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CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle—Sunday, November 7



Once again, its time for the 2010 CPA Annual Meeting. This is the time that we review the events of the past year, and look forward to what the club plans for the year to come. At this meeting we will visit topics of concern for the direction of the club, but most importantly we will elect the CPA Officers and Steering Committee for 2011.

Nominations have been submitted for all positions, and you can review the candidates and their “stump speeches” on [page 4](#). You can vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, by submitting the ballot on pages 8 and 9, or by using the new E-ballot at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=vote>

and enter your member number (on your membership card or in the email sent out in October) and your last name. If you can't find your member number, email Sue Bauer or Ralph Heimlich ([see p. 2](#)).

Why does this room have RED walls? Come to the Annual Meeting and find out *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

Paul Bieri is organizing the **morning paddle**, which will be at Bladensburg Marina at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. We will meet at the park between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. Plan to be on the water, ready to paddle by 9:00 AM. There is a ramp and a dock, lots of parking, and no launch fee. We will paddle for about 90 minutes, and be back at the docks and ready to drive to the Annual Meeting by 12:30 AM.

Please bring paddling clothing suitable for cold water and cold air temperatures in November (at least a wet suit). Bring water to drink, and a snack to eat, besides your PFD and kayak of course. And as always, print out and sign a CPA waiver form, which you can find [online](#). We can all follow each other to the Annual Meeting from the paddle. We will also have directions to the Meeting that morning to help you on your way.

The afternoon Annual Meeting will be at Ellen E. Linson Aquatics Center. The meeting will start at 1:00 PM and will run until about 3:30 pm. We will have pizza available as the meeting starts, and we en-



Kayaking is a water sport, but maybe we'll luck out with a little November sun this year *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

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Monarch on Goldenrod, Smith Island photo by Tim Doyle

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Have an idea for an article, or is there information you would like to see in the newsletter? Email Ralph at news_editor@cpakayaker.com or call at 301-498-0722.

THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION

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Admiral's Walk



As I sit here and write my last Coordinator's Column (at least for now), I want to take time to reflect on the successes and triumphs of this past year. The club has continued to hold its annual SK101 and SK102 events. These take a tremendous amount of time and coordination from the leaders who plan them and they should be congratulated again for a job well done.

In addition to SK101 and SK102, the club hosted its 3rd Annual Gear Day which was a resounding success with many participants and lots of gear (and food)! The club held its usual plethora of trips including beginner trips at Kent Island.

I must state that this year seemed that there was more swim events that the club was asked to participate in as safety boaters. It

is great for the club to be recognized as a necessary component of these events and that there are so many organizations and individuals who appreciate our participation and what we bring to the support events.

All of these events, SK101 and SK102, the swim supports and the many, many trips that the club sponsors could not happen without the huge undertaking of the many volunteers who make them happen. We all owe a big "Thank You" to these individuals which are too many to name here.

I want to encourage all of the members of the CPA to think of some of the events that they have participated in within the last year or two and look to see what made those events so much fun; it was the people who organized and led them. This is what makes the CPA so great and valuable. If there is anything that I can emphasize, it is that it takes many volunteers to make this club work and that I hope that all of you can give something back to the club at some point. You don't have to lead a trip, but you can help plan a trip. You can volunteer at Gear Day or SK101 or SK102. You can come out and help at a swim support (or two). There are many ways to help out and volunteer.

We have our election in a few weeks and we will have new officers and Steering Committee members. They will have fresh ideas and will need help from the membership to achieve the successes that they envision. I ask you all to help them achieve their goals for the club.

Although it has been a difficult year for me personally, one of the great joys I had was my involvement in the CPA and I will cherish that forever. Thank you and I will see everyone on the water very soon.

Ed Hershon



2011 Officer Candidates and Stump Speeches

Here are your candidates for CPA Officers. Please consider them well, then vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, by submitting the ballot on pages 8 and 9, or by using the new E-ballot at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=vote> and enter your member number (on your membership card or in the email sent out in October) and your last name.

New candidates for the Steering Committee are listed before those currently serving.

Jay Gitomer for Coordinator!—Jay has proven that she is an exceptional leader and problem solver. Her leadership of the Pirates of Baltimore as well as the many trips that she has led this past year has given her the qualities needed to lead CPA in the future. In addition to taking a leadership role in the Pirates of Baltimore, Jay has also obtained her BCU 3 Star Certification. Jay will be an excellent Coordinator for CPA—nominated by Ed Hershon



Jay Gitomer says..."CPA has provided me with excellent training opportunities, new experiences, and good friends, and I'd be pleased to serve such a great organization. People know me as a person who has a lot of ideas (sometimes even good ideas!), who is able to motivate and mobilize people, and who follows through with organizational tasks. For example, this past year I led Pirates of Baltimore, created and ran a 4-coach, 13-student incident management training event called SURVIVOR!, volunteered for SK101 and SK102, performed logistics for three skills clinics, and arranged an alternative pool location to fill in when the regular pool is unavailable. We have a large membership with a wide variety of paddling interests. To serve this disparate body, the goals I would have for the club this year would be to continue to support and strengthen the wide array of CPA trips; increase skills development opportunities for paddlers of different levels so that new paddlers can enjoy the sport more fully and experienced paddlers can take their paddling to the next level; open channels of communication between piracy captains in order to strengthen each chapter through the sharing of ideas and information; and promote leadership initiatives among the membership; we have a lot of talent out there, and we'd be even stronger if we could tap into more of it. "

Rich Stevens for Treasurer!—If there is anyone who can keep the check book balanced, it is Rich! He has done a great job in the past, and we should ask him to continue for 2011.—nominated by Dave Biss



Rich Stevens says..."I have been treasurer for several years now, and would be honored to serve again. Now that the Club is incorporated and on a sound legal basis, I've worked to insure that all the proper federal and state filings have been kept up to date. I've also worked hard to insure that members are reimbursed in a timely manner, all payments are properly recorded and deposited, and that the necessary paperwork is kept up to date in an orderly fashion. As part of seeing that the Club gives back to its members, I recently introduced a measure that passed, increasing the annual allotment to the Piracies. I plan on continuing to work to seek other ways for the Club to give back to our members."

Sue Stevens (f/k/a Sue Bauer) for Secretary!—Sue has done a great job as Secretary for these past few years. In addition to her duties as an officer and member of the Steering Committee, she has been in charge of Membership (which is growing rapidly), she is a Pirate Queen of Pier 7, she co-leads the annual Loons Adirondacks trip, she leads a number of other trips, she organizes several swim supports, and she is otherwise involved in many, many club events and activities. We would be well-served by having her continue as Secretary.—nominated by Suzanne Farace



Sue Stevens (f/k/a Sue Bauer) says..."Thanks for nominating me for CPA Secretary. I am fortunate to have the support of a great bunch of volunteers, who help grow our Club in numbers and activities. We have many new members -seeking ways to join the fun of kayaking. I have encouraged the discounted multiple year memberships, as well as sending each new and renewing members their own CPA membership cards. Each member also receives an individual email message shortly after their funds are received -giving them their membership status quickly. CPA membership also gives our members opportunities for several local vendor discounts. I maintain the CPA database for the

monthly Paddler newsletter mailings, as well as provide the info for the CPA membership cards and patches. We have a lively club and I hope to be able to continue to have your support as the Secretary for the coming year. "

Rob Pearlman for Steering Committee!—Rob's been an active member of the club for a few years now and is a regular paddler with the Pirates of Georgetown. His volunteer activities over this past year have included being a presenter at SK101, an instructor at SK102, and he organized and led the swim support for the Maryland Swim For Life. He did a terrific job on all of these events. Rob would be a great addition to the Steering Committee.—nominated by Suzanne Farace



Rob Pearlman says...

"I am pleased to accept! I appreciate Suzanne's kind words in nominating me. I am absolutely passionate about kayaking and I love learning, teaching and helping people. Though I joined CPA quite a few years ago, for a long time I was one of those "newsletter members." Once I got involved, I was really wowed, not only by CPA, but by the quality of the

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people who participate and contribute their time and effort. CPA's welcoming attitude fortified my personal commitment and interest in being part of the club. People's willingness to help, teach, volunteer and share with others our common passion fits my values. Working and playing with many of you has been a pleasure that I wish to continue. Though I work full time (man that get's in the way of the rest of life and kayaking) I want to contribute as much as I can and would welcome the opportunity to join the committee. I feel it is important to "give back" to the world at whatever level possible and I have participated in and helped organize swim supports. I want to encourage others to not only have fun safely, but to share and volunteer for the benefit of others. "



Jennifer Bine for Steering Committee!—Jennifer, who paddles regularly with the Pirates of Georgetown, has been a very active and involved member of the CPA for several years. She has been a trip leader, a presenter at SK101, and an instructor at SK102. She has also helped to provide on-the-water skills practice at Gear Day and support for the Kent Island Rookie Paddles. Having Jennifer on the Steering Committee would be a great benefit to the Club.—nominated by Suzanne Farace

Jennifer Bine says..."I accept the nomination to serve on the CPA Steering Committee for 2011. CPA provides so many of us with terrific equipment guidance, skills training, and comraderie on and off the water, but none of this happens without volunteers at every level. In addition to my experience with CPA, I have participated in the boards of three non-profit and professional organizations."

Brent Cogswell for Steering Committee!—Brent has been very active with our Club - participating in swim supports, buying a beautiful hand made wood boat, and assisting as bosun for Pier 7 Pirates. Brent is the first to arrive each Wednesday and makes a point to welcome all of our new paddlers. He would make a great addition to the Steering Committee.—nominated by Sue Stevens



Brent Cogswell says..."Bucko Bear accepts. 8 years now paddling with this wonderful group of folks. I've learned a lot and would gladly give back. Thanks for the nomination. "



Dick Rock for Steering Committee!—Dick got me into CPA many years ago and has been a long-time Pirate Captain of the Pirates of the Potomac. He would make an excellent SC member.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Dick Rock says..."I am honored to be nominated to the CPA Steering Committee. I believe in giving back for all of the many, many events offered by others who are volunteers. If elected I will do my best to improve and assist the CPA in 2011."

Béla Mariassy for Steering Committee!—Béla has been an invaluable addition to the Steering Committee over the last year. In addition to providing valuable input there, he has served most ably as out Club Gear Meister. Béla also serves as Captain at Pier 7 and has participated at a number of swim supports and other Club activities. He deserves another term.—nominated by Rich Stevens



Béla Mariassy says..."I have felt fortunate to work with other volunteer leaders of the club over the past year to expand the club, both in numbers and scope of activities. Active leaders together with active members makes for a club that fun to be a part of and a rewarding experience for all."



Brian Blankinship for Steering Committee!—Brian has been very active in the club for over a decade. Luckily for many of us, he founded and continues to run SK102 - an awesome weekend for 80 members to learn and/or polish their paddling skills. Brian is the "go to" person on surf skis and wing paddles, generously sharing his knowledge with one and all. With Brian's experience and expertise I would like to nominate him to the Steering Committee.—nominated by Lizzie O'Donoghue

Brian Blankinship says...

"I would like to stay on the Steering Committee and believe I bring a knowledge of why CPA made certain decisions years ago. I will continue to be active in CPA and sea kayaking and will continue to serve if you will have me. "

Dave Isbell for Steering Committee!—Dave brings a wealth of knowledge about kayaking to the club, and willingly shares it with the members. He does the same on the leadership level for the club, with a down-to-earth practical sense of the purpose of the club.—nominated by Bela Mariassy

Dave Isbell says..."I accept the nomination to continue as a steering committee member for 2011. "



Ralph Heimlich for Steering Committee!—Ralph is very active in the club and he is an asset to the SC.—nominated by Brian Blankinship

Ralph Heimlich says...

"I have been very active in CPA and enjoy contributing to the smooth operation of the club. Some accomplishments include procuring the first of the new wicking CPA shirts, processing new and renewal membership cards, producing packets for SK101, printing and distributing CPA membership brochures and cold water safety brochures, developing an email program to send out membership numbers so you can vote, and editing The Chesapeake Paddler every month. I lead about 10 trips a year and participate in SK101, Gear Day, and other events. "

Chesapeake Pirates Raid Smith Island: Two Bands of Roving Pirates Swarm Ashore!

Bob Pullman writes: Smith Island is an archipelago with three villages. Ewell is the northern most village where most people live. Rhodes Point is to the south west and is connected to Ewell by a 2 mile road. One of the groups led by Laurie and I stayed in Tylerton, which is to the southeast of Ewell, and can only be reached by boat from the other two villages. To the north of Ewell is the Martin's Wildlife Refuge which is uninhabited except for wildlife and about the size of the lower archipelago of Smith Island. You can only get to Smith Island by boat and the ferries have regular service from Crisfield, Maryland, everyday.

They also have regular service to Tangier Island located to the south in Virginia. While researching the trip I found out that Smith Island has a small southern portion that is part of Virginia. The dividing line has changed over the years due to oystering and crabbing rights.

Our trip began Friday morning in Crisfield. The majority of the group wanted to attempt a crossing by kayaks and the weather report was favorable for a crossing. The remainder of the group took the 12:30 PM ferry. We got permission from Tawed Oil Company to launch from their private beach at 10th and Lumber into a protected cove

Upon leaving the protection of Jane's Island, we encountered a light chop and very pleasant paddling conditions. About half way across we saw the ferry boats heading over, as they gave us waves of encouragement. Approaching Smith Island, Jim Zawlocki and I commented on a dilapidated old house that last year was dubbed Tim Dole's house. It still has a great view if you don't mind getting your feet wet while standing in the house.

The short cut to Tylerton is Lion's Club Canal. Arriving in Tylerton, the kayaks in the backyard from those that took the ferry across were a dead giveaway. I always get a little nervous when I rent a place for the first time but Pauline's House far exceeded my expectations. The house is complete with all bedding and cooking utensils. I remember the sunsets last year on Smith Island and the view from the backyard did not disappoint us.

Friday night dinner consisted of white chili, Greek salad, salad with seafood, fruit, and Spanish Rice casserole. Melissa ordered a Smith Island cake for desert but it was never delivered. We made do with cookies and brownies. Smith Island is dry, but you can BYOB as long as you are discreet.

Saturday brought us more great weather and we paddled south on the Tangier Sound (east) side of the island heading towards Tangier

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Pauline's House, Tylerton, Smith Island photo by Ralph Heimlich

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courage attendees to bring some other yummy snacks that can be shared with the troops. Brownies, cookies, chips, veggies and dips, etc.

You can also purchase CPA logowear shirts, stickers, patches, and other stuff. Bela Mariassy will have the entire trunk of **CPA Logowear**. Open Air Wear will offer overrun sports wear items from their line 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.

And, just like last year, there will be free ice skating at the Aquatics Center that you can participate in after the meeting adjourns [is this still true?]. If you have any questions about this, contact [Ed Hershon](#).



Last year on the Anacostia photo by Ralph Heimlich

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

Jay Gitomer
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Secretary (vote for one)

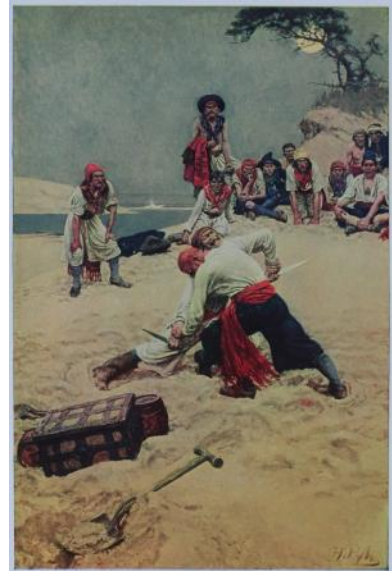
Sue Bauer
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Treasurer

Rich Stevens
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Steering Committee (choose six)

Jennifer Bine
 Brian Blankinship
 Brent Cogswell
 Ralph Heimlich
 Dave Isbell
 Béla Mariassy
 Rob Pearlman
 Dick Rock
 (Write-in Candidate)_____



Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee

After you've voted, please tear out this page, place in an envelope, and mail to:

**The Chesapeake Paddlers Association
 P.O. Box 341
 Greenbelt, MD 20768-0341**

apply a stamp, and must be received by October 31, 2010 to be counted.

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Island. Melissa was on the island over a month ago with a school group on the southern tip of the island known as South Point Marsh. They were banding brown pelicans in the marsh. We decided to take a look for ourselves and stopped on a little sliver of sand separating the Tangier Sound from the Chesapeake Bay. Walking along where the marsh intersected the beach was a big group of pelicans along with a variety of sea birds.

We decided to break into two groups, one going on to cross over to Tangier Island, and the other group completing the clockwise circumnavigation around Smith Island. Ralph, Gina, Laurie, and I headed up the west coast to Rhodes Point, admiring the many birds along the way. We noticed a long line of power lines over the water that ended where Shanks Island used to be. Paddling on to Rhodes Point, we took the Doctor's Gut through the marsh to Ewell. We stopped at Ruke's and had crab cake sandwiches. Ralph opted for the whole crab (soft shell). He called it a Bug Sandwich! Yum. I tried one last year and it was delicious. We encountered Rich Stevens and Steven Jahnke from the "other" Pirate band and checked out their quaint little lodgings in a converted crab shack.



Yellow track: Friday 17.6 Mi. Red Track: Saturday 11.8 Mi. Blue Track: Sunday 21.4 Mi GPS track by Rich Stevens



The cottage on Ewell photo by Rich Stevens

Paddling through the channel between Ewell and Goat Island (yes, they do have goats living there), we made our way back to Tylerton. We noticed the Mail boat heading in that direction and we later found out they were delivering the Smith Island Cake that Melissa ordered for Friday. As we were preparing our meal, the others arrived back from Tangier Island. That night we did have cake! Smith Island is known for their multi layer cake - some make 7 layers, some 9 layers, etc. It is very rich and very filling.

Sunday was another beautiful day with a very light breeze and most of the group paddled back across the Tangier Sound while Laurie, Gina, Tim, and I stayed behind to transport the gear back on the ferry. Gina, Tim and myself paddled back up to Ewell and then over to Swan Island. This is part of the Martin's Wildlife Refuge - about 4,500 acres. We were able to see white swans (Mutes, the BAD kind) along with egrets, heron, and many others as we explored farther into the marshes. As we were enjoying our exploration of each new cove of the refuge, we knew it was time to head back to Tylerton to catch the ferry. The crossing showed calmer waters on Sunday compared to Friday. The weather can be unpredictable and can change at a moments notice but we could not have asked for a nicer weekend.

Thanks to Laurie, Ralph, Jim, Melissa, Tim, Deb, Rob, Rich Pieper, Paula, and Gina for making this a great trip.

Rich Stevens writes: Thanks to Marla for organizing the northern contingent who stayed at Ewell, which consisted of Marla Aron, Stephen Jahnke, Sue Stevens, and myself. The weather was spectacular: Sunny, warm, and just a slight breeze. The Smith and Tangier area is notorious for windy conditions, and with a strong north or south wind, the crossing to these islands is generally too rough for kayaks except for the very skilled or foolhardy. It's not all that uncommon for the ferries to cancel crossings due to the weather. Island crabcakes are everything that they are made out to be, and unequalled by all but a handful of mainland based restaurants. A GPS and a good chart are recommended for a first visit as a lot of the many passages through the salt marshes look alike.

Rich Steven's pics: <http://picasaweb.google.com/CommodoreRichStevens/SmithIsland2010#>

Melissa's pics: <http://www2.snapfish.com/comcast/thumbn...E=comcast/>

Gina Cicotello's pics: http://pasadenagina.smugmug.com/Kayaking/Smith-Island-2010/14150559_u9Wcx#1043892397_WGQMo

Tim Doyles' pics: <http://picasaweb.google.com/NeckyTim/SmithIsland2010?feat=directlink>

Jim Zawlocki's pics:

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Pauline's house on Tylerton: <http://www.smithislandhouse rentals.com/>

The cottage on Ewell: <http://smithislandinnpetitemaerin.com/default.aspx>

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.**

November

Nov 6	Trash Out on the Pax	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	CPA Annual Meeting	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	Chickahominy River Car Camper	Last Camper of the season. Paddle the Chick and James and camp amid the falling leaves.	Advanced Beginner	Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell)

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

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.



Pelican swarm at Smith Island's South Point Marsh *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

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