

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## Nominations for CPA Officers Due

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association is a volunteer organization, and the people who volunteer the most are the elected officers: The Coordinator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and the Steering Committee members. Now is the time to tell us who you think should play an active part in steering the club's activities. This year, in addition to balloting at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 7** Nominate someone who you think will help play an active role over the next year to vote on issues, create fun activities, and keep the participation of the club lively through 2011. The descriptions of the officers in our By-Laws read:

**The Steering Committee.** The property and business of the club shall be managed under the direction of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will make all decisions about operational activities of the club, unless specified otherwise in these bylaws. As a rule, routine decisions about specific club activities will be the responsibility of the individuals managing those activities, but they may be overridden by the Steering Committee if needed. The Steering Committee will determine which events are to be considered official CPA activities. If appropriate, it may set standards for such determinations so that it need not consider each activity, and it may then delegate to individual club members the responsibility for applying those standards to determine whether specific activities are official CPA activities.

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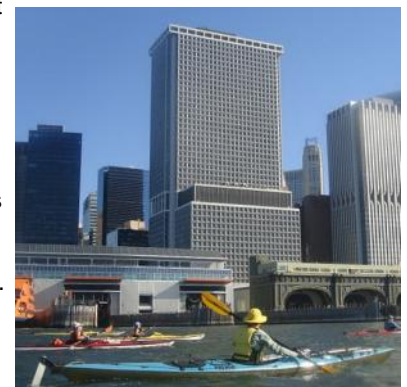


## Lisa and Maryrose Take Manhattan

By Maryrose Whelley

On August 28, Lisa Arrasmith and I joined a group making the second Manhattan Circumnavigation for 2010. This paddle was coordinated by members of the Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club with help from the Downtown Boathouse. A third CPA paddler, Mike Free, Pirate Captain for Pirates of the North, also joined the paddle. Mike drove in from New Jersey early on Saturday morning. Lisa and I car-pooled up on Friday and shared a room at the 1920s- vintage Y at 5 W 63rd St. All of three of us completed the entire paddle. Thanks to everyone who lent equipment, training support, and moral support. I really appreciate every bit of it.

The paddle was a great experience with a group of very nice people. The trip planners and leaders have done this trip enough to know how to maximize the pleasure and minimize the problems. There were 20 kayaks: 2 tandems and 18 singles. We launched from pier 40 (at Houston St and the Hudson River) at 8:30 AM and were back at the same pier by 6 PM traveling counter clockwise some 31 miles around Manhattan. We had two long rests totaling 3 hours where we got out of our kayaks to wait for the tide. We had another 30 minutes of rests to regroup and/or wait for other larger boats.



Maryrose in the Big Apple photo by Danielle Scarpazza

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Cliffs above Turkey Point, Elk Neck, MD  
photo by Ralph Heimlich

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October 2010	September 15, 2010
November 2010	October 15, 2010

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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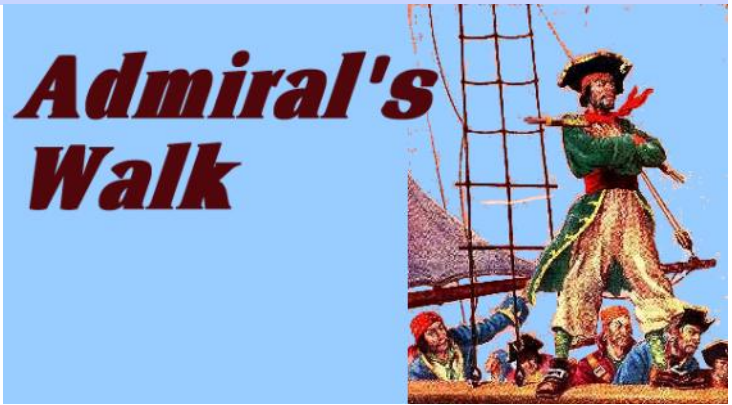
**NEW: Membership is now \$10, \$18, \$27, \$35, for 1, 2, 3, and 4 years.** Send checks or changes of membership information to CPA, PO Box 341, Greenbelt, MD 20768. DO NOT send them to the newsletter editors.

**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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As autumn is almost upon us and our paddling season is winding down, it is time to begin to think about the annual meeting scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> (Place to be determined). At our annual meeting, the club recounts the successes of the past year's trips, hear our annual report from our Treasurer, hear any new business and most importantly, elect the officers and steering committee members for the next year. The positions that are elected each year are Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary and six Steering Committee members.

Here are the responsibilities and duties of each of the officers and steering committee members that will be elected at the annual meeting:



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Nominations for Coordinator, Treasurer, Secretary and Steering Committee shall be open beginning September 1, 2010. This year pursuant to changes in the club's By-Laws, we will be instituting an electronic voting in addition to the paper ballots for those who wish to vote at the meeting itself. With the electronic voting, the intention is to get more members interested in voting other than those who are able to make it to the annual meeting. We are still working out the details of the electronic balloting and those procedures will be posted on the website as soon as they are finalized, but you will need your CPA membership number to authenticate your vote, so look for it now. For those that do not have access to a computer, there will be a ballot published in the October *Chesapeake Paddler*, or you may request an absentee ballot from the club Secretary, Sue Stevens (formerly Bauer).



Remember, the Chesapeake Paddlers Association is as successful as it is because of the wonderful people who volunteer their time in volunteering and leading the club in its many activities.

*Maryrose Manhattan (Continued from page 1)*

The kayaking pod paddled rounded the Battery and let the fast currents of the East River carry us north. There was some chop at the Williamsburg Bridge on an otherwise calm and brilliant August day. Once on the other side of Manhattan, we crossed under the Manhattan Bridge and headed for our first rest stop at Hallet's Cove in Queens on the East River—opposite Manhattan and the northern tip of Roosevelt Island.

We relaxed with other paddlers next door at Socrates Sculpture Park. Here we waited until the tide would be slack at Hell's Gate, where we could cross the treacherous body of water peacefully and avoid the whirlpools and the confusing and strong currents for which it is infamous.



Lisa approaching the Brooklyn Bridge *photo by David Gottlieb*



David Gottlieb and I dancing on the dock at the Peter Sharpe floating boat house to the salsa music coming from the park across the Harlem River *photo by David Gottlieb*

The Harlem River took us north to Inwood and the floating Peter Sharpe Boathouse, built by Bette Midler's non-profit organization, NY Restoration Project. Here we had our second lunch before returning to our kayaks.

About a mile north, we turned west and paddled through the Spuyten Duyvel channel at the northern tip of Manhattan. Crossing under the low railroad bridge we returned to the Hudson River. Heading south, we were dwarfed beneath the last, and most beautiful bridge (George Washington), as we made our way back to Pier 40, where we had begun our circumnavigation of Manhattan Island.

Thanks to Jerry Blackstone and Steve Blumling for organizing yet another successful circumnavigation of Manhattan Island. Thanks to Victor Gonzales for volunteering to be ground support and taking care of our one sick paddler.

Links to pictures from various participants:

Todd Patton: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=67084&id=1036443310>

Carol Shahini: <http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0lcMmrFqzasXgA>

Lisa Arrasmith: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2079487&id=1354063519&l=54a4b3ec3d>

David Gottlieb: [http://web.me.com/david\\_gottlieb/DG/Manhattan\\_Circ\\_2\\_%282010%29\\_Photos.html](http://web.me.com/david_gottlieb/DG/Manhattan_Circ_2_%282010%29_Photos.html)

Daniele Scarpazza: <http://picasaweb.google.com/dpscarpazza/20100828ManhattanCirc#>

## CPA Annual Meeting, Sunday November 7 Save the Date



The CPA Annual Meeting will once again be held in College Park, MD, on Sunday, November 7, 2010. There will be a pre-meeting paddle from Bladensburg Park and the meeting will begin with a pot-luck and pizza lunch. Elections will be held and important business before the club will be discussed. Purchase CPA logowear shirts, stickers, patches, and other stuff. Open Air Wear will overrun sports wear items at deep discount. Come and enjoy the food and meet your fellow CPA paddlers wearing clothes that aren't neoprene. Imagine guys without skirts and girls wearing them! Find out why this room has RED walls. PARTICIPATE.



Artistic view of kayak/canoe platform and hammockry on Catfish Hole, Battle Creek from Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm Draft Plan

## Calvert County Needs Input on Canoe/Kayak Facility at Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm

The Calvert County government is developing a master plan for the Biscoe Gray Heritage Farm. The county purchased the property with the assistance of the State's Rural Legacy Program. The farm includes shoreline on Battle Creek, off the Patuxent River. The Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning is seeking comments on the draft master plan. The master plan includes a canoe/kayak teaching/sleeping pavilion. The platform is proposed to be 20-feet x 40 feet, and the pavilion is proposed to have columns spaced 10 feet apart - and be hammock-friendly.

Comments are due by September 17, 2010 to Kirsti Uunila, [uunilak@co.cal.md.us](mailto:uunilak@co.cal.md.us).

Link to P&Z website: <http://www.co.cal.md.us/government/departments/planning/> (look under News & Events, on right side of page).  
Link to master plan: [http://www.co.cal.md.us/assets/Planning\\_Zoning/HDC/BiscoeGrayDraftReport-Aug2010-scan.pdf](http://www.co.cal.md.us/assets/Planning_Zoning/HDC/BiscoeGrayDraftReport-Aug2010-scan.pdf). See page 42 of the master plan (page 47 of the PDF document) for discussion of the kayak/canoe platform.

Disclosure - As many of you know, I work for the Calvert County Planning & Zoning Department. I am not directly involved in this project. Some of you may have met Kirsti. She and I led several archaeology shoreline tours of the Patuxent River and St. Leonard Creek from Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum for CPA & JPPM. I am sure comments from kayakers would be greatly appreciated.

Jenny Plummer-Welker

## Anne Arundel South River Farm Park Shoreline Erosion

Anne Arundel County's South River Farm Park juts out into the river between Selby Bay and Limehouse Cove. Park shoreline along the South River has been eroding for years, but some of it was repaired several years ago by creating a soft, natural shoreline. Now a section adjacent to the restored area at the mouth of Limehouse Cove is suffering from serious erosion, its banks carved out by storms and the constant wash from the river's waves. Trees have tumbled over as the shore has been washed away.

There is a project underway to shore up an 800-foot section of the eroded area, funded by required restoration for wetlands disturbed by a State highway project at Route 450 and Bacon Ridge Branch. The County views the restoration project as an opportunity to stabilize the shoreline. The plan has three alternatives:

- A large rock sill offshore, with no plantings or sand.
- A smaller living shoreline project.
- Just having SHA make a payment into a wetland fund.

The Maryland Department of the Environment, which must issue the permit for the work, rejected all but the second choice - a living shoreline plan with plantings to create a low wetland condition, good for the river and its flora and fauna. A plan based on that alternative will stretch along 800 linear feet of shoreline, with seven rock sills built offshore. In between those sills there will be gaps, roughly 14 feet wide at the top and narrower at the bottom. Those gaps will be partially filled with rocks.

That is the problem, according to South River Federation Executive Director Erik Michelsen. He asserts that the rocks in the gaps will not allow for flushing behind the rock sills at low tide - only at high tide. While there will be a desired low wetland when the project is done, that lack of water movement will eventually help silt and material build up behind the stone and ruin the low wetland condition. Michelsen maintains that extra rock isn't needed, pointing to the older project on the other side of the point, which has nothing in the gaps. You can contact MDE regarding this issue at :

Tidal Wetland Licenses and Permits Richard J. Ayella 410-537-3837 [rayella@mde.state.md.us](mailto:rayella@mde.state.md.us)

Erosion/Sediment Control Approvals Jim Tracy 410-537-3563 [jtracy@mde.state.md.us](mailto:jtracy@mde.state.md.us)

## Roving Patuxent Pirates at Leonardtown Wharf

by Jenny Plummer-Welker

August 24 was a pleasant evening to kayak Breton Bay. Six kayakers arrived at the Leonardtown Wharf, five with kayaks and one to visit and to wish the others a good evening on the water. Tide was extra high. Four of the five opted to launch from the sea wall, while one launched from the floating dock, otter-slide fashion down the depressed area in the dock.

The sky was overcast. We passed two powerboats at anchor. The man in the first power boat waved at us to slow down...we were throwing up too much wake! We kayaked past Buzzard Point, occupied by an osprey, and down the bay to Abell's Wharf/Lovers Point.

The night's topic was food. The conversation continually circled back to food — good meals we had eaten, places where we had eaten them, and a recounting of the Club's

shortest paddle-to-eat trip (about a half-mile from the St. Inigoes Recreation Area at the end of Beachville Road over to Courtney's restaurant in Ridge).

Just past Protestant Point, we spun around and headed back up Breton Bay. Besides one jetski, we seemed to be the only boats on the water. Gray clouds scudded across the sky. The rain held off. We arrived back at Leonardtown Wharf in the dark. For the take out, three of us used the floating dock. You paddle fast, aim at the depressed area, and slide up the plastic surface of the black floating dock. Then you grasp the sisal rope and pull your kayak up a bit more before getting out of the cockpit. We paired up to carry the kayaks to the parking area.

A successful roving Pirate night.

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Our webmaster, Dave Biss, has created an online form you can use to enter nominations. Use it at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=nominations> Persons nominated can use another online tool to accept or decline their nomination, and to post a "Stump Speech" giving their experience and reasons why members should vote for them. These will be printed in the October issue of *The Chesapeake Paddler* and viewable online. If you see someone already nominated who you would support in November, then second their nomination by clicking on the text at the bottom of their nomination that says *Second Them!* For each additional confirmation, the nominee will get a blue star to show their popularity. Note that nominations are NOT the same as voting. Nominations will show who is favored for an office or for the Steering Committee, and will eventually lead to the ballot for voting on positions in the coming year. This year, in addition to mail-in ballots and voting at the November Annual Meeting, there will be an online mechanism for voting, and you will need your CPA member number to authenticate your vote. The votes will be tallied at the Annual Meeting and will determine which individuals will hold which positions for the coming year. So, throw your paddling hat in the ring, or throw someone else in the ring, but let the best candidates win!



New Kayak Launch at Leonardtown Wharf photo by Jenny Plummer-Welker

## Il Kayak da Mare in Sicilia!

Evento nato inizialmente come raduno nazionale e divenuto dopo tre edizioni un simposio internazionale. Un simposio internazionale di kayak da mare per la prima volta organizzato in Sicilia, ha visto la presenza di ospiti di fama internazionale e partecipanti arrivati da Germania, Italia, Malta, Nuova Zelanda, Spagna e Stati Uniti!

Yeah, me either. What it says is "This event started as a national meeting, and now after three editions has become an international symposium. An international sea kayak symposium organized for the first time in Sicily saw the presence of internationally renowned guests and participants from Germany, Italy, Malta, New Zealand, Spain, and the United States."

If you want to combine Italian travel and sea kayak instruction, and rub spray skirts with continental kayakers, this looks like a trip for you. Website at <http://www.vulcanoasymposium.com/>

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[www.vulcanoasymposium.com](http://www.vulcanoasymposium.com)

## Discount on ACA Instructor Course Fees

CKAPCO (Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Company) would like to offer to waive the cost of the required first year American Canoe Association dues, the Safety and Instruction Council dues and the Instructors Manual for taking any Level 2 or above Instructor Certification Course from us here at CKAPCO. This will save CPA members \$90 on Instructor Certification. I hope that this will provide some added incentive for members and particularly Club Instructors and Trip Leaders to get paddling credentials that will benefit both themselves and the other club members.

As you know from personal experience, we provide quality Instructor and Trip Leader Training and ACA Certifications in Coastal Kayak, River kayak, River Canoe as well as Safety and Rescue. We make this offer as a valuable resource for the club and a way for individuals to build upon their skill and knowledge of Sea Kayaking while giving back to the community as certified/trained Kayaking Instructors.

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## 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. See <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=trip-waiver-amp-policies> for requirements and skill levels. **You, and you alone, are responsible for your personal safety.**

### September

Sep 4	<b>Potomac River Marshall Hall to Pomonkey</b>	This trip is primarily on the Potomac River with the option to find the end of navigation on Pomonkey Creek. We will follow the Maryland shore out and back.	Advanced Beginner	Mike Cohn 301 283 2391
Sep 4-11	<b>Loons of the Adirondacks</b>	7th Annual week of kayaking on the lakes and streams of the 6.1 million acre Adirondack Mountain Park in up-state New York	Advanced Beginner	David Moore 301-445-3273, Susan Bauer 410-531-5641
Sep 10-12	<b>Patuxent Kayak Kamper II</b>	This will be the second trip to some of the new paddle-in campsites on the Patuxent Water Trail. Kayak kamping means carrying everything you need in the boat. See <a href="http://picasaweb.google.com/ralph.heimlich/PaxRiverKamper2010#">http://picasaweb.google.com/ralph.heimlich/PaxRiverKamper2010#</a>	Beginner	Ralph Heimlich
Sep 11	<b>KIPP-5 Number 6</b>	This is the fifth year for the KIP (Kent Island Paddle) event and I think it has been very successful in accelerating our learning curve in paddling.	Advanced Beginner	Marshall Wodruff
Sep 11-12	<b>Swim Support for the Nations Triathlon</b>	Come support the triathlon for a 1 mile swim on the Potomac along the edge of Washington D.C. in the Nation's Capitol. Web Site: <a href="http://www.nationstri.com">http://www.nationstri.com</a> This triathlon will present the racers with a	Advanced Beginner	Dave Biss 703-241-0036, Carl Steineger
Sep 18	<b>Wye Island Circumnavigation</b>	Paddle around Wye Island in one leisurely day. 12.5-mile trip around Wye Island, plus forays up some of its more interesting creeks and a mid-way stop for lunch. Will use the launch on Wye Landing Road. [Postponed from July 17 due to organizer's scheduling conflicts.]	Advanced Beginner	Jennifer Bine (703)533-2436
sep 19	<b>Baltimore Swim Across America</b>	This noncompetitive 1 and 3 mile swim takes place in Redhouse Cove which is on the northern end of Gibson Island. <a href="http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/Page.aspx?pid=771">http://www.swimacrossamerica.org/Page.aspx?pid=771</a>	Advanced Beginner	Lyn Brooks 410-592-6248
Sep 23	<b>3rd Annual Full Moon Upchuck Paddle</b>	This is the event where we eat a potluck dinner first then paddle. If we eat enough, then paddle hard enough, then roll quickly several times we might just get a glimpse of Ralph or Earl.	Beginner	Peter Harris 703-408-7812
Sep 24-26	<b>Wicomico Car Camper</b>	Camp at a private house on Maryland's Wicomico River (a trib of the Potomac) and paddle the area.	Beginner	Ralph Heimlich
Sep 25	<b>KIPP-5 Final</b>	This is the fifth year for the KIP (Kent Island Paddle) event and I think it has been very successful in accelerating our learning curve in paddling. Date will depend on conditions.	Advanced Beginner	Marshall Wodruff

### October

Oct 3	<b>Kayak Swim Support for the Ulman Cancer Fund</b>	Kayak Swim Support for the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults Half Full Triathlon Needed! The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults is holding its 1st edition of the Half Full Triathlon on Sunday, October 3, 2010 at Centennial Park in Columbia MD.	Beginner	Sue Stevens 410-531-5641, Robert Golden 443-812-4575
Oct 9	<b>Eastern Neck Paddle</b>	Paddle around Eastern Neck Wild Life Refuge. Details to follow	Beginner	<a href="#">Marshall Woodruff</a>
Oct 15 to 17	<b>Pocomoke River Car Camper</b>	Camp At Pocomoke River State Park and Paddle the Pocomoke River	Advanced Beginner	<a href="#">Steven Jahncke</a>

Check all details online at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar>



## November

Nov 6	<b>Trash Out on the Pax</b>	Help clean up the beautiful mid-Pax River in this second installment of Chip's Trash Quest.	All	Chip Walsh 410-923-0806, Ralph Heimlich 301-498-0918 leave a message
Nov 7	<b>CPA Annual Meeting</b>	The CPA Annual Meeting will once again be held in College Park, MD, on Sunday, November 7, 2010. There will be a pre-meeting paddle from Bladensburg Park and the meeting will begin with a pot-luck and pizza lunch. Elections will be held and important business before the club will be discussed.	All	Ed Hershon 240-848-2321
Nov 11 to 14	<b>Chickahominy River Car Camper</b>	Last Camper of the season. Paddle the Chick and James and camp amid the falling leaves.	Advanced Beginner	Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell)

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### CPA Holiday Party—Save the Date

The traditional CPA holiday party will be held on Saturday, December 4 this year at the home of your illustrious Editor, Ralph Heimlich. Wrap up a special item for the White Elephant gift exchange (nothing of real value, please), share your favorite pot-luck recipe with us all, toss back a few and tell paddling stories with your peers. Look for more info later in the year.



Pax River trash and trashers in 2009 photo by Keith Holman

### Patuxent River: The GOOD, the BAD and the UGLY

By Ralph Heimlich

Over twenty dedicated individuals turned out on April 25, 2009 to remove tons of trash from a bank along the Patuxent in an area near Stocketts Run, just downstream from the Queen Anne Canoe Launch below Route 214. The GOOD news is that A LOT of trash was hauled out (see picture). The BAD news is that there is STILL a a lot of trash left on the site. It is ALL pretty UGLY. Well, what can YOU do about it? Come out for TRASH OUT II: Trash to the max on the Pax on Saturday, November 6. You've paddled the River, now do something GOOD for it, or it will be too BAD, and I'll get UGLY.

The organization was done by Keith Holman, of Capital Off Road Enthusiasts (CORE), Lauren Webster, Volunteer Coordinator for the Patuxent Riverkeeper and Chip Walsh, representing the Chesapeake Paddlers Association (CPA) and the Greater Baltimore Canoe Club (GBCC). CPA and GBCC contributed funds and volunteers. CORE provided volunteers

and the critical ingredient of tractive power, i.e., vehicles and power winches that were up to the challenges of the site. Many volunteers from the Riverkeeper's Roughneck corps, CPA and the GBCC also worked to get the trash out. Chris Carrol took the lead for the Anne Arundel County Recreation and Parks Department, which owns the site. The Department contracted to have the dumpster placed at the nearest road access to the site. CPA funded lunch for everyone.

20 of you provided the manpower. This year's effort is just as important, and will focus on cutting up and carting out a half dozen derelict cars and assorted other metal junk (appliances, construction waste, unexploded ordinance (oops!!!)).

So, show up without your boat at 9 AM on Saturday, November 6, at the entrance to the old Sands Road dump at the intersection of Sands Road and Bayard Road (Rt. 422) just south of Rt 214. Call Chip Walsh at 410-923-0806.



New canoe and kayak launching beach at Elk Neck's Northeast Beach  
photo by Ralph Heimlich

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