

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## Maine Under A Roof

By Ralph Heimlich

While I lead a lot of CPA camping trips in the Chesapeake Bay, I'm not totally opposed to sleeping under a roof, especially when my wife Beth is along. With that luxurious end in mind, ten of us who mainly paddle at Pier 7 got together and rented a fabulous house on Greenlaw Cove on the northern shores of Deer Isle, Maine for the middle of September. Beth and I had stayed at the house back in 2007 when Dale Murphy organized a similar trip, and, as the only one in the group who had paddled in Maine before, I elected to manage the rental and help organize our stay.

September is one of the best times of the year to visit the Maine coast. Several kinds of pests are gone, including blackflies and school-age children, but the water is as warm as it ever gets, and the weather is usually pretty mild. The bustle at the height of the tourist season is over, but there is still a lot going on.



Our "camp" in Maine photo by Beth Heimlich

We started arriving at 4 PM on Saturday, when our lease began, and soon the house was ringing with greetings and the aroma of Beth's crab and fish chowder was wafting from the stove to top off everyone's tanks. The house had a large, high-ceilinged dining room and living area with walls of windows looking out through the spruce to the cove, a large well-equipped kitchen, two bedrooms and a bath on the main level, one large bedroom and bath in the loft, two single bedrooms with a bath and laundry room in the basement, and a garage loft with its own tiny bathroom.

On Sunday morning, after a leisurely breakfast, we organized ourselves into paddlers (Marla Aron and Maryrose Whelley, Sue and Rich Stevens, Judy Billage and Dave Isbell, and Bob Pullman and I) and non-paddlers (Beth and Laurie Steele, recovering from an injury). Because of water temps in the high 50's and air temps about 60 to 70 (degrees F), we donned drysuits for our paddle and launched off the rocks at the cove. There is a 10 foot tidal difference in these waters, so you have to be careful of launch and landing times. Our destination was the Wooden Boat School at Brooklin, Maine, across the Eggemoggin Reach from our house. The sky was bright, and the water very clear and salty as we wove between the islands to our lunch landing spot.

We had seen several newly built wherries on cartops heading away from the area driving to the island, and the WBS was quiet and wrapping up after a week's class, but I asked a gentleman on the shore for permission to land and have lunch. He introduced himself as Michael O'Brien, emeritus editor of the magazine and instructor for the "Kayaking Over 40" class that had just concluded, and offered to give us a tour of the facilities. We accepted eagerly, especially Judy and Dave who had subscribed to **Wooden Boat** for years, and we got a tour of the 1916-era mansion that serves as the magazine's editorial offices and research library, the grounds, and the shops that occupy former stables. We saw hand-built

wooden boats in various stages of completion and Mike showed us his

### Tell Us About Your Summer

**Trips**—The Chesapeake Paddler publishes first-person trip reports from members. Tell us where you paddled this Summer, or any time of year. Ralph Heimlich, Editor



Launch from the rocks on Greenlaw Cove photo by Beth Heimlich

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Boats on shore for lunch at ENWR photo by Colby Hawkinson, NPS

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## The Annual Encouragement Column

CPA has a reputation throughout the paddling community as an unusually large and active organization. That reputation is thanks to the contributions that our members make for the benefit of all of us. Now it's time again for our annual elections. Here's your chance to contribute to CPA.

As of today, seven members have accepted steering committee nominations, including some new names, and that is a boon. What do steering committee members do? They pay attention to what members are saying in person and on the message boards and come up with ideas to meet the members' needs. They take a lead position in some area of club activities that interests them, such as swim supports or pool sessions or certain events. They are active in a Piracy. They raise issues for discussion, read the steering committee message board, discuss topics that are open for a vote, and then they vote. If you think that you or someone you know would make an involved, energetic club leader, then please submit a nomination at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=nominations>.

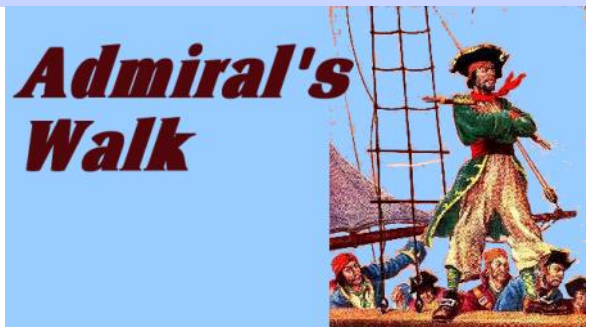
**Innovate.** What is it you want from the club in 2012? Come up with a great idea and execute it. We need people to make things happen. If you want a certain type of training or a certain type of event, figure out the basics, clear it with the steering committee, get some people to help you, and make your plan happen. We're a volunteer–fun organization, so volunteer.

**Vote.** With our electronic voting system, there is no reason not to vote – it's so easy. If you don't vote because you don't know the nominees, then start a thread on the message board and ask them some questions.

**Lead.** We always need trip leaders. We have a lot of trips on the schedule, but most are run by the same few individuals. If just one or two of those people leave the club, the calendar isn't going to be as interesting.

**Participate.** We need people to participate! How easy is that? Come and have fun. Come to your local pirate paddle, come on a trip, come to an event, come to a presentation. There are club activities throughout the year, so come out and make some new paddling friends.

Many CPA members have stepped forward to lead the club in the past. Here's a brief rundown, culled from the masthead of *The Chesapeake Paddler*:



Coordinator	Membership Chair	Treasurer	Pirate Queens and Kings	
Greg Welker 1996-98	Chris Conklin 1989-97	Barb Conklin 1989-95	Dick Rock (8 years)	Cyndi Janetsko/Dave Biss (7)
Mike Vandamm 1999	Dave Mood 1998-2002	Greg Welker 1996	Ron Casterline (6)	Dan Polakovics (7)
Beth Morris, Greg Hollingsworth, Joy Hecht 2000-02	Steve Lindeman 2003-05	Margaret Genco 1997-99	Bill Dodge (6)	Jenny / Greg Welker (6)
Brian Blankinship 2003-04	Sue (Bauer) Stevens 2006-	Joy Hecht 2000-02	Brent Cogswell (6)	Sue / Rich Stevens (6)
Barry Marsh 2005-06		John Blackburn 2003-06	Jeff Walaszek (6)	David Moore (6)
Dave Biss 2007-08		Rich Stevens 2007-	Jenny Plummer-Welker (Patuxent, 5)	Bob Huber (5)
Ed Hershon 2009			Alan Avery (5)	Jim Riley (4)
Jay Gitomer 2010-			Dan Wells (4)	Mike Free (4)
			James Higgins (4)	Bob Shakeshaft (4)
			Linda Lewis (3)	Matt Blakey (3)
			Jay Gitomer (2)	Barry Marsh (2)
			Jay Goldsberry (2)	Mike Hughes (2)
			Bela Mariassy (2)	Peter Harris (2)
			James Song (2)	Wendy Baker-Davis (2)
			Brian Blankinship (2)	Deb McKenzie (2)
			Tom Heneghen (1)	Paul Bieri (1)
			Jackie/ Robb Castle (1)	Nick Memen (1)

### Pool Practice Heads Up

Mike Hamilton has been working to get us a pool for this winter. The pool is at UMD-College Park and can accommodate 12 paddlers from 4-6 on Saturdays, dates to be finalized shortly. The cost will be \$7/paddler/session (to be paid by the paddlers, not CPA). The college has its own insurance.

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kayak and described his somewhat unorthodox philosophy about bulkheads (doesn't like them) and his pre-rigged foam-float-and-canoe-paddle rescue method. He invited us back for the Maine Windjammers festival later in the week and we thanked him for the tour, had lunch, and resumed our paddle.

Although we understood what a 10 foot tide difference meant cerebrally, we were still surprised when we cut across the back channel between islands and ran out of water! The last ten feet required towing our boats through sticky mud to get to what remained of the channel, then a slog over muddy flats to get back to the rocks where we had launched in the morning. Tidal awareness was now thoroughly ingrained, along with the slate-gray mud ingrained in our paddling gear.



**8.5 knot (9.8 mph) current in the reversing falls photo by Dave Isbell**

Monday, we sought a more sheltered paddling venue since the wind had kicked up to 15 knots or so. We drove off Deer Isle to South Blue Hill and launched at Sand Point, amidst the working lobster boats busily fueling at the dock. One of the other challenging features of the Maine coast is a phenomena known as "reversing falls" where rocky constrictions create depth differences when the tide comes in, and again on the outgoing tide. These tide races can create swift currents (over 8 knots) and standing waves. We paddled by one of these features where Salt Pond enters Blue Hill Bay under a lovely stone bridge, and were careful not to get sucked into the pond, where we would have stayed until slack tide released us. We paddled on into the inner harbor at Blue Hill and landed at a wonderful new ramp and parking lot just off the main street in this picturesque New England town. On the way back to our launch, Dave, Bob, and Rich tried the now-discharging reversing falls and snuck around the tidal flow. On the way out, Dave tried to ride the flow and capsized, but rolled right up.

Bracing in the turbulent flow was not as easy as he thought!

Tuesday, we awoke to thick fog on the cove and took a day off of paddling to drive back to Blue Hill to climb the eponymous height behind the town (934 feet), maintained by the Blue Hill Heritage Trust. We climbed steadily through the spruce, pine, and birch woods and emerged on a rocky summit with fabulous views of Deer Isle and the Penobscot Bay to south and west, and Mount Desert and Acadia to the north. We were greeted by a pack of gamboling dogs, out for their daily walks with various owners, who crowded eagerly around as we lunched. On the way down, we ran into Birgit, a sturdy-looking but elegant trail worker who was constructing rock pavement erosion protection on this stretch, which also served as the access road for maintaining the cell tower near Blue Hill's summit. She described how she'd become active in preserving the hill, and confronted the manager of the proposed tower, who'd agreed that they should fund trail and restoration on the site.

In the afternoon, we returned to the Wooden Boat School for the Windjammer Festival and walked down to the pier, still wrapped in fog. Just as we arrived at the pier, the fog parted revealing a sight worthy of the 19<sup>th</sup> century as more than a dozen tall schooners, some still coming to moorings under sail, were revealed in the cove. These tall ships, some dating from the 1870s and some built in the 1990s, are a tourist fleet these days, operating out of Camden and Rockland, Maine, and hauling eager neophyte sailors Down East to Deer Isle, Acadia, and other ports. Beth and I had sailed on one in 1983, and were happy to see them spreading their sails again.



**On Blue Hill's summit photo by Dave Isbell**

Wednesday, we returned to paddling and drove over to the Holbrook Island sanctuary on Cape Rosier, on the west side of the peninsula. We launched at Indian Bar, where the Native Americans portaged to Eggemoggin Reach, into Smith Cove and out to Castine Harbor. Paddling across from the busy waterfront, around Nautilus Island (where blockading American forces sited a battery to harass British Fort George in 1779), and down the west side of Holbrook Island. We raised several of the Windjammer fleet that had

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## Paddlers Learn About Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge

By Colby Hawkinson, Visitor Services Specialist, Eastern Neck NWR



Getting ready photo by Colby Hawkinson USFWS

On Saturday, August 20, 22 members of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association participated in an interpretive paddling program with me at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge. The program began at 9:00 AM at Bogles Wharf with an orientation to the National Wildlife Refuge System and to Eastern Neck NWR. Then, the group paddled the approximately 10 mile circumnavigation of the refuge, with numerous stops along the way to interpret refuge history, management and ecology. The program ended at 3:00 PM back at Bogles Wharf.

Program participants commented that one of the highlights of the day was stopping on the Chester River side of the refuge near Hail Cove to learn about the Living Shoreline restoration project underway there. They enjoyed an interpretive talk about the restoration and then paddled around Hail Point and all the way up Hail Creek to view the project area from the water on the 'back' side. The paddlers appreciated getting to learn about the Hail Cove Restoration Project while viewing it from both sides. They said this gave them a better appreciation for how ecologically important (and thin) that strip of land is. Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge thanks the Chesapeake Paddlers Association for this opportunity to educate visitors to the refuge out on the water and hopes to plan similar events in the future.



Heading out photo by Colby Hawkinson, USFWS



Interpretation of Hail Creek restoration photo by Colby Hawkinson, USFWS



### Interpretive Paddling Program at Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, October 29.

Join refuge staff and the Chesapeake Paddlers Association for an interpretive paddling program which will travel all the way around Eastern Neck Island. This program will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. To sign up, contact Marshall Woodruff at [marshall.woodruff@gmail.com](mailto:marshall.woodruff@gmail.com) or call the refuge at 410-639-7056 or the [CPA Calendar](#).



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sailed from WBS to Castine, and landed on the east side of Holbrook for lunch, having the entire island to ourselves. After lunch, we paddled out to Castine again, coasting along the waterfront and posing at the stern of the State of Maine, the Maine Maritime Academy's training vessel, before returning to Smith Cove. Just as we entered the cove, two graceful schooners tacked about in tandem and crossed in front of us under sail, a thrilling sight.



Two Windjammers in Smith Cove, near Castine photo by Dave Isbell

Thursday, SE winds brought heavy fog, but we wanted one more day on the water. We launched at Mariner Park, just down the road from the house, and paddled on the sheltered waters of Long Cove and Pickering Cove. We ghosted through the thinning fog and paddled right up to the driveway of our house. Thursday evening was set aside for our Lobster Fest, and the non-paddling members (Laurie and Beth) stopped at the coop and got us 10 "sheddas" which we boiled to a lovely lobster red along with corn on the cob in its own husks, salad, bread, and blueberry pie with blueberry ice cream. We'd had lobster out a few nights, but nothing tasted as good as the ones we boiled up ourselves.

A front blew through on Thursday night, and the wind kicked up to 20 knots, gusting to 25, so on our last day, 8 of us drove up to Mount Desert, while Judy and Dave sat and hiked some local trails at Barred Island and the Old Quarry. Mount Desert is home to Acadia National Park, Cadillac Mountain, and the touristy mecca of Bar Harbor. We drove to the windy mountain top to get a 360 degree view, stopped at Sand Beach, Thunder Hole, and Seal Harbor and drove along the fiord of Somes Sound. A few hours prowling the gift shops and galleries of Bar Harbor and we headed for home.

On Saturday, we cleaned up and headed out, some opting for a straight through drive, some for a more leisurely tour of the Maine Coast or Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH. We all appreciated our "under roof" vacation, and were making plans for returning to the Maine coast next year.

Our pics at <https://picasaweb.google.com/102459087707170525949/Maine2011>

<https://picasaweb.google.com/101178211036772879744/2011SeptMaine?authkey=Gv1sRgCLa4x-CIjoLA9gE&feat=email>

### If you go (with thanks to Dale Murphy):

A Better View Vacation Rentals <http://www.abetterviewrental.com/index.html>

Guide to Sea Kayaking in Maine : The Best Day Trips and Tours from Casco Bay to Machias [http://www.amazon.com/Guide-Sea-Kayaking-Maine-Machias/dp/0762707461/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1305642519&sr=1-4](http://www.amazon.com/Guide-Sea-Kayaking-Maine-Machias/dp/0762707461/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1305642519&sr=1-4) by Shelley Johnson and Vaughan Smith (Apr 1, 2001)

Kayaking the Maine Coast: A Paddler's Guide to Day Trips from Kittery to Cobscook. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition [http://www.amazon.com/Kayaking-Maine-Coast-Paddlers-Cobscook/dp/0881507059/ref=dp\\_ob\\_image\\_bk](http://www.amazon.com/Kayaking-Maine-Coast-Paddlers-Cobscook/dp/0881507059/ref=dp_ob_image_bk) by Dorcas Miller (2006)

Quiet Water Maine, 2nd: Canoe and Kayak Guide (AMC Quiet Water Series) [http://www.amazon.com/Quiet-Water-Maine-2nd-Canoe/dp/1929173652/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1305642519&sr=1-3](http://www.amazon.com/Quiet-Water-Maine-2nd-Canoe/dp/1929173652/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1305642519&sr=1-3) by Alex Wilson and John Hayes (Jun 1, 2005)

Sea Kayaking along the New England Coast, 2nd - Paperback (June 1, 2004) by Tamsin Venn [http://www.amazon.com/Tamsin-Venn/e/B001K7U9QW/ref=sr\\_ntt\\_srch\\_lnk\\_1?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1305643266&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Tamsin-Venn/e/B001K7U9QW/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1305643266&sr=1-1)

Hot Showers!: Maine Coast Lodgings for Kayakers and Sailors - Paperback (May 18, 2000) by Lee Bumsted [http://www.amazon.com/Lee-Bumsted/e/B001K8BZNV/ref=sr\\_ntt\\_srch\\_lnk\\_1?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1305642948&sr=1-1-fkmr0](http://www.amazon.com/Lee-Bumsted/e/B001K8BZNV/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1305642948&sr=1-1-fkmr0)

and a good cookbook - filled with Maine stories is:

Lobster Rolls and Blueberry Pie: Three Generations of Recipes and Stories from Summers on the Coast of Maine [http://www.amazon.com/Lobster-Rolls-Blueberry-Pie-Generations/dp/006051583X/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1305643621&sr=1-4](http://www.amazon.com/Lobster-Rolls-Blueberry-Pie-Generations/dp/006051583X/ref=sr_1_4?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1305643621&sr=1-4) by Rebecca Charlesand Deborah Di Clementi (Mar 28, 2006)

Blue Hill Heritage Trust <http://www.bluehillheritagetrust.org/>

Island Heritage Trust <http://www.islandheritagetrust.org/>

Maine Island Trail Association (MITA) <http://www.mita.org/>

Wooden Boat School <http://www.thewoodenboatschool.com/>

A novel about the abortive 1779 Revolutionary War invasion of Castine is The Fort, by Bernard Cornwell <http://www.bernardcornwell.net/index.cfm?page=2&BookId=51>

## NASA Shows Lee's Effect on Bay

Greg Welker

Below are some interesting pictures of the Chesapeake Bay taken by NASA's Terra satellite before and after Tropical Storm Lee. According to NASA only two other events have carried more fresh water into the Bay; Tropical Storm Agnes in 1972 and a snowmelt event in 1996. Source link is: <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=52169>



August 23, 2011



September 13, 2011



## CPA Annual Meeting: Pre-Meeting Paddle and Official Meeting

Ralph Heimlich 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 encourage 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. Logo Meisster 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 (for the first 25) at the Aquatics Center that you can participate in after the meeting adjourns!** If you have any questions about this, contact Membership Chair [Sue Stevens](#) 410-531-5641



## CPA Annual Meeting: 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 6** 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 2012. 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.

**The Coordinator** shall have overall responsibility for administration of the club and will be a primary point of contact for the club. S/he shall chair general club membership meetings and meetings of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee may direct the Coordinator to perform other duties consistent with the bylaws. The Coordinator is the only person authorized to speak for the club. This authority may be delegated by the Coordinator.

**The Treasurer** shall perform all the duties generally incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Steering Committee and the oversight of the Coordinator. The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the club, and s/he shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements. Such records shall be the property of the club. S/he shall deposit all such

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## Chesapeake Paddlers Association Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
10/1	29th Annual Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival	The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD is hosting one of the nation's largest gatherings of small boat enthusiasts and unique watercraft
10/1	Kent Island Paddle 6 2011 (KIP-6 11') Final	This is the final event of the training season. It will either be 9/24 or 10/1 depending on conditions.
10/1-2	Ghost Fleet at Mallows Bay Car Camper	Camp and paddle to see derelict ships (Baltimore Canoe Club)
10/7-9	BORN TO RAISE SAIL - KAYAK AND CANOE SAILORS GATHERING	Balogh Sail Designs sponsors this fall gathering of sailing canoes and sailing kayaks at Cedar Island, North Carolina
10/15	Wye Island Circumnavigation	Paddle around Wye Island on Maryland's Eastern Shore
10/26	Pier 7 Crazy Hat Night (Closing)	We all wear silly hats on the closing paddle of the season
10/27	Pirates of Georgetown Halloween Event	Come in costume (your boat too) for the closing event of the season
10/30	EN-4 11' Easter Neck Paddle	Our Super BIG Fabulous Fall Eastern Neck Paddle. This is a great trip and location, what kayaking is all about, so join us for this adventure.
10/30	Halloween paddle at Mallows Bay	Paddle among the ghost ships of Mallows Bay
11/6	CPA Annual Meeting	Come and see paddlers without their skirts (DETAILS P. 8)
11/10-13	Chickahominy River Car Camper	Camp and paddle on the Chickahominy and James Rivers in Virginia
12/3	CPA Holiday Party	Aye...ye be invited fer some holiday spirits at the Annual CPA Holiday Party

**Remember to check details, trip leader/organizer and contact info at the CPA Web Page**

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

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

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moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the club. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the club consistent with Section seven of these bylaws. S/he shall provide financial information to the Coordinator or the Steering Committee in a timely fashion as requested.

## CPA Wants YOU!



**The Secretary** shall perform all duties generally incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Steering Committee and the oversight of the Coordinator. S/he has primary responsibility for maintaining club membership records, but may delegate day-to-day administration of that task to another club member. S/he shall give notice of all meetings of the general membership or the Steering Committee and all other notices required by these bylaws. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the general membership and of the Steering Committee. All records of the Secretary shall be the property of the club.

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 bal-

lot 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!

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CPA Paddlers (Rich Stevens, Ralph Heimlich, Marla Aron, Bob Pullman, Sue Stevens) framed by granite at Deer Isle, Maine *photo by Dave Isbell*

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