

# The Chesapeake Paddler



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## St. Clements Island Trip Report August 17-18, 2002

By Ron Barnett

Thirteen of us embarked on Saturday morning from a sandy beach at Coltons Point, Maryland, in boats loaded for camping. Bound for historic St. Clements Island, our group included Bill Dodge, Greg Welker, Jenny Plummer-Welker, Ken Swingle, David Moore, Stan Cousins, Ralph Heimlich, Ted Conwell, Joe Dement, Phil Smith, Carolyn Schoelles, Yvonne Thayer, and me. As in years past, Bill had made special prior arrangements for us to camp on the island, a state park where camping is not usually allowed.

St. Clements was clearly visible from the Maryland side of the Potomac, and we reached it in short order. After unpacking boats and setting-up tents, we paddled northwesterly up the Maryland side of the Potomac. Given the possibility of thunderstorms, a conservative course was set toward St. Catherine Island, and to exercise even further caution, we hugged the shore the entire way.

At St. Catherine, the presence of a very long sand spit provided a great spot to beach the boats, engage in a little "wave yoga" (stretching) and cool-off in the water - a great relief given the 95+ degree heat - picture motionless bovines cooling in a pond if you will. The welcomed absence of stinging jellyfish made this the first of many submersions to cool-off during this week-end of record-breaking heat.

On departing St. Catherine, a small group ventured a little further ahead while the rest of us completed a circumnavigation of St. Catherine and then set a course for "home". In time, the smaller group caught up with the main group, and we all arrived back at St. Clements for more water lounging, snorkeling (Greg and Jenny), rolling, exploring the island, and general lazing about through dinner and the evening hours.

While thunderstorms held-off throughout the evening (and the next day fortunately), the heat and humidity was relentless and made for a night of restless sleep. It confirmed why, having grown up in the

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*Photo: Ron Barnett leads the group from St. Patrick's Creek.*



# Kayak Racing at the Two Harbors Kayak Festival

By Tom Rose

In August I participated in an 18 mile kayak race in Minnesota. It was a round trip from Burlington Bay near Two Harbors, Minnesota to Encampment Island, 9 miles to the north, and back. There were 37 kayaks in the 18 mile race, 60 in an associated 5 mile race, and 800 folks who came for clinics of all sorts. Many came to try a kayak for the first time

It was very well organized, and unlike the Chesapeake, the water temperature was near 50 and the air about 60. There was also a little fog and rain-perfect for a race.

The Two Harbors Kayak Festival is an annual event, and many of the racers had participated before. There was a wonderful dinner the night before with most participants camping 300 feet away at a small campground. Safety equipment was required, there were buoys along the entire route, and the races were patrolled by a number of powerboats along with the Coast Guard.

The view of the cliffs and rocks was spectacular, and residents with cabins along the way cheered for us, honked horns and rang bells. A volunteer met each boat at the race's end, placing a ceramic medallion around your neck and helping get the boat out of the water. There was an award dinner after the race and winners received beautiful ceramic bowls with festival name, a kayak, and first place written on it. I was fortunate and placed first in my age group. I finished in the top third, with a time of 3 hours and 10 minutes.

For those interested in paddling this area, there is now an organized water trail from Two Harbors to Grand Marais. You can get more information at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us> or 800-657-3929. There are places to start and park, places to rest, camp, and get off the lake in an emergency. The area contains hundreds of shipwrecks and is beautiful beyond belief. The fog rolls in quickly, the water goes from glass to storms in an instant, and you will love it.

The Two Harbors Kayak Festival usually is the first weekend in August. The web site is <http://www.kayakfestival.org>. I also Kayak in the Boundary Waters and would be happy to talk with interested parties about those experiences. I can be reached at [opftrose@aol.com](mailto:opftrose@aol.com) or 410-349-8711.

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

## CPA Holiday Party Announcement

CPA will hold its annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 7th, at 7 o'clock at the home of Alan and Shirley Avery, 352 Derbyshire Lane, Riva, MD 21140.

Everyone is requested to bring either an entrée, salad or dessert to feed 6-8 people. Beverages will be provided.

RSVP's would be appreciated after November 5th at 410-956-3299 or [aandsavery@yahoo.com](mailto:aandsavery@yahoo.com).

We look forward to a good response.

## 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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# St. Clements Trip Report

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south, I typically avoided serious backpacking in the thick of summer.

On Sunday morning after breakfast and breaking camp, we loaded the boats, made the crossing back to Colton's Point and then ventured up St. Patrick Creek where we were met at the end by a lone bald eagle. On paddling-out we headed back to the Point for more water lounging and a leisurely, somewhat early departure.

Many thanks go to Bill for again masterminding this annual CPA trip, to those who led the paddles and to all involved for the great fun, learning and companionship. Maybe next year it'll snow.

*Photos by Jenny Plummer-Welker*



*Bill Dodge consults with Phil Smith, 'Can all of this be packed back into my kayak?'*



*Yvonne Thayer emerges from the headwaters of St. Patrick's Creek.*



*Coming and going: Ted Conwell and Carolyn Schoelles*



*Yvonne Thayer and the rest of the crew pack their kayaks for the overnight trip*

# CPA Annual Meeting Announcement:

## *The Bylaws Pass, Call for Nominations for Steering Committee and a Pre-meeting Paddle*

*By John Blackburn (with assistance from Brian Blankinship)*

The Bylaws passed, by a vote of 53 for and 2 against—plus one ballot returned with a kind comment but the sender forgot to vote. I guess we'll classify that as an abstention. That means it's time for you the members to select the nine individuals who will lead the Chesapeake Paddlers Association in 2003. These people are: six steering committee members, three officers, the secretary, the treasurer and (insert drum roll here) ...the big cheese, *the coordinator!* Not only do you get to select these people, *you get to run for these slots!* So it's time to step up and do your part. I expect no less. Do you have some ideas on how to improve the club, lets hear 'em!

Hopefully by the time you get this, our Web site will have been modified so that individuals will be able to log on and either post their candidacy and their stump speech or nominate someone else. Nominations can also be mailed to the CPA PO Box (see masthead).

Three weeks prior to the annual meeting, a proxy ballot will be mailed to the full membership. Completed ballots must be received by the secretary prior to the vote count at the annual meeting, in order to be counted. *You must mail them back! And you must do so quickly!*

The vote count will be announced at the annual meeting, which brings us to the second part of this article, the annual meeting announcement.

The CPA Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2002. It will be held in Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in Deal, MD. The meeting will begin at 2:00 PM with lunch taking place at 1:00. Pizza and Soft Drinks will be provided by the club.

And as if food weren't incentive enough, there is going to be a paddle beforehand, too. We will be launching from Galesville at 10:30 AM that morning. So come on out and make a day of it.

Directions to Cedar Grove United Methodist Church are below. Directions to the launch site at Galesville follow that.

So, to summarize the schedule for November 10:

10:30 AM: Galesville Paddle

1:00 PM Lunch at church

2:00 PM Annual meeting at church

### **Directions to Cedar Grove United Methodist Church from the Capital Beltway.**

ADC map page 34, A7.

710 Masons Beach Road Deale, MD 20751 (410) 867-7417

### **Via Route 4**

Beltway to Route 4 (Pennsylvania Ave) South/East

Route 4 is past both Rt 301 and Wayson's Corner

Exit at sign "EAST 258 TO EAST 259, BRISTOL DEALE"

Follow exit ramp over Route 4 and continue on 258 BAY FRONT ROAD

Continue straight through light at Route 2

Continue on Rt. 258 for several miles until it ends at a "T" intersection

Turn RIGHT at the "T" onto Rt. 256 DEALE CHURCHTON ROAD

Follow past the library on your right, the CHURCH is on the LEFT at the next "T" intersection.

There is a brick entrance way. The Sanctuary is brick with a white steeple.

We will meet in the Education Annex, the first building on the left.

### **Via Route 50**

Take ROUTE 50 East, continue well past Rt. 301

EXIT onto ROUTE 424 DAVIDSON-VILLE ROAD South

Continue straight across Rt. 214, the road becomes BIRDSVILLE ROAD

At "T" intersection, turn RIGHT onto Rt. 2 SOLOMONS ISL. ROAD

In about 100 yards, Take first LEFT turn onto MILL SWAMP ROAD

At "T" intersection, turn RIGHT onto Rt. 468 MUDDY CREEK ROAD

Continue straight through light at Rt. 255 Galesville Road

Continue for several miles around a large bend

At next light, turn RIGHT onto Rt. 256 DEALE CHURCHTON ROAD

Follow past the library on your right, the CHURCH is on the LEFT at the next "T" intersection.

There is a brick entrance way. The Sanctuary is brick with a white steeple

We will meet in the Education Annex, the first building on the left.

### **Directions to Galesville Launch Site from the Capital Beltway**

Take Rt 4 East

Just past the 301 interchange, take Rt 408

Follow to Rt 2 North.

Take a right on Rt 255 East.

After you cross Rt. 468 the road becomes Galesville Rd.

Follow until you dead end at a little park, beach is next to the pier. You can't miss it. Mind the speed limits!

# A Pelican Dies

## Getting Help for Sick, Injured or Netbound Birds

By Christine Smith

The August 2002 *Paddler* provided a phone number for paddlers to report injured whales, dolphins and sea turtles on page 2.

Here's another phone number in case you see an injured or fishing-line bound bird of prey, like a pelican. Call the Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Organization, headquartered in Newark, Delaware: 302-737-9543. The website is [www.tristatebird.org](http://www.tristatebird.org).

Tri-State Bird Rescue has Maryland volunteers who are located along the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. Some of these volunteers perform "on the sea" rescues, which few if any volunteers in other organizations do. Tri-Staters also answer weekend calls, which is also rare.

My interest in this organization arose during a kayaking expedition at Point Lookout, Maryland. The members of my paddling group – Bill Dodge, Ann St. Laurent, David Dolloff and myself --

discovered a beautiful young pelican that was enmeshed in fishing line. We tried to help, but we couldn't handle such a large-bodied, long-billed bird from our kayaks. We did what we could, but we ended up distressing the poor creature even more.

Backing off, we called the ranger station for help from the water. Hearing that help was on the way, we waited in the hot sun for four hours. We even tracked the bird's movement as we waited for help that never came. We finally left after we ran out of water. As we paddled away, it broke my heart to see the pelican drifting farther out to sea among the nefarious out-boarders, who whizzed by the struggling bird.

To shorten the story, and to issue my opinion, it turned out that the ranger station merely left a message with Chesapeake Wildlife Rescue. No one from Chesapeake Wildlife Rescue even told the ranger station that help was on the way. Further, the message on the Chesapeake Wildlife Rescue's voice mail specifically states they don't conduct "on the sea" rescues of birds. Nor do they handle weekend emergencies!

After returning home, I spent time determining what went wrong and who could have helped. I contacted bird rescue groups from as far away as Hawaii. I found Tri-State Bird Rescue on the web, but the folks in Hawaii knew about them as well.

Piecing together the story from all sorts of sources, I learned that the US Fish and Wildlife Service has turned rescues over to the states. Maryland has not done much in the way of funding rescues, which leaves its Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the position of having to pick and choose what they do. They have volunteers on staff, but the DNR does not answer phones on weekends.

Among the DNR volunteers, I noted a lot of frustration. It seems that if a bird isn't an eagle, you can forget getting any response. The Tri-State folks, however, do "on the sea" rescues of birds of prey. It takes some know-how, and the folks I spoke to were interested and concerned.

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## CPA POOL Sessions 2002-2003 Preliminary Information

Following up on our Pool Season Rules Change article in last month's issue, here are the rules as they stand now. More information will be posted in the November newsletter.

### CPA Indoor Pool Sessions

Fairland Aquatic Center

**Day/hours:** To be determined

**Pool closed to kayakers:** To be determined

**Required:** Boats and gear must be clear of leaves, mud, grass, etc.

### Recommended Procedure:

Confirm that pool is open. (FAC pool:301-206-2359).

The fee is \$5 per person. Pay Dave or Joan upon arrival. If neither are there pay at FAC door or guard office (pool level). Apply to reserve your space! Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. You are confirmed only if you receive a return phone call.

**How to apply:** Telephone Joan Spinner at 301-559-3345 or email [JSpinner@aol.com](mailto:JSpinner@aol.com). Leave a message with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Date of session
3. Number of boats
4. Your phone number

***\*You are confirmed ONLY if a slot is available. You will receive a return phone call confirming your reservation. If you DO NOT receive a reservation number you DO NOT have a reservation. You MUST have a reservation to be admitted to the pool.***

**Directions:** Take your best route to I-95 between Baltimore and Washington. Exit at MD-198 West (towards Burtonsville). Turn left at 2nd light (Old Gunpowder Road). The pool will be about a mile down on the right. Boat entrance is around to the left side of the building.

# Skegs and Rudders (Part 1)

By Greg Welker

The first of three articles.

## General Principles

If you have ever paddled with a group of sea kayakers, one of the things you will soon notice is that some boats have rudders. On closer examination, you will also see that some of the boats have skegs, and some have neither. Puzzled? Here is some of the theory and practicality of the matter of skegs and rudders.

Do all sea kayaks need rudders or skegs? In a flat, calm sea with no current, the answer is that neither is required. Paddling a straight course is easy given a decent boat and a good forward stroke. But add a wind that comes from any other direction straight ahead, and most boats

will weathercock. The majority of boats, if left to their own devices, will tend to go broadside to the wind; many will round up to face into the wind, and a few odd ones will end up stern first to the wind. Why?

Think of the kayak as a weathervane. On a weathervane, the part with the lowest surface area exposed to the wind points into the wind. This is because the windvane's center of rotation is in front of the center of effort exerted by the wind. If the windvane were shaped the same at both ends, the windvane would be considered in neutral balance – neither end would have more of a tendency to swing into the wind. In this situation, you would often see the windvane balancing between both ends.

This is the principle at work in the kayak. However, in the kayak there are two windvanes at work – the silhouette of the kayak above the water, and the silhouette of the kayak below the waterline.

Let's assume that we have a kayak with a shape below the waterline that is neutral. The below waterline shape would end up broadside to the wind and waves. Since we like kayaks that give a dry ride through waves, and roll easily, our kayak will have a high silhouette bow, and a low silhouette back deck. How will this kayak behave in the wind? The high silhouette of the bow will cause the boat to swing its bow downwind. The low silhouette of the rear deck will not be able to offset this, and the boat will continue to point downwind. The table below

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Table: Effects of wind on a variety of kayak stern and bow silhouette configurations.

Bow Silhouette, Above water	Bow Silhouette, Below water	Stern Silhouette, Above water	Stern Silhouette, Below water	Result in crosswind, Minimal waves, No load.
1. High	High	High	High	Neutral
2. High	High	High	Low	Bow Upwind
3. High	High	Low	Low	Neutral
4. High	Low	Low	Low	Bow Downwind
5. High	Low	High	Low	Neutral
6. High	Low	High	High	Bow Upwind
7. High	Low	Low	High	Bow Downwind
8. Low	Low	Low	Low	Neutral
9. Low	Low	Low	High	Bow Downwind
10. Low	Low	High	High	Neutral
11. Low	High	High	High	Bow Upwind
12. Low	High	Low	High	Neutral
13. Low	High	High	Low	Bow Upwind

# Skegs and Rudders

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shows the effects of varying each of the four kayak hull silhouette components. To understand the table remember that when the wind pushes against the boat, the water pushes against the boat from the other direction (we're not worrying about waves).

This table is pretty theoretical – it assumes the cockpit is in the optimum location, that the paddler's windage is neutral in the boat (almost never), etc. However, it's pretty easy to see that half the possible kayak shapes will not give you a neutral boat, and the ones that do will be out of balance as soon as you put your ten pound lunch in the front hatch and sink the bow an inch. Since well-balanced boats are extremely rare, designers add additional lateral surfaces (skegs) or control surfaces (rudders) that can be used to re-balance the boat.

Skegs work by adding additional surface area to the underwater silhouette of the kayak. On kayaks the skeg is located in the stern silhouette area. (I've never seen a skeg added to the bow silhouette on a kayak, but some sailboats have them). By adjusting the amount of the skeg that sticks out below the kayak you alter the below water stern silhouette of the kayak.

So if you had the kayak in row two of the table and you put down your skeg, you could alter your kayak to become more the kayak in row one. Which would be good, assuming you wanted to go across the wind. If you wanted to balance the boat to go forty-five

degrees into the wind, you would lower your skeg only part way.

The speed of the boat also has an effect on how well a skeg or rudder works. The faster the boat is moving, the smaller the skeg or rudder can be. This is one reason that sailboats have larger rudders than boats with propellers. When water moves across a rudder, the angle of the rudder causes the force of the water to turn the boat. So, if you were in a kayak like the one in row two, and had a wind coming from your left, you would turn the rudder to the right (press on your right foot) to get the boat to be neutral and go across the wind.

Ok. If you've understood all of that, you've got a BS in fluid mechanics. If you see how many things I've glossed over or omitted for the sake of brevity, you're designing ships for the coast guard (That's for Bill Dodge). So you know you need one or the other, now which one? Skegs and rudders each have good and bad points.

Both rudders and skegs cause drag when in use, which does slow the boat. It is interesting to note however, that several kayak racers, and at least one very long distance kayaker have concluded that the energy they save by not having to take corrective strokes more than offsets the energy loss caused by the drag of a rudder.

*The next article will discuss skegs. In it we'll offer practical trouble-shooting tips...*



# Pelican

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In fact, I discovered that one of their volunteers was only three miles away from us at Point Lookout that day! The ranger in charge even knew her, but never called.

The bird rescue group in Hawaii said that fishing line is deadly to diving birds like pelicans. They've started educating fishermen about the dangers of dumping their lines (or whatever it is fishermen do with their lines). Since then I've noticed a lot of fishing line left in the water and trees, especially in the Georgetown area near Chain Bridge. Lots of people fish off the shore in that area, and they leave fishing line everywhere (in addition to their trash). A bird is doomed if it flies into line left in the trees or if it dives into line left on the water. Perhaps you noticed the large cormorant hanging in a tree between Jack's boats and Chain Bridge – it was originally caught in fishing line, and has been hanging there for several years.

To end my story, the Tri-state rescuer who lives near Point Lookout went out to look for the pelican several days later and did not find it, which is no surprise. I appreciated her effort nonetheless. I feel badly that I could not help that pelican, which suffered and died through human carelessness.

All I can do is share the phone number for Tri-State Bird Rescue with fellow paddlers. Please keep their number handy, along with the phone number for distressed whales and sea turtles. I have also shared Tri-State's number with the Point Lookout ranger station, along with my opinion. Believe me, there is no worse feeling than seeing a creature in distress and being unable to help. I won't let it happen again!

Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Organization: 302-737-9543

Website: [www.tristatebird.org](http://www.tristatebird.org).

The standing emergency number for the Virginia Marine Science (to report dead or injured whales, dolphins, and sea turtles) is:

757-437-6159



# Second Annual Fall Fun Event, Elk Neck SP, October 18-20

By *Brian Blankinship*

Want a fun weekend of paddling and camaraderie with fellow CPA members? Would you like to meet paddlers from another club? Come to the second annual Fall Fun event, October 18-20 2002. This year we are moving north to Elk Neck State Park to offer different paddling opportunities. Elk Neck is at the top of the Chesapeake Bay and should be jellyfish free. Cold water clothing would be advisable. CPA gear requirements are in effect.

This will be a no-host weekend. You are responsible for yourself and your own arrangements. The only loop open is the

North East Loop, and sites are electric (\$25). **The 31 sites are first come, first served.** Each site is allowed two tents for a maximum of six people.

We hope CPA members will carpool, share sites, and cook in small groups. If you would like to share a ride, site, or meal, leave an email at **sk1022001@yahoo.com** and I will bounce it to all interested parties.

The New Jersey kayak club called JSSKA will also be there that weekend so we will have the opportunity to meet other paddlers.

There will be a swap area for anyone interested in buying/selling kayaking

items, but there will not be any formal programs.

Location - The park is in Cecil County, 10 miles south of the town of North East on MD 272

Address/Phone - Elk Neck State Park  
4395 Turkey Point Road North East, MD  
21901 (410) 287-5333

Website -  
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/central/elkneck.html>

For more information, contact Brian Blankinship at [blankibr@aol.com](mailto:blankibr@aol.com) or if necessary at (410) 867-1051.

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# 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.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to the next issue. **And if it has sold, tell us!!!!**

## Advertising Rates

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

Size	cost	width X depth	(col)
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**Chesapeake Light Craft Pokomoke**, 19'10", 28" beam, 52 lbs., double (an open cockpit, round bottom wooden kayak built using the "compounded plywood" technique). A picture of a Pokomoke can be found on the CLC website ([www.clcboats.com](http://www.clcboats.com)), in the boat kit plans archive section. A beautiful boat in excellent condition. Float bags, wood paddles, and car carry kit included. \$1,000. Contact Mark Delfs, Phone: 410-266-5622, in Annapolis, MD (10/02).

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

**Pacific Water Sports Osprey**, 17', 23" beam fiberglass boat. Good boat for

# 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.

## OCTOBER

**October 4-6 (Fri-Sun): Delmarva Paddlers Retreat.** Lewes Delaware. An all

advanced beginner with room to grow. Barely used, \$2,000/OBO, jselmore@erols.com or call (301)994-3169 (09/02).

**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](mailto: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).

Greenland event. Contact Robin Snow at [anorak@comcast.com](mailto:anorak@comcast.com) or 215 487-7225 for info.

**October 18-20 (Fri-Sun) 2nd Annual Fall Fun Event, Elk Neck State Park.** See announcement on page 8 for details.

**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 10 (Sunday). CPA Annual Meeting, Deale, MD.** Paddle and lunch before meeting. See announcement on page 4 for details.

**November 21 (Tuesday): Full Moon**

## DECEMBER

**December 7 (Saturday). CPA Christmas Party, Riva, MD.** See announcement on page 2 for details. Please RSVP.

**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.*

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## 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).

***You and you alone are responsible for your personal safety.***

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.



*Inside our October issue:*

- *Annual Meeting Announcement*
  - *The Bylaws Pass!*
  - *Skegs and Rudders, Part 1 of 3*
- ...and more!*



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