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CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle—Sunday, November 4

Once again, its time for the 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 Officers and Steering Committee for 2013.

Nominations have been submitted for all positions, and you can review the candidates and their “stump speeches” on [page 4](#). You can vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, by submitting the ballot on page 8, or by using the new E-ballot at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=vote>

and enter your member number (on your membership card or in the email sent out in October) and your last name. If you can't find your member number, email Sue Stevens or Ralph Heimlich ([see p. 2](#)).



The CPA Annual Meeting is all about—YOU! *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

Ralph Heimlich is organizing the **morning paddle**, which 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. Daylight savings time FALLS BACK at 2 AM on Sunday, November 4, so this is one hour EARLIER) 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 12:30 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](#). 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 (5211 Paint Branch Parkway, College Park, MD, 20740). The meeting will start at 1:30 PM 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.

You can also purchase CPA logowear shirts, stickers, patches, and other stuff. Bela Mariassy will have the entire trunk of **CPA Logowear**. Come and enjoy the food and meet your fellow CPA paddlers wearing clothes that aren't neoprene. Imagine guys without skirts and girls wearing them! Find out why this room has RED walls. PARTICIPATE.

And, just like last year, there will be free ice skating at the Aquatics Center that you can participate in after the meeting adjourns (for the first 25) If you have any questions about this, contact [Sue Stevens](#).



Fall Paddling on the Anacostia *photo by Ralph Heimlich*

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Fearless Pirate Rob zips into Baltimore's Inner Harbor *photo by DJ Manalo*

SCHEDULE FOR THE 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. 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 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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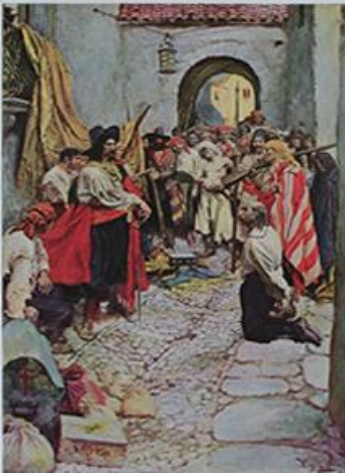
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CPA Annual Meeting: Election of CPA Officers

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association is a volunteer organization, and the people who volunteer the most are the elected officers: The Coordinator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, and the Steering Committee members. Now is the time to vote for those nominated for who will play an active part in steering the club's activities. This year, in addition to balloting at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 4** you can vote by.....

The descriptions of the officers in our By-Laws read:

The 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.

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. The Coordinator is the only person authorized to speak for the club. This authority may be delegated by the Coordinator.

The Treasurer shall perform all the duties generally incident to the office of Treasurer, subject to the control of the Steering Committee and the oversight of the Coordinator. 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 seven of these bylaws. S/he shall provide financial information to the Coordinator or the Steering Committee in a timely fashion as requested.

The Secretary shall perform all duties generally incident to the office of Secretary, subject to the control of the Steering Committee and the oversight of the Coordinator. 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.



Special Dry Suit Offer



[OS Systems](http://www.ossystems.com) is offering CPA members a special discount for its top-of-the-line 'waterproof & breathable' Spirit' model immersion dry suit for \$525 (w/o relief zip). The dry suit retails for \$725. Other optional features at extra cost include a relief zipper (add \$110.00) and/or a high-visibility suit w/reflector strips. For specifications please see: <http://www.ossystems.com/surface/spirit/> ; or visit OS System's website at <http://www.ossystems.com>.

Note: These discounts expire at the end of October. Please forward a copy of your CPA Membership Card to validate the offer. Please contact OS Systems Drysuits Representative: Frank Copren; email address: FCOPREN58@aol.com Or call (631)277-8636; (631)379-7332 cell

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- First, Bill and Mary Burnham of [SouthEast Expeditions](#) will lead an easy kayak trip to the oyster beds on Onancock Creek. Meet oyster farmer Peter Vasquenza and learn about this growing and vital industry.
 - Next, land at [Sycamore Bend](#), an historic waterfront estate on Finneys Creek, newly operating as a special events venue.
 - Finally, taste [Chatham Vineyards](#) wines paired with Onancock oysters prepared three ways by [Chef Johnny Mo](#) of Mallards
- Tickets are \$75 in advance (\$65 with your own kayak)



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2013 Officer Candidates and Stump Speeches

Here are your candidates for CPA Officers. Please consider them well, then vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, by submitting the ballot on pages 8 and 9, or by using the new E-ballot at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=vote> and enter your member number (on your membership card or in the email sent out in October) and your last name. New candidates for the Steering Committee are listed before those currently serving.



Ralph Heimlich for Coordinator!—Being highly familiar with the inner workings of CPA committed to furthering its growth, I feel that Ralph would be perfect as our next Coordinator. —nominated by Rich Stevens

Ralph Heimlich says "I have been a member of CPA since 2002 and have served on the SC for five years and as editor of The Chesapeake Paddler since 2006. Accomplishments include acquiring the first CPA wicking performance shirts from Open Air, developing and managing the membership card process, and helping develop and edit the CPA Cold Water and Membership brochures in several iterations. I have been active at Pier 7 and post frequently on the Forum. I lead a lot of trips on the calendar every year and have hosted the CPA Holiday Party and

Maryland Planning Meeting many years.

CPA's Steering Committee and management should be representative of the Piracies and membership throughout the club. I would like to serve CPA as Coordinator, primarily to ensure the smooth running of activities throughout the year, to strengthen the Piracies, to broaden participation and leadership in the club, and to develop new activities that will educate the public and benefit our paddlers. Specific initiatives I'd like to pursue include a committee to ensure practice sessions at swimming pools, and expanded opportunities for trip leader training and mentoring to increase the number of experienced CPA members leading trips. I encourage you all to come paddling on November 4 before the meeting and to vote."

Rich Stevens for Treasurer!—Experience and continuity mean a lot, especially when it comes to numbers and managing a budget. Rich has had CPA's budget under control for longer than I can remember, and does a fantastic job of reporting earnings and expenditures in a way that is transparent and easy to understand. With gratitude, I nominate Rich to keep up the great work! —nominated by Gina Cicotello



Rich Stevens says..."I have been treasurer for several years now, and would be honored to serve again. Now that the Club is incorporated and on a sound legal basis, I've worked to insure that all the proper federal and state filings have been kept up to date. I've also worked hard to insure that members are reimbursed in a timely manner, all payments are properly recorded and deposited, and that the necessary paperwork is kept up to date in an orderly fashion.

This year I replaced Ed Hershon as corporate agent for CPA. This just means that I am the official initial contact person for federal, state, and legal matters. I plan on continuing to work to seek other ways for the Club to give back to our members and to insure that Club funds are spent wisely. Although I generally hate paperwork, I've enjoyed my work for CPA. No fame and glory, but a necessary part of a corporation."



Sue Stevens for Secretary!—Sue has done a terrific job these past few years as Secretary and Membership Chair for this club. Managing the membership is an enormous time commitment all by itself, but in addition Sue organizes numerous swim supports, leads trips, participates in SK101, SK102, and Gear Day, and can generally be counted on to be involved with every club event. We need to keep her on as Secretary. —nominated by Suzanne Farace

Sue Stevens says..."Thanks for nominating me for CPA Secretary – I have been secretary for several years now, and would be honored to serve again. We have a new high of 713 active members in the club- and a lot of them seem to come to paddle on the South River at Pier 7 in Annapolis –it is nice to meet so many of our members. I want to encourage our discounted multiple year membership, which extends CPA membership up to 4 years for \$35- a nice savings! I also track the Life Member designation – for members with 20 years worth of CPA dues. My daily tasks are maintaining the CPA database as dues are received –most frequently by Pay Pal, by check, or occasionally cash on the spot. This list is the source for the Chesapeake Paddler newsletter e-distribution as well as mailing list for the printed Paddler. The print copy goes to just 39 members now– saving club funds in printing and mailing costs. I also assist in confirming current membership status to attend our award-winning SK102 training weekend. Club members will continue to receive an individual email shortly after their dues are received -giving membership status-with CPA membership info and cards mailed later. Their own membership number also enables members to vote online at the annual election time. We have a lively club and I hope to have your supporting vote for CPA Secretary for the coming year."



Jesse Aronson for SC! Jesse is a founding member of POG, has led trips, volunteered at SK102 and Gear Day, and has participated actively in quite a few swim supports. He will work very hard to help make CPA better. He would be an excellent SC member. —nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Jesse Aronson says..."I came to CPA as a newbie paddler in the 90's looking for kayaking companions. What I couldn't imagine was just how many great friendships I'd make through the club over the years, the opportunities I'd find to develop my skills and that I'd rack up innumerable great experiences over a period spanning decades. These are the great benefits that CPA, the premier sea kayaking club in the area, brings to its members. These days people are coming into the sport of sea kayaking through new paths, for example, via online communities and retailer programs. We need to keep up our great programming and also make sure we provide a conduit to welcome and embrace newer paddlers."

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Stump Speeches (Continued from page 4)

Tom Heneghan for SC! "Tall Tom" has been an active member of the CPA for many years. His volunteer activities for the CPA have included teaching the Red Cross' Wilderness First Aid courses, providing safety demos and training at Gear Day, doing swim supports, and taking a leadership role on trips, especially those involving newer and developing paddlers. Besides his interest in safety, Tom would like the CPA to continue its efforts to bring new paddlers into the sport, and to provide the trips and training that will help move paddlers from "beginners" to "advanced beginners" to "intermediate" paddlers. Tom would be a great addition to the Steering Committee.—nominated by Suzanne Farace

Tom Heneghan says..."An active member for over 7 years, I have taught classes, led trips and helped where I could. Now it is time to step up and give back some for all that I have gotten from this club! Through the CPA, I have learned the skills and knowledge to be safe paddler, made some great friends and best of all, gone on some great paddles that seem to get better each year. The CPA leadership whom came before me made all that happen. I intend to keep it going and enhance the benefits that come with being a CPA member. "



Dave Isbell for SC! Dave has been a long-term presence in CPA and as a Greenland paddler. He has been active at Pier 7 and has participated in many activities, including as an instructor at SK102, Delmarva Paddlers and other venues. He has served on the SC before, and would be a valuable addition to the committee again.—nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Dave Isbell says..."CPA runs on volunteer labor and I volunteer! As a Life Member I have seen the benefits of the club's work and have been proud to be part of it for so long."



Belá Mariassy for Steering Committee(SC)! Bela has been an active member of CPA and a Pier 7 paddler for several years and has served the entire club as our Logo GearMeister, processing orders for logo shirts, bumper stickers and other items. He has participated in many trips and CPA activities and will bring a mature, management-oriented view to the SC. —nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Bela Mariassy says..."I accept the nomination, because I feel strongly that the best assurance of a vibrant, energetic club is to become involved in the leadership of that club. I have been a member for seven years, and have learned a lot from the leaders who came before me. I have enjoyed the benefit of going on trips that have been led by people willing to give of their time and effort. My understanding of safety has been developed by the leaders who shared their knowledge and enthusiasm for this sport. I feel that this club should continue to develop the understanding of the need for safety while encouraging the friendship and camaraderie of sharing a sport that gets us out into the beauty of the surroundings of the Chesapeake Bay. "



Jim Zawlocki for SC! Jim is an experienced CPA member, the co-captain of the Occoquan Piracy and has led a number of trips. He would bring representation of an important NOVA paddling community to the SC. —nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Jim Zawlocki says..."The CPA has provided me with many amazing life experiences over the years which I will never forget. Seasoned CPA volunteers have helped me develop my paddling and leadership skills through SK102, SK103, KIPP, Wilderness Medicine, swimming pools, and other numerous calendar events. It has been rewarding to lead, support, and share CPA paddling events with experienced and new kayakers alike. CPA has supported me while working with the Northern Regional Park Authority and Occoquan Water Trail League as vice chairman to develop safe and fun paddling for the family through presentations, training, and events. As the Pirates of the Occoquan co-captain we have shared paddling experiences that has enabled all of us to grow and have fun. CPA is a diverse group enjoying touring, racing, car camping, kayak camping, kayak surfing, rough water, rolling, and leisure paddles. We must continue to support diverse events to help volunteers and paddlers develop their skills for club growth and safe fun. I am looking forward to serve the CPA community."



Paula Hubbard for SC! Paula has been very active since moving here from California, and brings a wealth of kayaking experience and new ideas from the "left" coast. She has started a Piracy on the Eastern Shore, a development long discussed, and has served on the SC. She has earned a second term on the SC and will make even more contributions. —nominated by Ralph Heimlich

Paula Hubbard says..."I had the privilege to serve on the steering committee last year and would be honored to continue to serve the club. Since joining CPA 3 years ago, I've continually been impressed by the willingness for everyone to help each other and work together to make paddling safe and fun. I have made many friends through CPA and believe in the principles of giving back to the community. CPA is a wonderful organization and it's through the efforts of volunteers that continue to keep the club strong. I hope to continue to participate on many levels including instructing at SK 101 and 102, and supporting the many events that make paddling fun."



Catriona Miller for SC!—Cat has added a good balance to the Steering Committee, along with her paddling, IT background and technical experiences. She jumped into the annual 3-month-long task handling registrations leading up to SK102. She handled Gear Day presentations, encouraged new paddlers, and led paddling trips, while still getting time to work and paddle some pretty incredible spots. She has been very active in

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Where's the Rest of Your Paddling Club?

By Catriona Miller

By 10 pm, we (Jim Zawlocki, Reggie and I) reached the Canadian border. The border patrol agent asked questions like "How many kayaks are on your roof?" "How do you all know each other?" When we responded that we were in the same paddling club, he asked "Where's the rest of your paddling club?" So. **Where were all of you???** Why weren't you up in Canada with us? Eventually, he was satisfied and we got to the French River trading post on Georgian Bay at around 4 am. Jim had called ahead to reserve a room, which they left unlocked for us. We piled

into the motel room.

After everyone woke up, we got Jim a fishing license, bought all the required permits (Some of the area we were going to be camping in was Crown land, other areas were part of the [French River Provincial Park](#) – permits were \$10 a day per person, but had to be bought in different locations), and headed over to Hartley Bay Marina to launch. We planned on doing a loop heading down the French River into Georgian Bay and coming back up the French river on a different fork 7 days later to get back to Hartley Bay Marina.

Though we were pleasantly surprised by how warm the water felt and how warm the day was, we still packed all our warm clothes and dry gear. After filling the boats to utter capacity, we headed down the French River. That area of the French River had long thin grass-like plants growing in the water that would wrap around your paddle and then fling back into your face. Not quite my favorite activity! We left at midday, so I was initially disappointed with the scenery: The lighting was harsh and I didn't take many photos. As we went further down the river, it became rockier and more picturesque. There were so many rocks around that we would be kayaking and then all of a sudden our kayaks would be beached on a rock that we hadn't seen. I was going to have no problems finding my way home: I left a breadcrumb trail of gel coat down the French River and through Georgian Bay. At various points along the sides of the river, we would see wrecks of old metal boats. While investigating one, a beaver splashed and jumped in next to the kayak.

A nice fisherman directed us down the Fork of the French River that led to Dallas rapids, where we arrived just before sunset with enough time to scout out a nice landing (gravel beach) and nice campsites (we ended up carrying our gear up some rocks to camp on a rocky ridge). There are something like 973 designated campsites up in that area and they are marked with little red signs and numbers on trees. This was our first experience with camping on granite and weighing down the tent with chunks of rock instead of staking it down. I was feeling a bit dehydrated because the water we had gotten from Hartley Bay Marina had a very unpleasant taste, so I made a large pot of soup using the heaviest ingredients in our food bags, gnocchi, dehydrated mushrooms, tree ear fungus, and with bits of salami and instant pho packets as the base. It was a full moon that night and the moon rising over the French River was gorgeous.

After dinner, the evening entertainment was R and Jim Z setting up the bear bag. Jim Z plopped this huge mesh bag with several dry bags in front of us and said "okay, I'm ready." I could barely pick up the bag and his food stash was larger and heavier than ours. Boy Scout that he is, Jim had taken an extra couple of WEEKS of food! There were quite colorful curses coming from Jim and R as they tried to hoist our collective food bags up on a bear hang high enough to be effective. R tried stepping on the rope at some point to keep the bags from sliding down and the rope burned completely through the bottom of his shoes. It was pretty entertaining to listen to from the comfort of my tent as I read a book on my Kindle.

We woke up in the morning and scouted the rapids, complete with a memorial (grave) stone on one of the rocks. We were excited when it seemed that some canoeists were going to run it, but they decided to portage instead, despite our encouragement. Jim had brought his wheels to help with portages, but that area was way too rocky to use them. Since we had carried our gear to the rocks above the rapids, we decided to carry it down to a beach beyond the rapids, then paddle our boats down, and repack below the rapids. We'd all brought helmets and I'd brought a fiberglass Lendal paddle, so we all took turns with that. R was the first guinea pig, there was a collective cringe when we heard his kayak hitting a rock as he dropped down the rapid. Having confirmed that our guinea pig survived and his boat was mostly unscathed, Jim went down the rapid next. His QCC500 was so high-volume it seemed like he just floated down the rapids. Then it was my turn.



Cat on the Dalles rapids, French River, Georgian Bay photo by Reggie Reid

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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 3 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

Ralph Heimlich

(Write-in Candidate) _____

Secretary (vote for one)

Sue Stevens (nee Bauer)

(Write-in Candidate) _____

Treasurer

Rich Stevens

(Write-in Candidate) _____

Steering Committee (choose six)

Jesse Aronson

Tom Heneghan

Paula Hubbard

Dave Isbell

Béla Mariassy

Catriona Miller

Jim Zawlocki

(Write-in Candidate) _____

Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee

After you've voted, please tear out this page, place in an envelope, and mail to:

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association

P.O. Box 341

Greenbelt, MD 20768-0341

apply a stamp, and must be received by October 31, 2012 to be counted.

Georgian Bay (Continued from page 6)

We repacked the kayaks on a rocky shelf below the rapids. I was amazed by how many frogs I was seeing and found a rusting 1950's soda can in the water by my feet. This is when we first realized how slick the rocks are when wet. They were smoothly polished rocks that had a thin layer of sediment or growth on them that was just slicker than snot! We began to joke that the most dangerous part of our trip was getting in or out of our kayaks and that was when we needed to be wearing our helmets. From the mouth of the French River, we crossed over to the Bustard Islands. We split off into our typical formation at that point – I went in a straight line to our destination, Jim Z headed for the nearest land and continued along the shore, and R paddled in between back and forth. We paddled through a maze of gorgeous granite islands into an inner island to camp.

The next morning, we paddled out of the Bustards intending to stop at [Bustard Rock's lighthouse](#). It was an absolutely stunning day, breathtakingly calm – the water was completely placid and reflective. We paddled slowly, taking gorgeous shot after gorgeous shot. They didn't quite do it justice, so of course I took some video as well. We paddled over to the Bustard Island Lighthouse. Coming around the island lighthouse, there was a channel between it and the next island. It was hard to get any more picturesque. I decided I was having lunch on the island next to the lighthouse.



Bustard Rock Lighthouse photo by Catriona

We camped on another island, and as we were paddling out the next morning, a motor boater warned us that there were supposed to be thunderstorms in the afternoon. He told us to head around Grondine Point and stop on Hen island, the beginning of the Chickens. At this point, we knew that we couldn't land on the mainland, because it was a First Nations reservation. Hen was a popular camping island, as it was the first one after a long stretch with no landing. It had flat granite campsites and a sand beach up the backside. Of course, we landed on the rock shelves on the sides and fought the slippery rocks instead. As we ate and swam, the winds picked up and there were small waves as we left Hen.

Around 4 pm, the sky was darkening and we heard thunder. We headed for Prince Edward Island at that point and decided to get off the water. We approached Deer island and Jim got out to check a nearby island and heard a squall warning come over the radio. Jim began barking orders over the radio with colorful expletives to help us understand the gravity of our situation. We headed around the back of Deer Island and found a muddy area to pull the kayaks up to ride out the storm. Jim wisely picked an inner campsite and I picked a more exposed one, wanting the mosquitoes to be blown away. The squall held off until after we cooked dinner and ate it. We had a terrific lighting show with lightning in two different directions as we ate. We headed for the tents and had a thunderstorm that night, but nothing serious. The next morning, Jim Z decided to lose some of the weight in his boat by making us all blueberry pancakes!

We had a nice lunch on Green Island, collecting rocks and fossils. It interesting seeing a different kind of rock island. It did seem to be where birds went to die, because I kept finding bird skeletons. The wind had picked up in the interim and there were nice waves off Green now – we headed inland towards the nearest set of islands, frolicking in the waves.

R called over the radio that he'd found a nearby island with nice campsites and sand beaches. We paddled over and Jim decided he was going to have a nice campsite on the sand. I tried to help R set up a camp on the rocks in a 20 knot wind. After much fighting, we decided that maybe our tent would do better if we moved it into a little pocket in nearby trees. While doing that, I heard Jim shouting about having mice down on the beach. As we were cooking dinner, mice would run straight up to our cooking pots.



Where's Waldo I? Find the two kayaks in this picture photo by Catriona

The next morning, we woke to the pitter patter of raindrops on the tent. As we were making breakfast, I was astonished to see a humming bird zoom by. The weather dried out a bit and we decided to paddle out to some islands off the end of Prince Edward Island.

We had a decision at that point – turn up earlier to go up the French River in a fork that Jim thought had a couple portages over some rapids (We did run into some canoeists a day or so later who said they'd managed to paddle up it) or head back towards the Bustards and go up the same entrance that we had come out. Instead of portaging up at Dallas rapids, we could paddle up to Bass Lake, where there was a fishing camp that had a boardwalk that you could wheel kayaks over. We decided one portage was better than potential multiple ones and headed towards campsites at the original fork of the French River. The campsite we had that night was in a grassy hollow surrounded by rock. Thankfully, it was a cool night and the mosquitoes left us alone. After several nights

of camping on warm stone (which stored heat during the day: We quite often would lie on the rocks to warm up), we camped on the old soft ground. Dirt is uncomfortably cold!

The portage at Bass Lake went well enough. Both my boat and R's were reasonably light by this time, so we just lifted them onto Jim's kayak wheels and took them to the other side. Jim emptied his boat into a handy wheelbarrow so we could take it to the other side. At that point, we had about a 10 mile paddle to Hartley Bay Marina. We still ran aground on the rocks, we had that long aquatic plant to deal with, and Jim's radio eventually ran out of power. We arrived at Hartley Bay at sunset and the marina had my car waiting near the docks for us. We got the kayaks and gear loaded by about 9 pm. We got back to Maryland at 11 am, without losing anyone, accidentally or deliberately. **Total paddling**, 115 miles in 8 days, 7 nights. No gel coat left on Vela's keel. More pics available at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/ImmunoGirl/GeorgianBay#> and the full post is online at <http://www.cpkayaker.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=25&t=7013>

Chesapeake Paddlers Association Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
10/4-7	Delmarva Paddlers Retreat	Annual gathering of Greenland Style Kayakers
10/13	EN 3 12' Eastern Neck Paddle	This is a great trip and location, what kayaking is all about, so join us for the adventure and paddle.
10/19-21	Blackwater/Honga/Hoopers Weekend	The participants on this trip will paddle in the Blackwater N.W.R and the Honga River/Hooper Island area and stay at a rental house in this area.
10/20	Fall Colors of Fountainhead	Observe the fall colors on the scenic Occoquan Reservoir
10/20-21	Joint CPA/Jersey Shore Paddlers Weekend	Joint club paddles(4different trips available) with Jersey Shore Paddlers Assn on the northern Bay and Susquehanna River
10/21	Upper Chester Day Paddle	Paddle the Upper Chester River
10/31	Halloween: Pier 7 Crazy Hat Night (Closing)	We all wear silly hats on the closing paddle of the season
11/1	Pirates of Georgetown Halloween Event	Come in costume (your boat too) for the closing event of the season
11/4	CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle	Come and see paddlers without their skirts (DETAILS P. 3 and 8)
11/7	Pier 7 End of Season Dinner	at Old Stein in Edgewater--You MUST sign up by 10/31 to attend. See Pier 7 Forum for more information. http://www.cpakayaker.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=10&t=6940
11/8-13	Chickahominy River Car Camper	Camp and paddle on the Chickahominy and James Rivers in Virginia
11/18	EN-4 12' Eastern Neck Paddle	Our Super BIG Fabulous Fall Eastern Neck Paddle. This is a great trip and location, what kayaking is all about, so join us for this adventure.
12/1	CPA Holiday Party	Aye...ye be invited fer some holiday spirits at the Annual CPA Holiday Party

Remember to check details, trip leader/organizer and contact info at the CPA Web Page

<http://www.cpakayaker.com/> and the calendar at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar> for upcoming CPA events.

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the club - and will be a great asset to the Club for this coming year.—nominated by Sue Stevens

Catriona Miller says..."I've spent the last year, helping out with every major CPA event - sk101, registration and teaching at SK102, and ran my first events - the boat workshop and Gear Day. With Suzanne's help, I created a new CPA facebook page, kept it current, and hopefully posted interesting information to it over the course of the last year. Now that I've learned the ropes, I intend to continue with the same activities next year, working to improve the events."

Robin Deykes for Steering Committee! Robin has the enthusiasm and energy to keep this great club moving forward in the 21st century. nominated by Steve Bethke **This nomination has been Declined.** Robin Deykes says..."This October I celebrate my 1st full year as a CPA member, and what a wonderfully full year it has been of adventures, learning opportunities, volunteering, and new friendships. I'm extremely honored to be nominated, but will pass this year, and look forward to participating and contributing to CPA in other ways in the year ahead. "



Where's Waldo II? Belá Mariassy in the swell off Cape Cod photo by Brian Blankinship



Team River Runners-Canton Kayak Club-Chesapeake Paddlers Association 9/11 Paddle, Baltimore *photo by DJ Manalo*

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