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CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle—Sunday, November 2



Annual Meeting Morning Paddle, 2007
photo by Ralph Heimlich

Yes. It is time for the 2008 CPA Annual Meeting. This is the time that we review the events of the past year, and look forward to what the club plans for the year to come. At this meeting we will visit topics of concern for the direction of the club, but most importantly we will elect the CPA Steering Committee for 2009.

Nominations have been submitted for all positions, and you can review the candi-

dates and their “stump speeches” on [page 4](#). You can vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, or by submitting the ballot on pages 8 and 9.

The morning paddle will be at Bladensburg Marina at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. We will meet at the park between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. Plan to be on the water, ready to paddle by 9:00 AM. There is a ramp and a dock, lots of parking, and no launch fee. We will paddle for about 90 minutes, and be back at the docks and ready to drive to the Annual Meeting by 11:00 AM. Please bring paddling clothing suitable for cold water and cold air temperatures in November (at least a wet suit). Bring water to drink, and a snack to eat, besides your PFD and kayak of course. And as always, print out and sign a CPA waiver form, which you can find online at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/downloads/events/forms/CPARelease.pdf>. We can all follow each other to the Annual Meeting from the paddle. We will also have directions to the Meeting that morning to help you on your way.

The afternoon Annual Meeting will be at Ellen E. Linson Aquatics Center. The meeting will start at 12:00 noon and will run until about 3:30 pm. We will have pizza available as the meeting starts, and we encourage attendees to bring some other yummy snacks that can be shared with the troops. Brownies, cookies, chips, veggies and dips, etc. If you have any questions about this, contact [Dave Biss](#).



John Blackburn, Marshall Woodruff and Dave Biss, Annual Meeting 2007
photo by Ralph Heimlich

Location/Directions - to Morning Paddle

Bladensburg Waterfront Park
4601 Annapolis Road
Bladensburg, MD 20710

From Washington D.C., take New York Avenue East. Turn North on Bladensburg Road. Pass Peace Cross on left. You are now on MD Route 450. Take 1st right into Bladensburg Waterfront Park. There is a sign at the entrance

From Maryland, from the Beltway, take exit 23 which is Kenilworth Avenue South towards Bladensburg. Go five miles. After traffic light for Upshur Street intersection, go right on exit ramp to MD Route 450 (Annapolis Road). Go left at end of exit ramp onto Route 450 West. Park Entrance is 2 short blocks on the left.

From Virginia, take Kenilworth Avenue North. Take the exit ramp on right to MD Route 450 West. Turn right at stop light onto MD Route 450 West. Park entrance is 2 short blocks on the left.

Location/Direction - to Afternoon Meeting

Address:
Ellen E. Linson Aquatics Center
5211 Paint Branch Parkway
College Park, MD 20740

Near the College Park Airport. [Here is a link to a map and online directions.](#)

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Have an idea for an article, or is there information you would like to

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

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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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How do you serve your adventures? Well Done?

There is a quote I think about all the time when I'm climbing or on expeditions. It's by the great polar explorer Vilhjálmur Stefansson: "Adventure is a sign of incompetence." Stefansson was a guy who bragged that he never had adventures. He said that if you have an adventure, you're doing something wrong, that if you really plan things out in the vein of Amundsen, you don't have adventures.

Jon Krakauer

Admiral's Walk



Everyone has heard of Jon Krakauer. He is everywhere in adventure literature anymore. He is an adventurer, and explorer, a writer extraordinaire; a guy who's words I listen to. I am taken by what he says in his latest video journal of his quest to summit Antarctica's highest peak, as he talks about those great explorers who came before him. Just to explore this strange idea of Adventure without the adventure, I poked around a little farther to see what Stefansson actually did say:

Having an adventure is a sign that something unexpected, something unprovided against, has happened; it shows that some one is incompetent, that something has gone wrong. For that reason we pride ourselves on the fewness of our adventures; for the same reason we are a bit ashamed of the few we did have. An adventure is interesting enough in retrospect, especially to the person who didn't have it; at the same time it happens it usually constitutes an exceedingly disagreeable experience (on the part of who is experiencing it). *Valhjálmur Stefansson, 1913 (from My Life with the Eskimo)*

When I hear what these two great adventurers have to say, I know that they are not talking about extreme adventure only; they are talking to all of us who take adventure in doses fitting to our individual sports. We all serve up adventure whenever we go out and experience the world from our kayaks. Perhaps our servings are not as large as Krakauer's or Stefansson's have been, but it is not about the size, but rather about the way we serve our adventure which they are talking about.

We are all looking for adventure when we go out paddling. It may be for a few hours on familiar waters, where we want to feel our muscles pulling, or where we are looking for sites we haven't yet seen but imagine in our mind's eye. It may be for days on a camping trip, where we want to make more distance than we have done before, or get to places we have not found yet. It may be in a more challenging water condition, waves, wind, or cold. However we serve it to ourselves, we are looking for adventure in some measure. We want to find and experience adventure, but we want manageable adventures. We want adventure that we can deal with, that we can cope with, that we can survive and that we can appreciate afterwards. We do not want the "unexpected and the unprovided against", where "something has gone wrong". It is the smart adventurer, the wise paddler who knows what they will find along the way. Maybe we call this good preparation, trip planning, dressing for the water, etc. But we know what we will find, or what we hope to find. We are ready for the encounter. It will not be dealing with the unknown that will be the adventure. We will be prepared!

So how does this relate to we everyday paddlers who are facing the same waters every week as we paddle with the Piracies or as we join in on the Elk Neck camping weekend? There will always be a challenge, an adventure, something new. The weather will vary. The water temperature will start to get colder as the seasons change. Accidents will happen. Can we minimize the adventure we face with these changes? Can we eliminate the "unexpected and the unprovided against"? Sure. As paddlers we face questions like the list below all the time. We start to answer these questions without even thinking about many of them. They become our habit, our way of planning for what we will encounter out on the water every day. By knowing the answers to questions like these, we eliminate more and more unexpected scenarios and can focus more and more on the experience of paddling. Do you ask yourself these kinds of things before you go paddling?

- ◆ Did you tell someone where you are going?
- ◆ What is the weather going to be like? How about the tides and currents?
- ◆ How many people are in your group?
- ◆ If your trip takes longer than you expect, would you go hungry, thirsty?
- ◆ Could you communicate for help if it was needed?
- ◆ Are you going to be able to take out along the way?
- ◆ How fast does your group travel?
- ◆ If you fell out of your boat, could you get back in in the waters you are paddling on?
- ◆ Have you practiced on water that you know is well within your abilities before venturing to more challenging waters?
- ◆ Have you tried out your gear?
- ◆ Does your cold water gear really work for you in water you consider cold?



The more things you think about and check off before you get on the water, the more you have experienced and grown. Consequently, the less likely you will come across an experience which is totally unexpected. Stefansson was talking about an unexpected experience he had with a polar bear in his quote. I hope that none of you have the same experience, but then again I also hope that none of you have an unexpected and disagreeable experience with unmanageable cold water or boat traffic or bad navigation. Challenge yourself with adventures on the water, but don't make them adventures that you did not plan for. Make all **your adventures safe, successful, fun, and well done!**

Dave Biss



Piracy Portents

2008 Annual CPA Holiday Raid

Aye...ye be invited fer some holiday spirits at the Annual CPA Holiday Party. Chart yer course fer the **6^h of December**. We be a meeting at 1900 hours at coordinates: N-39 09' 17.22" by W-76 53' 05.66". 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 Ralph and Beth Heimlich for the annual CPA Holiday Party. Make your way to our house at 7914 Belgaro Road, Laurel, MD 20723 on December 6 at 7 p.m.

If your last name begins with:

A-K bring a salad (green, fruit, jello, pasta, etc.) and some bread

L-S bring a casserole or entrée (nothing ALIVE please!)

T-Z bring a dessert (cake, pie, cobbler, etc.)

To feed 4-6 people (trust me—we'll have plenty).

We'll supply a ham and non-alcoholic beverages, but you are welcome to bring your own beer, wine, or other beverage of choice (supplying booze to you lot would even break a pirate!!).

We'll have a "white elephant" ("Shoveunder", "Chinese") gift exchange for those wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped "treasure" worth less than \$10 (check your Cracker Jacks boxes now). Regifting is an art form!

RSVP's would be appreciated by Wednesday, December 3 via email at heimlichfamily@comcast.net. If there are any questions, please email (I hate phones).

Directions:

From I-95 between Washington and Baltimore - Take exit 35 west towards Scaggsville on Route 216. Continue through 2 lights and take the first (north) exit on the traffic circle to Route 29 North. Go 1 exit north and take the exit for Gorman Road (east) off the next traffic circle. Go around the curve (slowly) and make the 1st right on McIver, go downhill to the stop sign at the T, turn left on Belgaro Road and follow it past Crestview Lane. We're the 3rd house on the right with Kayak Santa and a parking problem. Call 301-498-0918 if you're lost.

Indoor Pool Sessions, Fairland Pool

During the winter season, the CPA enjoys access to Indoor Pool Sessions at Fairland Aquatics Center to practice and learn new skills. These are open sessions, not lessons. Members are responsible for bringing their own boat and gear. Important: Pool sessions begin the weekend of October 18-19.

Visit the discussion forum (<http://www.cpakayaker.com/forums/viewforum.php?f=23>) for pool-closing dates, updates or to coordinate rolling practice with other paddlers.

Location: Fairland Aquatics Center 13820 Old Gunpowder Rd Laurel, MD 20707 (see below for directions) Days: Every Saturday through the winter season.

Hours: 4:00 to 5:50 and 5:50 to 7:45 pm

Fee: \$7 per person. Pay at FAC door (pool level).

Cancellations: Use the form above or call Joan Spinner at 301-559-3345. Pool sessions are very popular. Please be sure to contact Joan if you know you won't be able to make it so that someone else can benefit.

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

Required: BOATS MUST BE TOTALLY CLEAN. Boats and gear must be clear of leaves, mud, grass, etc. There is a hose by the door for those who need to use it and a fellow kayaker might have a sponge if you need one.

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 will be about a half mile down on the right. Use the patio entrance.



Dave Biss teaching Yvonne Thayer to roll at an indoor pool session, Maryland. Photo by Brian Blankinship

Quarter master's Log



Nominations for CPA Officer Candidates

Check on the website at

http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations_list.php

for updates to nominations and stump speeches before the election at the Annual Meeting. Your ballot is on pages 8 and 9. Mail in or take to the Annual Meeting.



The Coordinator—shall have overall responsibility for administration of the club and will be a primary point of contact for the club. S/he shall chair general club membership meetings and meetings of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee may direct the Coordinator to perform other duties consistent with the bylaws.

Dave Biss as Coordinator (incumbent)—"I am very proud to be a part of the CPA. I have felt this way since I first became a member; way back when I paid my dues but was to afraid to join the group because I knew I would never be able to keep up. But I quickly learned, just as all hesitant new paddlers do, that kayakers are a social species. They love to paddle together; to plan their outings and to talk about past trips. They welcome newcomers and are always eager to spread the ways of the sport. That's what is so great about the CPA. We fulfill a need in the niche of kayaking; to help others into the sport and to teach them from our experience. But again, it is more than this. We, as members of the CPA, go beyond the fulfillment of this need, we are volunteers. People helping other people just for the love of the sport. All of these people on the Steering Committee; all of the trip planners, trip leaders, event planners, instructors, paddle-report writers, etc. They are all volunteers who keep doing what they do for the CPA, and consequently for the paddling community, because they love what it means. They love to know that the volunteer work they do makes the group of kayakers we know larger, safer and better paddlers. That is why I will always be a part of the paddling community; because I love the sport, and the people who help make it safe and fun. If you feel the same why that I do, then join me in supporting the CPA by volunteering. Everyone can do their part to make paddling more fun for the next few people. There is always something to help out with. We are all coordinators of this sport we love in one way or another."



The Secretary—S/he has primary responsibility for maintaining club membership records, but may delegate day-to-day administration of that task to another club member. S/he shall give notice of all meetings of the general membership or the Steering Committee and all other notices required by these bylaws. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the general membership and of the Steering Committee. All records of the Secretary shall be the property of the club.

Sue Bauer as Secretary—"Of course, I would love to have everyone always send in their dues for two years (\$20) - it's easy through PayPal! It's your dues at work that lets us continue to distribute our great newsletters, mail out patches, newly printed stickers, and other CPA logo stuff. It is still tough learning everyone's names, so PLEASE always keep us updated with your newest email contact info! Thanks for everyone who kept up to date this year- we are over 600 members now. "



The Treasurer—The Treasurer shall have custody of all the funds and securities of the club, and s/he shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements. Such records shall be the property of the club. S/he shall deposit all such moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the club. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the club consistent with Section 7 of these bylaws. S/he shall provide financial information to the Coordinator or the Steering Committee in a timely fashion as requested.

Rich Stevens as Treasurer—"I've been more than happy to serve the Club as treasurer and would be willing to serve again in the coming year. During the past year we've successfully cleared the bureaucratic hurdles of incorporation, grown the Club to over 600 members, and managed to organize a number of recreational and educational activities for our members, local charities and vendors, and the public at large. We've also initiated the use of PayPal as a method of accepting money for dues and events. All of this would not be possible without the extraordinary voluntary efforts of our many members. Also, during the last year our funds in the treasury have increased by about 25%, to over \$16,000.00, primarily due to the increased membership and cost saving initiatives like the electronic newsletter. During the coming year I hope to seek out ideas to put more of this money to work in supporting our members and the aims of the Club."

Steering Committee—The property and business of the club shall be managed under the direction of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will make all decisions about operational activities of the club, unless specified otherwise in these bylaws. As a rule, routine decisions about specific club activities will be the responsibility of the individuals managing those activities, but they may be overridden by the Steering Committee if needed. The Steering Committee will determine which events are to be considered official CPA activities. If appropriate, it may set standards for such determinations so that it need not consider each activity, and it may then delegate to individual club members the responsibility for applying those standards to determine whether specific activities are official CPA activities. At its discretion, the Steering Committee may refer decisions to a membership meeting or to the full club membership.



Brian Blankinship —"Since joining CPA thirteen years ago, I have looked for ways to give back to the association. I would like to continue on the Steering Committee to provide whatever council and assistance I can."

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Nominations *(Continued from page 5)*

Ed Hershon —"I have enjoyed my year serving the membership of the CPA on the Steering Committee. This year has brought more new members to the CPA and as kayaking has seen tremendous growth (and hopefully will continue to do so!), it is an opportunity for each of us to reach out to these new paddlers and provide to them the opportunity to learn how to responsibly paddle in a safe manner. I would very much like to continue to serve the membership of the CPA to see that there are opportunities for new members to join us and learn, grow and enjoy paddling."



Gina Cicotello —"CPA has an amazing mix of enthusiasm for all aspects of sea kayaking. I'd be happy to participate on the Steering Committee for another year, and work on new projects for the club as time permits. Here's to another great season."

[No Picture Available] Matt Blakey—"With profound gratitude and great humility, I accept your nomination for a position on the Steering Committee. I accept it without reservation and with only one obligation, the obligation to devote some measure of effort of my mind and spirit to help lead our Association to success and to greatness. The foremost responsibility of any Steering Committee member, above all else, is to get on the water, while guaranteeing the safety of our fellow paddlers. I have never had more enthusiasm in the CPA than I do today. We have an Association that, as many have said before, eats to paddle and paddles to eat. We will go forward from this upcoming election united in a calm determination to make our Association large and driving and generous in spirit, ready to embark on great local and regional paddles and other events. And once again, as paddling peers, our hearts will swell with pride to call ourselves paddlers."



Ralph Heimlich —"I vow to continue to print all the news that fits. I will continue to prod and push the SC to newer and better heights in service to the CPA membership. One of my ideas is investigating whether CPA can acquire access to a kayak trailer so that trips can take place using less gasoline. There are many challenges, but I think such an asset would be beneficial to CPA members overall."

Suzanne Farace—"The CPA is a terrific club that does an amazing amount for its members and for the community at large, and we are always looking to do more. We are very fortunate to have among our now 600+ members a great number of dedicated people who volunteer, support, and enthusiastically participate in the scores of events, activities, and programs we put on and help sponsor each year. I will gladly continue to help in any way that I can."



Yvonne Thayer —I look forward to working with CPA membership to promote continued growth and responsiveness of our club. Thanks to our volunteers, in recent years CPA has added a race series, greenland paddle-making, retail discounts, piracy event funding, video and book exchange, exciting new trips, annual SK101 outreach to new members, more skills days and gear swaps. Let's keep it up and keep it fun.



Wye Island Circumnavigation, Led by Sue Bauer and Rich Stevens (Andy DeVito and Annette) photo by Ralph Heimlich



Tall Pines 2008, Led by Greg and Jenny Welker photo by Ralph Heimlich



Mallows Bay, Led by Tom Heneghan photo by Jim Zawlocki

Recent Trips



Elk Neck 2008, Led by Ralph Heimlich photo by Ralph Heimlich

Annual Meeting Voting Ballot

At the meeting, we will discuss CPA business and elect the association officers (Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer) and the other six Steering Committee positions. We posted electronic notices asking candidates to send their name and a brief "campaign speech" to "webmaster@cpakayaker.com". The deadline was October 10 so they could be listed on the proxy ballot in this newsletter. If you would like to run for one of these positions but didn't submit your name in time to be posted on the ballot, please feel free to conduct a "write in" campaign. Check the website (http://www.cpakayaker.com/nominations_list.php) to see who is running along with their "campaign speeches". If you can't attend the annual meeting, please fill out the proxy and give it to someone to bring to the meeting, or mail it to the address on the reverse side. We will count proxy votes at the same time as "live", votes at the meeting.

Officers (choose one of each)

Coordinator

Dave Biss
 (Write-in Candidate) _____

Secretary (vote for one)

Sue Bauer
 (Write-in Candidate) _____

Treasurer

Rich Stevens
 (Write-in Candidate) _____

Steering Committee (choose six)

Brian Blankinship
 Ed Hershon
 Gina Cicotello
 Matt Blakey
 Ralph Heimlich
 Suzanne Farace
 Yvonne Thayer
 (Write-in Candidate) _____

Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee

After you've voted, please tear out this page, fold, apply a stamp, and must be received by November 1, 2008 to be counted.

Place
Stamp

Chesapeake Paddlers Association
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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.

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.

October

Oct. 17-19 (Fri-Sun)	NON CPA Event- Delmarva Paddlers Retreat --Greenland Style paddling and instruction. Skill Level: All. Organizer(s): Led by Ed Zachowski.
Oct. 19 (Sun)	Non-CPA Event: Mayor's Cup Kayak Race in NY --Long kayak race around Manhattan Island, NY. Volunteers are welcomed too. Skill Level: All. Organizer(s): Led by Ray Fusco 845-440-3127.
Oct. 29 (Wed)	Pier 7 Halloween Wear an Outrageous Hat nite --We are celebrating the end of our paddling season - after our last weekday paddle -do bring along your "outrageous" hat for our close as we can get to Halloween- there will be pizza and fixings. You are also welcome to bring your own additions for our feast. Skill Level: NONE Organizer(s): Led by Pier 7 cabal committee 410 531 5641.
Oct. 30 (Thu)	Pirates of Georgetown Halloween Paddle Party --Come down to Georgetown, dress up, paddle and party afterwards. Skill Level: All. Organizer(s): Led by Mutineer Dave 703-241-0036, Cyndi Janetzko.

November

Nov. 2 (Sun).	CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle --Join us for a morning paddle on the Anacostia at Bladensburg and our annual meeting. See page1 for details. Skill Level: All (note: this is a cold water paddle--at least a wetsuit) Organizer(s): Dave Biss 703.241.0036.
Nov. 7-9 (Fri-Sun)	Chikahominy River Car Camper --Camp at James City County Park on the Chickahominy and explore areas on the Chick and James. Skill Level: Beginner (note: this is a cold water paddle--at least a wetsuit) Organizer(s): Led by Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell).
Nov. 8 (Sat)	Fountainhead Paddle --Beginner Day Paddle on the Protected waters of the Occoquan River Reservoir. More information to follow. Skill Level: Beginner Organizer(s): Led by Tom Heneghan 703.216-9837, Jesse Aronson 703.534.4718.

December

Dec. 6 (Sat)	CPA Holiday Raid --Carouse with the Pirates of the Chesapeake and Swap booty! AARGH! Skill Level: NONE Organizer(s): Ralph Heimlich heimlichfamily@comcast.net See article on p. 3.
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New Member Cheryl Katz off Stoney Point, Elk Neck *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

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The Chesapeake Paddler

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REMINDER: Please check your mailing label for your membership expiration date. If you receive the newsletter electronically, you will receive an e-mail reminder prior to your membership expiring. If your CPA membership has expired, or will expire soon, please send in your dues. SEE BOX ON PAGE 2 FOR ADDRESS.