

CPA Paddler Profile ~ George Walker Radebaugh, IV

Interview by Rick Wiebush

Name: George Walker Radebaugh, IV

Lives in: Randallstown, Maryland

Real job: Melwood Landscaping at Fort Meade

Member of a Piracy? Baltimore

Paddling Buddies: Dave Wilson and Marla Aron

Number years paddling: 13

How did you get involved in kayaking? In 2009 I got type 2 diabetes so I joined Carroll County Special Olympics Maryland (SOMD) to stay healthy

How did you learn to sea kayak? In 2000 I went with Troop 475 to Snow Hill and used an Old Town Otter—it was fun.

Any formal training or ACA/BCU certifications: None

Boat usually paddled: Wilderness System Pongo 140

Type paddle used: Euro

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking? Once in a while, canoe

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities: Yes—hunting, fishing, swimming, trail riding

How often do you paddle in summer? Usually once per week (Tuesdays) in summer

Do any winter paddling? No. **Go to pool sessions?** No.

Favorite local paddling location: All over eastern Baltimore County **Favorite non-local location:** Snow Hill, Maryland

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why: Snow Hill because it's calm. It's good for beginners. You see a lot nature. It's relaxing, nice. And it's beautiful in the fall.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why: Annapolis harbor because no one gives you any respect - they almost run you over with their boats and yachts.

Bucket list trips: I would like Maine and Florida.

Three things you like most about paddling? Exercising, fresh air and nice people. **What do you like about CPA?** A chance to learn new skills.

One thing other people find interesting about you: I have a lot info about nature.

Interviewer's comment: George didn't say it, but he has won several Special Olympics gold medals in kayak racing.



George Radebaugh competing in the Special Olympics, Piney Run Park, Maryland, 2013

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Marla Aron, Ralph Heimlich, and George Radebaugh (left to right) Photograph by DJ Manalo



George Radebaugh receiving a gold medal at the Special Olympics, 2013

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