

The Chesapeake Paddler



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Bylaws and Ballots and Rules, *Oh My!*

Much of this issue of the Chesapeake Paddler is devoted to the club's bylaws, on which we are asking our members to vote. A full explanation of what we are asking, along with instructions and a ballot, is included in a special bylaws section.

The amount of material included in the bylaws, cover letter and ballot has prevented us from running some of the articles we received in the past month. If your article was bumped, we apologize.

Essentially, the decision to run or not run an article had to do with the time

sensitivity of the material. If it was not something that members had to know about before the October issue, we let it slide. If time was of the essence, we tried to include it. After that, we picked remaining articles based strictly on space constraints.

One of the items with time pressure was Joan's article about pool rule changes, below. It was one we absolutely had to run this month. This means that, with the exception of one article announcing a lady's paddling trip, this month's articles are nothing but rules, rules, rules! While this may not make for as much of a fun newsletter as

you usually receive this time of the month, it is all very important business, and we hope you will devote your attention to the issues at hand.

And, again, please accept our sincere apologies if you feel you or your article has been slighted.

Thank you,

*The Chesapeake Paddlers Association
Newsletter Team*

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2002-2003 Pool Season - Rules Change

By Joan Spinner

The usual start date for pool sessions is the weekend after the change to standard time. This year that is November 3/4. I do not have confirmation about day and time of the sessions but will make sure they are available for the October issue of the Paddler, as well as posting them to the list. People interested in an earlier start date should contact me.

Over the past two years there has essentially been no limit on the number of boats allowed in the pool. There also has been no enforcement of the requirement for reservations. This year we need to return to the old system of required reservations, unless someone has another suggestion that can actually be implemented. (Rotating in and out of the pool

won't work unless YOU are willing to be the one swimming around yelling at people to get out so someone else can get in EVERY WEEK.) I must have some plan to offer the pool manager. I suspect we can make changes to it at any time, as long as we address the issue of too many boats that was brought to my attention by the manager. I will be meeting with him fairly soon.

If we do not take control of the situation now, the pool may choose something we don't want to have happen, especially if either someone gets hurt or more people complain to the pool manager about conditions in the pool. This will require more work from me, but with cooperation and help from others attending the pool it should be fairly painless. My

primary concern is the safety of the people in the pool and continued access to the pool for all paddlers.

A couple of things I'm doing to try to alleviate the problem are; first, I am going to see if the pool can make the schedule so we have all three sections of the pool every week. Another is to see if there is some way to have either two, two-hour sessions one day or two days of use of at least part of the pool. If we get any of this it will substantially help the situation.

What I'm suggesting is only to return to the way pool sessions were run for all the years preceding the past two years. My feeling is that this year we must reestablish a limit and therefore enforce the

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requirement for reservations. Someone will be at the door issuing bracelets and collecting money. Without a reservation number you will not be admitted. It is fine to bring a coach but we need to know how many people and boats will be there.

The crux of the problem is that the use of the pool shot from a high of 25 boats in the pool at one session in December 2000, to over 37 in March 2002. On a weekly basis, we had over 30 boats in the pool, with more boats stacked around the pool edge. This number of boats makes safety questionable and learning difficult for beginners or paddlers just learning to roll, especially in longer boats.

I remember how hard it was to practice that new roll in a pool with other boats so close that it felt like a paddle sweep would hit someone. The space a new paddler/roller needs is larger than for the more experienced paddler. I think fairness requires us to provide the space and limited numbers learners need. It is the only way I can think of.

I anticipate that demand for pool space will increase this year. In the past, the white water boaters have gone to the Baltimore pool when it opened in February. That didn't happen this year. They stayed in Fairland, and in large numbers. As word spreads that this pool is really nice and very inexpensive, more paddlers will opt to come and to stay all season.

We had regulars coming from W. Va and Pa. CPA is not the only club using the pool sessions, and there independent paddlers who also attend, all of whom need to be notified of the change in the rules for pool sessions. I am sending notices to Monocacy and BCC, as well as posting notices at the pool this Labor Day weekend. Notices will be sent so clubs can update their web pages.

Anyone with suggestions or concerns can contact me my email at JSpin-ner@peoplepc.com or call me at 301-559-3345, or snail mail at 1410 Torrey Place, Hyattsville, MD 20782. I will make sure the opening set of rules makes it to the Paddler for the October issue. They will be the ones

we start with, but they will not be carved in stone. If the situation changes, so can the rules. If attendees want different rules, and they can be worked out, they will change.

These rules are only a return to the way the pool sessions were run for all the years before the past two years.

Visit your club on the web at
<http://www.cpakayaker.com>

THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association is an association whose mission is to provide a way for people to safely enjoy sea kayaking within the Chesapeake Bay area and to promote safe sea kayaking practices through the education of the local sea kayaking community and the interested public.

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DEADLINES: Closing date for articles, trip reports, information and advertisements is the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. The editors retain the right to edit or not to print any submitted material. See advertising information in the Classifieds section.

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Announcing a Ladies' Paddle on the Choptank River in September

My name is Leigh, and I am a resident of Dorchester County. I am a 50+ lady, and I have enjoyed kayaking since 1985. I am working on a project where I will kayak on all the rivers in Dorchester County, since this is my home base. I have paddled the Choptank River completely twice and have been asked to open up the paddle to include others who are less experienced and may be afraid to try a trip of this length. After some thought, I decided to offer this ladies' trip.

The trip will run from the Bay to Greensboro and, weather permitting, I expect it to take seven days. I am planning the trip for the week of September 22 through 29, though interested parties should contact me for full details and

information about changes to this schedule. As you know, the weather has been extremely dry, and, therefore, I believe that, unless we get a lot of rain between now and then, the fall foliage will be very short lived.

There will be camping for those who desire it, but nightly stops will be planned to allow those who wish to seek more comfortable lodging at the end of each day to do so. There may be some who cannot paddle the entire length due to time and schedule constraints but would like to participate in a portion. This can be arranged.

This is a ladies' paddle to get paddlers with skills ranging from beginner to ad-

vanced on the river during a beautiful time of the year. The pace will be dictated by our weakest paddler, so there will be plenty of time to stop and smell the roses!

If you do not have all the necessary gear, please contact me. I may be able to help out.

Please post this trip announcement and pass on the information to any lady who might be interested.

Thank you, and hope to see you on the river some time!

Leigh Huntzman

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Please Vote on the CPA Bylaws!

A letter from the Interim Steering Committee

Since CPA's last annual meeting, the interim steering committee has finalized proposed bylaws for the club. In the March newsletter we provided a draft for comment. Now it is time to vote on the final version, which is included here.

The bylaws are as simple as we could possibly make them. We felt they were needed because until now it has never been clear who had the authority to allocate club money, or make policy decisions such as the qualifications for club trip leaders. Those are the issues ad-

ressed by the bylaws. They describe the responsibilities of the three club officers and the steering committee and specify how those people are elected. If the bylaws pass, those people will clearly be responsible for club decisions.

Please take a minute to look them over and vote them up or down. You can vote by mailing your ballot (included in this newsletter) to CPA at P.O. Box 341, Greenbelt, MD 20768. Ballots must be postmarked by September 20 to be counted.

We hope to hear from you!

(signed)

The Interim Steering Committee

(Alan Avery, John Blackburn, Les Dickey, Stephen Edmondson, Joy Hecht, Rob Holt, Steve Lindeman, Barry Marsh, John McKeever, David Moore, Dale Murphy, Joan Spinner, Eva Sivan, and Rich Stevens. Other people contributed to earlier work on development of the bylaws as well.)

CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Section 1. Name

The name of the club shall be the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, hereinafter referred to as "the club", "Chesapeake Paddlers Association", or "CPA".

Section 2. Mission

The mission of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association is to help people safely enjoy sea kayaking and to promote safe paddling practices through the education of the local sea kayaking community and the interested public. Club activities may include, but are not limited to, kayak trips, kayak camping trips, instructional workshops, informal weekday evening paddles, parties,

and any other activities consistent with the mission that members of the club wish to organize.

Section 3. Membership

Membership in the club is open to anyone supporting the mission of the club, upon payment of annual dues. Membership shall commence on the first day of the month following the date of the initial payment of annual dues and shall continue until terminated. Membership shall be terminated by: (1) automatic action 60 days following nonpayment of dues, (2) affirmative vote of at least 85% of the full membership of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall have absolute discretion to terminate any membership for cause. Without limiting the absolute authority of the Steering Committee under this section, any member engaging in activity that (1) brings a discredit upon the CPA, or (2) endangers others may have his or her membership immediately terminated by action of the Steering Committee. Members shall be entitled to a copy of the member-

ship list upon request to the secretary.

Section 4. The Steering Committee

4.1. *General Powers.* 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.

At its discretion, the Steering Committee may refer decisions to a membership meeting or to the full club membership. When the Steering Committee members are not in consensus, they will make decisions by vote of a majority of the Steering Committee members present at the meeting.

When club members disagree with a decision of the Steering Committee, they may call for a referendum or membership meeting to reconsider the issue. The referendum or meeting must be held upon petition by 10% of the club's members.

4.2 *Number and Term of Office.* There shall be nine Steering Committee members including the club officers. Steering Committee members shall serve one-year terms from January 1 through December 31, and must be members of the club throughout their term of office.

4.3 *Nomination and Election of Steering Committee Members.* Steering Committee members shall be nominated and elected in the same manner as officers, as described in section 5.2.

4.4 *Filling of Vacancies.* In the case of any vacancy among the Steering Committee members or officers, a majority of the remaining members may elect a successor to hold office until the next annual meeting.

4.5 *Meetings.* Steering Committee meetings will be open to all club members. Anyone present may speak at the meetings. Only Steering Committee members may vote.

The Steering Committee members will decide when, how and where they must meet. Any three members of the Steering Committee can call a Steering Committee meeting.

The Secretary shall individually notify all Steering Committee members and shall publish notice to the full membership at least ten days in advance, via official club information sources such as the newsletter, listserv, or website.

4.6 *Quorum.* A majority of the Steering Committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all of its meetings. The act of a majority of the Steering Committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Steering Committee, except as may be otherwise specifically provided for by these bylaws.

4.7 *Sub-Committees.* The Steering Committee may create or dissolve sub-committees and empower them as appropriate consistent with the rest of these bylaws. Sub-committees report to the Steering Committee. Sub-committee members must be members of the club but need not be members of the Steering Committee.

Section 5. Officers

5.1 *Officers.* The club shall have the following officers:

- Coordinator
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Any club member may serve as an officer. The officers shall be members of the Steering Committee.

5.2 *Election of Officers.* Officers shall be elected by the members present at the annual meeting or by proxy. Officers must be members of the club throughout their term in office. Notification of elections and calls for nomination

will be mailed and/or emailed to the full membership at least seven weeks before the annual meeting. Proxy ballots will be mailed to the full membership at least three weeks before the annual meeting. Proxy ballots must be received by the Secretary before votes are counted at the annual meeting in order to be included.

5.3 *Terms of Office.* Officers shall serve for terms of one year from 1 January through 31 December. In the event that an office becomes vacant, the Steering Committee may elect a successor to hold office until the next annual meeting.

5.4. *Duties of Officers*

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 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 7 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.

Section 6. Meetings

6.1. Annual meeting

The annual meeting of the club membership shall be held on the first Sunday in November, unless a different date has been designated by the Steering Committee and publicized to the members at least thirty days in advance. The time, location, and agenda of the annual meeting shall be chosen by the Steering Committee and must be announced to the members at least thirty days in advance. All members may vote at annual meetings. A report on the annual meeting shall be published in a timely manner through official club information sources such as the newsletter, listserv or website.

At the annual meeting:

- Officers and Steering Committee members will be elected in accordance with the bylaws.
- The secretary will provide an annual report
- The treasurer will provide financial statements and a proposed budget for the following year

- Other individuals taking responsibility for club activities shall report on their areas of responsibility.

- The agenda shall include an item for new business at which any club member may raise an issue not already considered.

- At its discretion, the Steering Committee, during the annual meeting, may decide to bring any item of old or new business to a vote of the full membership or postpone it to a further meeting of the membership rather than voting on it at the meeting

6.2. Meeting process. All meetings of the members or the Steering Committee will be conducted in an orderly manner that encourages free and open discussion. When there are questions about procedure, meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. Votes must be taken as called for in these bylaws, or when requested by any club member present at the meeting; otherwise decisions may be made by informal consensus.

6.3. Membership meetings. At its discretion, the Steering Committee may call general membership meetings. Written notice of such meetings must be published at least thirty days in advance via official club information sources such as the newsletter, listserv, or website.

Section 7. Financial matters

7.1 Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year of the corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

7.2. Budget Approval.

The budget will be discussed, amended if needed, and approved at the annual meeting. Approval of the budget constitutes authorization of the expenditures it proposes; it does not preclude changes in accordance with procedures otherwise authorized by these bylaws.

7.3. Authorization of Expenditures. The coordinator and the treasurer may make decisions on any expenditure under \$200 that was not previously budgeted. Decisions concerning expenditures \$200 or more not previously budgeted must be made by the Steering Committee.

Section 8. Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws may be presented to the general membership for vote either by the Steering Committee or upon petition of 10% of the club members. Proposed amendments will be adopted upon approval by two thirds of the members voting.

Such amendments shall be voted on by the full membership at the next annual meeting, following the procedures for notification and establishment of the agenda set out in these bylaws. Proxy ballots for voting on amendments shall be distributed with the proxy ballots for elections and must be received before the vote is counted at the meeting. If adopted, the amendments shall immediately be placed in the records of the club and appended to copies of the bylaws available to the members.

Section 9. Governing State Law

These bylaws shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maryland.

BALLOT

Chesapeake Paddlers Association Bylaws

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Please cast your vote in favor of or against the bylaws proposed by the Interim Steering Committee. The decision on the bylaws will be made by a simple majority of those voting in this election. Only CPA members may vote, and no member may vote more than once.

_____ Yes, I vote to approve the CPA bylaws

_____ No, I vote against approving the CPA bylaws

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Please fold this ballot where marked, tape or staple it shut, place a stamp on the outside, and mail it to CPA, P.O. Box 341, Greenbelt MD 20768. If you fold and seal it as indicated, the address will be in the right place on the outside of the ballot; however if you prefer, you may put it in an envelope.

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Chesapeake Paddlers Association
P.O. Box 341
Greenbelt, MD 20768

Weekly Pirates Paddling

We now have five pirate groups paddling every week! Join one and be a pirate!



*Pirates at Pier 7**

Wednesday nights, arrive 4-6 PM. Paddling, rolling, rescue practice, boat fitting, BBQs, and hanging out with other paddlers. (PFDs required.) Directions: Take US-50 west toward Annapolis. Exit onto MD-665. Exit onto MD-2 southbound. Continue on MD-2 south over the South River. Take the first left after crossing the bridge. Follow the road to Pier 7 Marina. Contact: Alan Avery at 410-956-3299 or aandsavery@yahoo.com.

Pirates of the Potomac

Tuesday evenings, 5 PM. \$3 launch fee. Seasonal passes \$45. Directions: From Alexandria, VA, take the Mt. Vernon Parkway 1.3 miles south of the Beltway, then left and straight into the marina. Contact: Dick Rock if you are coming at 703-780-6605, dick.rock@att.net. In case of inclement weather, call Belle Haven Marina at 703-758-0018 after 3:30 PM to confirm launch cancelled.

Pirates of the Patuxent

Thursday evenings, arrive 5-6 PM and free parking on the right, just north of the boardwalk across from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Contact: Don Polakovics 301-866-0437 or doooobrd@erols.com; or Jennifer Elmore at 301-862-2398 or JSEI-more@erols.com.

Pirates of Georgetown

(check website to keep informed)

Thursday evenings, 6:30 PM. Plenty of parking. Home port, the dock at Jack's Boats (202-337-9642), is located in Georgetown, Washington DC under the Whitehurst Freeway at 3500 K Street, NW. Rental kayaks are available. Contact: David Moore 301-445-3273 or dtmoore@clark.net, website: <http://www.scienceappliance.com/pirates>

Pirates of Baltimore

Tuesday nights, meeting at 5:30 p.m. Rocky Point Park: I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) to Rt. 702 South (Exit 36), which merges with Back River Neck Rd. Follow Back River Neck Rd. 2.3 miles from the merge and turn left on Barrison Point Rd., then turn right onto Rocky Point Rd. The Park is at the south end of Rocky Point Rd. We meet at the boat ramps on the right just inside the park gate. Paddling, skills practice, and meeting other paddlers. PFDs, sprayskirts, and lights required. Contact: Barry Marsh, 410-728-4016, circus_cyaneus@hotmail.com.

***Notice re: Pier 7, Annapolis, MD: kayak launching is free on Wednesdays only. All other times there is a \$5 launch fee, even if launching from the beach.**

Please report....

...sightings of dead, injured, netbound or stranded whales, dolphins, or sea turtles to the following telephone number: (757) 437-6159.

This is the Virginia Marine Science Museum Stranding Emergency number and will be followed up within 24 hours by rescue crews.

As you may know, humpback and fin whales are at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Bottle-nose dolphins are throughout, seals are present at certain times of the year, as are sea turtles.

ALL sea turtles are threatened now with possible extinction (IUCN red list), even though sea turtles have lived on earth since before the dinosaurs (about 400 million years.)

...also report...

...sick or injured birds to Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research, Inc. They can be reached at 302-737-9543 or on the web at <http://www.tristatebird.org/>

Tri-State has several volunteers throughout Maryland along the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay area. Most importantly, some of the volunteers will do an "on the sea" rescue, which few, if any, other organizations do. And, they answer their phone calls on the weekends.

We will have an article about a member's experience with this organization in a future issue (it was bumped from this one due to space constraints imposed by the bylaws.)

Classifieds



Check your ad!!

Ads dated three months prior to the date of this issue will be pulled unless a new request is received by the 15th of the month prior to the next issue. **And if it has sold, tell us!!!!**

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ADVERTISING: Display advertising will be accepted that relates to the concerns and interests of our readers. Monthly rates for advertising are as follows:

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| 1/4 page; | \$32 | 4.9" X 4.7" | (2) |
| 1/2 page; | \$50 | 7.5" X 4.7 " | (3) |
| full page; | \$80 | 7.5" X 9.75" | (3) |

A 5% discount will be given for ads supplied as electronic files in acceptable formats (i.e. tif, gif, jpeg, bit-map). Email or call for more information and for 10-month discount. See advertising contact in masthead.

Public service announcement and personal ads to sell personal kayaks and accessories are printed for members at no charge, non-members pay \$10 for 3 months.

FOR SALE

Wilderness Systems Shenai, FG, 17'5"x 22", 53 lbs, spray skirt, cockpit cover, bilge pump. \$1,100. Also, wood paddle, feathered, 240 cm. \$125. Jerry Collins, 301/641-3415 (09/02).

Wilderness Systems Piccolo, Yellow. Perfect Condition. \$400. 703-620-2884 (09/02).

Pacific Water Sports Osprey, 17', 23" beam fiberglass boat. Good boat for advanced beginner with room to grow. Barely used, \$2,000/OBO, jselmore@erols.com or call (301)994-3169 (09/02).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please make yourself aware of the minimum safety requirements to participate with CPA on the water events. They will be enforced. See page 9.

Please be sure to contact the trip leaders, even if you are totally familiar with the area being paddled. They need to have contact information in case of changes and there may be space limitations.

SEPTEMBER

September 13-15 (Friday-Sunday): Car Camping at Cape Henlopen State

Arluk III Kayak. fiberglass, 18' by 23 1/2 inches, compass, rudder, cockpit cover, skirt, paddle \$1,250. Dick Bridge 302/875-0879 dickjo@dmv.com (08/02).

Timid souls, non swimmers, and special needs persons wanting to experience kayaking may call Dean Gardels at 410/438-3944. (Chestertown area). For members and their friends. I am an A.C.A. certified instructor. No charge. (08/02).

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Mad River "Eclipse" 16' Canoe (Blue Royalex with wooden gunwales, cane seats).

2 Canoe Paddles (Voyageur wooden bent shaft-lightweight and beautiful) \$800 for all. Barely used.

16' Day Sailor-Sails, trailer, all running and standing rigging \$1000.

3 Type III Adult lifejackets-comfortable water ski vest style. \$15 each.

Contact: Wendy Baker Davis or Les Baker. Email: w_davis@fandm.edu or call (717) 293-1086 . (07/02)

Park, DE. Several small waterways nearby as well as open water of Delaware Bay. Bill Dodge 703-979-5837 or mobile 703-201-8636 (usually turned OFF).

September 14 (Saturday): Wye Island Regatta, 8.30 am. (12 mile race) Competitive categories include all kinds of single and double kayaks, or any person powered boat for all ages. Info and entry forms: Rod Beach 410-269-0985 or RBeach1912@aol.com. Online info: www.annapolisrowingclub.com.

September 21 (Saturday): Full Moon

September 28 – 29 (Saturday–Sunday) (possibly Friday 9/27 as well): Chichominy River, car camping, ADC chart 32. Bill Dodge 703-979-5837 or mobile 703-201-8636 (usually turned OFF).

OCTOBER

October 4-6 (Fri-Sun): Delmarva Paddlers Retreat. Lewes Delaware. An all Greenland event. Contact Robin Snow at anorak@comcast.com or 215 487-7225 for info.

October 21 (Monday): Full Moon

NOVEMBER

November 8-10 (Fri - Sun) (Veteran's Day Weekend). Point Lookout State Park, MD. Car camping at its finest. ADC Charts 9 and 24. Paddle on the open Potomac, Point Lookout Creek, or easy drive to other sheltered locations. Bill Dodge 703-979-5837 or mobile 703-201-8636 (usually turned OFF).

November 21 (Tuesday): Full Moon

DECEMBER

December 19 (Thursday): Full Moon

Note: Full moon dates are provided for the information of those wishing to plan night paddles and do not necessarily indicate a trip on that date.

A WORD ABOUT TRIPS & RATINGS

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.



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CPA Policy Re 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 from the

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), paddle float, bilge pump, spray skirt, water tight bulkheads or flotation bags (to prevent kayak from sinking when capsized).

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Coordinator, 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, except that only one release per season is required for regularly-scheduled events such as the weekly activities of the “pirates” at Pier 7 and other venues. 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.



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