# Chesapeake Paddler



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# Cape Lookout After Isabel

By Greg Welker

Most people are familiar with North Carolina's Outer Banks and especially popular areas such as Cape Hatteras and Kitty Hawk. However, if you look at a chart, you will see that the chain of barrier islands that include the more familiar Outer Banks continues south past Oracoke to form another cape on the North Carolina coast. This area, known as Cape Lookout, is the center of the Cape Lookout National Seashore and is comprised of the Upper and Lower Core Banks and Shackleford Banks. The area offers paddling in the open ocean, inlets and the shallow yet wide Core and Bogue sounds. I have enjoyed paddling here since being introduced to the area on a CPA roadtrip. In October of 2003, Brian Blankinship and I spent several days kayak camping.

Prior to the trip, we had looked at the local charts, park rules, tide tables, and weather data to develop an itinerary. We were also able to obtain aerial coastal photographs of the banks, inlets and possible camping areas from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) website.



Brian wanted to paddle the ocean and I enjoy paddling the sound areas. We compromised on a route which would launch from the National Park Service Headquarters and Visitor Center on Harker's Island, travel up lower Core Banks to Drum inlet, and, if weather looked good, catch the longshore current down the ocean side of the lower Core and back into the sounds through Barden Inlet at Cape Lookout. The aerial photos showed Drum inlet about 200 feet wide and shallow, with minimal surf at the mouth of the inlet. Barden Inlet is protected from the direct ocean surf by the spit of Cape Lookout which would allow a wide breach through the surf zone. The remainder of the

trip would allow us to explore Shackleford Banks before returning to our launch point.

Two weeks before our start date, Hurricane Isabel came ashore directly through Drum Inlet. We called the park and learned that, with a few exceptions, all areas would be open for backcountry camping. We also confirmed that our possible watering spot the very small town of Atlantic was still there and that fresh water would be available.

We arrived at the Harker's Island Visitor center around 2:00 pm. After filing a float plan and receiving our permit, we were on the water in a little over an hour.

#### CLASSIFIEDS

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#### Paddle & Video Party April 23

10:00 AM Paddle at Jack's Boathouse under Key Bridge at K Street in Georgetown

2:00 PM Party at Yvonne Thayer's house on Wisconsin Avenue

Bring kayaking books, videos and dvds to show, swap or donate to the new CPA library.

For more information, visit the CPA website, cpakayaker.com

#### SCHEDULE FOR 2005 CHESAPEAKE PADDLER

*Chesapeake Paddler* is published 10 times a year, with combination issues in November/December and January/February. The deadline for submitting copy is usually the 15th of the preceding month as follows:

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Have an idea for an article, or is there information you would like to see in the newsletter? Email Danielle at news\_editor@cpakayaker.com or call her at 703-208-0812.

#### THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION

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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

Ahoy, CPA Paddlers,

After a long, drawn-out winter, it's finally spring - the start of a new paddle season! Remember that although the air is starting to warm up, our local water is still pretty cold, so make sure you dress for the conditions (I'll be wearing my drysuit until quite late this spring), and have the skills and gear to safely paddle this time of year. Paddle safely with friends, and check out all the upcoming paddle trips, demo days and skills sessions listed in the CPA Calendar!

With the weather getting nicer and daylight lasting longer, our weekly Piracies all plan to start their seasons soon. Keep an eye on the CPA website, listserve, and user forums (there's one for each Piracy) for more information and start dates. We have another new Pirate King this year - Jeff Walaszek has taken over as Pirate King of the Pirates of Algonkian, and has big plans for this Piracy.

CPA Librarian Nelson Labbé and Yvonne Thayer will launch our new CPA Library with a Potomac paddle trip and video viewing potluck party in DC on April 23; check out the details in the CPA Calendar. Time for some spring cleaning - dig through your bookshelves and closets to see what kayaking books, videos, and DVDs you'd like to bring to the party to show others and to donate to the CPA.

Volunteers are needed for several upcoming kayaking demo days in May and swim supports in May and June. The CPA has a long tradition of our members volunteering for these events, and we encourage everyone to get involved. Please take a look at the calendar and get in touch with the event organizers if you'd like to provide on-water support.

We're looking for members to volunteer to plan and lead trips for the club - the more trips the better! Feel free to contact me or any member of the Steering Committee if you'd like to organize a trip. Thanks!

Happy, safe, and warm paddlin' - see ya on the water!

Barry 2005 CPA Coordinator

# Kayakers -- We Need Your Help!

The 2005 Potomac River Swim (7.5 miles) needs support kayakers to accompany individual swimmers on Saturday June 4, 2005. The swim is at Point Lookout State Park in Maryland near St. Mary's City.

Swim proceeds are donated to environmental organizations, including Sierra Club, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Potomac River Association, Interstate Commission for Potomac River Basin and Point Lookout State Park.

Kayakers accompany individual swimmers on their crossing and get:

- pre-swim supper/briefing on Friday, June 3
- camping at Pt. Lookout State Park on Friday, June 3
- post-swim picnic at Pt. Lookout State Park on Saturday, June 4
- commemorative t-shirt

For more Information, please contact: Cheryl Wagner (202) 387-2361 cherylw@crosslink.net www.crosslink.net/~cherylw/pr2005i.htm



### **Trip Leader Training**

By Brian Blankinship

The view of the West River from the retreat center was inviting, but the smell of fresh Starbucks Coffee and toasting bagels kept our attention within the room. The 27 attendees at the Trip Leader Training session gathered the Saturday before Easter to enhance their trip planning and leading knowledge. The class was geared towards peer trips as well as official CPA trips.

CPA standards for trip leaders formed the basis of the

planning skills and paddling skills blocks. Participants learned additional tips for managing groups on the water as well as route planning. Discussions of recent tragedies allowed us to learn from the mistakes of others.

After the classroom portion, six paddlers went on the water to use some of the skills learned. An easy paddle to the Smithsonian property was made complicated by scenarios thrown at the trip leader of the moment. The return trip gave an opportunity for everyone to try multiple towing formations.

We hope to follow up this training session with a rough water session, but it has yet to be scheduled. CPA and other local clubs should be well served by those who went through the training. Hopefully, we will get even more trips on the calendar as these leaders plan their own trips.

# The Pirates of Dakar

By James Song



The new Pirates of Dakar launch site and future home of Dakar's new kayak center.

Did you know that CPA has an unofficial piracy in western of Africa? Yes, in Dakar Senegal! And they are known as the Pirates of Dakar. Beth Payne, the Queen of the Pirates, will be traveling to DC area for some R&R in late May and early June. She is asking for donation of any used paddling gear to be used by the pirates in Dakar.

Some of the items needed are PFDs, paddles, skirts, pumps, paddle floats, drybags, and boats if we can get it there. If you have spare or old gear you can donate please contact me. I will arrange for a pick up from your location.

All donated goods will be given to Beth while she is here. Any excess items she can't carry with her will be shipped to Dakar on a slow boat. Please consider donating to our young pirates in Africa. Thanks! -James james.song@verizon.com Mobile: 703-470-7343 Work: 703-375-4754



Ousmane helps a brand new paddler with her stroke.

# Weekly Pirates Paddling

# CHECK THE STARTING DATES FOR EACH GROUP ON THE CPA WEBSITE 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 the first left after crossing the bridge. Follow road to Pier 7 Marina. Contact: Alan Avery, 410-856-3299 or pirates\_pier7@cpakayaker.com.

there is a \$10 launch fee per kayak if launching from the beach.

Note: Pier 7 kayak launching is free on Wednesday only. All other times



#### **Pirates of the Potomac**

Wednesday nights, 5 PM. Belle Haven Marina. \$3 launch fee. Seasonal passes \$45. Directions: From Alexandria, VA, take the Mount 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@cpakayaker.com. In case of inclement weather, call Bellhaven Marina at 703-768-0018 after 3:30 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, Dave Biss 703-241-0036 or Cyndi Janetzko 703-241-0036. Or on the web at 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 Bob Huber, (410) 335-0994 or pirates\_baltimore@cpakayaker.com.

#### Pirates of Algonkian (upper Potomac)

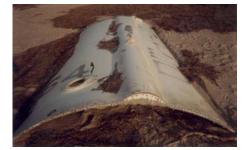
Wednesday evenings, 6:00 PM until sunset. Upper Potomac and the various Northern Virginia Regional Parks. Our primary launch points will be Algonkian Regional Park and Fountainhead Regional Park. Other occasional launch sites will include Bull Run Marina, Occoquan Regional Park, Pohick Bay Regional Park ... and maybe even Mason Neck. Check out the Algonkian Pirates Discussion Forum for current info and plans. Contact: Jeff Walaszek, 703-670-7712, Pirates\_Algonkian@cpakayaker.com

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With a wind out of the south, we had a nice 11 nautical mile (nm) paddle up the sound to an overwash beach to camp for the night.

After setting up camp, Brian discovered an 8'x10' piece of curved metal with UNITED stenciled on the side. Apparently it had been washed ashore by the hurricane. We also found several, unidentifiable animal tracks.

The next morning, we continued north and paddled another 11.5 nm to the north side of Drum Inlet. There were several wide spots where the



water was so shallow our loaded boats ran aground at low tide. Much to our chagrin, we found Drum Inlet to now be about a half mile wide with significant surf at the mouth. We ate lunch on the north side of the inlet, then paddled over west to the town of Atlantic.

The hurricane had drastically altered the bottom of the sound in this area. We passed a green and a red buoy; they should have marked the channel into the town of Atlantic's harbor. However, now there was a sand spit in between the buoys. As we paddled along the town's shoreline, we saw a commercial trawler and a large sailboat about fifty feet on shore, still there from the hurricane. Heading back to the north side of Drum Inlet, we made camp, ate dinner and watched the surf. On the beach, Brian found a dead ray

with a wingspan of over two feet.

Many inlets will have certain times in their tidal cycle when the inlet waves—and the waves at the ocean side-are less severe. Some inlets have areas just off to their edges on the ocean side where the waves don't break. but almost form a rip or eddy line back through the breaker line. Brian and I had watched the inlet the previous evening and had noticed none of these features. In fact, the inlet looked like it was acting much more like a section of submerged beach or bar, with the waves always breaking at the ocean end. From the shore, it appeared that there were two areas of breakers; it seemed calm in between. The weather forecast was favorable, so we packed up and prepared to try the inlet and then the ocean. Since we would be paddling on the

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# 2005 CPA Pool Sessions\*

**Saturdays, now through spring at the** Fairland Aquatic Center, Burtonsville, Maryland 4-5:50 pm and 5:50-7:45 pm; \$7 per person. Pay at FAC.

#### **Required:**

1. Boats and gear clear of leaves, mud, grass.

2. A reservation; please email Joan at

Jspinner2@peoplepc.com (preferred) or call 301-559-3345 by the Thursday before the session. Leave a message and the following information:

- Leave a message and the ronowing information
- a. your name and phone number
- c. date of session
- d. time slot
- e. number and type of boats (WW or sea kayak)

You will receive a reservation number. If you do not receive a reservation number, you do NOT have a

reservation. Reservations will not be accepted more than 2 weeks in advance.

**Directions:** Take your best route to I-95 between Baltimore and Washington. Exit at MD-198 West. Turn left at 2nd light, Old Gunpowder Road. The pool is about a half mile down on the right. Enter through the patio.

\*These are open sessions, not lessons. You must bring your own boat and gear. In case of inclement weather, call the center to see if it is open: 301-206-2359.

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ocean side in breaking waves, we took a few precautions. Although we had been comfortable paddling on the sound side in just bathing suits and thermal top, we got into wet suits since the potential for a longer time in the water existed if something unexpected happened and we went for a swim.

Since we were going to be going out through breaking waves and doing a surf landing that evening for our beach camp, we also stripped the decks of anything that could be washed off by the waves. I removed the deck bag and made sure the spare paddle was secure on the rear deck. We had both brought whitewater helmets for the inlet passage and the surf landing.

We started out with a few small waves in the inlet itself. At its ocean mouth, we stopped to assess the waves. Most were two to three feet, and occasionally three to four. A large wave broke on us, pushing Brian back several hundred feet behind me. While he paddled back up. I tried to move further out without much success. Brian caught up and we both tried to work our way into the ocean, but were unable. During a brief conference, I voted for heading back since we were not making any progress going out the inlet. I turned my boat and caught one large wave to surf back into the inlet. I started to broach to the right and set for a high brace on that side. Suddenly, the boat yawed to the left, and I was looking over the right side of the boat at water a foot or two below the bottom of the boat. No time to shift the brace to the left, so I inhaled, tucked, and let it roll me. Upside down, I let the wave break

and go by, then stuck my paddle out to the right and rolled up. I paddled the rest of the way back through the inlet. Brian and I then headed south inside the island. As we left the inlet area, a pod of dolphins swam by, heading out to sea.

That day, we paddled south along the Core banks. Our plan was to find an established campsite near Hogpen Bay. However, when we got there, the boardwalk that led across the marsh to the campsites was in ruins and unusable. We got back in the boats as dusk came on. Now we needed a place for the night. On past trips I had learned the value of a good set of binoculars and now. I scanned the horizon. Most of this area is marsh, so I was looking for the white of a beach where we could land and camp. I saw one possibility to the west, where a strip of white near some pines indicated a possibility. We paddled over. The area looked uninhabited, seemed reasonable, and we set up camp and dove into our tents as night and the mosquitoes set in.

The next morning, we got an early start and had an easy paddle along the western shore to a ranger station for more water. We ate breakfast, reloaded and launched, paddling south to the light house. As we paddled along the grass islands exposed by the lowering tide we saw several of the wild mustangs that live on these islands. The story is that the mustangs descended from Spanish mustangs shipwrecked on the island. The light had sustained minimal damage from the hurricane, with only one building being destroyed. Pieces of the oil shed building, which had stood east of the light, now lay on the west side near the inlet.

The lightkeeper's residence has a museum about the island, light, and the lifesaving operations conducted in the area. We talked to the ranger and described the animal tracks that we had seen. He said yes, he had seen them several times also but also had no idea what they were. He had only been there two weeks, and was filling in for the regular rangers who were working on the recovery from the hurricane.

After lunch, we started back up the inlet and west along Shackleford Banks. We had some difficulty finding the channels during low tide. I thought, why do I always seem to end up walking my kayak? We watched as a local in a specially-adapted motorboat zoomed by us, twisting up the nearly invisible channels. The motorboat, looking like a typical ion boat, had a perch built up about ten feet above the deck from which the operator could look down and see the deeper water. He was having better luck finding the channels than we were!

The day's campsite was about a mile east of the Beaufort Inlet, on a nice sand rise under an oak tree. We set up camp, then paddled west to the inlet

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and out to the ocean. This inlet was nice and calm, at least right now. Here we found the large, dead sea turtle. Back in camp we marveled at the lack of bugs and mosquitoes. Suddenly, a sound like hundreds of cicadas rose from the branches of the tree. It also sounded like a fire station horn and we hoped it would not go on all night. Luckily, it stopped after about fifteen minutes, though we never learned what it was.

During the night, it started to rain. The next morning, the forecast indicated that a front was coming through and that rain and wind were expected for the next several days. We ate breakfast in our tents, packed up and decided to end the trip. Our paddle took us back along the shoreline of Harkers Island to the ranger station. A local shrimping boat



passed us, with its nets boomed out to the side. After lunch in Beafort, and a quick tour of Fort Macon, we headed back to Maryland.

# THE GREAT CHESAPEAKE BAY SWIM June 12, 2005

#### Support the swim from your kayak!

We need kayakers to support the open water swimmers as they cross the Bay for the 4.4-mile swim and the 1-mile swim.

This year the CPA will hold an *optional swim support instructional clinic at Truxton Park on May* **22**, **2005**. We will have speakers educating us on topics such as the safety and coordination efforts that go into the Great Chesapeake Bay Swim and what the swimmers expect of kayak support teams.

- Learn about how to help the swimmers
- Practice towing a swimmer in the water
- · Brush up on your open water safety and rescue skills in the water

More information is available on the online CPA Calendar or through the coordinators. If you wish to come to either/both events, please contact one of the following coordinators:

Dave Biss: bissd@erols; 703-241-0036 Cyndi Janetzko: janetzko@hotmail.com; 703-241-0036

# **CPA Trip Requirements and Ratings**

All 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

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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 CPAsponsored trips 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 groups paddling skills.

**Intermediate Paddlers:** Participants are comfortable with open-water crossings of 2+ miles, can handle a variety of water conditions and have strong self– and group-rescue skills.

Participants in CPA events must read and comply with the statement of CPA trips 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.

April	<ul> <li>2 (Sat) Patuxent River Cleanup Day (All) Chip Walsh, (410) 562-3466, Ralph Heimlich (301) 498-0918</li> <li>2 (Sat) Potomac River Cleanup Day (All) Jeff Walaszek (703) 670-7712</li> <li>2 (Sat) Pohick Bay Cleanup Day (All), Pohick Bay Regional Park (703) 339-6104</li> <li>10 (Sun) Jack's Boathouse Work Party (All) Yvonne Thayer, yfthayer@yahoo.com</li> <li>14 (Thu) Water Trail Stakeholder Meeting (All) Al Staats (202) 232-8350</li> <li>23 (Sat) Paddle &amp; Video Party, (All) Yvonne Thayer, yfthayer@yahoo.com</li> <li>29-May 1 (Fri-Sun) Assateague National Seashore Car Camping (Intermediate) Ralph Heimlich, (301) 498-0918, heimlichfamily@comcast.net; Dan Hoke, (703) 729-6269, dhoke@cwps.com</li> </ul>
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The Chesapeake Paddler

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