

## Paddler Profile : Linda Delaney

by Bob Browning

**Lives in:** Dayton, Maryland

**Real job:** Federal Employee in Acquisition Services

**Do you regularly attend a Piracy?** Patuxent Piracy

**Number of years paddling:** 1-1/2

**How did you get involved in sea kayaking?** I met CPA members at a pool series and they told me about sea kayaking.

**What boats do you paddle?:** 1.) Point 65, modular Mercury, 14', Blue; 2.) Current Designs (CD), Squall, 16'10", red 3.) QCC 600XL, red

**Rudder or skeg?** My Point 65 has a rudder and a skeg, CD has a rudder, QCC has a rudder

**Type paddle used:** Greenland

**Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking?** I used to tube and canoe

**Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities?** hiking

**How often on average do you paddle between May and October?** every weekend

**Do any winter paddling?** My first winter as a kayaker, I attended the indoor pool sessions at the Lee District Rec Center which is also where I first heard of CPA. This summer, I bought a dry suit, so this winter I paddle outdoors on weekends weather permitting. I attended the CPA Cold Water Clinic Dec 6.

**Favorite local paddling location:** Allen's Fresh in Charles County Maryland (beware of the effects of the tide, if you paddle in Allen's Fresh)

**Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why:** Upper Potomac kayak camper August 1. I love to camp and I love kayaking – and I discovered that I love the two activities together.

**Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why:**

The coolest paddling trip I've ever been on was a combination canoe and snorkeling excursion in the Bahamas in 2011. It was the coolest because a group of us paddled to an island in canoes, and then we snorkeled around the island. The snorkeling around the island was magnificent, and the paddle to and from the island was beautiful. I was tandem in a canoe with one of the guides, so I was able to enjoy the view, while he made the paddle effortless.



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Photo by David Kirschtel

**Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why:** The scariest paddle I have been on was in July of 2014 when I had only been paddling a month. Before I understood tides, had ever taken a kayaking class, had heard of re-entry, or knew what a pump or a paddle float was. I was paddling alone on the lower Patuxent and I fell out of my kayak going against the tide in choppy water. Luckily, I was close to the shore, so I swam and pushed my kayak back to the beach and then turned it over on the beach to get the water out of it.

**Future bucket list trip:** The Dry Tortugas (Fort Jefferson National Park, Florida) – I camped and snorkeled there for a week before I started kayaking and now I want to go back and kayak and camp.

**Three things you like most about paddling ?** The feel of the water under my boat, being outdoors, waves.

**What do you like about CPA?** The CPA members are supportive, genuine, safety conscious and respectful. What I like most about CPA - are the members.

**One unusual, non-paddling thing other people find interesting about you?** I have over 650 skydives, and I achieved a USPA 'D' license. The largest skydive I was ever on was a 30-way. I jumped from 1982 until 1993. 🙌

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