

The Chesapeake Paddler



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Assateague Island Kayak Camping Trip

by Cyndi Janetzko

Time for the first camping trip of the year finally arrived. The earlier months flew by in a flurry of weddings (other peoples'), relocations (our own), and just general chaos, so Dave [Biss] and I were really looking forward to this trip. Seven people signed up for the April 24 trip and, since we knew most of them, we also knew that it was a pretty self-sufficient group.

Dave and I headed out of DC around 3:00 PM to avoid the Friday night rush and bridge back-up and arrived in Assateague by 6 PM. We found the campsite just in time to see Ron Barnett, Nelson Labbe, and Barry Marsh having a laugh at Yvonne Thayer's expense. It turns out that after they offered to help Yvonne set up her tent, they discovered that her ground cloth was actually a cute little fishie shower curtain! Yvonne always has such style.

After setting up our tents in the National Park campground, we walked to the beach. As soon as we got a toe in the water to test the temperature, it started to rain. By the time we got back to our tents, it was pouring! But the tents were dry and everyone got a good night's sleep.

I awoke the next morning to hear voices outside. Evidently Barry has a body clock that goes off at 6 AM no matter what! So must Greg Welker and Steve Sandford, who'd just arrived to join the group on Saturday morning . . .and it wasn't even 7 AM yet!

We took a look at the maps and decided to get a backcountry permit for the Green Run campsite about 10 miles south of the put-in. We planned to use it as a base

camp and do a day paddle on Sunday rather than move camp each day.

After securing our camping permit, everyone took their gear down to the launch at Old Ferry Landing and the packing began. We were an impressive sight. Nine kayaks and a few tons of gear lined up on the beach. The onlookers got a kick out of us and someone asked if we're going out

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Back row: Al, Cyndi, Steve, Greg, Nelson, Ron, Barry.
Front row: Dave, Yvonne

Volunteers Needed

- **Saturday, June 5**—At least 3 expert paddlers for a safety team at OkumeFest, Camp Letts, Edgewater, 9AM-5PM. CLC will supply cool orange hats, tee-shirts AND lunch. Contact: Jeff Moorman, 410-267-0137, x12., jeff@clcboats.com

Support kayakers needed for the following fundraisers:

- **Saturday, June 5**—Potomac River Swim (7.5 mi). Proceeds go to environmental organizations. Contact: Cheryl Wagner, 202-387-2361, cherylw@crosslink.net. Or see <http://www.crosslink.net/~cherylw/pr2004i.htm>
- **Sunday, June 13**—Dodge Great Chesapeake Bay Swim and One Mile Swim need experienced escort kayakers. Bay Swim contact: Mike Vandamm, 301/345-6324; michael.j.vandamm@usps.gov; One-mile Swim contact: Ron Casterline, 800-336-6637 (o), 301-218-4041 (h), rgcasterline@erols.com
- **Saturday, June 19**—Swim for Life (5 mi). Proceeds go to HIV/AIDS and the Chester River Association. Contact: Steve Sharkey, 410-758-8756, stevesharkey@verizon.net.

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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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Coordinator's Column

I just got home from SK102. What a great time! 85 students and 27 instructors registered, but a few dropped out at the last minute. From the comments I received, everyone enjoyed themselves, learned a lot, and met plenty of new paddling partners.

Several people said to me "I had the best two instructors here." Of course, they were each talking about different people. We had a collection of the finest instructors from the greater Baltimore Washington area, all

volunteering their time to help their association.

There were lots of things that made the weekend extra special, like the Candle Roll to light the bonfire, but I will leave that to someone else to write up in an article. I just want to say thank you to all the people who helped out. From the instructors, and Laura Butterbaugh and Steve Lindeman who did so much of the administrative work, to Barry Marsh as Grill Meister and Paul Peeling leading the band. Every

time we asked for volunteers, 10 or so people jumped in to help.

About half the attendees had been club members for a year or less, so I am anxious to see them use their newly acquired skills. Hopefully some envision themselves as future CPA leaders. Several of the instructors started out as SK102 students, came back as assistant instructors, and are now teaching classes. We'll see if this tradition continues.

Now lets put those skills to use on some trips!

Brian Blankinship

CALENDAR

Participants in CPA events must read and comply with the statement of CPA trip requirements and ratings.

Please contact the trip leaders in advance, even if you are familiar with the area being paddled. They need contact information in case of changes, and there may be space limitations or other trip restrictions.

The latest information about CPA trips is at www.cpakayaker.com.

JUNE

2 (Wed) Kayak Camping Class, Pier 7 (All). *Greg Welker/Jenny Plummer-Welker*

4-6 (Fri-Sun) Point Lookout Car Camping (Beginner). *Bill Dodge*

4-6 (Fri-Sun) CLC OkumeFest, Camp Letts, Edgewater, MD (All) Camping available Friday and Saturday nights. Open house at Chesapeake Light Craft, 1805 George Ave., Annapolis), Friday, 2- 5PM.

5 (Sat) Potomac River Swim (Advanced Beginner). *Cheryl Wagner* (see website). 7mi. Kayak support needed.

12 (Sat) - First Paddle for the Cure (Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation), Gunpowder Falls (MD) State Park, 8AM-2PM. (All) 410-335-5352 or www.ultimatewatersports.com

12-13 (Sat-Sun) Chicamuxen Creek (Charles County., MD) paddle and camp (Advanced Beginner). *Greg Welker.* 8nm/day

13 (Sun) Dodge Great Chesapeake Bay Swim and One Mile Swim need escort kayakers (Advanced Beginner). Mike Vandamm, 301/345-6324; michael.j.vandamm@usps.gov; one-mile swim support, contact: Ron Casterline, 800-336-6637 (o), 301-218-4041 (h), r-gcasterline@erols.com

19 (Sat) Parent/Kid Paddle, Location TBD. (First Timer). *Jesse Aronson/Anna Popov*

20 (Sun) Calvert Cliffs, from Flag Pond to Cove Pt. (Intermediate). *Barry Marsh.* Parking lot is 1/2 mile from beach; kayak carts are a must! 12nm

JULY

4 (Sun) Fireworks Paddle/Cookout Jack's Boathouse (Beginner). *Yvonne Thayer*

9-11 (Fri-Sun) Matthews Co. (VA) Car Camping (Beginner). *Bill Dodge*

10 (Sat) Rolling and Rescue Clinic. Jack's Boathouse (All). *Dave Biss/Anatoly Ivasyuk*

18 (Sun) Baltimore Harbor (Advanced Beginner). *Barry Marsh.* 6-10 mi.

24 (Sat) Friendship Landing, Nanjemoy Creek (Charles County, MD) (Advanced Beginner). 8 mi. Heather Gokee, 301-934-5394 . **(Need leader)**

31 (Sat) Patuxent Shoreline Tour (Beginner). *Jenny Plummer-Welker.* Jefferson/Patterson Park archaeologist-led; limited to 12 paddlers.

PADDLIN' PLACES

compiled by Ralph Heimlich

North Carolina Outer Banks

Chip Walsh: In the vicinity of Duck, North Carolina, there are several good launching spots. At Little Bridge, just south of Nags Head, my request to pay for a launch at a jet ski place was denied and they gave me directions to a state park several miles away. But almost directly across the street in an area marked only for public parking, I discovered, posted on a foot-high pole, a small sign with letters about three inches high that read "kayak launch" with a little arrow indicating a path through the reeds to a serviceable access point. Surprise, surprise, a stealth access point! Access is to Albemarle Sound in an area of islands and interesting little cuts through marshland. To find this access point, drive south from Nags Head towards Manteo. Just after the 158/64 split, look for public parking on the left. The access point is just to the right of a boardwalk-nature observatory thing. There are no facilities here, but if you continue past the public parking area, in less than a mile you come to what the locals call "Little Bridge," and there are bathrooms in the little park on the right after you cross the bridge. The park is on the water, but the seawalls are riprap, made of very sharp and irregular recycled concrete, so I don't recommend trying to launch first and then stop at this park.

Another launch is Collington Harbor, near Kill Devil Hills. Proceeding on 158 going south, pass the Wright Brothers Memorial on your right, then turn right at the next traffic signal. This turns into Collington Road, which you want to follow over two bridges. On the far side of the second bridge, there are parking spots on the right. Park and locate a path through the reeds to your launch. Access is to Blount Bay,

Kitty Hawk Bay, Collington Creek, Southern Islands and Albermarle Sound. This is an interesting area with many cuts and islands to explore. It appears by using the little creek like channel that goes under the bridge, you can get around to the south side of Collington Island and Little Collington Island (I didn't try it), so that this put-in may offer protected waters, somewhere, no matter which direction the wind is blowing.

Robin Lowe added a recommendation to try the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge, Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, and the Audubon Preserve up by Duck (the latter two allow paddling between April 1 and September 30 only). *Ralph Heimlich* adds that the Alligator River NWR is one of several places that the native Eastern Red Wolf was reintroduced. These secretive animals are seldom seen, but keep your eyes peeled.

The Up Side and Down Side of the Severn River, Annapolis

James Justice reported on a paddling excursion with *Brian Blankinship* closer to home. On Veterans Day, we left from under the Route 450 bridge and headed out, skirting along the Naval Academy on the southern shore. Brian filled me in on all the details and history of the Academy. Did you know that the Naval Academy buildings are carefully spaced so that John Paul Jones, of "I have not yet begun to fight" fame in the Revolutionary War and whose crypt is in the basement of the chapel, can always see water? We rounded the point and headed toward the harbor, making a loop through the "Ego Alley" yacht basin. We then headed across the harbor to the Chart House restaurant flooded

during Hurricane Isabel. Brian adds that the schooner yacht *America*, first winner of the cup now known as the America's Cup, sank roughly where the Chart House restaurant is now. The race is named after the yacht that first won the cup. We headed out of the harbor in search of the Spider light, not far away in the distance, a platform of pilings with a light on top coated with sea gull poop.

The water was getting rougher, so Brian showed me how to surf the waves, but since I was paddling my "tank" boat (plastic Sealution XL), I lost my balance and tried to scoop the water instead of bracing. I was struck with the initial shock ("I can't believe I did that") followed by "Boy, this water is cold!!". I was wearing a farmer john wet suit with a paddle jacket, so after the first 15-20 seconds of cold water rushing in, I was fine. Brian came along side, dumped the water out of my boat and we did a routine assisted reentry. This reinforces the fact that we need to practice our rescues frequently.

Brian points out that he and Jim talked about doing rough water rescue practice but neither one of us wanted to swim in the cold water. Then I saw Jim do a slow motion capsize. Fortunately he kept his cool and did a great job of the wet exit. He maintained control of his boat and paddle the whole time. Jim knows how to roll, but the first time you capsize "for real" you probably aren't going to have the presence of mind to roll. This is especially true in cold water. We were able to do a standard "T" rescue and reentry. Jim had no problem getting himself back in his boat, which I credit to his being properly dressed, and being in great shape. I'm sure the practice he did at Pier 7 and other places paid off as well.

KAYAKERS NEEDED FOR BAY SWIM

By Mike Vandamm

The 2004 Great Chesapeake Bay Swim and the One Mile Swim will take place on Sunday, June 13. As always, kayak escorts play a vital safety role for these swim events, which enjoy wide commercial sponsorship and raise more than \$150,000 annually for a number of charities including the March of Dimes. If you have the necessary skills as described below, please join one of the kayak teams to support these worthy events.

Great Chesapeake Bay Swim

Six hundred swimmers are scheduled to enter the water at Maryland's Sandy Point State Park beginning at about 11AM., and swim a 4.4-mile course across the Chesapeake Bay, between the two spans of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. The course ends at the beach in front of Hemingway's Restaurant on Kent Island. The exact start time depends on a last-minute prediction of tidal currents, and may be changed from the scheduled start time by up to 30 minutes in either direction.

Kayakers are crucial to the safety of the Bay Swim. We are the vital first link in a support chain that includes small and large power-boats, police, fire, and Coast Guard vessels, emergency medical technicians, and on-shore support. Kayaks are the only vessels allowed inside the bridge spans to escort the swimmers during the event. We'll be needed to evacuate swimmers from under the bridge to powerboats that will wait just outside the spans. In a typical Bay Swim, we can expect 5 to 10 percent of the swimmers to quit in the water and need help for fatigue, cold, or seasickness. Neurological and cardiovascular emergencies can also occur.

Kayaker Skills

Kayakers should be comfortable paddling on open water, maneuvering close to swimmers and bridge piers, and towing a swimmer for about 50 yards. Since a tired or frightened swimmer can tip over a kayak, kayakers must be able to perform a self-rescue in case they are dumped.

Liability Insurance Coverage

All professional and volunteer supporters of the event, including kayakers, are covered under a liability insurance policy purchased by the March of Dimes.

Mandatory Pre-Event Briefing

Kayakers will meet at 10:15 AM for a mandatory briefing at the Windsurfer Beach parking lot in Sandy Point Park. Kayakers should be ready to launch immediately afterwards. Please allow for a 15-minute delay in entering the park, due to crowds. Arrangements have been made to waive the usual \$5 park admission fee for kayakers. Please bring a throwable flotation device if you have one.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

There will be a free Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for all volunteers on Saturday, June 12, at the Kentmoor Marina Restaurant on Kent Island beginning at 6 PM. Directions: from Annapolis, take Route 50 across the Bay Bridge, and continue 5 miles south on Rt. 8.

One Mile Swim

The 400 swimmers in the One Mile Swim are scheduled to enter the water in four waves at 5-minute intervals, beginning at 9:30 AM. Swimmers will follow a triangular course over mostly shallow water. The course begins and ends at the

beach off Hemingway's Restaurant on Kent Island. The One Mile Swim is less demanding of kayaking skills and stamina than is the Bay Swim, and provides an excellent opportunity to gain experience in supporting swimmers. After the One Mile Swim is completed, kayakers are encouraged to support the Bay Swim if they feel comfortable doing so. At least 10 kayakers will be needed for the One Mile Swim. Kayakers will launch from the beach of the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club on Kent Island, just south of Hemingway's Restaurant. Kayakers should be ready to launch at 9 AM; this allows time for a pre-swim briefing. Kayak volunteers for the One Mile Swim should contact Ron Casterline as early as possible.

Directions

Bay Swim: You can reach Sandy Point State Park from the last eastbound exit on Route 50, before the Bay Bridge. Park in the lot overlooking the Windsurfer Beach. Or, you can unload your kayak at the Windsurfer Beach lot and park in the nearby remote parking area.

One Mile Swim: The Chesapeake Bay Beach Club is located at the eastern end of the Bay Bridge, south of Hemingway's Restaurant and across the channel leading to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Marina.

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One Mile Swim: Ron Casterline, 301/218-4081(H); 800-336-6637(W); r-gcasterline@erols.com

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for a week. Perhaps we brought a little too much gear! Greg instantly became our navigator, complete with all the charts, topos, and pre-programmed GPS locations. Something made me think he had done this before.

Once every last piece of gear was stowed, we headed out—into about 6 inches of water! With just about a foot of tidal variation, Chincoteague Bay is more influenced by wind than tide and the wind had been blowing the water out of the bay for the past three days. Rather than hug the shore, we aimed for deeper waters. This was less ideal for wildlife viewing but much preferable to pulling our boats through ankle deep water for 10 miles! The famous ponies were the wildlife I most wanted to see and fortunately they could be seen on all the points. *Misty of Chincoteague* was one of my favorite books, and growing up in California, I didn't even know where Chincoteague was!

We did the distance in a little over 3 hours with a slight tail wind helping us along. Just before we landed, Dave got a chance to play Jeff Corwin by spotting a Diamond Back Terrapin swimming along the bottom of the foot-deep bay. After catching her, he gave us a turtle anatomy lesson, let us check her out, and then released her back into her home.

Once ashore everyone began the process of unpacking the gear and setting up the tents. After pitching camp, a few of us crossed the island to the Atlantic side and walked along the beach. We saw toads hopping along in the sand behind the dunes. We also saw

tracks from deer and raccoon, but no other animals, although there are lots of gulls, sandpipers, red-winged black birds, and brilliantly white egrets. Around the fire we heard, but never saw, a whippoorwill.

Meals are the highlight of any camping trip and this one was no different. Yvonne continued to amuse everyone by making a three-quart, one-pot-wonder fit into a one-quart pot! Dave broke out the new Outback Oven and whipped up a spinach, red onion, mushroom pizza. Al Hassabo ran around from pot to pot taking notes in his little yellow notebook so that he would remember all the good gear and tasty treats everyone had when he got home. After dinner Barry, *aka* the firemaster, showed us his skill, and he certainly lived up to his name!

Sunday morning dawned another bright, sunny day. So it was off for a day paddle. We planned to go further south to the Pope's Creek campsite and maybe beyond. We all hit the water around 9 AM.

The paddle got off to an inauspicious start when Barry and I beached everyone on a shallow. We were too busy chatting to notice that Greg veered off from our group and was now happily paddling away through the deeper channel.

Off the beach and out of the bay, the wind seemed much stronger than before—probably 15 to 20 knots and it was forecast to increase as the day progressed. Rather than paddle on with a tail wind and have to fight our way back we all decided to head back

to shore. It was not exactly a long paddle but at least we got a little time on the water.

The forced shore time was fabulous and everyone found a way to entertain themselves. Barry and Al went mussel hunting and managed to come up with enough to sauté in a little garlic and butter for an appetizer to dinner. Others read, took walks on the beach, and napped. Dave and I paddled back up to the point again because I wanted to see more ponies!

Now that we were all a little worried about the prospect of a 10-mile return against a 20-knot wind the weather radios came out. The forecast was for changing weather: winds to shift from north-easterlies to southerlies and blow at 20 knots with a small craft weather advisory. At least it would be a tailwind! Rain was also forecast for overnight. After dinner we battened down the hatches and prepared for a midnight thunderstorm.

We awoke to a dry morning. The rain was nice enough to hold off all night. Over a quick breakfast, we all gathered around the radios. Fortunately, the forecast had improved slightly with winds expected to reach 15 knots rather than 20. A 15-knot tailwind in 1 foot of water didn't sound too scary to any of us so we launched. We quickly realized we didn't even have to paddle. Steve clocked our drift at almost 3 knots. When paddling we were doing close to 5 knots.

The change in wind direction also brought more water into the Bay,

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Scenes from Sk102, Lake Anna, May 2004



Photo by Rob Steinberg



Photo by Robert "Woody" Woodard



Photo by Rob Steinberg

so rather than heading straight back, we ducked into Tingles Narrows, which we could not have reached with low water. Ponies were everywhere! They seemed so used to paddlers that we could be just feet (or hooves) away from them while they munched grass.

Still not wanting to go in, we paddled to Great Egging Beach and took out for a mid-morning snack. Paddling the 200 yards back upwind to the cars was a workout and made us all grateful that we hadn't had to fight that all day!

It was a great trip. I can only hope that the rest of this season's camping trips contain equally delightful companions and tailwinds!

For more trip pictures, see: www.chesapeakekayakco.com/cpa-assateague.

Help **Wanted** Needed

It's time to turn over the reins for two *Chesapeake Paddler* positions: Managing Editor and Distribution Editor. **These jobs can be shared by more than one person, as we've done in the past.**

Managing Editor: Put the whole shebang together and publish it! Editing, proofreading, layout, general desktop publishing, etc. Contact news_editor@cpakayaker.com for more information.

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CPA Trip Requirements and Ratings

CPA trips are organized by and for members of the club. When you participate, please remember that trip leaders are "hosts," not professional guides, but you must be willing to follow their instructions. They are neither necessarily trained in first aid or CPR, nor do they always carry first aid equipment or 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, you must contact the leader in advance.

REQUIREMENTS:

Equipment: While on the water, all paddlers must wear PFDs, spray skirts,

and clothes appropriate to the water temperature. Boats must have water-tight bulkheads or flotation devices to prevent the kayak from swamping when capsized. All paddlers must have, and know how to use, a pump, paddle float, and whistle. On the day of the trip, leaders may refuse to admit participants for noncompliance with any of these requirements, so if you are not sure, discuss it with the leader in advance!

Waivers: All participants in CPA-sponsored trips and events must sign legal release forms each time before setting out on the water. Only one release per season is needed for regularly scheduled events (e.g., the weekly activities of the "pirates"). The legal release absolves all participating CPA members from legal liability for the injury or death of a fellow participant.

RATINGS:

First Timers: Participants have never paddled before. No prior skills needed.

Beginners: Participants have paddled some, taken classes, or have been on short (up to 4-mile) trips and can do a wet exit and paddle float re-entry.

Advanced Beginners: Participants 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: Participants 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.

CLASSIFIEDS

Ads dated 3 months before 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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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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1/2 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 kayaks/accessories are printed for members at no charge; non-members pay \$10 for 3 months.

FOR SALE

CLC Chesapeake LT16. 15' 8" X 23", approx. 45 lbs. Fiberglass over wood construction. 1 year old. Tracks very well. Varnished mahogany over white. Beautiful boat! Asking \$1800. Lisa Gardner, lgardner25@comcast.net. 410-252-7365. (8/04)

Dagger Bayou, 10'8" X 28" kept inside, used for 2 season, pretty marbled purple color. A recreational kayak for all occasions • super-stable, easy-to-paddle design for fishing and sporting use on lakes and streams • great

for beginners. Flotation for front and back included. We can throw in a low end paddle if you need. \$275, contact Joan, JSpinner2@peoplepc.com or 301-559-3345 (8/04)

Eddyline Merlin XT, 15' x 23", 46 lbs, carbonlite, yellow/white, like new, high-volume storage, very stable. 1999 list \$1800, asking \$1000; Bernadette Knoblauch, knobbee@aol.com, 703-758-9499. (7/04)

Thule bicycle attachment for sale. Lightly used, \$30 obo. Lou Lieb, llieb@att.net, 202-723-5909. (7/04)

Necky Kyook Exp., Poly. 15' x 25", 60 lbs, w/rudder, yellow. F/R hatch. Stable; great for touring. Excellent condition. \$750 firm. Doug Hill, dhxctry@aol.com, 703-319-9092. (7/04)

Weekly Pirates Paddling

CHECK THE STARTING DATES FOR EACH GROUP ON THE CPA WEBSITE:
<http://www.cpakayaker.com>

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 south, over the South River. Take first left after crossing the bridge. Follow road to Pier 7 Marina. Contact: Alan Avery, 410-856-3299 or pirates_pier7@cpakayker.com.



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

Pirates of the Potomac (note new night)

Wednesday nights, 5 PM. Belle Haven Marina. \$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, 703-780-6605 or pirates_potomac@cpakayker.com. In case of inclement weather, call Belle Haven Marina, 703-768-0018 after 3:30 PM to confirm launch cancelled.

Pirates of the Patuxent

Thursday nights, arrive 5-6 PM. Free parking on the right, just north of the boardwalk across from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Contact: Dan Wells, 410-414-2660 or pirates_patuxent@cpakayaker.com; (alternate) Don Polakovics, 301-866-0437, pirates_patuxent2@cpakayaker.com.

Pirates of Georgetown

Thursday nights, arrive between 6-6:30 PM. Jack's Boats (202-337-9642), 3500 K Street, NW in the Georgetown area of Washington, DC under the Whitehurst Freeway. Plenty of parking. Rental kayaks available. Contact: David Moore, 301-445-3273 or pirates_georgetown@cpakayaker.com; <http://www.jacksboathouse.com/POG>.

Pirates of Baltimore (the roving Piracy!)

1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays at Canton Waterfront Park, 3001 Boston St., Baltimore; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Rocky Point Park, Essex, MD. Meet at 5:30 PM for paddling and skills practice and to meet other paddlers. PFDs, sprayskirts, and a waterproof light required. Contact Barry Marsh, 410-728-4016 or 703-837-3017.

Pirates of Algonkian (upper Potomac)

Begins at Algonkian on May 11. Begins at Fountainhead on May 18. Tuesday nights, 6 PM until sunset. Paddlers from VA and MD paddle along the upper Potomac shores. We raid unsuspecting canoes and fishermen for food, drink, and catch-of-the-day. AAARRRRRG! We also portage and paddle down along the C&O Canal. We often explore Seneca Creek and elongated islands as well as practice skills, rescues, and rolling workshops. Two launch points: Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, VA, and Fountainhead Regional Park in Clifton, VA. Contact: James Song, james.song@verizon.com or tsongus@yahoo.com or 703-375-4754.

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