

Chesapeake Paddler

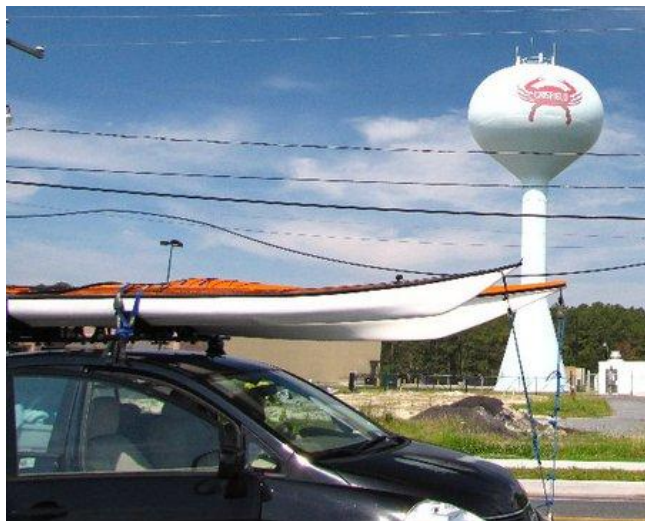


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A Janes Island Gathering

By Jay Gitomer



Silly Rabbit—Crisfield is for Crabs! photo by Dana Rutherford

Laura Ventura and I put together a trip to Janes Island for a big group of friends. We did Kiptopeke last year, with a focus on rough water, and this year we decided to do something different. We chose Janes because the area is beautiful and we thought it would be a bit more accessible for our friends from the north. Janes Island is a state park near Crisfield, MD. The actual island is mostly marshland, but most of it is edged in sweeping white beaches. Bird and marine life is profuse.

We invited a lot of people we know from the Greenland paddling community and a few members of our local paddling crowd. We were fourteen people total, including people from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Maryland. Most of us paddle mainly Greenland style and are interested in rolling skills. We liked the idea of having some clean flat water for rolling practice, and we also hoped to find some variety on the outside of the island for those who wanted something rougher.

We rented the Daugherty Creek Conference Center in the park. It sleeps 16 people in 4 rooms, each containing 2 bunk beds. The house was large and comfortable. Upstairs, there was a wide-open area that was set up for presentations (more on that later). It had a screened porch out back that contained picnic tables, as well as a large grill and a fire ring. The kitchen was spacious and contained a commercial refrigerator, a commercial freezer, and a sink big enough to wash a large dog or a mid-sized child. But enough about the accommodations.

We began to arrive on Thursday afternoon. Check-in wasn't till 5 pm, so a few of us launched and poked around the marshes, practicing navigation. That was fairly hopeless because the channel had markers that weren't on the chart. We had to use visuals of the tanks and buildings in the far distance to estimate our location.

Janes Island has a kayak dock and a boat launch. The launch is normally reserved for powerboats, but because we had such a large crowd coming, the park rangers told us we could use it. That was helpful when the rest of the paddlers arrived; launching fourteen boats would take a long time using a single kayak dock (although the kayak dock is really convenient and easy to use). There is also a rack for guests' boats, so we didn't have to load and unload every day – very convenient. We said we didn't have locks for the boats and a park employee said, "Don't worry about it. People around here are too lazy to steal." Throughout our stay, the park personnel went out of their way to make our stay enjoyable, and they achieved their goal. We felt welcome.



Janes Island from the State Park area photo by Dana Rutherford

On Friday, we launched around 10:30 and headed out to circumnavigate Janes Island. We took advantage of the tides and traveled clockwise. The weather was perfect, but we didn't see many powerboats. We passed Crisfield and tightened up our group before we

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Rick Wiebusch and Deb Schmiel practice rescues at SK203 photo by Catriona

Guest Editorial: Some Observations on SK203: CPA Trip Leader Training

I participated in the second SK203 Trip Leader Training at Westmoreland State Park in Virginia on May 13-15. Once again, Brian Blankinship, our former Coordinator and SK102 organizer *par extraordinaire* developed the syllabus, wrangled the instructors, and generally oversaw the entire weekend's program. Kudos to Brian for introducing another class of new trip leaders to the knowledge base residing in CPA on how to plan, organize, and carry out sea kayaking trips according to the CPA's version of Hoyle. Taking part and observing the curriculum and the many considerations that go into a successful CPA trip caused me to reflect on my trip leading experience and offer these few thoughts.

Admiral's Walk



One observation is that our ignorance and arrogance is often unjustly rewarded by a good outcome. Before I joined CPA and learned better, I would routinely venture out onto the Bay in my 9 foot rec boat with no paddle float, pump or knowledge of how to use them (or even that they existed—I did wear a PFD—not THAT ignorant). I always returned home alive, a fact which causes me now to wonder “WHAT was I thinking?” Actually, I know I was thinking that in the event of a capsizing, I'd muddle through somehow and swim (or walk—the “average” depth of the Chesapeake Bay is 1.8 feet after all) ashore. That I always survived I now attribute to great good luck (I KNOW I'm handsome, but I'd rather be lucky).

Since then, I've learned a lot and have led a lot of CPA trips myself, never having benefited from a formal course like SK203. I'd like to think that my spotless record leading trips (Nobody died!) was due to the sum of experiences as a Boy Scout, Naval Officer, and a large portion of mother wit and common sense. I'd like to think it, but it isn't true—just lucky again. All the training and rescue practice at SK102, the Piracies and SK203 is just to make sure that on that awful day when my (and other trip leaders' luck runs out, we have something more substantial to fall back on.



Practicing for when your luck runs out photo by Catriona

Another observation is that life is NOT like a box of chocolates (sorry Forrest), it's more like a first aid kit. On the more than 75 trips I've led for CPA (and Scouts and PATC trail work, etc.) I've never had to use anything out of my first aid kit except band aids, Tylenol, and antacid tablets. So why do I carry gobs of absorbent pads, ice packs and other stuff for “real” emergencies? Because they are lurking out there and could happen at any time without any warning. Being lucky is nice, but being ready is better. The same thing applies to all the navigation, rescue, and safety knowledge in my SK203 “kit”. We can hope for luck, but we'd better be ready with some real knowledge if luck abandons us.

A final observation is that successful trips are about understanding people and making sure they understand you. Somewhat similar to the concept of luck and readiness, the idea here is that you can hope you get a group of nice, reasonable, knowledgeable paddlers for your trip, but you'd better be ready for “real” folks. While most CPA members I've met ARE nice, reasonable and knowledgeable, some are quirky, some see the world far differently than I do, and many don't know as much about kayaking as I do (oddly, just like I didn't). Communicating clearly and directly, checking for comprehension and compliance, and being always vigilant

about what's actually happening before and on your trip is one important key to having a good trip. Making sure that people know what you require on a trip (like CPA gear, waivers, and no more than 4 servings for a potluck entree) and making sure they comply with those requirements (like gear checks, waiver collection and “Eat more chicken!”) will lead to much better trips than wishing and hoping people will read your mind and do it your way. This also means you have to watch EVERYTHING on the trip itself (What ARE those people DOING now?).

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the new trip leaders trained in the latest SK203 (listed below) and urge you all to get out and participate in the trips they lead over this season, and seasons to come. Best of luck, and best of skills, preparation and readiness in case your luck runs out.

New Trip Leaders: Suzanne Farace, Jen Bine, Reggie Reid, Catriona Miller, David Wilson, Jessica Krause, Bob Shankshaft, Kristina McCoy, Deb Schmiel, David Kroeger, Kathy Haduch, Chuck Haberlein, Bela Mariassy, Bob Gordon (Katherine Neale, Paul Casto, Matt Blakey signed up, but couldn't attend due to unforeseen situations).

Thanks to the continuing dedication of the following instructors, who are the “intellectual capital” of the CPA: Brian Blankinship, Rick Wiebush, Greg Welker, Jenny Plummer-Welker, Paula Hubbard, Jay Gitomer, Moulton Avery.

Think you'd like to be a trip leader? Be on the lookout for the 2012 version of SK203.

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headed on the outside of the island. Because we had a large group with a wide range of paddling speeds, we did a radio check and put a point paddler in place. We paddled about halfway up the island and stopped for lunch on one of the sweeping white beaches. It's always a surprise at Janes to climb a dune, look over the grass, and see a landscape that stretches for miles. The marshes were brilliant with golds, reds, blues, and purples. Continuing on, we rounded the top of the island and paddled to the top of Daugherty Creek, which runs between the mainland section of the park and Janes Island itself. The current in the creek at that time was fairly strong and we flew back to the launch.

Once there, some of us landed and some stayed in the water to play around with rolls and rescues. The sun had been obscured by clouds right about the time we stopped, and the water temperature was too cold without the sun to warm us. We rolled a little, shivered a little (despite our layers and dry gear), and then we did some rescues... not all on purpose. That's the breaks when trying new rolls.... Sometimes things don't go too elegantly.

That night, we went to dinner in Crisfield at a restaurant called The Cove. Remember that name and don't go there. Back at the lodge, we sat around the fire for a few hours, talked about paddling and everything paddling-related, and planned the next day. It was such a pleasure to be with so many dedicated paddlers; throughout the lodge and its yard were small knots of people engaged in lively discussions about things that only paddlers care about.

On Saturday, we broke into two groups. One group went for a day-long paddle to the Big Annemessex River (north of Janes Island), practicing navigation and handling beam seas on the way. The rest of us took a relaxed paddle through the marshes along the Red Trail and stopped for a play session at a sandy white point that we'd scoped out on the chart and reconned the previous day. It was perfect; the beach was gradual, the seas were calm, and the only other people around were a couple and a dog who'd come on their boat, which was anchored a few yards offshore. The water temps were pretty warm, about 70F, and the air temps were about 74F. We laid out a bunch of mats we'd brought, had lunch, and relaxed in the sun before getting back into the water.

We spent a few hours trading kayaks, sharing skills, and enjoying the scenery. Kerry had brought a Tahe Marine that everyone was eager to try. I had my Tiderace Xcite-S, which I insisted that everyone try, and I think we were all too afraid to borrow Dana Rutherford's gorgeous handmade wooden boat. Romany's were well-represented, and there was even an Anas Acuta (not mine). We had a various collection of skills within the group, so most of us got some help with something we were working on and also helped teach someone else one of our own skills. Jan Sheehan was our most willing victim; Laura Ventura taught her to balance brace and Rich Hagerty helped her tweak her Euro sweep roll.



Rocking and Rolling at Janes Island photo by Kerry Kirk Pflug

After the session, some of us went back around the outside of Janes Island, while others of us went more directly back through the creek. The outside crowd had fun with rough beam seas and navigation. The inside crowd was thinking about crabs and we made excellent time reaching the take-out.

That night, we went to Luston's on Rt 413 just west of Plantation Road and picked up steamed crabs, along with some paper and mallets. Back home, we dumped out the crabs and put some non-seafood on the grill and shared dinner. We had some people who didn't know how to pick crabs, but they learned quickly and no crabs were wasted – all we threw away were shells.

Afterward, we gathered on the second floor of the lodge, which is a wide-open space that has a screen hanging from the ceiling. Kerry Kirk Pflug gave a presentation on the coastal navigation of New Jersey that she's been doing with Chris Raab. It was fascinating. She didn't just talk about conditions or distance traveled, she talked about the commitment the trip required, the bond between herself and her paddling partner, and the concerns and triumphs that arose from the decision and execution of the ambitious paddle. It was the best paddling presentation I've seen – really impressive. After Kerry was finished, we put on the videos we'd taken of Jan learning to balance brace and we all put in our two cents.

We spent the rest of the evening around the fire outside again. I stayed up way too late, not wanting the weekend to end. More...

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If You Go

Janes Island is a state park that includes over 2,900 acres of salt marsh, over 30 miles of water trails, and miles of isolated pristine beaches. It is located a few miles east of Crisfield, MD. The park has tent sites, camping cabins, full-service cabins, and the lodge. There also three back-country campsites out on the island. Regardless of where you stay, bring bug spray.

There is a Food Lion grocery at the easternmost intersection of Plantation Road and Rt 413. There are several restaurants in Crisfield and there is Luston's Crab House on Rt 413. There is a drive-through package store on Rt 413 slightly west of Plantation Road.

The park includes over 30 miles of marked trails through the marshes. Waterproof maps of the trails are available for \$3 at the camp store. The west side of the island is open to the Bay, and sometimes conditions can be experienced there. It is also an easy paddle right into Crisfield, if one feels the need for some city life. The website (link below) has a link to order maps in advance, and also provides GPS waypoints.

Janes Island State Park

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/janesisland.asp>

A Few Photos

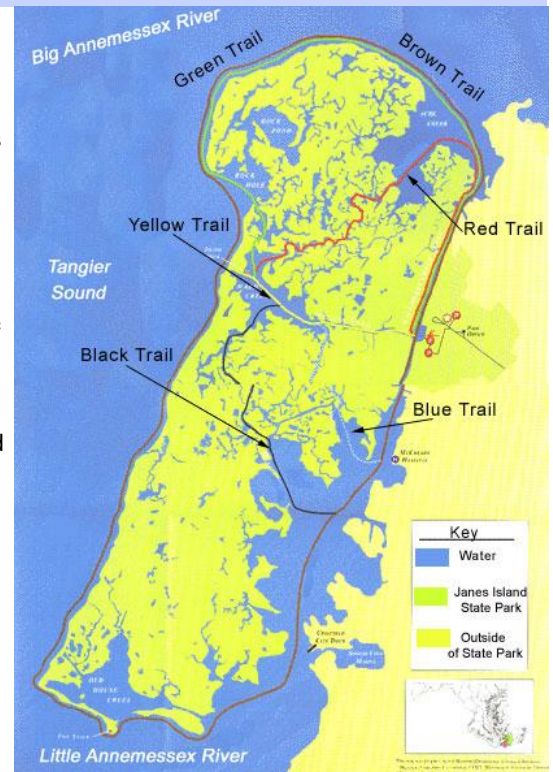
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Virtual Calendar 2011



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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

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).

Paddle Clash 2011

By Jay Gitomer

PaddleClash registration is now open for payment. The dates are June 10-12, and the location is Martinak State Park in Denton, MD.

The fee is \$15, which covers the community supper and the ACA insurance. Send a check made out to CPA to:

Jay Gitomer
329 Worton Road
Essex, MD 21221

Participants are responsible for making their own camping arrangements; there are still sites available, so jump on those by reserving via [http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/ ... rtinak.asp](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/...rtinak.asp).

People will start arriving **Friday**. For those who want to get on the water that night, we'll have a night game. Have a light for your boat/PFD, and bring glowsticks for the game if you want to play.

Saturday will be the main event, a day of games starting at 10 am. Games will be for all skill levels and any type of kayak will do. There will be two game slots before lunch and at least two after. Depending on the number of participants, we may have a choice of games in each time slot. Saturday night, there will be a community dinner followed by a presentation by Rick Wiebush on his 300-mile Baja expedition. We've purchased an alcohol permit for the picnic shelter where dinner and the presentation will be held, so BYOB if you want to.

On **Sunday**, we'll be offering two guided paddles on the Eastern Shore. One paddle will be sheltered and one will include an open-water crossing. The sheltered paddle is planned to launch from Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge (ENWR) and paddle around the island, and the open-water paddle will launch from Piney Narrows on Kent Island and circumnavigate the ENWR. Trip leaders will have to approve paddlers for the open-water trip. Depending on the number of paddlers who want to participate in the Sunday paddles, these plans may be revised a bit.

Here is a link to the original thread with all the details:

viewtopic.php?f=2&t=5505

One last thing - you do not have to be a CPA member to attend this event. Everyone is welcome, so bring your friends.

Thanks, and I hope to see a lot of you there!



Bethel Bed and Breakfast

While CPA members do a lot of camping, not everyone who paddles likes to camp. What to do when you'd like to paddle further afield? Try the accommodations operated by a couple of our members.

Bethel Bed and Breakfast is situated on the beautiful Broad Creek River in the small quaint town of Bethel, Delaware. The owner is also the former owner of Millpond Paddler and the originator of the Delmarva Paddler's Retreat. Charlie and Lisa Cole's love for kayaking and knowledge of the local area will prove to be a useful resource for paddlers desiring to explore the waterways and tributaries of the Eastern Shore. For more information call 302-569-0960 or our website at

www.betheldelawarebedandbreakfast.com

See the ad on page 8.



Beth B&B's Boat Dock

Fourth Annual CPA Gear and “Fall Out of Your Boat” Day

When I first started paddling a kayak, “gear” was pretty basic: boat, paddle, pfd. Add on all the little extras (like safety, navigation, comfort, camping, clothing and Greenland tradition) and things get a lot more complicated. For all of you who always wondered what you could put in those watertight hatches, CPA members Suzanne Farace and Melissa Boyle are carrying on with the Annual CPA Gear Day as a place for the curious to learn and the “gearheads” to show off.

We are three weeks away from our Fourth Annual Gear Day to be held again this year at Truxtun Park, Annapolis, on Sunday, June 26 (10 AM to 3 PM). The same pavilion we had before has been reserved. Meet and drop off your gear at the large pavilion, which is just up the hill from the boat ramp. Then park your car in the lots further back by the restrooms. We'll spread out on the picnic tables and in the grass next to the pavilion. One area will be reserved for shop-and-swap, and another for food.



Nice Greenland-style hat



The Pavilion at Truxtun Park, First Annual CPA Gear Day

It's a short walk to the beach, perfect for launching and trying kayaks. PLEASE AVOID THE BOAT RAMP: We don't want to hinder other park visitors who are launching boats from trailers, or get in their way on the water.

Bring your kayak and gear, especially the things you think are the best in their category or the most unique. If someone else has a kayak you want to try, encourage them to bring it along too. The more people and "stuff" that shows up, the more fun we'll have. Or just come to see what others have brought. We have folks who have offered to do demonstrations or presentations on a variety of subjects, including kayak navigation, knots, making your own spray skirt, traditional boats, and various kinds of gear.

We will have a Gear Swap: buy, sell, trade, or donate gear. Bring a tarp so that you can spread your stuff out. CPA logo items (bumper stickers, window decals, shirts, hats, etc.) will also be available for purchase.

Of course, it would not be a CPA event without food, so we will have a pot-luck picnic as well. Please bring something to contribute to the pot-luck. If your last name begins with:

- A-F, bring some sort of appetizer
- G-F, a salad of some kind
- M-S, a main dish
- T-Z, a dessert

Dishes, cups, utensils, and napkins will be provided. Please contact the organizers if you have any questions.

Kristina McCoy is also holding a "Fall Out of Your Boat" event to be held in conjunction with Gear Day.

This is a great time to practice your wet exit and re-entry as well as learning some fundamental group rescues. For those that are new to the sport, you will learn how to perform a wet exit and a re-entry into your kayak. You will be required to have a spray skirt, bilge pump, paddle float and of course your PFD. A CPA waiver (see <http://www.cpkayaker.com/uploads/resources/CPARelease.pdf>) is required for all on-water activities. Fill it out at home and bring it.



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CPA Trip Policies

CPA Trips are organized by members of the club for members of the club. When you participate in them, please remember a few things: Trip leaders are “hosts”, not professional guides. They are not necessarily trained in first aid nor CPR, and do not always carry first aid equipment nor safety devices for your use. **You, and you alone**, are responsible for your personal safety.

Trip leaders will pre-screen all participants for skills, equipment, and willingness to abide by club rules and policies. If you wish to join a trip, please contact the leader in advance. While on the water, all paddlers must wear PFDs, spray skirts, and clothes appropriate to the water temperature. Boats must have watertight bulkheads or flotation to prevent the kayak from swamping when capsized. All paddlers must have, and know how to use, a pump and paddle float. On the day of the trip, leaders may refuse to admit participants for non-compliance with any of these, so if you are not sure, discuss it with the leader in advance!

All paddlers must sign a CPA [waiver of liability](#). For the safety of the group as a whole, trip participants must agree to abide by club policies and rules and to follow instructions of the trip leader.

Trip Ratings

First Timers: for those who have never paddled before.

Beginners: for those who have paddled some, taken classes, or been on short (up to 4-mile) trips and are able to do a wet exit and paddle float re-entry.

Advanced Beginners: for those who have been on longer trips (up to 10 miles, full day outings), have some experience with varying conditions such as winds, and waves, and have good rescue and group-paddling skills.

Intermediate Paddlers: for those who are comfortable on longer trips (more than 10 miles), can maintain a steady pace for extended periods, are comfortable with open water crossings of 2+ miles, can handle a variety of water conditions, and have strong self- and group-rescue skills.

Minimum Required Safety Equipment for CPA Trips

The minimum safety gear for participating in a club trip are (beyond a kayak and paddle) as follows:

- ◆ personal flotation device (PFD) and sound producing device, such as whistle (USCG requirements). PFD must be properly worn.
- ◆ paddle float
- ◆ bilge pump (except sit-on-tops)
- ◆ spray skirt on boats designed to accommodate them- must be worn
- ◆ water tight bulkheads or flotation bags (to facilitate rescues)
- ◆ light that can be shown to prevent a collision (USCG requirement, night paddle only)

CPA Policy Regarding Trip Waivers

It is CPA's policy to require that all participants in CPA sponsored trips and events sign legal release forms before setting out on the water. Trip leaders and “event organizers” are responsible for obtaining blank release forms, for securing signatures from participants, and for returning the signed forms to the Coordinator for safekeeping. A fresh signature must be obtained for each separate trip or event. The legal release absolves all participating CPA members from legal liability for the injury or death of a fellow participant, and allows us to continue to organize and participate in group activities without undue fear of incurring personal legal liability.

Start paddling sooner! Print out and sign this [Waiver of Liability](#) form and bring it with you to the launch location.

Chesapeake Paddlers Association Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
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!
6/14	PoB Skills Clinic #2: Balance	Third in a series of four free clinics offered by Pirates of Baltimore
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	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 (Truxtun Park)	4th Annual CPA Gear Day 2011 in Truxtun Park, Eastport (Annapolis), Maryland 21403, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
6/26	Fall Out of Your Boat Day (Truxtun 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
7/5	PoB Skills Clinic #2: Rescues	Third in a series of four free clinics offered by Pirates of Baltimore
7/8-7/10	Smallwood State Park Camper	Camp and paddle on the Potomac River near Mallows Bay and Indian Head
7/9	Kent Island Paddle 6 2011 (KIP-6 11')	This is the fourth 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. It is there for something to be achieved,
7/10	Nanjemoy Creek Paddle from Friendship Landing	Paddle up the creek with a paddle
7/15-7/17	Potomac Full Moon Night Paddle	Paddle and camp under Summer full moon (Greater Baltimore Canoe Club)
7/16	Beginner Paddle on Occoquan Reservoir	Excellent first timer paddle. Boats available for rent, flat water, beautiful scenery
8/7	Purple Swim Baltimore 2011 swim support	Kayak support for the Purple Swim Baltimore 2011 (In memory of Bud Beatty)
8/9	PoB Skills Clinic #2: Towing	Fourth in a series of four free clinics offered by Pirates of Baltimore
8/13	Kent Island Paddle 6 2011 (KIP-6 11')	This is the fifth 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. It is there for something to be achieved,
8/13	American Lotus Blossoms on Mattawoman Creek	Paddle among the blooms in Lotusland
8/20	SURVIVOR II ! Hart-Miller Island	A day of incident management scenarios designed for you to explore your skills and ingenuity.
8/21	Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon swim support	Kayak support for the Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon
8/27-28	Blue Ribbon Baltimore	Freighters, Foundries, Forts, and Fermentation
8/28	Upper Chester River Paddle	Launch and paddle the upper Chester

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Practicing rescues under "real time" conditions at SK203

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