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Illustrative map of the proposed NPS-designated NMBZ sites (A-E)

Kayaking to the NMB Zone

By DJ Manalo and Chuck Haberlein

There has been a decades old 'truce' along our own "38th Parallel" called the NMB Zone. For those with GPS, this pseudo-defacto demilitarized zone is located at Latitude: *N 38° 54' 14.0103"*; Longitude: *W 77° 4' 11.6659"*. It's a conflict that has been waged between some of the most powerful paddling and rowing institutions and establishments on the east coast, each claiming principal real estate stakes on a narrow strip of mostly federal public land – owned and operated by the National Park Service (NPS). It's called the NMBZ or "[Non-Motorized Boathouse Zone](#)" along the Georgetown waterfront. For the past few decades, the principle stakeholders have sought to strategically build and maintain boathouses for their rowers, scullers and paddlers to gain exclusive access to the Potomac River. Consequent to the recent completion of the Georgetown Waterfront Park, there's been some clear movement to accelerate resolution of

this conflict by NPS, perhaps in the next few years, rather than the next few decades.

On March 3, 2012, the NPS hosted an NMBZ Feasibility Workshop at the School Without Walls, adjacent to the George Washington University campus in Washington, DC. The workshop was open to the public and general paddling community. As kayakers, CPA has a vested interest to work on behalf of its membership to insure that NPS also grants its paddlers greater access to launch kayaks at the NMBZ. Chuck Haberlein and I enthusiastically volunteered, since we apparently complained the most. While we were not sure what and how to prepare for this meeting, we determined that it was best to go in with paddles blazing. The major stakeholders in this conflict included not only Georgetown University and GWU, but particularly well-established historic and cultural establishments, such as the Washington Canoe Club, Potomac Boat Club, Jack's Boathouse, as well as numerous, paddling, biking, hiking, wildlife and historic organizations.

After a brief introduction and history of the NMBZ by NPS, approximately 90 participants entrenched themselves randomly into 10 teams aside long worktables. Chuck and I joined Team 9, which included members with diverse objectives that included a Georgetown Alumni, a Georgetown Community representative, the Boy Scouts of America member, Blue Ridge Voyages (Paddling Club), the US Open Water Swimming Association and the Audubon Naturalist Society.

NPS then tasked each participant to discuss their ideas with their team and to write and illustrate their suggestions using marker pens onto a large drafting worksheet overlaying a map of the NMBZ Georgetown Waterfront area. The map defined the 5 proposed boathouse sites (Sites A-E, see above) under consideration, along with other NPS property. NPS made clear that they would not restrict anyone's suggestion or



NPS officials review NMBZ Team 9 draft proposals during the NMBZ Feasibility Study Workshop.

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How's that fit, Bunky? Paula Hubbard and a volunteer at SK101 photo by Catriona Miller

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Admiral's Walk



Friends in Disguise

One of the first things I teach my writing students is to recognize patterns of error. A pattern of error is simply a mistake that a writer makes repeatedly. There are three important things to know about patterns of error.

Don't worry. This is actually about paddling. Just hold on a second.

First, everybody has patterns of errors, even the best writers. Two, everybody can fix their patterns of error. Three, once a writer fixes one pattern of error, another pattern of error will become evident -- that's part of the process of improvement.

A conversation with a paddling friend this weekend made me realize that patterns of error occur in more areas of life than just writing. My friend, who is a strong paddler and a coach, was describing a swim she recently took in a certain set of conditions. It had shaken her confidence and made her momentarily question her future as a paddler.

We talked about it and methodically went through what had happened, what to try next time she was in those conditions, and how she could prepare herself by practicing in more easily-found conditions.

Writers have to write first and then identify and correct their patterns of error. The process is different for paddlers. Our patterns of error are immediately identifiable - we're upside down and holding our breath. So how can we fix them?

Figure out what to do by thinking through the problem, reading about it, or by talking to a more skilled paddler or a coach. Before launching, tell yourself in concrete terms of what to do prevent the errors. Right now, my own reminder is about launching through overhead surf, and it is this: "I will punch through by leaning forward and paddling aggressively." The thinking is done, the plan is in place, and all that's left is to, hopefully, execute the plan. Over and over, until it is second nature.

How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time. I'm not going to worry about anything else until launching through overhead waves becomes natural and comfortable, even though I already know the next pattern of error I need to work on. There's only so much a person can remember at once. That's true for anything, including things that are more regular parts of paddling, like "I will begin my forward stroke near my toes," or "I will keep my head over the center of my boat when I edge." It's all the same thing.

Mistakes are friends in disguise. Most of us think of them as personal failings, but that's not what they are, at least not in paddling. They're just feedback from the ocean, or the bay, or the creek, or the pool that a tactic needs some rethinking. It's not a matter of "I did that wrong." It's a matter of "I will do this one simple thing next time."

Everybody can do one simple thing. And then another. All the little victories add up to something big.

Jay Gitomer
Coordinator



The Chesapeake Paddlers Association 2012 Virtual Calendar Is NOW Online

The final selection of the 13 photos for the 2012 Virtual Calendar was concluded at midnight on New Year's Eve. This year's contest was photos of kayaking anywhere EXCEPT the Chesapeake Bay, and we had entrees from Patagonia to Greenland, and from San Francisco to Scotland. The winners reflect the far-ranging exploits of CPA paddlers in all kinds of climes and waters around the world.

You can download a .pdf file of the calendar and print it (front and back) with your color printer or at Kinko's or Staples to get a nice calendar for the year. Revisit after the planning meetings, when the schedule for the year will be incorporated into the calendar. NOTE: This file is 4.24 Mbytes, so it will take a while to download. Download at:

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Catriona Miller

Another Successful Beginner's Course Concludes, SK 101: Intro to Sea Kayaking

Chairperson Suzanne Farace successfully managed another edition of CPA's popular beginner's course for sea kayaking, SK101. Designed to give the complete neophyte insight into our sport, SK101 included presentations by knowledgeable CPA volunteers on the history of kayaks, kayak design and terminology, paddles, gear, racks and transporting kayaks, places to paddle, and, of course, safety on the water. Many varied kayaks, racks, and paddles and other gear were on display for the participants to look at, touch and even sit in.

Eighty-four participants attended, of which 16 were signed up immediately by membership chair Sue Stevens. CPA will probably get more new members out of this crop of attendees when they get back to their checkbooks. SK102 organizer Brian Blankinship promised that those attending SK101 had priority for attending SK102, the on-water workshop held at Lake Anna in late April. Suzanne enlisted the able assistance of Maryrose Whelley as registrar and Steve Bethke as assistant registrar, and a stable of instructors including Jenny Plummer-Welker (History of Sea Kayaks), Ralph Heimlich (Kayak Design), Brian Blankinship (Paddles), Paula Hubbard (Kayak gear), Sue and Rich Stevens (Kayak Racks), Rob Pearlman (Water Safety), Jennifer Bine and Catriona Miller (Places to Paddle), CPA member Dick Smith from the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Importance of PFDs and boat ID stickers). Chuck Haberlein, John Garon, and Belá Mariassy served as boat wranglers for the outdoor display and general gandy dancers. Gear Meister Belá Mariassy was also on hand to purvey CPA logo gear to new, existing and aspiring members.



Brian did Paddles photo by Catriona Miller



SK101 Chair Suzanne Farace photo by Catriona Miller

Facilities at the West River Center were excellent, as always, both for presentations, and for the delicious lunch served in their new dining facility with panoramic views of the West River.

With the interest and enthusiasm shown by the attendees and the instructors, sea kayaking in the Chesapeake promises to get a new infusion from this class. We hope to see you on some of the Beginner paddles scheduled this year (see [page 5](#)).

CPA Schedules Beginner Paddles For the Year

By Maywin Liu

For those new to kayaking or looking for leisurely trips, CPA is introducing a new Beginner Paddler Series. Participants will be led on trips of 3-8 miles in scenic locations from peaceful lakes and reservoirs to Eastern Neck on the Bay to rivers and estuaries along the Eastern and Western shores of the Bay. The Series will run from May through October. Some of the trips launch from sites that offer rentals if you have not yet purchased a kayak. Many of the trips are combined with special features such as kayak nature photography, a Gear Day lunch stop, historical guides, and lotus blossoms and fall colors viewing. For those who have not done a wet exit or are not comfortable with rescues, most trips will offer the opportunity to practice. Have fun kayaking while improving your skills and confidence with friendly, experienced paddlers who enjoy sharing their love of the sport. For those looking to purchase or upgrade their kayaks, this is a good opportunity to compare the performance of different kayaks and possibly try out a few. Please consult [the CPA calendar](#) for details of the Series and the trips.

Date	Location	County	Estimated Distance	Trip Leader/Contact	Notes
5-May	Piscataway Creek	PG CO	6	Mike Cohn	
19-May	Kent Island Rookie Paddle	QA CO	4	Marshall Woodruff & crew	
3-Jun	Annapolis to Truxton Park	AA CO	6	Maywin Liu	*GEAR DAY at TRUXTON
9-Jun	Jug Bay on the Patuxent	PG CO	8	DJ Manalo/Dave Wilson	*photography too
9-Jun	Tuckahoe State Park - Lake	Caroline CO	3	Ralph Heimlich	
16-Jun	Tridelphia Lake	Mont. Co	6	John Garon/ Sue & Rich Stevens	
30-Jun	Fountainhead Park & the Occoquan	VA	4	Jen Bine /Brian Blankinship	
29-Jul	Turner Creek Lotus viewing & Mt Harmon	Kent Co	8	Ralph Heimich	* crossing Sassafras
4-Aug	Tridelphia Lake	Mont. Co	6	John Garon /Sue & Rich Stevens	
11-Aug	Mattawoman Creek lotus viewing	Charles Co		Mike Cohn	* not posted per Mike
12-Aug	Jug Bay to Mt Calvert Historic Manor	PG CO	8	Jenny Plummer-Welker & Greg Welker	
20-Oct	Fountainhead Park & the Occoquan	VA	4	Jeff Walascek / Jim Zawlocki	
21-Oct	Upper Chester River Landing	Kent Co	8	Ralph Heimlich	



Kayak and Paddle Work Day, Truxton Park, April 14

Well, you missed the Kayak Repair Workshop. But all is not lost. What better way to whet your appetite for the upcoming paddling season than to do a "tune-up" of your kayak and equipment? Before you start each season, you should do an inspection. Are your bungies and declines in good shape or do you need to replace or add more? Do you have any rust and corrosion or loose equipment on your kayak? How are the seals on your hatches? Are you curious about flotation and how to protect the bottom of your kayak with a rub strip? Does your Greenland paddle need a touch up? Volunteers at the April 14th inaugural Kayak Workshop will help you "tune-up" your kayak. The workshop will be held at Truxton Park, Annapolis. The \$3 fee will go towards the pavilion rental fee. Bring your own cleanup supplies and an item to share at the potluck and ponder on the upcoming season. See <http://cpakayaker.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=6369>

And [Here](#) AND...Don't forget about the **5th Annual Gear Day and Fall-Out-of-Your-Boat Day** at Truxton Park on June 3...details are [here](#)

NMBZ Planning (Continued from page 1)

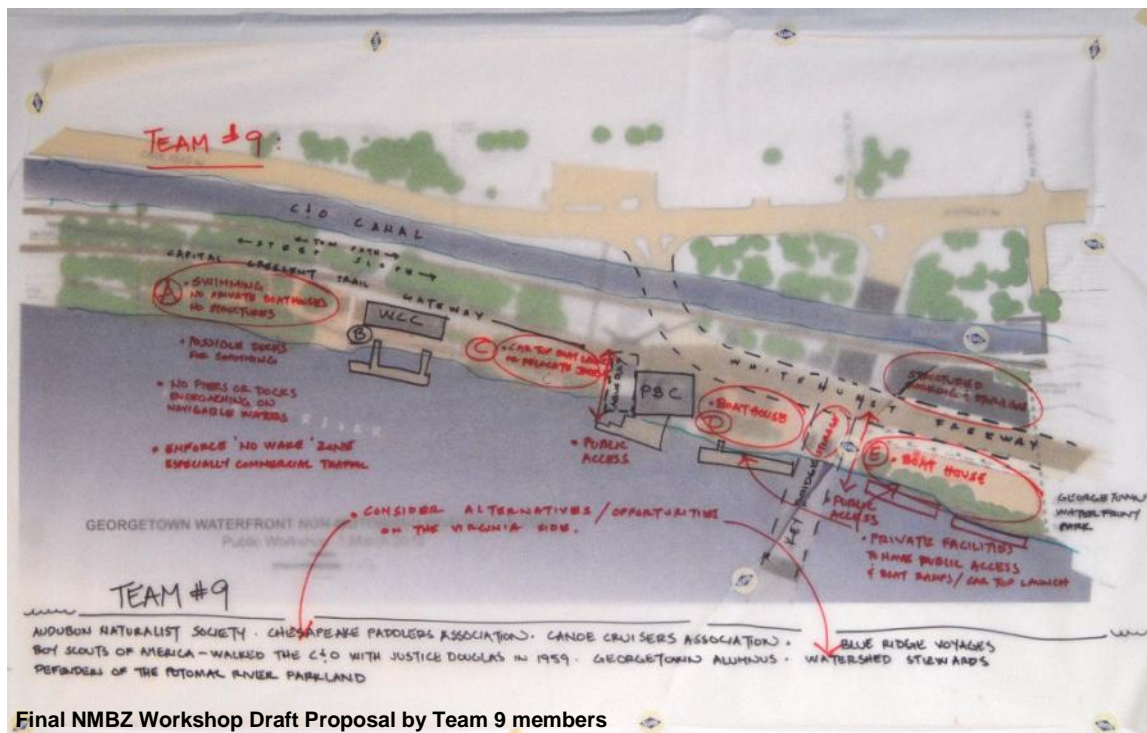
ideas, it essentially offered a blank sheet for all members to express their ideas, both inside and outside the box.

After a highly interactive and spirited discussion that lasted approximately 45 minutes, each team submitted its draft to NPS for presentation before all the participants. The following points were summarily conveyed before the entire Workshop study group.

- (1) There was a preponderance of support for "bookending" the development area with university boathouses. However, there was strong opposition to this from some participants, who did not want a boathouse or other substantial structures built on Site A, with several teams recommending this site for open water swimmers and recreational paddlers only.
- (2) Several teams supported a plan that designated Sections D and E on the eastern side for university/collegiate boathouses and clubs, while Sections A-C at the western part north of the Key Bridge be designated for other non-motorized boats.
- (3) CPA supported a virtually unanimous consensus to preserve Washington Canoe Club, "as is/where it is".
- (4) CPA supported at least 2 NPS-designated boat launching site(s) for public access at Georgetown: one for cartop/"carry-in" paddlers and the other for scholastic rowing and sculling teams and clubs.
- (5) CPA participants emphasized a need for improvements in parking for NMBZ users, including providing more spaces and changing the current 2 hour time metered limits along the Waterfront to at least 4 hours, especially for paddler user vehicles with car-top boat racks.
- (6) CPA participants also submitted a plan that urged NPS to consider the feasibility of expanding its NMBZ Development Plan with a car-top launching site along NPS property in Rosslyn, Virginia. If adapted, CPA argued that it would better improve access to the Potomac and help relieve pedestrian and vehicular traffic issues at Georgetown.



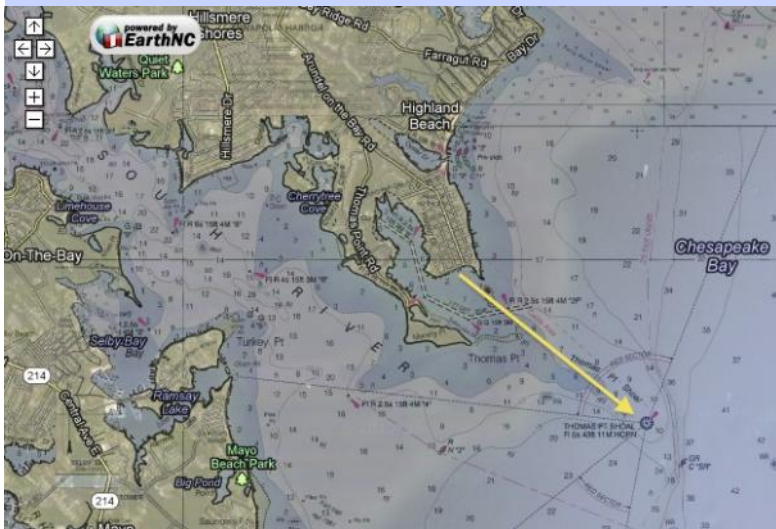
Workshop Team 9 present their final NMBZ draft plan to NPS. Pictured: Georgetown rowing alumni, CPA kayakers (Chuck, DJ), a Georgetown Committee representative (Kent Slowinski, ANC 3D01), Boy Scouts of America (Carl Cole), Blue Ridge Voyages (Larry Gladioux) . Not pictured Team 9 members: The Audubon Naturalist Society (Delores Milmo) and Kurt Thiel (CPA, US Open Water Swimmers)



Final NMBZ Workshop Draft Proposal by Team 9 members

In evaluating these complex issues, the CPA participants supported the recommendation for University boathouse facilities at Sites D & E. This should satisfy the training and racing activities of collegiate rowing teams, while addressing the strong desire of various conservation and neighborhood groups that Site A not be heavily developed. Pending completion of an extensive tunnel for temporary storage of storm water runoff by 2025, Team 9 also reasoned that Section C would be minimally accessible for kayak, canoe and SUP launching; and therefore favored a second public launch site.

NPS is inviting comments from the General Public, but especially from CPA kayakers, on its NMBZ Development Plan until March 30, 2012. Please share your ideas online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/commentForm.cfm?documentID=445665>. NPS expects to finalize their feasibility study by late summer/early fall of 2012. To review more photos in detail of this event, please see <http://news.webshots.com/album/582434921QjfsNG>.



Floating Alone in the Chesapeake in January

By "Popeye"

This incident occurred on the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, Maryland on January 28, 2012. But by the grace of God — and four wonderful people aboard a boat named Audacious — I would not be alive today to share my story. While wiser, I am also humbled and embarrassed by the experience. I share my story to (1) hold myself up as a cautionary tale, especially for experienced sea kayakers who might be complacent (as I was), and (2) to recognize the people who saved my life.

I'm a 48-year-old man who's been paddling for more than 15 years. I've also been a sailor since I was a kid, having grown up with a father who was a career Coast Guard officer. I'm comfortable on and in the water. I paddle almost every week, year-round, and often solo. I've taken numer-

ous paddling classes and have paddled in all kinds of conditions in lots of places. I've done multi-day kayaking trips, ocean paddling, flat water and moderate whitewater. I have (what I thought was) a pretty decent roll and I know a few different self-rescue techniques (though I hadn't practiced in several years).

My kayak is a Necky Looksha IV HV and is constructed of kevlar and fiberglass. It's a great boat. I've had it for 12 years. I was wearing a dry top, neoprene gloves, and I used a skirt (of course). I had no hood, dry or wet pants, or boots (I know, I know — I will get back to this). I did have a PFD on.

On January 28th, I decided to take advantage of the sunny day and the warm-for-winter temps and drive from where I live in Washington, DC, to Annapolis and paddle out to Thomas Point Light. This is a short paddle — about four miles round trip from my put-in. I've done it 4 or 5 times, and I've sailed in the area countless times. I launched around noon. The weather forecast was for mostly sunny skies, highs in the low 50's, and winds out of the south at 10-15 knots (though building throughout the afternoon). A small craft advisory had been issued for 6pm and into the night. I expected that, even with some goofing off and photo taking, I still wouldn't be on the water longer than two-and-a-half hours (i.e., back by 2:30pm).

It was a lovely day, but breezy as expected. I would be paddling southeast so the winds were off my starboard bow. I had a nice paddle to the lighthouse and dealt with a bit of chop just fine. I took some photos (see on Flickr: <http://bit.ly/zAHCt9>). The winds were definitely building and the growing waves began to make me uncomfortable with having my nice Nikon camera out. I didn't want to get it wet so, with it hanging around my neck and waves splashing the boat, I paddled to the lee side of the lighthouse and then under it to hold onto a dock piling while putting the lens cover on, getting it back in its dry bag and strapping it to the deck. I drank some water, took a phone call(!) and then took off for the paddle back. Everything was fine.

By this point the winds had built to probably 15-20 knots, gusting higher. The tide was going out (against me) and the winds were off my port stern quarter. With the wind and tide going different directions — combined with being right over a shoal — the waves were a bit bigger than usual, but still nothing I found alarming. I've handled worse and was actually enjoying surfing down waves while also noticing the faces were steeper than I was used to. Right around the shoal near the lighthouse the sea was in a bit of a confused state. The wave direction wasn't totally consistent. While on the crest of a wave focusing on balance I reached back on the port side to brace with the paddle when suddenly water wasn't where I expected it to be. The paddle was still in the air where I expected resistance and I capsized to port.

I immediately attempted to roll back up as waves were tossing around the boat and me. I was not successful and then attempted two more rolls. I really wasn't even getting close. I decided to exit the boat to attempt self-rescue using the Ladder technique (YouTube: <http://bit.ly/wMW43Q>). I got to the rear of the kayak and began crawling to the cockpit and got knocked over by another wave. I was realizing I was in serious trouble because the cold water was quickly sapping my strength. I tried another self-rescue and was once again knocked over.

I didn't see any boats on the bay. I knew I was in a really bad situation.

I wasn't far from the lighthouse — a couple hundred yards at most. I thought my best chance was to swim for it and to try to climb up on its dock. I began swimming and immediately realized I couldn't swim the kayak upwind in those conditions. I wasn't making any headway at all. So I made a quick decision to let the boat go, even while knowing "stay with the boat" is almost a mantra for problems at sea. I didn't think that was an option, though, because of the cold water and being nearly two miles from shore. So I let the boat go and the wind quickly took it. I'll never forget that moment when the thought hit me "I'm floating alone in the Chesapeake...in January."

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Alone in the Chesapeake (Continued from page 7)

I began swimming on my back toward the lighthouse. I was making minimal headway against the winds and waves. The cold water was causing great pain at this point, and my ability to swim was rapidly leaving me. During those few minutes I knew I was facing death. I was angry at myself for doing this to my father. Just a few months earlier we had lost my mother to cancer — his beloved wife of 51 years. I remember thinking that at least they will know where to look for my body because I had emailed a float plan to him and my sister that morning.

I was swimming as hard as I could with whatever strength I had left and decided to roll over off my back for a second to check to see that I was at least still pointing at the lighthouse. I saw a boat up ahead! It was a classic white Chesapeake Bay fishing boat. I learned later she is the Audacious, seen here at Thomas Point Light (not my photo):



I began yelling. They couldn't hear me and it appeared, at first, that it would just cruise by me when I realized they were actually slowing down to pull up to the lighthouse. I kept yelling but was growing worried that I wouldn't be able to even yell much longer. I was exhausted. Then the boat pulled up to the dock (positioned exactly as in that photo) and someone jumped off the boat with a line to secure it. He was now facing me and I yelled again with every ounce of energy I had. He heard me! He looked up, waved and immediately jumped back in the boat and they headed my way.

I wasn't going to die.

There were two men and two women on board. They had to literally pull me out because I couldn't help them at all. I weigh 200 pounds, was almost dead weight from exhaustion, was obviously soaking wet, and the boat was rocking around because of the conditions. It was really hard for the two guys to pull me up by my PFD, but they were champions and managed to get me on board with some serious effort.

They got me inside the small cabin and began drying me off and warming me up. While I was in there they retrieved my kayak and paddle, which must have been a half-mile downwind at that point. My camera in a dry bag was still secured to the deck, which is why I have the photos.

I estimate that I was in the water for about 15 minutes, which is right about the limit before total exhaustion in 40-degree water (which is what that part of the bay was on that day). I could have expected to lose consciousness after 30 minutes and would have been dead within 60, at best (and these figures are *without* physical exertion).

I'm not being overly dramatic when I say they saved my life. I have no doubt that this is true.

MISTAKES I MADE:

1. I should not have been paddling solo in the winter on open water like the Chesapeake.
2. I should have been wearing pants, shoes, and a hat made for cold-water immersion. I couldn't find my wetsuit pants that morning and went anyway.
3. I should have had a submersible VHF strapped to my PFD, as well as flares and/or a smoke signal device.

Solo winter paddling in open water and not wearing pants/shoes/hat for cold-water immersion were total rookie mistakes. "Dress for the water, not for the air." I know this and ignored it. I nearly paid for my mistake with my life. Other lessons: I must work on my rolls and self-rescue techniques every year, and practice in conditions closer to what could be expected in a real life emergency. I was clearly complacent and over confident in my skills. If there are other paddlers out there, no matter how experienced, who might be taking on needless risk like on did I hope this story will change their behavior.

I want to publicly thank my rescuers Henry and Chris Gonzalez, and Captain Howard and Cathy Lewis. Henry is the lighthouse keeper for the Thomas Point Lighthouse (www.thomaspointlighthouse.org) and vice-president of the U.S. Lighthouse Society (www.uslhs.org). Howard is the owner and skipper of Audacious, and I understand he lends his time helping out with the lighthouse. They were on the water that day — the ONLY boat in the area at that time — to do their annual winter check on the lighthouse. In all the years I've paddled and sailed near Thomas Point Light I have never seen a boat pull up to it. The long odds of them being there at that exact time and within earshot defy description.

I am very, very fortunate to be alive. The term "divine intervention" comes to mind.

Editor's Note: Check out the reactions to and discussion of this article on the Forum at <http://www.cpkayaker.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=25&t=6404>



Twentieth Annual Potomac Swim: June 1-2

By Chris Bresnan

The Earth needs your help and all you have to do is paddle across the Potomac River. For helping, we'll even give you stuff and feed you. You don't have to pay anything, ask for donations or raise any money. How easy and fun is that?

What I am asking you to do is to be part of the **20th Annual Potomac Swim**that's right, **20 YEARS of Potomac Swims!** Due to this milestone anniversary, we have some special things planned for this year, but you'll have to join us to find out what they are. Also, there have been some small but significant changes we think you'll appreciate, for instance the 'finish' is now north of the public swim area and we have a reserved pavilion, thus providing an area for Potomac Swim only. If you've joined us before then come again this year and be

a part of this commemorative event, and if you've never been part of it then now is a great time to start!

So far we have a good number of kayakers signed up but we also have a record number of swimmers signed up, so we're still short a couple dozen paddlers. One unique aspect of this event is that it requires **one kayaker for each swimmer**, so without enough kayakers we simply can't allow as many swimmers. Each swimmer raises hundreds (some thousands) of dollars, so each additional kayaker means an additional swimmer thus providing more money being donated to environmental organizations. Not one penny is going into anybody's pocket.

The event is an open-water distance swim of 7.5 miles across the mouth of the Potomac River. This year we have over sixty swimmers from around the country, many of which are waitlisted purely because we need to be sure we can provide a paddler to serve as their Sherpa and cheerleader. Basically, on Saturday June 2 swimmers and kayakers will be ferried from the Maryland side to the Virginia side by charter boats. We'll launch from there and escort the swimmers back to the Maryland side where a *wonderful* lunch will be waiting for everyone.

And here's what you get. First and most important is that you get to be part of a really, really cool event. The feeling of accomplishment when the swimmer reaches the beach is beyond description. It's a team effort and they can't do it without you. You also get a free dinner on Friday June 1, free camping on Friday and Saturday nights at Point Lookout State Park, a free T-shirt, a huge picnic on the beach at the end of the swim and a few other little things.

So, now here it comes, my begging. We really, really need more paddlers. We can't have too many!! So please consider joining us. If you want more details or to see a list of swimmers or paddlers already signed up then please go to

<http://www.potomacriverswim.com>

or you can e-mail or call either me or Cheryl Wagner. I'll also be at SK102 and would be happy to talk with you about it then.

Thank you for helping!!

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Baltimore's First Annual Spring Kayak Frivolity

Will be held at Mike McGovern's Pub, Baltimore's PREMIER kayaker bar. There will be beer. There might be popcorn.

NO EDUCATIONAL CONTENT: The first 3 people going on about cold water will be locked in the men's room.

Cash Bar. All Welcome, 3 PM Until ???

Sunday March 25, 2012

Mike McGovern's Pub

<http://www.mikemcgoverns.com/>

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SK101 Staff at the Greene Turtle savoring the day *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

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