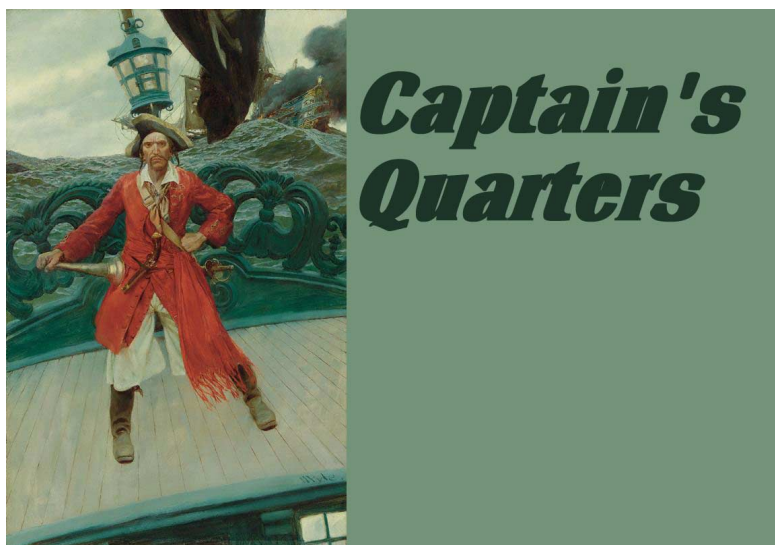


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Chesapeake Paddlers Association Piracies Spring to Life

For many, the first sign of Spring is not the crocus, the snowdrop or the cherry blossom, but the budding life on the water when Piracy Season arrives again after a long winter hibernation. Piracies are the tongue-in-cheek name for our local chapters for week day evening paddling and fellowship. According to our institutional memory (Greg Welker), the "Pirates" began at Pier 7 when one of the early members promised to get identical hats for everyone to wear paddling. With her budget, the only thing she could afford was Pirate Bandanas. You must fill out a CPA waiver (good for the entire season) see

<http://www.cpakayaker.com/downloads/events/forms/CPARelease.pdf> and have and wear minimum CPA gear (PFD, skirt, paddle float and pump. For early season paddles, a wet suit is required because of the cold water temps. Here's news of the opening days:



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410 939 0269

Pirates of the North—co-captains Michael Free and Bob Shakeshaft are thinking about an official start date of Tuesday April 14, 2009, Location to be announced - either Havre de Grace or North-east, launch time 6 PM, MD. Minimum of a wetsuit is required. PON paddling day is currently Tuesday. Let Michael or Bob know if Tuesday still works for everyone. Michael and Bob will submit a short article to the Nor'easter and the Mariner, and other local outlets to enlist new Pirates. They have also put together a 1-page PDF flyer that can be emailed to prospective paddlers and handed out.



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Pier 7—The Brotherhood (and Sisterhood) of Pier 7 announced they will start Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Pier 7 Marina on the South River near Annapolis, MD. Directions:

<http://www.cpakayaker.com/pirates.php#pier7> Since the water will still be cold, a minimum of a farmer john wetsuit and thermal top will be required. Even if you don't want to paddle, feel free to come down and socialize. Show up anytime after 4 pm. Pier 7: We PADDLE TO EAT. Pier 7 has a "rolling hole" and our regulars teach skills and help with equipment. Come on down and visit us.



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Pirates of the Potomac—Opening day will be 29 April at 5 PM. Wet suits until the water reaches 70 degrees. Please call the Belle Haven Marina if the weather is questionable such as possible lightening or high winds. I will notify them by 2:30 on the day of the paddle.

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CLASSIFIEDS

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June 2009	May 15, 2009
July 2009	June 15, 2009

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

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MEMBERSHIP: Subscription to the Chesapeake Paddler is included with membership.

NEW: Membership is now \$10, \$18, \$27, \$35, for 1, 2, 3, and 4 years. Send checks or changes of membership information to CPA, PO Box 341, Greenbelt, MD 20768. DO NOT send them to the newsletter editors.

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.

The Chesapeake Paddler is published monthly, except Nov-Feb and may be reprinted whole or in part if credit is given to this newsletter and any identified author (unless an article is specifically copyrighted), and a courtesy copy is sent to the Managing Editor.

Support your local kayak shop!

With all this business of the economy lately, how could I avoid making mention of it myself? I agree that the reason we take up kayaking is to escape the tedium and repetitive troubles of the metropolitan world, but sometimes the economy can still interject. Let's step back and consider a couple of basic principles: Kayaking is not necessarily cheap. There is simply a certain minimum set of gear that you need to enter the sport: a kayak, a PFD, a paddle, maybe a spray skirt and perhaps some clothes for your time on the water. That can come to a good chunk of change. Perhaps you are loath to part with your hard earned wages. Maybe you decide to build your own boat, paddle, skirt, paddling suit, and more to save a little. Perhaps you entered the sport after the chance of a really good price on a used kayak came along, or maybe it was even passed on freely from a relative or friend.

Well, even after you have found that you have achieved the base gear necessary to call yourself a kayaker, you start seeing more things that would make you a better paddler. Perhaps you start coveting the drysuits that you see your paddling buddies wearing in the chilly waters of spring and fall. Maybe it is the VHF radio that the trip leaders of those fun paddles use to communicate on the water. New shoes, a helmet, a spare paddle, bilge pump, paddle float, dry bags, charts, whistle, flashlights, repair parts. Oh the list of things that a paddler owns is huge, isn't it?

So let's bring this back to your local kayak shop, and the economy. You can and should consider where you are going to buy your gear from before rushing headlong into the first deal you see. Sometimes it is easier to go to your favorite online auction house, but consider that many of the local retail shops in your area specialize in paddling gear. They spend their lives and livelihood gaining knowledge and experience which they pass on to you as the consumer. They can tell you which gear is the best for your situation. They can even tell you the best deals. And they want to sell you gear because that keeps them going. Alright, the pitch is out; buy local.

We know that it helps out all those retailers, but what will it do for you? The sport of kayaking has a larger life cycle than what is portrayed by CPA. CPA gives people opportunities to hone their skills; to meet others with similar interests; fun social times; trials by fire on trips already designed and much more. But we cannot begin to provide all that the paddling community needs. All paddlers need places to buy their gear; places to go to for instruction to take them to the next level; places to fix their weary gear; places to take them on their next paddling adventure abroad. These are the retailers and outfitters in your area. You know very well who they are! Without them, the club could not be; we as paddlers could not be. We need to recognize them and support them. And how do we do that? Patronize your local outfitter.



So be proud of your part in the paddling community, and be proud of your opportunity to help our paddling economy. Consider how you can help keep all of our community going strong while times are tough. Treat yourself as a reward to the superb paddler you are and buy yourself a new piece of gear. Buy it local, and be a part of our community! By the way, only a few of the local paddling retailers and outfitters can be seen on the [CPA Member's Benefits Page](#) where discounts at local dealers are described.

TWO Paddler Cleanup Crews on the Pax

April 4 found two crews of paddlers out on the middle Patuxent River doing a Spring cleaning. Chip Walsh and Ralph Heimlich led a group of 7 paddlers in 4 canoes and a kayak in collecting 1200 pounds of bottles, cans, chairs, propane bottles, fire extinguishers, and 14 tires (no refrigerator this year) on the stretch from Queen Anne Canoe Launch to the Hills Bridge at Route 4. Meanwhile, Saki (Alan) Sakakihara led 12 volunteers by john boat (too windy for the canoes) out of Jug Bay up the Western Branch. In addition to 1,300 pounds of the usual bottles and cans, Saki's crew found a lawn chair, a bowling ball, shotgun shells, a glass bleach jar (made before my time), motor oil bottles, a volleyball, a football, buckets, a big orange and white highway pylon, and about 9 tires.

For more, see <http://saki.iwarp.com/090404/paxCleanup2009.html> and <http://home.comcast.net/~chipCanoe/Cleanup09/Clean09.html> and <http://picasaweb.google.com/ralph.heimlich/PaxRiverCleanup2009#>

And come out on April 25 to tackle some really big TRASH on the PAX. Contact Chip Walsh 410-730-9204



Saki's crew at Jug Bay, photo by Saki Sakakihara



Chip and Ralph's crew at Hills Bridge, photo by Ida Know



Pirates of the Algonkian—A group of dedicated paddlers from VA and MD meet weekly to paddle various Northern Virginia Regional Parks during the evenings. They will launch every other Wednesday evening at Fountainhead Regional Park. On alternate weeks subgroups of the Pirates will set up peer paddles at both Northern and Southern locations in Fairfax County. The Northern locations will likely be Beaverdam Creek Reservoir and Algonkian Regional Park. The Southern locations will be Pohick Bay Regional Park and Mason Neck State Park.

Check out the [Algonkian Pirates Discussion Forum](#) for weekly paddling plans. Decisions on locations will be made Sunday night and posted in the Forum and via the Algonkian Pirate mailing list.



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Pirates of the Patuxent—The official start of the Patuxent Pirate season will be on Thursday, April 23, 2009. We gather between 5 PM and 6 PM. Since the water temperature may still be below 60 degrees, participants will need to wear appropriate cold water clothing (drysuit/wetsuit). Directions: MD 2/4 south to Solomons. There's a sandy beach and free parking on the right side of Solomons Island Road, just north of the Riverwalk and across from Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. There is a public comfort station with restrooms further south, on the left side of the road across from the Solomons Pavilion.



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Pirates of Sugarloaf—Black Hill Regional Park, Germantown, MD meet Tuesdays, 5:30 PM

Pirates of Baltimore—Baltimore & Essex, MD Meet 1st Tuesday of each month at Canton; 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Rocky Point; 3rd Tuesday at Dundee Creek; and occasional 5th Tuesday will be at sites TBA; 5:30 PM

Pirates of Georgetown—Washington, DC Meet at 6:00pm. Paddle away at 6:30pm. Location is Jack's Boathouse, 3500 K Street NW, Washington DC, or Columbia Island Marina. Opening to be announced based upon water temperature. POG has many fun activities during the year, including the Cherry Blossom Paddle, the 4th of July Paddle, the Halloween Paddle, and continues throughout the year as the Ice Pirates.



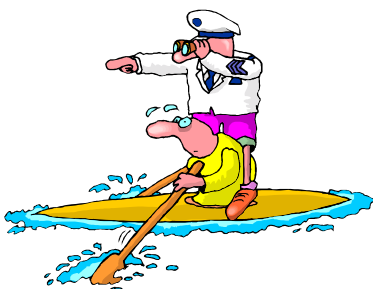
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Lack of Progress Shown in 10th Annual State of Bay Report Prompts Call for Regulatory Hammer

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation's 10th annual [State of the Bay report](#) showed no significant progress, moving CBF to challenge the incoming federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to use its regulatory authority to take aggressive new action to reduce pollution. CBF called on EPA to take three actions: Stop issuing permits for new development projects that increase pollution unless pollution is offset 200%; require reductions in polluted runoff from urban and suburban lands; and deny air pollution permits for all new coal-fired power plants that pollute the region's waterways.

You can help save the Bay in eight ways, outlined at CBF's website at <http://www.chesapeakebay.net/helpthebay.aspx>

Kayak Humor



While paddling off the Florida coast, a tourist capsized his kayak. He could swim, but his fear of alligators kept him clinging to the overturned craft. Spotting an old beachcomber standing on the shore, the tourist shouted, "Are there any gators around here?!" "Naw," the man hollered back, "they ain't been around for years!" Feeling safe, the tourist started swimming leisurely toward the shore. About halfway there he asked the guy, "How'd you get rid of the gators?" "We didn't do nothin'," the beachcomber said. "The sharks got 'em."

Two canoeists were paddling down the river, when they hit a concrete wall. One looked at the other and said, dam!

The New Zealand kayaker wrote to a dating service explaining that he had specific criteria for a potential mate and would not accept anyone that doesn't meet his standards. He went on to explain the young lady must be cute, short, enjoys cold water and paddling.

He received a reply the following week. It contained a picture of a penguin.

Florida Canoeist: Did you have a nice summer? Canadian Canoeist: Yes indeed, we had a great paddle that afternoon!

Contributed by Greg Welker

Great Potomac River Swim



The environment and I really need your help, and all you have to do is paddle across the mouth of the Potomac. And for helping we'll even give you stuff and feed you. You don't have to pay anything, ask for donation or raise any money. How easy and fun is that?

The annual Potomac Swim is coming up on May 30 and we desperately need kayakers. So far we have fewer kayakers signed up at this point than we've had for many years. And without the kayakers we simply can't do the swim.

The event is an open-water distance swim of 7.5 miles. Around three dozen dedicated swimmers have raised money to participate in the event. And each swimmer needs a kayaker, which is where we come in. All the money raised is dispersed to a

number of environmental organizations. Not one penny is going into anybody's pocket.

Your job (should you choose to accept this mission) will be to navigate for the swimmer and to carry their nourishment.

And here's what you get. First and most important is that you get to be part of a really, really cool event. The feeling of accomplishment when the swimmer reaches the beach is beyond description. It's a team effort and they can't do it without you. You also get a free dinner on Friday May 29, an early dawn Skipjack ride across the Potomac, free camping on Friday and Saturday nights at Point Lookout State Park, a free T-shirt, a huge picnic on the beach at the end of the swim and a few other little things.

So, now here it comes, my begging. We really, really need as many paddlers as possible. We can't have too much!! So please consider joining us. If you want more details or to see a list of swimmers or paddlers already signed up then please go to

<http://artemis.crosslink.net/~cherylw/pr2007i.htm> . Or you can e-mail or call either me or Cheryl Wagner. I'll also be at SK102 and

would be happy to talk with you about it then.

Thank you for helping!!

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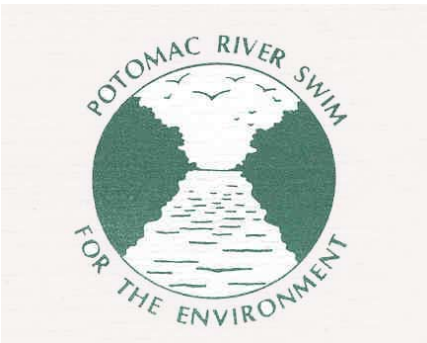
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POTOMAC SWIM May 30, 2009:

<http://artemis.crosslink.net/~cherylw/pr2009i.htm>



CPA Now on Google Calendars

Dan Peterson has taken the CPA Virtual Calendar and created a public Google Calendar with it. He is adding detailed information to the events from the CPA website as time allows. To use the new calendar, you will need to have a Gmail account and activate the calendar - it's all free.

If you don't have a Gmail account,

1. Go to <https://www.google.com/accounts/>
2. Click Create an Account on the right side
3. Follow the steps to create your account
4. Click Calendar at the top of the Gmail screen and activate your calendar
5. Follow the steps below

If you are a Gmail / Google Calendar user:

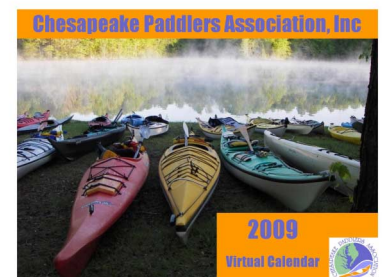
1. Open Google Calendar
2. Click "Add" on the left side under Other Calendars
3. Select "Add a Friend's Calendar"
4. Type "cpa.calendar@gmail.com" in the text box
5. Click "Add"

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Eric Gorr noted: You do not need Google Calendar to take advantage of this. For example, if you are using iCal on Mac OS X, you can go to Calendar->Subscribe... and enter:<http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/cpa.calendar%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

To download your very own copy of the CPA Virtual Calendar for 2009, go to

<http://www.cpakayaker.com/downloads/newsletter/2008/CPACalendar2009.pdf> and keep taking pictures for the 2010 edition.



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.

Date	Event	Rating
April		
Friday April 17	Dismal Swamp/Lake Drummond, VA Kayak Kamper —We'll paddle about 4 miles into the Dismal Swamp to our park-like campsite on Friday evening. Saturday will be spent exploring Lake Drummond within the swamp or relaxing in camp. A Sunday morning lake paddle before breaking camp will round out the weekend. Organizer(s): Led by Ellen Stefaniak	Advanced Beginner
Saturday April 18	Kent Island Practice Paddle (KIPP) Fourth Season 01 —This is the fourth year for a most unusual paddle. It is a paddle where we have six practice paddles {once a month, from April to Sept.} culminating in a final paddle in Sept. where you paddle the distance you have been practicing for Organizer(s): Led by Marshall Woodruff .	Intermediate
Saturday April 18	Occoquan Water Trail Clean-up —Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) is sponsoring the clean-up event and teaming-up with Occoquan City, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), and Occoquan Water Trail (OWL). Cold weather gear recommended if paddling. Organizer(s): Led by Jim Zawlocki .	All
Sunday April 19	Fast Paddle @ Fountainhead Regional Park —Join us for the first of our informal fast paddles. We'll work on building our endurance base for spring as well as race techniques such as drafting, starts, and pacing. Led by Cyndi Janetzko , Brian Blankinship .	Advanced Beginner
Sunday April 19	OWL Bull Run Virginia Bluebell —The paddle is a leisurely 5 mile round trip. The paddle is rated advanced beginner because of cold water/weather gear requirements. The trips starts off through marshy wet lands with bird and fish activity for 1.5 miles. The Virginia Bluebells are in splendor on the bank of the narrowing creek for the next 1.1 miles. Launch fees are \$2/\$3 dollars without an OWL pass. There will be a pre-launch brief and gear check prior to launch. Led by Jim Zawlocki 703-378-7536.	Advanced Beginner
Friday April 24	Assateague Island Kayak Kamper —We will car camp Friday night (either bayside or ocean side), and paddle out to the remote site for Saturday night, returning on Sunday weather permitting. Organizer(s): Led by Ed Hershon (240) 848-2321, Jim Zawlocki 703-378-7536.	Intermediate

May		
Friday May 01	SK102 - 2009 —The 11th Annual Chesapeake Paddlers Association Skills Clinic, will be held MAY 1-3, 2009 at Lake Anna, VA. Lake Anna is a nuclear heating pond so the water will be 75-80 degrees! This event is always popular, usually filling up the 80 student slots plus a waiting list and 20 instructors within a few weeks. Organizer(s): Led by Brian Blankinship , Gina Cicotello .	First Timer
Saturday May 02	Non-CPA Event - Chesapeake Bay Paddlefest —Come to Ultimate Watersports Spring Demo & Training Day. Organizer(s): Led by Hal Ashman 410-335-5352.	All
Friday May 08	Tuckahoe River Car Camper —Camp and paddle on the Tuckahoe River. Organizer(s): Led by Ralph Heimlich 301-498-0918 (leave a message).	Advanced Beginner
Saturday May 09	Kent Island Practice Paddle (KIPP) Fourth Season 02 —This is a paddle geared towards someone who wants to practice and get in shape over the next several months in preparation for a personal distance paddle. Organizer(s): Led by Marshall Woodruff .	Intermediate
Saturday May 16	Piscataway Creek Paddle —This trip will be a circumnavigation of Piscataway Creek. Organizer(s): Led by Mike Cohn 301-283-2391.	Beginner
Sunday May 17	Thomas Point Lighthouse from Galesville —We will paddle out into the Bay to the lighthouse, depending on weather. Organizer(s): Ralph Heimlich 301-498-0918 (leave a message)	Advanced Beginner
Saturday May 23	Chestertown Tea Party Festival Paddle —Paddle to Chestertown; hang out; watch the parade; watch the reenactment of the Tea Party; listen to music; watch country dancers; listen to storytellers; tour and/or take short rides on the Schooner SULTANA; buy stuff; eat; paddle back. Organizer(s): Led by Todd Angerhofer 202.412.7267.	All
Friday May 29	Potomac River Swim —See article, page 5 Organizer(s): Chris Bresnan 540-837-2733 cbresnan@hotmail.com , Cheryl Wagner (202) 387-2361 Home	Advanced Beginner
Saturday May 30	Kent Island Creek Beginners Paddle —Sign up for either Saturday May 30th or Sunday May 31st for a beginner paddle around the creeks of Kent Island!!! Organizer(s): Led by Marshall Woodruff .	First Timer
Sunday May 31	Kent Island Creeks Beginner Paddle part 2 —Sign up for either Saturday May 30th or Sunday May 31st for a beginner paddle around the creeks of Kent Island!!! Organizer(s): Led by Marshall Woodruff .	Beginner
Sunday May 31	2nd Annual CPA Gear Day —Meet and mingle with your fellow paddlers, show off your favorite gear, see demonstrations, try out boats and paddles. Occoquan Regional Park; 10-3. Led by Gina Cicotello 240-305-0922 (cell), Suzanne Farace 410-446-5991 (cell).	All
June		
Friday June 05	Point Lookout Car Camper —Camp and paddle around Point Lookout Organizer: Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell)	Advanced Beginner
Saturday June 06	Kent Island Practice Paddle 03 —This paddle is meant for those that join in, to have a bonding experience with each other, the paddle and meet their goals. If you have questions about this paddle give a call or write. Organizer(s): Led by Marshall Woodruff .	Intermediate
Saturday June 06	Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay from Quantico —This is a great Advanced Beginner trip to cross the Potomac River to the graveyard of ships in Mallows Bay. Organizer(s): Led by Tom Heneghan 703.216.9837.	Advanced Beginner
Saturday June 06	Basic Rescue Skills Practice —A continuation of the CPA skills mini-clinics. We will practice the two most basic rescues -- the paddle float reentry and the T-rescue. First timers welcome and we will practice wet exits first if necessary. Organizer(s): Cyndi Janetzko 703-241-0036	First Timer
Sunday June 07	Marshall Hall to Pamunkey Creek Paddle —Follow the Maryland shore of the Potomac River from Marshall Hall to Pamunkey Creek and explore the creek and wetlands Organizer(s): Led by Mike Cohn 301-283-2391.	Beginner
Saturday June 13	Patuxent River, Benedict to Cedar Haven Paddle —Treasure Map Paddle Like the Pirates of old, we too will be in search of clues and a map which leads to.... Who knows where! Or what will be found? Come join the fun. All are welcome! Bring plenty to eat and drink. Please contact me before June 6, if you plan to paddle to get specific directions to the launch site. Organizer(s): Led by Isaiah Allen 443-404-7250.	Beginner
Saturday June 13	Non-CPA Event: Paddle for the Cure —Join Ultimate Watersports in Baltimore for a paddling events to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation in the search for a cure to breast cancer. Led by Hal Ashman 410-207-8601	First Timer
Sunday June 14	Chesapeake Bay Swim —The annual Bay Swim will be held on June 14th and as always we will need swim supporters! Stay tuned for more details. Led by David Biss 703-241-0036, Cyndi Janetzko 703-241-0036	Advanced Beginner
Friday June 19	Nassawango Creek, Pocomoke River Car Camper —Camp at Milesburn Landing and paddle the Pocomoke and Nassawango Creek. Organizer(s): Ralph Heimlich 301-498-0918 (leave a message)	Advanced Beginner
Saturday June 20	Fort Smallwood Paddle —Starts at new Fort Smallwood Park launch site, in Anne Arundel County. Led by Gina Cicotello (240) 305-0922	Advanced Beginner
Friday June 26	Elk Neck Car Camper —Camp at Elk Neck State Park and paddle around the area. Organizer(s): Ed Hershon (240) 848-2321	Advanced Beginner
Saturday June 27	Havre De Grace Paddle —no details	Advanced Beginner
Saturday June 27	Fort Smallwood to Leesylvania, Potomac Car Camper —no details	Advanced Beginner



Trashing on the Pax— Sue Bauer, Rich Stevens, and Kathy Neale prowling the "banks" of the river searching for trash, photo by Chip Walsh

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