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CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle—Sunday, November 2

By Ralph Heimlich

Once again, it's time for the 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 2014.

The afternoon Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, November 2, 2014, at Moyane Reserve Community Center (Swim Club) on Bryan Point Road in Accokeek (2301 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD 20607). The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. and will run until about 3:00 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.

In a change this year, the meeting will be held a bit earlier, and the ANNUAL MEETING PADDLE will be in the afternoon to let temps warm up and the duck hunters go home. Coordinator Ralph Heimlich is organizing the paddle, which will be on Piscataway Creek. We will meet at Farmington Landing (14200 Wharf Road, Accokeek, MD 20607) immediately after the meeting concludes. Daylight savings time falls back at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 2. There is a gravel beach, lots of parking, and no launch fee. We will paddle for about two hours. This is a cold-water paddle so thermal protection (at least a wet suit, dry suit preferred) is required. All CPA required gear (PFD, spray skirt, paddle float, pump) will be required. Print out, sign and BRING a CPA Waiver (see <http://www.cpakayaker.com/uploads/resources/CPARelease.pdf>).

CPA logowear shirts, stickers, patches, and other stuff will be available for purchase. Logo Meister Béla Mariassy will have the entire trunk of CPA Logowear. Come and enjoy the food and meet your fellow CPA paddlers wearing clothes that aren't neoprene. For more information about the structure of the club, the annual meeting, and voting, refer to the club's bylaws at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/about-cpa/bylaws/>.



CPA Members at the 2013 Annual Meeting Paddle kayak Ego Alley in Annapolis, Maryland

Photograph by Ralph Heimlich



Happy Harbor in Deale, Maryland

Photograph by Lisa Arrasmith

Come Get Happy! A Memorial Day Recon Paddle from Rose Haven to Deal

By Lisa Arrasmith

Four of us explored new water out of Rose Haven Park in southern Anne Arundel County on Memorial Day 2014. Karen Gibson, Mark Fisher, Steven Jahnce and I paddled to Deale and had lunch at the Happy Harbor Restaurant on busy Rockhold Creek with the support of our Location Scout, Tom Blount. Most of the trip was on the open, unprotected Chesapeake Bay. It was about 10 miles round trip from Rose Haven to the Happy Harbor and about 14 miles roundtrip to the end of Rockhold Creek at Swamp Circle Road.

Rose Haven Park is just north of the Anne Arundel County–Calvert County line. The park has three small, sandy beaches inset in the riprapped shoreline. It has two small parking lots, one with parking for four+ cars, the other with room for

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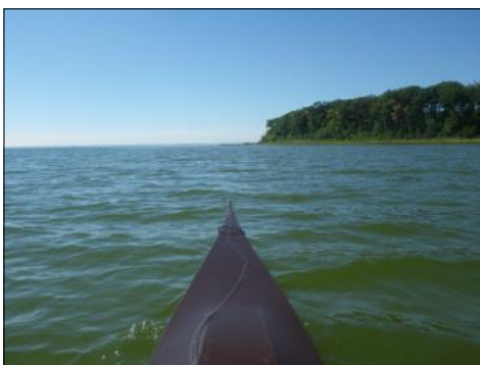
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2013 CPA Annual Meeting Paddle, Truxtun Park, Annapolis, Maryland
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Newtowne Neck State Park Open House
Photograph by Jenny Plummer-Welker

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CPA Annual Meeting: Election of CPA Officers and Steering Committee

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 vote for those nominated who will play an active part in steering the club's activities. We have several new members running for the SC this year, so please give them your consideration. This year, in addition to balloting at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 2**, you can vote electronically. Check the CPA home page for the link to electronic voting.

The descriptions of the officers in our By-Laws read:

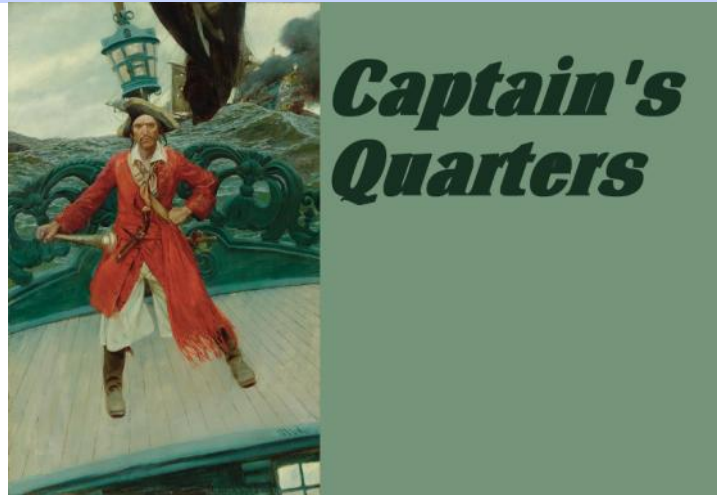
The Steering Committee. The property and business of the club shall be managed under the direction of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will make all decisions about operational activities of the club, unless specified otherwise in these bylaws. As a rule, routine decisions about specific 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 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.

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.

**Ralph Heimlich
Coordinator**



**Ralph Heimlich at the Caledon State Park Event,
August 2014**

photograph by DJ Manalo

Campaign Speeches

Candidates for Officers and Steering Committee

Candidates for the Officer and Steering Committee positions were invited to submit campaign speeches. The candidates' nominations and campaign speeches follow. Members may vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, by submitting the ballot on [page 8](#), or by using the e-ballot at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=vote>. To vote electronically, enter your member number (on your membership card or in the email sent out in October) and your last name. Members who vote electronically are not permitted to cast a ballot in person. New candidates for the Steering Committee are listed before those currently serving.

Ralph Heimlich for Coordinator! Ralph has been tireless promoting CPA throughout the year, encouraging us to lead more trips (it worked), and come out & paddle more! He has led & participated in all of the major CPA events, Demo Days, Boat & Paddle workshop, Patuxent River cleanup for Earth Day, presented at SK01 and SK102, and organized 5 weekend kayak/kar camping trips, and paddling Wednesdays with the Pirates of Arundell. He is serving on several county teams (AA CO & ST Mary's CO) giving a kayaking input for developing more low-impact kayak camping locations, as part of the MD water trail system. Ralph is an exceptional active Club Coordinator & well deserves your support now & next year. — nominated by Sue Stevens



Ralph Heimlich says... "I have enjoyed working on issues facing CPA during the past year and look forward to my last year as Coordinator. I will again focus on trip leadership: Day trips, campers, and other kinds of paddling trips are what many find attractive about CPA, but they won't happen without volunteer trip leaders willing to step forward. I want to again encourage trip leaders to step forward by offering a variety of training opportunities (navigation, first aid, trip leading, rescues, etc.) that will enable current and prospective trip leaders to feel comfortable volunteering to lead. I will also continue to push for water access and the development of paddle-in campsites for kayak touring. Finally, our website needs improvement, and I will gather input from you as to what changes are needed and push to rebuild the site. Please vote for me to help our leaders lead."

Rich Stevens for Treasurer! Rich has done more than any other officer to keep CPA going over the last 7 years. He not only fulfills the Treasurer's post, but is an active member of the SC and serves as de facto parliamentarian. He deserves your support for Treasurer. — nominated by Ralph Heimlich



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. I plan on continuing to work to seek other ways for the Club to give back to our members and to insure that Club funds are spent wisely. Although I generally hate paperwork, I've enjoyed my work for CPA. No fame and glory, but a necessary part of a corporation."

Sue Stevens for Secretary! Sue has been tireless as CPA secretary over the years, maintaining the membership database, welcoming every new member with a helpful email, and assisting with every major CPA event, while also leading trips of her own. — nominated by Catriona Miller

Sue Stevens says... "Thanks for nominating me for CPA Secretary! I have been the club's secretary for several years, and would be honored to do it again. It's really great to chat online and then meet many of our members later on kayaking trips. We encourage the club's discounted multiple year membership—even for family members. Four years for \$35—that's a nice savings! My tasks include handling the Annual Meeting minutes and keeping the CPA database up to date during the year. The CPA database is used for the Chesapeake Paddler monthly newsletter e-distribution to 675 members, preparing mailing labels, and tracking a slow growing list of the club 20-year Life Members. Yet, we don't share our members' info or email info with any outside interests. As Club Secretary, I also send out individual E-reminders—when your renewal date arrives. YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER enables you to vote online at the annual election time—That's NOW! CPA is a lively club and I hope to have your supporting vote for CPA Secretary for the coming year."



Elizabeth Bryner for SC! Elizabeth is a new CPA member, but a very enthusiastic one. She brings a wealth of experience from a sailing background and represents our Southern Maryland paddling contingent. She will be a valuable addition to the SC.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Elizabeth Bryner says... "I joined CPA this past spring in hopes to find a few people who shared my passion...and boy did!!!! I have been blessed beyond measure by the knowledge, experience, and support of CPA members. I set high goals for myself this year with my paddling and CPA helped me reach all of them and look forward to setting more. In turn I offer what I have learned to others who are new to this sport, encouraging them and paddling with them when possible. I paddle mostly in the Breton Bay area and hope to represent CPA as Newtowne Neck State Park is developed and eventually lead a piracy from that location. I think my enthusiasm for paddling is obvious to those in CPA who know me and if elected to the Steering Committee I will bring my enthusiasm with me in all we do."



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Paul Casto for SC! Paul is been an active member of the Steering Committee- leading our SK101- Basic Kayaking Training Day for 2013 AND 2014. He is one of the experienced group leaders with Marshall's KIP series -at Kent Island, and paddles regularly with the Pirates of Arundell. He has been a great addition to the Steering Committee and deserves your vote this year.—nominated by Sue Stevens



Paul Casto says..."My name is Paul Casto. I live in Bowie, MD, with my wife Carrie, and we paddle with Pirates of Arundell (formerly Pier 7 Pirates). I've been involved in sea kayaking and with the CPA for about 7 years. During that time, I've learned a tremendous amount from others: informally during trips; as part of CPA sponsored training (SK-102/SK-203); and through professional instruction. I have tried to give back by passing along tips and techniques to others. In 2013, I agreed to take over SK-101 from Suzanne [Farace] starting in 2014, thinking that would be a great way to give back on an even broader scope. Needless to say, that put my name on the skyline as a "volunteer" (other words could be substituted...), therefore Ralph asked if I'd be willing to be nominated for the steering committee. CPA is an exceptional organization, and I'm proud to be a member. If elected to the steering committee, I will take it as my charter to continue to foster the committee support for activities that account the needs of new paddlers. Seems only in keeping with my role as 'trip-leader' for SK-101. Remember, you can't build a political platform from a single plank, but you can carve a paddle from it :-)"

Molly Henley for SC! Molly is a brand new, but very enthusiastic kayaker. She would like to jump in with both feet and would be a very good representative of the new kayaker community, as well as of Virginia paddlers. She would be an asset to the SC.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich



Molly Henley says..."As a new paddler, I am thrilled to be nominated to the Steering Committee. Being new to the area and the sport of kayaking, I found the CPA by word of mouth from another kayaker. The CPA has been a great resource as I have learned new skills I wouldn't have been able to acquire on my own. I look forward to being the voice for new paddlers and forging new friendships as well as improving my skills."

Paula Hubbard for Steering Committee! Paula is probably the most accomplished paddler on the SC, a real paddler's paddler. As such she well represents the most advanced paddler's in the club. She also brings an IT background to the job, and has been one of our three web Gurus over the past two years. She has been a welcome presence on the SC and deserves to continue serving.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich



Paula Hubbard says..."CPA has given me many opportunities to meet people, and paddle many different areas around the Chesapeake Bay. Serving on the Steering Committee is my opportunity to give back. It is also in alignment with my personal goals of promoting kayak skills development and safe paddling. Having your support is an honor."

Dave Isbell for SC! Dave is very experienced sea kayaker (member number in the 20's) and an advocate of the traditional Greenland paddling style. He has the kayaker's 2nd dream job (working in a kayak shop) and stays in touch with all the trends in the sea kayaking world. His professional experience as a Coast Guard officer is key in our discussions of kayak safety issues. Dave has served on the SC for several years and is worthy of reelection. —nominated by Ralph Heimlich



Dave Isbell says..."CPA gives a lot to members and I would be glad to "give back" for another year as a Steering Committee member."

Béla Mariassy for Steering Committee! Béla (BEH--LAAA) is our logo gear meister, bringing you those wonderful quick dry logo paddling shirts and technical ball caps. He initiated and ran the Kayak Navigation Class for the last couple of years and has served on the SC for several years. Béla is an SC member worthy of reelection. —nominated by Ralph Heimlich



Bela Mariassy says... [Speech had not been received as of publication date.]

David Wilson for SC! Dave is one of our Baltimore Pirate co-Captains and an innovative trip leader who established the Voyager series paddling the Eastern Bay this season. He will represent a large group of "urban" paddlers and will bring insight to the SC.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich

David Wilson says..."Thank you for the nomination. If elected, I will do my best to serve responsibly as a member of the steering committee. A bit about me for those of you who do not know me. I joined CPA in 2009 as a novice kayaker. I immediately realized the benefits of club membership when I began participating in the activities our club sponsors: local paddles, trips, skills courses, and of course, the piracy paddles where there is opportunity to meet other paddlers. Although not directly supported, the swim supports were also a learning experience. Naively, when I bought my first kayak, my goal was to use it to explore inaccessible regions of the Chesapeake Bay. To this end, this year, with the help of others, the first paddle series covering the length of the Chesapeake Bay from its most northern point to its southern most reaches was organized. This could not have been achieved without knowledge and experience that so many CPA members have paid forward. I look forward to giving back to the club some of what it has given to me."



Marshall Woodruff for SC! Marshall has been a leader in CPA, developing and sustaining the popular KIPP paddles and helping paddlers acquire rough-water skills and confidence. His insights and enthusiasm will be a plus on the SC.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Marshall Woodruff says..."Thank you Ralph for the nomination to the Steering Committee. I have been with the CPA over twelve years. I have enjoyed so much from our club and enjoy giving back. Paddling is my passion. I think the CPA is one of the best clubs out there and offers so much to all levels of kayakers, I like being part of that."



CPA Paddler Profiles ~ Mark Rizzuto

Interview by Rick Wiebush



Mark Rizzuto kayaking on the Susquehanna River, south of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania
photo by Jack Clark

Name: Mark Rizzuto

Lives in: York, Pennsylvania

Real job: Programmer/ project manager with R.R. Donnelly

Member of a Piracy? Pirates of the Lakes

Paddling Buddies: PoL members, Jack Clark, Tom Hunt, Fran Arnott, Dave Bronson, Sandy Bixler, Marshall Woodruff and the Kippers

Number years paddling: Four

How did you get involved in kayaking: A local outfitter was giving a free five-hour class. I took it, and then immediately bought a boat.

How did you learn to sea kayak? I did a lot of things with CPA, including SK 101 and 102, the navigation class, and the cold water clinic. I also took the skills sessions that you (Rick) ran last year for Pirates of the Lakes and went to the Kiptopeke Symposium last September. Also, I joined KIPP and that has been invaluable, just talking with people about paddling and dealing with bigger conditions.

Any formal training or ACA/BCU certifications? Yes, formal training, see above

Boat usually paddled: Boreal Designs Baffin T2. It's 17 ft long and 22 inches wide.

Type paddle used: Euro

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking? No

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? I used to do a lot of biking but kayaking has taken over.

How often do you paddle in summer? Usually twice per week

Do any winter paddling? Yes, once per week on the Susquehanna

Go to pool sessions? No

Favorite local paddling location: The Susquehanna above Harrisburg. It's got a lot of little islands, ledges, class 1-2 whitewater and lots of calmer pools.

Favorite non-local location: Kent Island (It's not local for me.)

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why: The final 34 miles KIPP circumnavigation of Kent Island. I felt a great sense of accomplishment.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why: In the first year of paddling we were doing a shuttle on the Susquehanna from Falmouth to Wrightsville, when we started the paddle we could hear this roar for the first few miles. We knew from Google Maps there was something under this railroad bridge four miles in but could not see much detail. When we approached a railroad bridge the river narrowed and right under the bridge the water dropped about two feet with chutes and rapids the entire width of the river. We didn't have much time to commit but we picked a line and hoped for the best. Here's where it got tricky we both went through the chute at the same time and bang into each other and somehow did not end up in the water which was 47 degrees and all we had on was shorts, t-shirt and PFD. After the paddle we realized how lucky we were that we did not end up in the water.

Bucket list trips: The Delaware Bay crossing. Florida. The Pacific Northwest. Long Island Sound. And I really want to do the circumnavigation of Manhattan.

Three things you like most about paddling? Relaxation; being able to get to places that most people never see, and being able to paddle almost anywhere

What do you like about CPA? The education and skills instruction and the safety consciousness

One thing other people find interesting about you: Actually there are two things. First, people are surprised that I'm very athletic. I was a runner in high school and college and also completed marathons, triathlons, mountain bike races. I was also an avid bicyclist. Now the kayaking.

CPA Paddler Profiles ~ Bill Upton

Interview by Rick Wiebush



Bill Upton kayaking on the Anacostia
photo by Catriona Miller

Name: Bill Upton

Lives in: Huntingtown, Maryland

Real job: Communications work for the Machinists union

Member of a Piracy? Patuxent River Pirates

Paddling Buddies: Kent Island paddle group

Number years paddling: 14

How did you get involved in kayaking? After moving here from the Pacific Northwest in 1997, a friend took me out on the Patuxent River and I was instantly hooked. Ironically, I didn't kayak in Seattle, I was always in the mountains hiking or cross-country skiing.

How did you learn to sea kayak? My first lesson was at Quiet Waters Park when Amphibious Horizons was running classes. After that, mostly other CPA paddlers, CPA-sponsored events like SK 101 and 102, workshops and guest instructor seminars.

Any formal training or ACA/BCU certifications? Nothing other than guest instructor workshops and going out in the ocean with Robert Schrak from Adventure Crafters.

Boat usually paddled: NDK Romany Surf, white, 16 ft. or Explorer, orange, 17.5 ft.

Type paddle used: Greenland paddle from Beale Paddles for touring and Werner Euro for surfing

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking: Not yet.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities: Downhill skiing here in the winter and hiking and cross-country skiing when I visit Seattle.

How often do you paddle in summer? At least once a week.

Do any winter paddling? As much or more than summer, it's my favorite time of year.

Go to pool sessions? I used to coordinate sessions at the Calvert County Aquatic Center, but not in the last two years.

Favorite local paddling location: I'm lucky to live in a water community near Breezy Point in Calvert County so I can launch from our neighborhood beach. Parker's Creek is a favorite.

Favorite non-local location: Cape Henlopen, Delaware

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why: Making it around Kent Island the first time with Marshall and the others in the KIPP series. After a serious car crash, I never thought I would make fifteen miles, let alone 32, but others helped me through. It's such a good learning experience, I think every KIPPer comes away with a whole new sense of their ability as kayakers.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why: I was kayak camping at Assateague Island and went for a day trip. A thick fog bank rolled in out of nowhere. You couldn't see more than a few feet. Following the shoreline wasn't an option because it was too shallow and uneven. Even though I had a compass bearing to follow back, it was a big relief when the fog burned off.

Bucket list trips: Hot Springs Cove, Vancouver Island, BC

Three things you like most about paddling?

- Surfing
- Being on the water and close to wildlife/scenery
- There's always more to learn

What do you like about CPA? It's a great community of people who like kayaking and are always willing to help others learn.

One thing other people find interesting about you: I used to be a crab fisherman out of Dutch Harbor in the Bering Sea, one of those guys you wonder about their sanity if you watch "The Most Dangerous Catch."

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two cars. You can also park on the street in the neighborhood across the main road from the park. The park has trash cans and picnic tables but no toilets.

We launched from one of the park beaches, passed Herrington Harbor marina and headed north across big Herring Bay towards Deale. Herring Bay was uncrowded on the way to Deale. The shore rises to the high Fairhaven Cliffs and then slopes down towards Deale and its complicated harbor. Deale is actually located on Traceys Creek. Two long stone jetties with a narrow channel between them protect the mouth of Traceys Creek. The crash of big boats running into those jetties at night is a Deale tradition. Luckily for kayakers, there is also a narrow gap between the south shore and the south jetty. We went through that gap rather than play chicken in the busy main channel.

Deale was a glorious maelstrom of boats. Just looking at all those sailboats made me happy. Maneuvering through that boat traffic mosh pit – not so much. Remember, it was Memorial Day. We carefully worked our way clockwise around the main Traceys Creek basin and up Rockhold Creek on the right side of the basin.

Tom Blount, temporarily beached by an arm injury, was our most excellent Location Scout. Tom cheerfully checked out the waterfront restaurants—Skippers Pier and the Happy Harbor—in Deale for us. He let us know via VHF radio that Happy Harbor on Rockhold Creek was ready and waiting for us.

The Happy Harbor is on the left/west side of Rockhold Creek just before the Deal Churchton Road Bridge. It's a friendly waterfront bar and restaurant with a great crowd. It caters more to real bikers than weekend gentleman motorcyclists. It has good food, live music and most importantly, a new low floating dock on the upstream side of the restaurant.

The Happy Harbor was crowded. Bemused small children hung over the deck railing and gawked at us inefficiently getting out of our boats at the low floating dock. There wasn't a lot of room and it took a while to get rope through our decklines and push the kayaks out of the way under the high dock. I'm surprised Tom, ex-Navy, didn't pretend he didn't know us.

The five of us settled in at a table on the deck and took full advantage of the \$5 Monday burger special and lots of ice water. The tiki bar was hopping and live music was starting. It was a great change from the usual hardy kayaker lunch.

After lunch, bemused beer drinkers looked over from the fishing boat next door and gawked at us inefficiently getting back into our boats. Although we felt bad about abandoning Tom on shore, we waved good-bye and continued under the bridge and up Rockhold Creek to Swamp Circle Road. Upper Rockhold Creek was quiet and serene, an abrupt change from lower Rockhold Creek. There was little boat traffic because the bridge is fixed and sailboats can't get past it. We saw an eagle near Swamp Circle Road.

The return leg was exciting because of the crowd of big boats returning to Deale after being out on the bay for the holiday weekend. We got out of the harbor and headed across Herring Bay and ran into the beauty parade. There is a shoal—an underwater sandbar—east of the mouth of Deale harbor and the Herring Bay channel goes up the coast inside of the sandbar and then jogs west into the harbor. It made for an interesting traffic pattern.

We made back to Rose Haven. Someone had decorated the park for Memorial Day. We loaded up our boats and sat at the picnic table talking for a while. We had to eventually reluctantly decide to let the holiday weekend end and head home.

Links: MD Tides: <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/Fisheries/Pages/Tide-Finder.aspx>

Nearest Tide Point: Western Shore, Rose Haven

NOAA chart 12270: <http://www.charts.noaa.gov/OnLineViewer/12270.shtml>

Rose Haven Park: <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/parks/community/rosehaven.cfm>

Happy Harbor Restaurant: <http://www.happyharbordeale.com/>



**Sandy Beach Launch at Rose Haven,
Anne Arundel County, Maryland**
Photograph by Lisa Arrasmith



Always Wear Your Life Jacket, Newtowne Neck Open House

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 1 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

Ralph Heimlich
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Secretary (vote for one)

Sue Stevens
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Treasurer

Rich Stevens
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Steering Committee (choose six)

Elizabeth Bryner
 Paul Casto
 Molly Henley
 Paula Hubbard
 Dave Isbell
 Béla Mariassy
 David Wilson
 Marshall Woodruff
 (Write-in Candidate)_____

Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee

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

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

Mailed ballots must be at the post office and in our box on November 2nd, the day of the meeting, to be counted.

You're Invited to the CPA Holiday Party December 6, 2014

Last year, the pirates of the northern piracies crossed the waters in search of new adventures and new territories to maraud, choosing to occupy Arlington, Virginia. They were satisfied with the party that broke out upon their arrival, and their treatment by the Virginia locals. In fact, pleased to be feted (rather than defeated or even de-feted) the CPAers have asked for a return engagement. The hosts have agreed, and thus the traditional CPA holiday party will again be held in the land of the Pirates of Georgetown (PoGs) on **December 6** at 6 PM at the home of Al and Anne Larsen, 3824 N. Oakland Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207.

Venturing over the mighty Potomac again this year, our traditions will remain intact. This will be a pot-luck dinner gathering, and we will do the White Elephant (a.k.a. Pink Manatee) gift exchange.

If your last name begins with:

A-K bring a casserole or entrée

L-S bring a salad (green, bean, fruit, pasta, etc.) and some bread

T-Z bring a dessert (cake, pie, cobbler, etc.)

Bring your favorite beverage. The scalawags will be invited to the groaning boards (i.e. chow is on) starting at 6:30.

Al and Anne will supply a ham, and perhaps a giant squid from the PoG Halloween outing, plus non-alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to bring your own beer, wine, or other beverage of choice (supplying booze to your lot would even break a pirate!!). The Pink Manatee or White Elephant gift exchange is for those wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped "treasure" worth less than \$10 (check your Cracker Jacks boxes now). Regifting is an art form!

Please RSVP no later than November 30 to alarsen120@aol.com.

Directions:

The Larsens live at 3824 N. Oakland Street in Arlington, just off Military Road. It's a short distance from the Virginia end of Chain Bridge, near where the north end Military Road intersects with and ends at Old Glebe Road. From DC, best bet is Roosevelt Bridge to GW Parkway, getting off at Spout Run. From the Beltway coming south, you can use Cabin John Parkway to Clara Barton and Chain Bridge, or American Legion Bridge to GW Parkway getting off at Rt. 123/ Chain Bridge. From Beltway coming north, you can get off I-66 to Glebe Road. However you approach, get yourselves to Military Road, and turn off of Military at 38th Street, and go one short block to Oakland. Turn left and go less than a block to 3824 on the left (white house, with large front porch with swing).

If you become lost in the mysterious lands of the South, call Al and Anne at 703-807-1639.

Newtowne Neck State Park Survey

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources hosted an open house and park design workshop on September 27, 2014. The park is located along the Potomac River in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, Southern Maryland. The state is inviting people to participate in a survey of possible uses and activities: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NewtowneNeckSP>. The survey is up through the end of October 2014. Information about the park is online, <http://dnr2.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/southern/newtowne.aspx>.

From the State's website:

Newtowne Neck State Park contains 776 acres of woodlands, wetlands and agricultural fields. The land was purchased by the State of Maryland in 2009 to preserve the area's rich natural, cultural and historical heritage.

Surrounded by Breton Bay, St. Clements Bay and the Potomac River, public recreational opportunities currently available at the park include hiking, fishing, boating, bird watching, and other passive outdoor activities. As we begin the planning process for future use of Newtowne Neck State Park, we seek input from the public and ideas for consideration. We are interested in learning what recreational, historical, natural and cultural opportunities park visitors would like considered in the early stages of planning.

The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete and responses are anonymous. We appreciate your input and value your feedback. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the Newtowne Neck State Park Public Input Survey.

Sincerely,
Maryland Park Service



CPA members at the Newtowne Neck State Park Open House

Photograph by Ralph Heimlich

Chesapeake Paddlers Association Tentative 2014 Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
10/3/14 to 10/4/14	Sail Angels Kayak Sailing Event NON CPA EVENT	A car camping weekend at a campground at Cedar Island, NC for kayak and canoe sailing enthusiasts. Larry Miller, lmrdrim@embarqmail.com, Greg Welker, gdwelker@verizon.net
10/3/14 to 10/5/14	Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival NON CPA EVENT	32nd Annual Festival of small maritime craft and craftsmanship. Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, havefun@cbmm.org, 410-745-2916, http://www.cbmm.org/mascf/
10/3/14 to 10/4/14	Chesapeake Bay Voyagers Series #8 - Finishing Paddle	This is the last paddle of a series covering the entire east shore of the Bay. Harborton landing VA to Kiptopeake State Park. David Wilson, davidwilsonmd@gmail.com, 443-962-7612
10/9/14 to 10/12/14	Delmarva Paddlers Retreat NON CPA EVENT	26th Annual DELMARVA Paddlers Retreat at Camp Arrowhead on Rehoboth Bay, Lewes, DE. All Greenland, traditional paddling event. http://www.delmarvapaddlersretreat.org/ . Chris Beckman, 302-542-0818, info@delmarvapaddlersretreat.org
10/10/14 to 10/12/14	Elk Neck Car Camper	Camp at Elk Neck State Park and paddle the surrounding waters. Because of cooling waters, at least a wet-suit is required. Ralph Heimlich, heimlichfamily@comcast.net, 301-498-0722 (leave a message)
10/25/14	Fall Colors of Fountainhead Paddle	The paddle is a leisurely scenic round trip lasting 3-4 hours up the Occoquan River with maple, dogwood, and oak trees lining the banks and coves. Jim Zawlocki, jimzz1@cox.net, 703-376-8268
10/29/14	Pirates of Arundell (Formerly of Pier 7) End of Season Dinner - Annapolis MD	CPA Piracy of Arundell Committee, Sue Stevens, susiegreenthumb@verizon.net, 410-531-5641
11/2/14	CPA Annual Meeting	Come join us for a late season day paddle and then the Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers. Moyaone Community building in Accokeek, MD, courtesy of Mike Cohn. The paddle will be from Farmington Landing on Piscataway Creek and, in a change, will be AFTER the meeting. Because of the cooling water temperatures, at least a wet suit and splash top are required for the paddle. There will be pizza and you are invited to bring food to share at the Annual Meeting. Ralph Heimlich, heimlichfamily@comcast.net, 301-498-0722 (leave a message)
11/7/14 to 11/10/14	Chickahominy River Car Camper	Come camp with us in the season closer, down on this lovely tributary of the James River. Ralph Heimlich, heimlichfamily@comcast.net, 301-498-0722 (leave a message)
12/6/14	CPA Holiday Party	Party hosted by Al and Ann Larson, 3824 North Oakland Street, Arlington, Virginia 22207, alarsen120@aol.com, 703-807-1639. For details potluck and gift exchange, see the invitation on Page 10 .

Visit the CPA Web page, <http://www.cpakayaker.com/>, for more events, details and trip leader/organizer contact information. For a full listing of upcoming Club events, visit the CPA Calendar, <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar>.

CPA Classifieds

See Page 2 for details on placing a classified advertisement in the *Chesapeake Paddler*.

Pirates of Arundell (formerly of Pier 7) Go A-roving!

Check the CPA website, the Pirates of Arundell's forum discussion for the location schedule for the remainder of the 2014 season: <http://www.cpakayaker.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=10>.



2013 Annual Meeting Paddle Annapolis, Maryland *Photograph by Ralph Heimlich*



CPA Trip at the Newtowne Neck State Park Open House
Photograph by Jenny Plummer-Welker

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