

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## Volunteers Needed for Swim Support—Great Potomac Swim

By Chris Bresnan



Use your paddling skills for a good purpose....support a swim! There are many coming up and they all need support. Swim supports vary greatly in length, type of location, type of support needed and reason for the event. Personally, I am in need of many kayakers for the Potomac Swim (details below), but I encourage you to support any swim event, just check the [CPA calendar](#) for dates and locations.

The annual Potomac Swim, which I have been involved with for seven years, is coming up on June 4 and we really need more kayakers. So far we have a few kayakers signed up and but we could use more. The Potomac Swim is unique in that each kayaker is assigned a swimmer as opposed to a 'zone' or similar pattern. And each swimmer brings in hundreds (some raise thousands) of dollars that go to 'Save the Bay' type organizations without a single penny going into anyone's pocket. So basically, the more kayakers the more swimmers—the more swimmers, the more money raised—the more money raised, the better for our favorite paddling locations.

So what numbers are we talking about? Well, we need roughly 50 kayakers or more. The swim has become very popular and has grown every year. This year we have so many swimmers that we had to wait list them. Believe it or not, the wait list started months

ago and swimmers are still signing up, which is great if we get paddlers to support them. And the main reason for the wait list is because we are struggling to get enough paddler support. So if you can help then it is just like you were raising hundreds of dollar yourself!

The Potomac Swim is an open-water distance swim of 7.5 miles across the mouth of the Potomac. Around forty (more if you will help) dedicated swimmers from around the country have raised money to participate in the event. Each swimmer is assigned a kayaker who will serve as the navigator for the crossing as well as sherpa of food/drink. Don't worry about the navigating part, you'll be following a big boat and the swimmer will follow you.

And here's what you get. First and most important is that you get to be part of a really, really cool event that raises a good bit of money. 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 May 29, free camping on Friday and Saturday nights at Point Lookout State Park, a free T-shirt, a boat ride across the river to the race start, a huge picnic on the beach at the end of the swim and a few other little things. The only cost to you is the gas to get there, everything else is covered.

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 please e-mail me ( [cbresnan@hotmail.com](mailto:cbresnan@hotmail.com) ) or you can either Cheryl Wagner (202) 387-2361 or me (540) 837-2733. You can also check the website, [www.potomacriverswim.com](http://www.potomacriverswim.com) I'll also be at SK102 and would be happy to talk with you about it then.

So, I really hope you'll consider helping a swim event. Once you do you'll be hooked!



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From April, Point of Rocks, photo by Catriona Miller (an entry in the calendar contest)

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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.

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## Step Up, Lead a Trip

We had a lot of trips last year—at a rough count, there seems to have been about sixty. Sixty trips! Isn't that enough? There doesn't seem to be any need for new trip leaders with the current leaders so active.

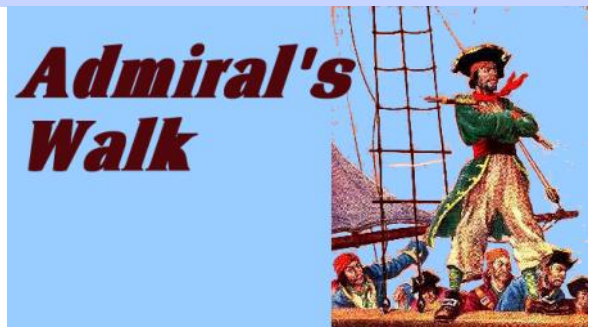
But there are a few reasons to lead trips, some that benefit the club and some that benefit you as a paddler. CPA makes it as easy as possible to lead trips with training and mentoring for anyone who wants it.

The club benefits from new trip leaders because new people do things in new ways and in new places. We don't want to stagnate, we want to grow. Also, new trip leaders will attract their own circle of paddling friends within the club to attend their trips, and that benefits the club by increasing the active membership; we have a lot of members, but many do not actually participate in club paddles. Plus, new trip leaders help the current trip leader by giving them a break! We have a core of members who lead trips—that pool of leaders should be larger so that a few people aren't doing the bulk of the work to provide a good time for everyone.

Trip leadership is a great way to have fun, meet people, and improve your own skills. You probably joined CPA with one or more of those goals in mind. None of them will happen if you don't come out and get your paddle wet. All of them will happen if you do! Leading trips adds a level of challenge. You're not just going from Point A to Point B: You're managing the group, watching the conditions, and helping other people. As a paddler on a trip, you might not have had to think about things like tides and weather; as a trip leader you'll be motivated to learn about the environment, and CPA can help you do that.

If you are a person who is interested in improving your personal skills, leading trips helps with that too. You won't be moving in a straight line at one speed; you'll be moving within the group to check on people, assess the environment, or control the pace. You might be supervising a rescue or organizing a tow (although hopefully not!). You'll be making decisions about the group's safety and comfort. That is good for the ego - it's nice to be King (or Queen).

Also, leading trips gives you something to do in the winter—plan locations, plan logistics, and set goals for your skills. This isn't a trivial consideration; keeping up enthusiasm through the winter ensures that you'll resume paddling in the Spring, which is good for you! Ask your doctor—and your psychiatrist. And not least of all, if you've always wanted to paddle a certain place, leading a trip there will give you a reason to learn about and explore it. You don't have to wait for someone else to take you there—you can take others there. They'll love you for it.



A lot of members have said they'd like to lead a trip but aren't sure they're ready to do so. CPA can help you with that! Take advantage of all the CPA (and other) training opportunities that you can, particularly the [Trip Leadership Training](#) (see page 6) that is scheduled for the weekend of May 14th. That training will prepare you to lead a CPA trip with confidence and competence. If you want to get some practice before that, offer to co-lead a trip with a more experienced trip leader. If you do that, be sure to get involved, ask questions, and get mentored. Getting involved is more rewarding than just showing up and paddling point or sweep. We'd also love to see new trip leaders at SURVIVOR, which is an incident management event that will give you a chance to see how you respond to unexpected problems. So much fun!

One final note for the current trip leaders and pirate captains—you know your paddlers. Are there any members in your circle who would make great trip leaders? Please reach out and encourage them to take the **Trip Leader Training** and volunteer. And if they take you up on your suggestion, mentor them a little. Show them how you do what you do so they can do it as well as you. Teaching others strengthens your own skills, expands your circle of friends, is good for the club, and is just a nice thing to do. Is this the time to drag out the old saw about a rising tide lifting all boats?

Jay Gitomer  
Coordinator

## Its Almost Spring—Do YOU Know Where Your CPA Piracy Is?

**Pirates of the Algonkian**—It's the time of the year for us warm weather (and water) paddlers to start thinking about paddling again. I'll officially begin the Algonkian Pirate Season on May 4<sup>th</sup>. This year we'll plan on a 6:00 pm launch time to allow more time for folks to get out after work. Our target paddle day will be Wednesday on the Fountainhead and Bull Run weeks with some flexibility to change dates due to weather. I'll try to post the planned paddle info by Sunday night. The alternating week peer paddle should target Wednesday, but could be done on any day the group leader picks. Like last year, I will be distributing information on weekly paddles via two sources -- a mailing list I'll be setting up for the 2011 season and I'll also post the messages on the CPA Algonkian Pirate Forum. We look forward to seeing you on the water.

*Jeff Walaszek (703) 868-1765 Jim Zawlocki (703) 378-7536*

**Pirates of the Potomac**—The first official opening date for the Pirates of the Potomac starts on 20 April at 5:00 pm from Belle Haven Marina, one mile South of Alexandria on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Where do we paddle? On the broad Potomac River. It is beautiful and unique. We can paddle south to Dyke Marsh the largest tidal marsh in the area, You might see ducks, geese, eagles, osprey, Great Blue Herons and many other birds. You could see an otter, or a beaver, maybe a deer. The scenery is great. We could paddle along the waterfront at National Harbor across the river. Or paddle north to the Alexandria waterfront. It is relaxing and fun. Come and see join any Wednesday. Meet the paddlers who are a mix of most skill levels. We look forward to meeting you. Welcome..

*Dick Rock (703) 780 6605*

**Pirates of Baltimore**—Opening night is May 17 We are a roving piracy with a different launch site each week: Rocky Point, Island View, Dundee, and the Inner harbor (Canton) (check the PoB info for the week's launch site). In general, we should be there and ready to launch by 5:30. In reality, we usually launch between 5:30-6PM. Because we are often out after dark, especially in the spring & early fall, you must have a light with you. Distances covered vary, usually up to 5 miles. Jay has some of the PoB sessions set up as skills training (strokes/braces improvement), headed up by Rick Wiebush. Check the calendar for this. Signup is first come first serve. Afterwards, we usually go to a local restaurant. When we launch out of Island View, we do have dinner there afterwards.

*Jay Gitomer (443) 449-5119*

**Pirates of the North**—Garrett Island Clean Up - 23 April 2011 Please consider helping with the 2011 clean up effort at Garrett Island on Saturday 23 April 2011. This is a part of the annual Lower Susquehanna River Greenway Riversweep. We paddlers get a lot of pleasure from circumnavigating Garrett so I hope we will have a good turnout. We will meet around 0830 and be finished by lunch time. The Greenway has typically provided lunch as well as a teeshirt. I encourage you to sign up with the Greenway (<http://www.lshgreenway.org/index.html>) and let me know if you will be there. I will try to make sure we have enough motorboats available to haul the trash from the island to Perryville. We cannot carry too much in our kayaks With Garrett sitting at the mouth of the Susquehanna, we always have a lot of trash to pick up.

*Bob Shakeshaft (410) 939 0269 Mike Free (484) 889-2214*

**Pirates of the Sassafras**—I'm looking at organizing a pirates of the Eastern Shore. This would not be specific to the Sassafras, but would include many paddling locations in Kent and Queen Anne Counties. I think a weekend day in early April may be ideal for a proposed piracy paddle, planning, potluck, picnic might be in order. If you are in Elkton, you may want to check out Pirates of the North. They may be closer to you. I don't want to conflict with their schedule so you may have choices.

*Paula Hubbard (407)-619-2896*

**Pirates of the Patuxent**—The Patuxent Pirates will start our 2011 season on April 21, 2011. Arrive 5:00 - 6:00 PM Thursdays Take Rt 2 south to Solomons. There's a sandy beach and free parking on the right, just north of the boardwalk across from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

*Jenny Plummer-Welker (301) 249-4895*

**Pirates of Pier 7**— Our Opening Night is April 20. This year the boat house has been relocated to the main building, which has a nice kitchen and bathroom. As usual, we paddle to eat—everyone takes turns providing a dinner throughout the season. We start arriving about 4 PM and paddle until dusk, then eat. Some come for dinner, then paddle in the moonlight afterward.

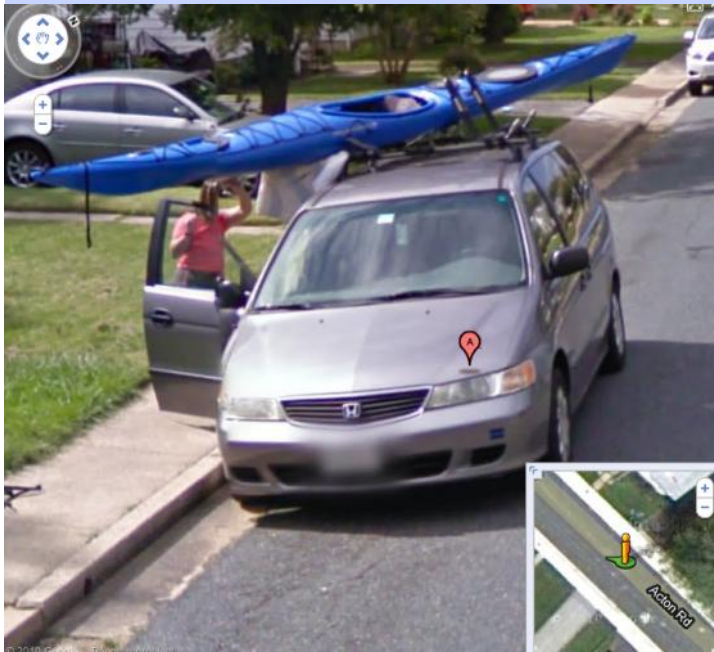
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**Pirates of Georgetown**—We usually paddle from the Columbia Island Marina but occasionally we will paddle from other locations. We meet Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm, paddle away at 6:30 pm, and will typically stay on the water for about an hour-and-a-half. We usually go out for a quick meal afterward but sometimes will create a potluck dinner among ourselves or order pizza to eat at the marina. If we decide to try paddling from a different location, we'll consider the availability of good, cheap food near-by!

*Peter Harris (703) 408-7812 Matt Blakey (202) 210-6367 Paul Bieri (240) 393-2377*

**Pirates of Sugarloaf**—Our primary launch site is Black Hill Regional Park, unless otherwise posted in advance on the Pirates of Sugarloaf Forum. \$5.00 daily launch fee / \$55 season pass at Visitors Center. Other alternate launch sites may include Seneca State Park, Piney Run Park, Tridelphia Reservoir or other waters in Upper Montgomery, Frederick, Carroll and Western Howard counties as may be suggested by and of interest to paddlers. 5:30 PM until Sunset Tuesdays

*James Higgins (301) 460-8022*



## Big Brother is Watching You...Load Your Boat!

One of our members was mousing around on Google Maps and looked at her address on street view. "I nearly fell off my chair tonight when I saw it. HAHHAHAHAH!!!!"

Go to Google Maps and enter this in the search box.  
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Check out the photo and street view—and watch for a robot camera coming YOUR way soon.



### EMS Club Day at Annapolis Store

Eastern Mountain Sports is having a Club Day on April 8-9. It's a great way to stretch your gear dollars, but bring your CPA membership card. It's also a great place to recruit new CPA members. Any CPA members who can represent the club at the EMS store in Annapolis during the day on either April 8 or 9, please contact Bela Mariassy (410-507-4972) to coordinate a display and participation in CPA activities.

## Chesapeake Paddlers Association



## CPA 2011 Virtual Photo Calendar Available

The 2011 CPA Virtual Calendar has been IMPROVED— Now all the dates on the CPA online calendar ARE IN IT Get the updated version at

[http://www.cpakayaker.com/uploads/online\\_newsletters/CPA2011/CPA%20Virtual%20Calendar%202011.pdf](http://www.cpakayaker.com/uploads/online_newsletters/CPA2011/CPA%20Virtual%20Calendar%202011.pdf)

You can download the .pdf file and print it yourself, or take the file on a thumb drive to Staples, Kinkos, etc. and have them print and bind a nice one on good stock. The file is laid out to print back to back (i.e., the photo for month x is on the back of the page for month x-1).

Remember to check the CPA Web Page at

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

and the calendar at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar>  
for upcoming CPA events.

## SK203: CPA Trip Leader Training

By Brian Blankinship

CPA is an all-volunteer organization, so we depend on our membership for leadership. If you have participated in CPA events and been on CPA trips over the past few years, consider stepping up to lead a trip yourself this year. Trip Leader Training will take place on May 14-15, 2011, at Westmoreland State Park in Virginia. Attendance both days will be required for successful completion of the training.

**TO REGISTER:** Send an email to Brian AT baykayaking DOT com. You will be added to the list. Please send any questions to the same email address.



Trip Leader Training photo by Don Monday

If you are interested in attending the Trip Leader training, start preparing now by reading the book *Sea Kayaker Deep Trouble* by Matt Brose and George Gronseth, ISBN:0-07-008499-8.

**Objectives** —Successful participants should be able to do the following:

- Plan a trip on protected waters, including a float plan with appropriate travel distances, contingency plans for weather, health problems, or equipment failures and notification procedures in case of an emergency.
- Screen potential trip participants for health and other relevant eligibility.
- Identify the most likely hazards to be encountered on a trip and know what precautions can be taken to avoid or minimize their effects.
- Determine what personal and group safety equipment is appropriate for a trip.
- Describe how to organize and effectively lead a group of paddlers on a trip including the appropriate use of assertiveness.
- Provide the basic elements that should be included in a “put-in” talk or pre launch briefing.
- Demonstrate basic paddling skills needed for maneuvering in moderate conditions of wind not exceeding 15 knots and waves not exceeding 1.5 feet.
- Demonstrate effective self and assisted rescues appropriate for moderate conditions.
- Demonstrate how to properly manage towing boats of tired or incapacitated paddlers.
- Demonstrate how to use chart and compass for trip planning and navigation.
- Demonstrate how to use rescue/signaling devices including cell phone and VHF radios.
- Participants are expected to assist on a trip with a mentor, then lead a trip with a mentor

### Agenda – Day 1

- Introductions of participants and trainers;
- Characteristics of a Good Trip Leader
- Trip Preparation and Planning: Planning, Scouting, Screening. Charts and Navigation
- Getting On the water
- On-water: Strokes
- Student presentation: Hypo and Hyperthermia
- Rescues
- Student presentations: Proper PFD fit; Paddle/hand signals, Signaling devices, Leave No Trace
- Dinner: Pot-Luck Dinner

### Agenda – Day 2

- Dealing with Changing Conditions and Emergencies
- More Strokes/Maneuvers
- Student Presentation: Teaching Wet Exit
- Rescues
- Student Presentation: Using VHF; basic channels and protocols/progression
- On-Water Group Management
- Student Presentation: Who does the towing
- Towing



Classroom training photo by Brian Blankinship

## SK101 -- Thanks to You All!

By Suzanne Farace

The CPA put on another successful "SK101 -- An Introduction to Sea Kayaking" program on March 26 at the West River Center in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Approximately 75 people turned out on a cool but clear day to hear about Kayak History, Kayak Selection and Design, Paddles, Safety, Car Rack Systems, Kayaking Gear, and Places to Paddle. We saw some familiar faces, but many new ones as well, and I want to thank everyone who attended. Many who were not already members of the CPA signed up that same day, as well as turned in their registration for the upcoming SK102 CPA Skills Weekend at Lake Anna, VA.

A heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who all did a fantastic job:

- Maryrose Whelley, for doing a yeoman's duty handling registration.
- Jenny Plummer-Welker, for presenting and also handling publicity, evaluations, and photos.
- Ralph Heimlich, for presenting, for putting together all of the course materials, and for acting as our AV support.
- Brian Blankinship, for presenting on two separate topics and for also leading our panel Q&A session.
- Jennifer Bine and Rob Pearlman, for presenting and for hauling a truly impressive amount of gear.
- Rich and Sue Stevens, for presenting and for handling membership and finances.
- Robert Golden and Paula Hubbard, our first time presenters, for really stepping up.
- Bela Maraissy, for his all-around assistance and for handling the CPA gear logo sales.
- Ed Hershon for supervising the outdoor boat and gear displays.

Thanks also to Doug Smith, CPA member and member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, for his very helpful remarks about safety. And to Jay Gitomer, our Coordinator, for her remarks in support of the CPA and its activities. We appreciate help from our fellow kayaking organizations in publicizing the event: Canton Kayak Club, Waters Edge Kayak Meetup Group, Washington Kayaking Meetup Group, and the Greater Baltimore Canoe Club as well as local retailers and outfitters, including Annapolis Canoe & Kayak, EMS, REI, HTO, and L.L. Bean. And a very special thanks to Bruce Kellman, Manager at EMS Annapolis, who has always been a stalwart supporter of the CPA and its members and activities, and was a very generous contributor to this event.



Rob Pearlman Talks Gear *photo by Jenny Plummer-Welker*



Sue Stevens hoists that boat *photo by Jenny Plummer-Welker*

These folks all shared their knowledge of and enthusiasm for kayaking with the attendees, they contributed their boats and gear for display, and they otherwise gave of their time to this program. SK101 is truly a group effort and without all this assistance this event would not be possible. Thank you! And thanks very much to all the participants in this course who took the time to let us know how much you enjoyed and benefitted from this course.



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### The Chesapeake Bay Foundation 2011 Photo Contest

This year's contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers, and CBF is seeking photographs that illustrate the positive aspects of the Bay and its rivers and streams. We want to see your vision of the Bay region—from Pennsylvania to Virginia, from the Shenandoah Mountains to the Eastern Shore. Images depicting people, wildlife, recreation, and farms within the watershed will all be considered. **All photos must include water from the Chesapeake Bay or a river, stream, creek, or other body of water inside the Chesapeake Bay watershed.**

Official judging will be conducted by a panel of CBF employees who will judge entries on subject matter, composition, focus, lighting, uniqueness, and impact. The public will also be able to vote online for their favorite photo in the Viewers' Choice Gallery. All winners will receive a cash award:

- **First Prize: \$500**
- **Second Prize: \$250**
- **Third Prize: \$150**
- **Viewers' Choice: \$100**

In addition, the first-prize photograph will appear in CBF's 2012 calendar. And that's not all: All winners will also receive a one-year membership to CBF and will have their photos displayed on CBF's website, in a CBF e-newsletter, and in CBF's *Save the Bay* magazine.

Submissions must be mailed to CBF and postmarked between March 14, 2011 and April 15, 2011. There is a \$10 entry fee for up to three photographs, and \$3 for each additional photo. All winners will be notified of the outcome, and their images will be posted on the CBF website by May 27, 2011.



### SMALL BOATS NEEDED FOR CLEAN THE BAY DAY

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and its partners are now recruiting volunteers to clean up shoreline litter for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clean the Bay Day, Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Clean the Bay Day is a hands-on opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, and groups to join CBF, municipalities, concerned organizations, and businesses in one of the largest volunteer cleanup efforts in Virginia. The annual project, managed by CBF, involves thousands of Virginia citizens working on foot and by boat to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers, and streams. The event also raises public awareness about pollution issues beneath the surface. Last year, 7,430 volunteers removed 217,641 lbs of debris at 245 sites along 419 miles of Chesapeake Bay watershed shorelines.

Cleanup sites are available throughout Hampton Roads, Virginia's Eastern Shore, Northern, and Central Virginia. **To register, visit [cbf.org/clean](http://cbf.org/clean), send**

an e-mail to [ctbd@cbf.org](mailto:ctbd@cbf.org), or call 1-800/SAVEBAY.



## Chesapeake Paddlers Association Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
4/2	Mid-Pax Kayak Cleanup	Give back to the river by helping clean up trash along the Patuxent River from Queen Anne to Hills Bridge.
	Pool Sessions in Prince Frederick	Great news, the new Calvert County pool in Prince Frederick has allowed CPA to schedule practice sessions!
4/8-9	EMS Club Day-Annapolis Store	EMS Store presents Club Days: all kinds of clubs' members receive discounts on purchases. Bring your CPA membership card.
4/10	Bull Run VA Bluebell Paddle	The paddle is a leisurely scenic 8.6 mile round trip lasting 3-4 hours through banks of blooming Virginia bluebells and wonderful marsh, river, and run ecosystems.
4/16	Kent Island Paddle 6 2011 (KIP-6 11')	This is the sixth year for a most unusual paddle. It is not for everyone. The Kent Island Paddle is not meant for just a distance paddle but for paddlers who want to build their skills and knowledge of paddling.
4/20	Pirates of Pier 7 Opening Night	Opening the 2011 season (weather permitting)
4/23	Greenland Paddle Making Workshop 2011	A Greenland Paddle Making Workshop hosted by the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.
4/23	Garrett Island Cleanup	Please consider helping with the 2011 clean up effort at Garrett Island on Saturday 23 April 2011.
4/29-5/1	SK102 CPA Skills Weekend	13th Annual SK102 at Lake Anna
5/6	Assateague Kayak Camper Paddle May 6-8, 2011	The Assateague paddle is an 11 mile bayside paddle to a backcountry camp site. This is a great trip to use your overnight kayak camping skills or to develop them.
5/7	Pohick Bay Paddle	Beginner Paddle on Pohick Bay
5/7	St. Clements Champagne Brunch Paddle	Paddle from Breton Bay (near Leonardtown, MD) out to St. Clements Island for a relaxed brunch and return. See below for last year's trip pics.
5/7	EMS DEMO DAY at Truxton Park	EMS Store in Annapolis offers free kayak demos on the water at Truxton Park. Safety boaters needed.
5/8	Mothers Day	VERY IMPORTANT DAY!
5/8	Piscataway Creek Circumnavigation	This trip will be a circumnavigation of Piscataway Creek.
5/13	Chesapeake Light Craft Okumefest	13th Annual Okumefest, a rendezvous for builders and lovers of small boats! Safety boaters needed.
5/14	Kent Island Paddle 6 2011 (KIP-6 11')	This is the second event of the season. It is not for everyone. The Kent Island Paddle is not meant for just a distance paddle but for paddlers who want to build their skills and knowledge of paddling.
5/14-15	SK203 Trip Leader Training	CPA training for those who wish to lead CPA Trips
5/17	Pirates of Baltimore Opening Night	Weekly Pirates Paddle (a roving piracy)
5/20-22	Trap Pond, DE Camper (Trip is now full, but waitlist available)	Paddling and car camping at/near Trap Pond, DE (This trip is now full, however, we are taking requests to be on a wait list in the event of a cancellation)
5/22	Kayak swim support for the Columbia Triathlon	Please volunteer to provide kayak support for the Columbia Triathlon
5/27-30	Smith and Tangier Islands	Paddle to Smith and Tangier Islands in the Bay
5/29	Potomac River from Marshall Hall to Pomonkey	Paddle the Potomac River and to the bitter end of Pomonkey Creek
6/3-5	Patuxent Kayak Kamper	Paddle all 55 miles from Queen Anne to Solomons Island
6/4	Kayak support for the Potomac River 7.5 Mile Swim	Kayak support for the Potomac River 7.5 Mile Swim
6/10-12	Paddle Clash 2011 - Games on Eastern Shore	The main event is a day of wildly fun games, preceded on the evening before will be a night paddle and followed by a choice of guided paddles for those who wish to explore the Eastern Shore.
6/12	Great Chesapeake Bay Swim Support	Join us on the Chesapeake Bay, under the Bridge to support the swimmers who will be taking part in this annual event!
6/18	Kent Island Paddle 6 2011 (KIP-6 11')	This is the third event of the season. It is not for everyone. The Kent Island Paddle is not meant for just a distance paddle but for paddlers who want to build their skills and knowledge of paddling.
6/18	Potomac Paddle	Beginner Paddle on Potomac at Violet's Lock or Columbia
6/18	Swimmers Practice for the DC Triathlon	Come on out to support the swimmers on their day of practice, before the actual Triathlon event. 1:00-4:00 pm
6/19	FATHER'S DAY	A VERY IMPORTANT DAY!
6/19	DC Triathlon swim support	Kayak support for the DC Triathlon
6/19	Wilson Landing (Mallows Bay) to Friendship Landing (Nanjemoy Creek) Shuttle	Paddle one-way down the Potomac
6/25	Dundee Paddle	Scenic short trip well-suited for novices and beginners.
6/25	Maryland Swim 4 Life Swim Support	Kayak support for the Maryland Swim 4 Life
6/26	Celebration Triathlon swim support	Kayak support for the Celebration Triathlon
6/26	4th Annual Gear Day (Truxton Park)	4th Annual CPA Gear Day 2011 in Truxton Park, Eastport (Annapolis), Maryland 21403, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
6/26	Fall Out of Your Boat Day (Truxton Park)	This Event is held in conjunction with the 4th Annual CPA Gear Day and will allow paddlers to practice their wet exits and reentries

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Birthdays Celebrated at SK101 (Jennifer Bine and Ralph Heimlich) *photo by Jenny Plummer-Welker*

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