

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## 2005 CPA Annual Meeting

Recorded by Karyn Bergmann

The CPA annual club meeting was held on Sunday, November 6, 2005, at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church in Deale, Maryland. Forty-one people attended. The purpose of the meeting was to present the current state of the club, review 2005 club activities, discuss activities for 2006, and elect new club officers.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Blackburn reported that the Club began 2005 with approximately \$7,200 and finished the year with over \$10,000 in reserves (see [detail on page 8](#)). The primary revenue sources in 2005 were from club dues and events. The primary expenses in 2005 were for newsletter publication and distribution, logo gear, and kayak safety cards. SK102 is generally a break-even event, but this year generated some profit for the club. Logo gear sales generated some revenue, but sales are still at a break-even point, largely due to the fact that gear was given to instructors at SK102 and volunteers as gifts.



John Blackburn, Barry Marsh and Karyn Bergmann

### Membership Report

As of November 5, 2005, the club has 492 paid members. This is down from 511 members in 2004. The current distribution of members by state is as follows: Maryland, 294; Virginia, 142; Washington DC, 21; Pennsylvania, 16; and all others, 19.

### Newsletter

After serving as newsletter editor for over a year, Danielle Ring had to step down from the position in October 2005. We thank Danielle for the terrific job she did as editor. Ralph Heimlich has taken over as the new editor. He welcomes any new ideas people might have for articles or regular features. One suggestion from Brent Cogswell was a "most embarrassing moments" column. If you would like to make a suggestion or contribute a story, picture, or article to the newsletter, please contact Ralph (see [contact info on page 2](#)).

Currently, the newsletter is distributed electronically to 385 members, as compared to 389 in 2004 and 290 in 2003. The club distributes the newsletter in hard copy to 113 members, versus 179 in 2004 and 254 in 2003.

### Website

Webmaster Barbara Foley gave a presentation on the current status of the website (see [detail at http://www.cpakayaker.com/statistics/](#)). She made several upgrades to the website in 2005, including upgrading the server

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**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!

**Advertising Rates:**

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

**WANTED**—Volunteers for Article Editor and Advertising Coordinator for the Newsletter Team. Contact Ralph Heimlich, Managing Editor, at [news\\_editor@cpakayaker.com](mailto:news_editor@cpakayaker.com)



Brian Blankinship on Middle Island, Rhode River

**SCHEDULE FOR 2006 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:

Issue	Deadline for Copy
Nov/Dec 2005	October 15, 2005
Jan/Feb 2006	December 15, 2005
March 2006	February 15, 2006

Have an idea for an article, or is there information you would like to see in the newsletter? Email Ralph at [news\\_editor@cpakayaker.com](mailto:news_editor@cpakayaker.com) or call at 301-498-0722.

**THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION**

The mission of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association is to provide a way for people to enjoy sea kayaking within the Chesapeake Bay area and to promote safe sea kayaking practices through educating 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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# Admiral's Walk



## Ahoy, CPA Paddlers!

We held our Annual Meeting on November 6 in Deale, MD. Forty-one members and guests were on hand to learn about CPA activities and business, participate in club decisions, and vote in our officer election. The winners of the 2006 officer election were:

Coordinator: Barry Marsh

Secretary: Sue Bauer

Treasurer: John Blackburn

Steering Committee: Brian Blankinship, Cyndi Janetzko, Dave Biss, Ralph Heimlich, Rich Stevens, and Yvonne Thayer

I want to thank all the CPA officers who served in 2005, and to welcome our new and returning officers for the 2006 term — I'm looking forward to working with them and all our members in the new year!

Meeting minutes and info on our holiday party and several exciting new CPA programs are included in this newsletter, and more info about these events will be posted on the website. We'll also soon schedule the MD and VA Trip/Event Planning Meetings, so stay tuned and start thinking of trips and events you'd like to help organize for our 2006 season!

At the meeting, I read off a very long list of CPA members who have volunteered to help with many CPA events since last Spring. We also awarded rockers — the little kayak-shaped patches we give for special recognition — to many of the members who were present. It is our many volunteers who make our club work as smoothly as it does — Thank You! A list of members participating in the Bay Swim is on [page 5](#). An upcoming newsletter will include a list of members who have volunteered their time and skills, and we'll award them all their new CPA patch rockers through the Steering Committee and Piracies and at CPA events.

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

Barry  
CPA Coordinator



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and adding tracking features and security measures to the forums. The forums are very popular with posts to the forum exceeding the email on the listserve. This past year has seen an increase in posts of 35 percent over 2004. New tracking features revealed that only 25 percent of forum users were CPA members. There was some discussion on whether the forums should be limited to members only; however, the consensus seemed to be that the forums would be a way to draw new members to the club. The on-line store is nearly ready for launching, but because of training issues, the on-line store will not be available until April 2006.

## Annual Activity

Barry Marsh reported that there were about 90 official CPA trips and events in 2005, which is a drop of about ten percent from 2004.

SK101 was not held this year. Instead, a class on safety skills for trip leaders was held in April 2005. Brian Blankinship reported that the Seventh Annual SK102 at Lake Anna was another sell-out, which generated nearly \$1,000 for the club after expenses. The Eighth Annual SK102 will be April 28-30, 2006. Registration will open with the publication of the March 2006 newsletter. As always, SK102 is a members-only event.

Cyndi Janetzko and David Biss coordinated kayak swim support for the annual Bay Bridge swim, June 12, 2005 (see [story on page 5](#)). The CPA provided 38 kayakers for the 4.4 mile course and 31 kayakers for the 1 mile course. Kayak support is a critical need for the safety of swimmers. Please consider joining other CPA kayakers for the 2006 swim. As in 2005, a clinic on swim support will be offered in the spring. No date has been set for the 2006 swim, but details will be posted on the CPA website as they become available.

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## CPA Pool Sessions, 2005-2006

**Where:** Fairland Aquatic Center, Burtonsville, MD

**When:** Saturdays, now through spring

**Time:** 4-5:50 pm and 5:50-7:45 pm

**Fee:** \$7 per person. Pay at FAC

These are open sessions, not lessons. You must bring your own boat and gear.

### Required:

1. Boats and gear must be clear of leaves, mud, grass, etc.
2. A reservation. To get a reservation, email Joan at [Jspinner2@peoplepc.com](mailto:Jspinner2@peoplepc.com) (preferred) or call 301-559-3345 by the Thursday prior to the session; leave a message with the following information:
  - a. your name and phone number
  - b. date of session
  - c. time slot
  - d. 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. Boat entrance is around to the left side of the building. In case of inclement weather, call the center to see if it is open: 301-206-2359

Note that new forum has been added at the CPA Kayaker Forum Index, "[Indoor Pool Sessions](#)".



This column contains news and views from Steering Committee members. Two policies and an activity were approved by the Steering Committee and announced at the Annual Meeting on November 6.

### Reimbursement for All-Club Events

For CPA club events open to all members that promote club goals, skills and participation, CPA will defray certain general costs up to \$150. These may include events such as the annual meeting, planning meetings, holiday and special events, skills sessions, and member promotion or appreciation events. Requests for CPA funds, describing the event and estimated costs, must be submitted to the CPA Coordinator or designee at least one month in advance of the event. The Coordinator will respond within two weeks of receiving the request. The event must be open to all CPA members and must further the goals of the club. Items other than food can be reimbursed if food is contributed as part of the event. Reimbursement does not apply to events where all costs are covered by the registration fee charged to participants. Coverable expenses may include such things as plates, cups, utensils, paper goods, propane, ice, condiments, water, soft drinks, food items not provided by pot luck or event fees, and event materials such as maps, prizes, cards, etc. The reimbursement claim must be submitted to the CPA treasurer within one month of the event and must be substantiated by receipts wherever available and an itemized documentation of costs incurred. Events supported by these funds must be open to all members of the club and must be adequately publicized in the website calendar and *Chesapeake Paddler*.

### Reimbursement for Piracy Events and Activities

Since Piracies are the soul of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, CPA will provide the registered Piracies with a reasonable monetary contribution for activities. The annual amount per Piracy will be based on the average attendance, as certified by the Pirate King/Queen, of up to \$25 per attendee, for a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$250. These funds will be used at the discretion of the Piracy, but may include prizes, classes, food, supplies, or

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## 2005 Chesapeake Bay Swim Support Recognized at Annual Meeting

CPA Coordinator Barry Marsh recognized a number of individuals who served the club at various events through out the paddling year at the annual meeting. One of our most visible activities is support for the swimmers on the 4.4 mile swim across the Bay and the 1 mile swim on the Eastern shore. Those participating are listed below. One of the “bennies” of participating (like who needs an excuse to get out on the Bay?) is the cool T-shirt, modeled by Barbara Foley (with no help from “Smiling” Dave). Cyndi Janetzko, Dave Biss and Alan Avery coordinate CPA’s swim support efforts. **You** can volunteer for next year’s swim and get your own cool shirt. Check the newsletter and website in May for training and early June for the swim itself.



Barbara models the shirt

**4.4 mile Bay Swim**—Dave Biss, Cyndi Janetzko, Manuel Vera, Marshall Woodruff, Ian Komorowski, Peter Cattaneo, Michael Matthews, Mike Vandamm, Saul McCormack, Ed Johnson, Andy Vaart, Yvonne Thayer, Martha West, Anatoly Ivasyuk, Barbara Foley, James Taylor, Ron Vennell, Ellis Anderson, Sarah Koenen, Marcus Koenen, Neil Macindoe, David Moore, Trace Gorsline, Ron Davis, Rick Albee, John McTague, Bob Rowe, Don Chance, Sea Williams, Peter Fuchs, Mike Springer, “Miami Mike” Krull, Lisle Bean, Lou Lieb, Charles Davis, Nelson Labbé, Marc Spicer, Jim Dwyer.  
**1-mile Swim**—Alan Avery, Jim MacIver, Don Kover, Rich Stevens, Sue Bauer, Mark Woodside, Jackie Castle, Rob Castle, Maria Barrett, Brian Barrett, Robert Burke, Tim Prigg, Jesse Aronson, Dan Hoke, Jack Wengryniuk, Eva Sivan, Barry Marsh, Dick White, Carolyn Lee, Spencer Gulick, Carlos Rodriguez, Karen Semmelman, Susan Williams Lewonski, Steve Kelly, Kim Winters, Bob Gasser, Adam Gallagher, Howard Morland, Barbara Morland, Brent Cogswell, Caroline Labbé, Nancy Stafford. (any misspellings are due to the word processing software, not the Editor’s fault).

## 2005 Annual CPA Holiday Raid

Aye...ye be invited fer some holiday spirits at the Annual CPA Holiday Party. Chart yer course fer the **10<sup>th</sup> of December**. We be a meeting at 1800 hours at coordinates: N-39 00.189 by W-76 41.447. There will be swashbuckling fun, grub, grog and a chance to plunder the treasure chest for an exchange of loot for those pirates wantin’ to participate. Wave yer flag if ye be attendin. Sees ye there.....aarrghh !!!!!!!!

### Land Lubber translation:

Come join your hosts Jackie & Rob Castle, Sue Bauer, and Rich Stevens for the annual CPA Holiday Party. Make your way to Jackie and Rob’s house at 1703 Saxony Place, Crofton, Maryland 21114 on December 10 at 6 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring an entrée, salad, or dessert to feed 6-8 people. Non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own beer, wine, or other beverage of choice.

We’ll have a “white elephant” (“Shoveunder”, “Chinese”) gift exchange for those wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped “treasure”. We won’t tell Great Aunt Betty that you got her gift from out of the back of the closet and finally got rid of it!

RSVP’s would be appreciated by Wednesday, December 7 via email at ([susiegreenthumb@aol.com](mailto:susiegreenthumb@aol.com)). Please indicate what you will be bringing. If there are any questions, please call Sue Bauer at (410) 531-5641 (evenings) or (410) 841-1057 (days).

### Directions:

**From Rt. 50 East** - Take Exit 13B (Crofton/Rt. 3 North). At the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic signal (approx. 4.5 miles), turn RIGHT onto Crawford Blvd. Bear RIGHT at the top of the hill onto Crofton Parkway. Travel approximately .6 miles and turn LEFT onto Spring Green Ave. Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> RIGHT onto Stratton Rd. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> LEFT onto Saxony Place. 1703 is the yellow house on the right at the cul de sac.

**From Rt. 50 West** – Take Exi 16 (Davidsonville Exit). Turn right onto Davidsonville Road/ Rt. 424 North. Turn LEFT onto Layton Street, just pass Crofton Middle School (on your right). Turn LEFT onto Crofton Parkway. Turn right onto Spring Green Avenue. Take the 3<sup>rd</sup> RIGHT onto Stratton Road. Take the 1<sup>st</sup> LEFT onto Saxony Place.  
 Home telephone number: 410-451-2337.



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Cyndi Janetzko and David Biss also gave a safety and rescue course in late spring. The event was well-attended, and they plan to give the course again at the end of May 2006.

David Moore led a second annual trip to the Adirondacks in September 2005. He expects to lead another trip in 2006. Watch upcoming newsletters and the CPA website for details.

Club Librarian Nelson Labbé reported that he is still building the library collection. A list of the library's current holdings is on the website. The library only has eight books/videos presently, and Nelson asked for more donations. Steering Committee Member, Yvonne Thayer, suggested that we use some club funds for purchasing books and videos. Ralph Heimlich suggested that some members get on publisher lists for reviewers, who receive books for free, for donation to the library.

## Upcoming Events

*Holiday Party* – Sadly, Alan and Shirley Avery will not be able to hold the annual holiday party at their home this year. Barry Marsh expressed appreciation for their hospitality over the years and asked for volunteers to give the party with CPA support. Jackie and Rob Castle graciously volunteered their home for a December 10 party (see [details on page 5](#)).

*Non-CPA Events* – Bill Dodge mentioned the upcoming Jamestown, Virginia, commemoration of Captain John Smith's exploration of the Chesapeake. The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary will not be until May 2007, but a replica of the shallop Smith used will begin its tour of the Chesapeake on May 20, 2006. More information is available at [www.jamestown2007.org](http://www.jamestown2007.org).

## New Business

Yvonne Thayer reported on the Steering Committee's approval of funding for club events and the piracies (see [policies on page 4](#)). The CPA will give each piracy \$25 per person based on the average number of people appearing for piracy events, with a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$250 per calendar year. Pirate captains may use the funds at their discretion. This is expected to be a permanent policy.

Brian Blankinship reported that the Steering Committee has approved a Sea Kayak Race Series for the 2006 season (see [policies on page 9](#)). The race series will be a members-only event (including newly paid members). There will be several races beginning in May and going through October.

Ralph Heimlich designed a plastic safety card for kayaking. The card has the CPA logo with a checklist for safety gear on one side and instructions for VHF radio use on the other. The card is perforated for easy attachment to a PFD. No decision has been made on whether these will be sold or distributed to members at club events. Along those lines, there was a discussion about designing a CPA member card that members could use at kayaking equipment retailers for a discount. This idea will be further researched by the Steering Committee.

CPA member, Ed Hershon, suggested getting Maryland license plates with the CPA logo. Meeting attendees appeared interested in the idea, and Ed and the Steering Committee will continue to investigate the feasibility of logo plates.

## Election Results for 2006

The races for Secretary and Steering Committee were close this year, resulting in recounts. Hanging chads aside, however, the officers are as follows:

<i>Coordinator:</i>	Barry Marsh
<i>Treasurer:</i>	John Blackburn
<i>Secretary:</i>	Sue Bauer
<i>Steering Committee:</i>	Dave Biss, Brian Blankinship, Ralph Heimlich, Cyndi Janetzko, Rich Stevens, Yvonne Thayer

The Steering Committee and membership express their heartfelt appreciation for outgoing officers Steve Lindeman and Alan Avery.

## 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

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 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.

## Calendar

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 <http://www.cpakayaker.com/events.html>

**December** 10 Holiday Party, Jackie and Rob Castle (see [page 5](#))

**January** TBD Planning Meetings for 2006, Virginia (Dave Biss and Cyndi Janetzko) and Maryland (Ralph Heimlich)  
Your Trip Here—Winter Paddlers, Start Something!



*Taking a break, High or Middle Island, Rhode River, Annual Meeting Paddle, November 6*

# Treasury



John Blackburn presented the treasurer's report at the annual meeting. CPA's financial health is excellent and continues to increase. Details are summarized below.

CPA Treasurer's Report, 2005		
Beginning balance		\$7,219.23
<b>Revenue</b>		
	Dues	\$4,445.00
	Events (Cold Water WS, Sk 101 and 102, Leader Skills)	\$3,121.00
	Logo gear sales	\$233.00
	Subtotal	\$7,799.00
<b>Expense</b>		
	Postage and PO Box	\$177.91
	Newsletter	\$965.81
	Events (SK 101 and 102, Leader Skills)	\$2,019.09
	Web site/List serve	\$248.20
	Logo gear	\$732.17
	Kayak Safety Cards	\$682.00
	Bank charges	\$65.69
	Subtotal	\$4,890.87
<b>Ending balance</b>		\$10,127.36

## Annual Meeting Paddle



CPA Annual Meeting Paddlers

A breezy paddle was held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting on November 6, starting at 8:30. Led by Brian Blankinship, 18 CPA paddlers donned cold weather gear for a paddle, launching appropriately from Galesville at Pirates Cove. We headed downwind on the West River to the confluence with the Rhode River, then broke into "hounds" and "hares" to paddle up the Rhode River. The "hares" continued up Muddy Creek, and later joined the "hounds" in a quick break on High Island (called Middle by paddlers, see [page 7](#)). We then paddled back, encountering a brisk wind and chop after turning south into the West River. A little excitement ensued as we went head to head with some sailboats circling to give their numbers to the reviewing stand just as we crossed the pier heads at Pirates Cove! We all landed safely and packed up to go to the Annual Meeting and food!





Saki on his Surf "Spear"

other items. Each Piracy will submit a budget for the event (s) and estimated costs to the Coordinator or designee at least one month in advance of the event. Approval will be assumed unless the Piracy is contacted by the Coordinator within two weeks of the request. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis in response to a claim substantiated by receipts and an itemized documentation of costs incurred. Each Piracy will report in writing at the annual meeting on how the funds were spent and how they benefited the Piracy. Funds not applied for by a Piracy in a calendar year are not carried over.

### CPA Kayak Race Series

CPA will establish a volunteer race committee which will organize and manage a series of kayak races. These races would be Just-for-Fun events with nominal prizes. The goal is to get more paddlers interested in paddling faster and offer more CPA events to build camaraderie. A series of races will be held with increasing distances from 1 to 10 miles. Some race events will include less serious races, such as towed-tandem, backwards, relay, or serpentine races. Events will be followed by a cookout (since we paddle to eat). Food may be sold to fund the next race. Race events will be held at different locations (Jack's Boat House, around Roosevelt Island, to Thomas Point, Rocky Gorge Reservoir, Black Hills Lake, etc.) to better serve the CPA paddling public. Women's and Men's categories in the following classes will be organized: Racing kayaks (less than 20" beam, wing paddles allowed); Racing Fast Touring Kayaks (20" beam or greater, wing paddles allowed); Recreational Touring Kayaks A (20" beam or greater, 17' or longer, no wing paddles allowed); Recreational Kayaks B (20" beam or greater, less than 17', no wing paddles allowed).

The winners receive the most points, based on how many boats are racing. This is based on the theory that it is harder to win a 20 boat race than a 10 boat race, and has the virtue of rewarding competitors and participation. Other scoring methods, such as "fast/slow" team times, are being investigated. Prizes will be ego builders like medals, ribbons, and possibly a "Racer" rocker. Entry fees are free to CPA members, and \$10 to nonmembers, which includes a one-year membership. CPA waivers will be required and all participants must have required CPA safety equipment.



Nancy Hendrick on the Chickahominy River, VA

Editor's note: The great Pirate pictures in the graphic headers are from the 1920's and are by illustrators N.C. Wyeth and Howard Pyle and are in the public domain. See <http://beej.us/pirates/#pyle>



*CPA Annual Meeting, November 6, 2005, Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, Deale, MD*

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REMINDER: Please check your mailing label for your membership expiration date. If your CPA membership has expired, or will expire soon, please send in your dues. SEE BOX ON PAGE 2 FOR ADDRESS.