Rd.
 - In about 2.5 miles turn right onto MD-408 / Mt. Zion Marlboro Rd.
 - Enter next roundabout and take 2nd exit onto MD-2 / Solomans Island Rd.
 - In a little over a mile turn right onto MD-255 Owensville Rd.
 - Owensville Rd becomes Galesville Rd.
- Follow Rt. 255 until it ends in a "T" intersection in Galesville, and the small launch beach is at the park right ahead.



2005 Annual Meeting Paddle from Galesville
photo by Ralph Heimlich

Quarter master's Log



Stump Speeches for CPA Officer Candidates

Check on the website at http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations_list.php?nominations_id=5 for updates to stump speeches before the election at the Annual Meeting. Please mail your ballot (see page 8) early, not often, or bring it to the Annual Meeting.

Dave Biss as Coordinator (incumbent)—Nominated by Mark Woodside; Seconded by 19 member(s)—Some of the issues which I would like to see accomplished over the CPA 2008 season are: Continuation of great events which the club is known for, such as SK101, SK102, and the CPA Race Series. Continue the offering of diverse day and multi-day outings to the paddling community. Continue to stress the need for more day events focusing on 'Quiet Water' style paddling. Push for the relaxing of new member gear requirements during 'Quiet Water' style paddling day events. Continue to expand the diversity of the CPA in order to match the growing diversity of the paddling community by adding more classes. Finally get the CPA renewal/membership process online. Bring the CPA Library into public view by bringing it online.



Sue Bauer as Secretary—Nominated by Dave Biss; Seconded by 11 member(s)—This has been a very busy year for our Club - we have gained a good number of new paddlers as well as seen many of our ol' paddling friends renew. We have over 525 active members in our membership database by this Fall. I really appreciate when you renew for two + years; then we know you also want to stay active in the Club. With the big help from our newsletter editor Ralph, the club database is being tweaked to provide updated annual membership cards and mailing CPA patches for new members monthly. Our Steering Committee is reaching out to our newest paddlers with fun trips, quiet water ventures, and annual classes. We are encouraging our dedicated trip leaders to plan & share longer day trips, camping venues and activities to entice everyone to come out on the water. As Club Secretary, I and the Steering Committee would like to hear back how the Club can provide more to our members this coming year.



Rich Stevens as Treasurer—Nominated by Dave Biss; Seconded by 13 member(s)—Dave writes: Rich has taken care of the CPA treasury and associated concerns with such care. I can only say that he is needed in this position.



Brian Blankinship as Steering Committee—Nominated by Dave Biss; Seconded by 12 member(s)—Former CPA Coordinator, initiated and conducted all nine SK102 skills clinics, CPA Race Committee, ACA Open Water Coastal Kayaking Instructor with Traditional Paddling Endorsement, BCU 4 Star paddler. Professional Kayaking instructor and guide for nine years, sole proprietor of Bay Kayaking.

Cyndi Janetzko as Steering Committee—Nominated by Rich Stevens; Seconded by 8 member(s)—No Stump Speech



Ed Hershon as Steering Committee—Nominated by Thomas Heneghan; Seconded by 10 member(s)—Ed's commitment to CPA has already been demonstrated by his leadership in guiding the Club through the steps of becoming a recognized non-profit. With that objective achieved, Ed is now interested in furthering his contribution to the CPA. He is particularly interested in increasing the Club's efforts to reach out to new paddlers and provide them with a path to learn how to paddle both safely and responsibly. As a relatively new paddler himself, Ed will use that perspective to work with the CPA community to attract more new and potential paddlers to the CPA and increase the opportunities for them to learn and enjoy the sport he is so passionate about.

Gina Cicotello as Steering Committee—Nominated by Ed Hershon; Seconded by 5 member(s). Gina has demonstrated a commitment to the CPA in several ways. She has taken an active role in both SK101 and SK102 by helping coordinate the events as well as working with participants. Additionally, Gina has run logistics for the Greenland Paddle Workshop the past several years. Gina's philosophy of encouraging newer paddlers to expand their skills and knowledge, while sharing her passion for the sport, is instrumental helping the CPA grow and continue in its goals. [OK, so send me a picture instead of this stupid AVATAR]



Marshall Woodruff as Steering Committee—Nominated by Thomas Heneghan; Seconded by 13 member(s) Marshall's leadership to new and experienced paddlers alike has been tremendously helpful to CPA members. He designs trips that give paddlers the opportunity to safely test out new environments and conditions. Marshall's activities have really contributed to the success of the CPA!

Ralph Heimlich as Steering Committee—Nominated by Ralph Heimlich; Seconded by 12 member(s) Been here, done it. This year I put the handout packages together for SK101, revised, printed and distributed the CPA brochure, helped finalize and distribute a CPA cold water safety brochure, developed and distributed the CPA membership cards and compiled and edited the Chesapeake Paddler in my spare time. Led the usual trips and went on a bunch more. So, elect me!!



Directions to the Annual Meeting on [the next page](#).

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**Pre-Meeting Pad-
Directions.**

Tracy's Overlook

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Dave Isbell at Delmarva Paddler's Retreat photo by Susanita Hicks

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>.

October	
5-8 (Fri-Mon)	Non CPA Event: Delmarva Paddlers Retreat: Now in it's 19th year, the Delmarva Paddler's Retreat has grown into one of the largest celebrations of the origins of kayaking. Participants and Guides alike have opportunity to share and hone traditional kayaking techniques and skills. Activities range from on-water instruction, along with rope gymnastics, seminars on traditional kayak construction, presentations and lectures. Skill Level: All Organizer(s): Led by Ed Zachowski.
12-14 (Fri-Sun)	Elk Neck Car Camper: Fourth Annual Elk Neck Car Camper and Moveable Feast. Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Paddlers Web Site: http://troop424.freeservers.com/Elk%20Neck%202006/ELKNECKTRiPREPORT.html Organizer(s): Led by Ralph Heimlich 301-498-0918 (leave a message).
25 (Thu)	PoG Halloween Paddle Party: The event to end the season. We will dress up, paddle and then part on the docks as we close the season. More information will follow shortly. Skill Level: All Organizer(s): Led by Dave Biss 703-241-0036.
31 (Wed)	Pier 7 Halloween Paddle: Join the Pier 7 Pirates celebration of our last paddle and WEAR AN OUTRAGEOUS HAT! Meet at 5 pm with that special hat or halloween theme head gear Eat FREE PIZZA at 7:30 pm ! Skill Level: All Paddlers. Log onto the Pier 7 forum poll and add your vote for pizza... Bring your own desserts Organizer(s): Pier 7 Pirate Cabal 410 531 5641.
November	
4 (Sun)	CPA Annual Meeting: details to follow. Skill Level: All Organizer(s): Dave Biss.
10-12 (Sat-Mon)	Chicahominy Riverfront Park: Car camping and paddling in the protected waters of Chickahominy River Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Paddlers Organizer(s): Led by Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell).
December	
8 (Sat)	Holiday Party: Pot luck at the Heimlich family residence again this year. Details on p.3 and the calendar. Skill Level: Advanced Beginner Drinkers Organizer(s): Led by Ralph Heimlich (heimlichfamily@comcast.net)
More Dates to Remember	March 1, 2008: SK101-An Introduction to Kayaking—CPA's great Introduction to Sea Kayaking, designed, planned and performed by our own members. Listen to first hand experiences. Learn about gear and kayaking safety. See demos. Held at the West River Center in Maryland. Registration opens January 7, 2008. More info in December.

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) 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
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Secretary (vote for one)

Sue Bauer
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Treasurer

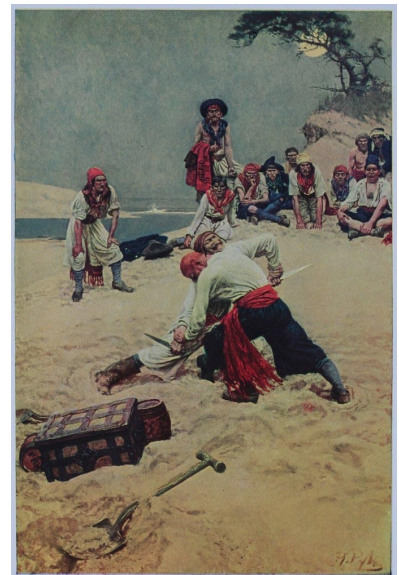
Rich Stevens
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

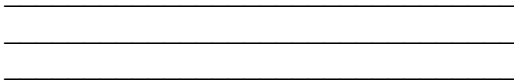
Steering Committee (choose six)

Brian Blankinship
 Cyndi Janetzko
 Ed Hershon
 Gina Cicotello
 Marshall Woodruff
 Ralph Heimlich
 (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, 2007.





Place
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Here

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



Marooned on Fishing Battery Island, Elk Neck Paddle, 2007 *photo by Ed Hershon*

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The Chesapeake Paddler

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REMINDER: Please check your mailing label for your membership expiration date. If your CPA membership has expired, or will expire soon, please send in your dues. SEE BOX ON PAGE 2 FOR ADDRESS.