

# Chesapeake Paddler



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## CPA Annual Meeting and Paddle—Sunday, November 1



**Annual Meeting Morning Paddle, 2008**  
*photo by Ralph Heimlich*

Yes. It is time for the 2009 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 2010.

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

dates and their “stump speeches” on [page 5](#). You can vote for those nominated at the Annual Meeting, by submitting the ballot on pages 8 and 9, or by using the new E-ballot on Survey Monkey: Go to [www.cpakayaker.com/voting\\_ballot.htm](http://www.cpakayaker.com/voting_ballot.htm) and enter your member number (on your membership card) and the first three letters of your last name. If you can't find your member number, email Sue Bauer, Ralph Heimlich or Dave Biss (see [p. 2](#)).

**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 11:30 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 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 12:30 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. **And, just like last year, there will be free ice skating at the Aquatics Center that you can participate in after the meeting adjourns.** If you have any questions about this, contact [Dave Biss](#).

### Location/Directions - to Morning Paddle

**Bladensburg Waterfront Park**  
4601 Annapolis Road  
Bladensburg, MD 20710

Location/Directions - to Morning Paddle

**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.](#)



**Coordinator Dave Biss presiding in 2008**  
*photo by Ralph Heimlich*

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## Advertising Rates:

We accept display advertising that relates to the interest of our readers. Monthly rates are as follows:

Size	cost	wide x deep (col)
1/8 page	\$20	2.4" x 3.5" (1)
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Full page	\$80	7.5" x 9.75" (3)

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## SCHEDULE FOR 2008 CHESAPEAKE PADDLER

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Jan/Feb 2010	December 15, 2009
March 2010	February 15, 2010

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

## 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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**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.

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Dave Isbell, Sue Bauer and Jill Dorosz at the Rustic Fair in the Adirondacks photo by Rich Stevens

The end of the summer paddling season is here. This time of year always makes me think of one thing. No, it is not the cold. It is the warmth! The warmth which is generated by all the wonderful volunteer effort within this club.

Now that the CPA Annual Meeting is just around the corner, I start thinking about how this club is run, and what makes it such a great collection of people, activities, knowledge, adventure, and skill. What is it that makes this all possible? Volunteers! There is no way that I can repeat enough how great the volunteers are who keep this club active, or to thank them enough for doing such a great job.

We know who we are. We know what we do for the club. But let me reiterate here for just a moment. Without the tireless dedication of the Officers of the club, we could not have the Newsletter, the Club Benefits, and the organization that the Membership brings. Thank you Sue Bauer, Rich Stevens, Ralph Heimlich (as well as Mark Woodside, Lynn Erwin and Paul Bieri).

Without the Steering Committee, we could not have the steady motion forward which this club has achieved over the past 15 years, including the incorporation, the safety record, and the many vast events. Thank you Brian Blankinship, Gina Cicotello, Ed Hershon, Suzanne Farace, and Yvonne Thayer (and the others already mentioned).

Without the trip leaders and event organizers, we could not have day trips, evening Pirate gatherings, paddling campers, gear days, adventure vacations, and skills sessions and even a club library! Although the names are too many to mention, you all have had the warm thanks of nearly every paddler on the East Coast at one time or another. A warm-fuzzy may not be the best offering of gratitude, but you know you have nearly 700 warm-fuzzies focused in your direction.

Without the membership of this club we simply could not be what we are. You all deserve the biggest, warmest thanks of all. You are the individuals who make kayaking what it is, who make the club events what they are, who make the club what it is. You support all those already mentioned, and are the acting leaders, organizers, committee members and officers of tomorrow.

So thank you all. And if you are sitting at home right now thinking of all the thanks you would give to those who helped you with your club experiences in 2009, then you are showing your support for this fine organization. Continue to show that support throughout the next year as well. Start by coming to the [Annual Meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>](#), and then consider how the club can be better for 2010. Make your voice heard, offer your ideas, help make an event happen, plan a trip where others can come together, offer your focus in aiming this club towards its new destination. You all make this club what it is. Now, come with me and let's make it happen!

## Admiral's Walk



### Passing of Alan Avery, Long Time CPA Member

Alan passed away on September 18. All of us can fondly recall Alan bringing his wife Shirley's excellent soups and cooking to Pier 7 to feed us. Alan, who had been with CPA almost since the beginning, was a long time member of Pier 7, and for several years helped to manage the boat-house and relationships with the Pier 7 Marina management. Alan is one of the reasons the P7 piracy continued at Pier 7, and it was also his vision that led CPA to supporting the development of the Homeport Farms kayak launch that is coming into existence across the river from Pier 7. Many of you may also remember Alan from Sk102, where he frequently manned the registration table. He was also well known for attending the countless demo days, club days, and club displays to man the CPA club table and recruit new members.

Shirley, Alan Avery's wife of 50 years and their daughter Sharon Darden said that Alan was cremated as he requested. There will be a memorial service, **Friday, October 16, 2009 at 1:30 PM** at:  
 South County Senior Center  
 27 Stepneys Lane  
 Edgewater, MD 21037 (410-222-1927)

At the memorial service, Sharon will be showing a PowerPoint show of pictures of Alan. If you have pictures that she could include, please email them to her at sharondarden AT gmail DOT com. The Avery's will open the floor to those who would like to speak about Alan. Sympathy Cards can be mailed to Alan's wife Shirley and daughter Sharon at: 352 Derbyshire Lane  
 Riva, MD 21140-1511

1. From Rt. 301 south. Rt. 214 (Central Ave) eastbound, crossing Rt. 2. Turn left onto Stepney's Lane. Go past Post Office and Police Dept. Turn left into driveway for Edgewater Library and Senior Center.
2. from Pier 7 location go south on Rt. 2 to Mayo Rd. Turn left and go to Stepney's Lane. Turn right and go to driveway on right for Library and Senior Center.

Light refreshments at Senior Center. Reception following at the Avery home at **352 Derbyshire Lane, Edgewater, MD**

Directions from Senior Center: Right onto Stepney's Lane to Central Ave. Turn right, cross Rt. 2 and make right at traffic light at Beard Point Road. Turn right onto Riva Road. Go to Westbury Drive (entrance to Annapolis Landing). Turn right onto Stonehenge Drive approximately 3 blocks to right again onto Walpole, which deadends at Derbyshire Lane. Turn right to 352 Derbyshire Lane. You may par on any street being careful not to block driveways. (home phone is 410-956-3299).





# Piracy Portents

## 2009 Annual CPA Holiday Raid

Aye...ye be invited fer some holiday spirits at the Annual CPA Holiday Party. Chart yer course fer the **5<sup>h</sup> 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 5 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 Tuesday, December 3 via email at [heimlichfamily@comcast.net](mailto: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 soon.

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](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.

**Ed Hershon as Coordinator**—"It is an honor to be nominated to be Coordinator of the CPA. Since I have been a member of the CPA, we have been very fortunate to have exceptional leadership in the club's Coordinators. I hope to continue that leadership for the CPA. There are a few areas in which I would like to see the CPA focus; one of those areas is the weekly Piracies. I believe that this is one of the main attractions to the CPA and would like to work with each Piracy to strengthen them. While we have several strong Piracies, I would like to see the CPA reach out to more local paddlers where some of the smaller Piracies are located. Another area where CPA could expand its role is that of safety and training. No one could deny that SK101 and SK102 are huge events that provide outstanding instruction, but I would like to see the CPA take a more visible and public role in safety and education. In that context, I would like to establish outreach with the U.S. Coast Guard as well as the Department of Natural Resources and work with these agencies so that they can understand our role on the water and how we share the water with other craft and users. Of course, it has always been my goal to expand and retain membership of the CPA. Lastly, I would like to see more club members take a leadership role in either planning and leading trips, or serve on a committee. With a club of our size, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone to be involved."

**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 (\$18) - 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.



**Béla Mariassy**—Rich Stevens' nomination "Béla has been a long time member of CPA and recently has served and is serving most ably as our Logo Gearmeister, handling the sales, inventory, and distribution of CPA's hats, shirts, stickers, and other club gear. He has also just been inducted as a Pier 7 Pirate Commissar helping to keep things running smoothly. In addition, Béla has been a very active member and helped on many trips, swim supports, demo days, and other activities that have helped CPA to become what it is today. I think that Béla would be a great addition to the Steering Committee. "

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**Nominations** (Continued from page 5)

**Brian Blankinship** —"Since joining CPA fourteen 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."

**Gina Cicotello** —"I accept, and would be happy to serve on the Steering Committee again this year. CPA is in great shape today due to successful leadership and enthusiastic members, and I will help the club improve and grow while maintaining the importance of our mission. And I will continue to coordinate a variety of events that encourage everyone to discover the fun of kayaking! "



**Dave Isbell**—Dave Biss' nomination: "Not only is Dave one of the Premier members of the club's roster, but Dave's experiences are too numerous to mention. He is a regular face at any of the long distance paddles, over night paddles, and gear related events. He is a staple of the Pier 7 Piracy as well as a designer and builder of SOF boats. Dave has his finger on the pulse of the sport of kayaking, not only in his personal interests but in the fact that he is a leader within two of the largest kayaking clubs in the East, and many other water-related interests as well. Let's welcome his voice as a member of the CPA Steering Committee for 2010!"

**Matt Blakey**—Cyndi Janetzko's nomination: "Matt is an active CPA member. He paddles with the POG, is a regular on the KIPP trips and represents CPA at many of the area swim supports." Matt says: " I ACCEPT".



**Jay Gitomer**—"CPA is a great organization, and I would be pleased to have a chance to contribute to it. My primary interest is in events and training. My background is in organizational and project management, with emphases on training and marketing; I believe that my skills could be of value to the club."



**Rob Pearlman**—Dave Biss's nomination:"Rob's enthusiasm for kayaking has taken him far since I have met him. He has been exploring and testing many aspects of paddling inside and out of the club; taking instructional classes, attending weekend adventures, helping to plan events. He always has excellent ideas about what can and should be done to make our events enjoyable for all. I highly recommend him as a Committee Member for 2010! "



**Ralph Heimlich**—"I've had a lot of fun helping CPA work and want to continue to do so. Some things I've worked on over the last few years: Holiday Parties, membership cards, new logo performance shirts, materials for SK101, leading a few trips, stealing enough material off the Forums to fill The Chesapeake Paddler, drinking my share of the beer at Pier 7. Nuff said."



Jenny receiving her awards photo by Greg Welker

## Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival, Oct. 2-4, 2009

Jenny Plummer-Welker and I attended the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival in St. Michael's, MD this weekend. Several hundred people, and over a hundred boats, were exhibiting. Jenny entered her skin on frame kayak in the competition. She did a display with a photo book showing the building process, a power point slide show on her netbook, and took great pains to "spiff up" the kayak and paddles for the show.

During the show on Saturday, Jenny almost talked herself hoarse explaining the boat and how she built it to visitors, the judges, and other boat builders. That night at dinner, the awards were given out.

The kayak category was split into two classes: kayaks and Greenland kayaks. Jenny won first place for the category of skin on frame kayaks. What was really a surprise though was that the judges thought so much of her kayak that they also put it into the class that consisted of " traditional boats built with traditional methods and materials." This is the class that has the most competition, and the highest level of competition in that these people are really intense about accuracy and detail. Jenny won first place in this category too! David Moore (who will soon be racing in the NYC Mayor's Cup later this month) won 1st for best non-skin on frame kayak with his kayak "Pudding." The judges noted that he did a great job documenting the evolution of a kit boat into a specialized personal racing kayak. Roy Todd, assisted by his son, Andrew, received ribbons for his canoe and kayaks.

Sunday Jenny was invited to go on a sail on the private yacht catboat "Silent Maid", a 1920s style racing catboat from Philadelphia. You can see it in some of the photos. She took me along too.

There are more photos of the whole event up at my flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/gdwelker/sets/72157622401033847/>

# 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](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

Ed Hershon  
 (Write-in Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary (vote for one)

Sue Bauer  
 (Write-in Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

### Treasurer

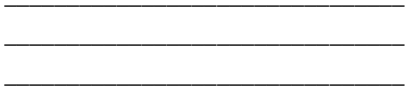
Rich Stevens  
 (Write-in Candidate) \_\_\_\_\_

## Steering Committee (choose six)

Béla Mariassy  
 Brian Blankinship  
 Dave Isbell  
 Gina Cicotello  
 Jay Gitomer  
 Matt Blakey  
 Ralph Heimlich  
 Rob Pearlman  
  
 (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 October 31, 2009 to be counted.**



Place  
Stamp

Chesapeake Paddlers Association  
P.O. Box 341  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20768-0341



## 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		
Fri-Sun, Oct 2-4	<b>Smith Island Camping</b> —Take the ferry across to Smith Island; camp for a while; and explore the marshes with us in your kayak. Organizer(s): Led by Bob Pullman.	Advanced Beginner
Fri-Mon Oct 9-12	<b>Elk Neck State Park Car Camper</b> —We'll camp and explore the Susquehanna River and Susquehanna Flats from Havre De Grace. Organizer(s): Led by Ralph Heimlich.	Advanced Beginner
Sat Oct 10	<b>Baltimore Harbor Day Paddle</b> —A day paddle in Baltimore Harbor. More details will follow. Organizer(s): Led by Todd Angerhofer 202.412.7267.	Beginner
Thu, Oct 15	<b>Non-CPA Event: Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race</b> —Here are some chances to watch the Scoolers Racing down the bay from your waterside seats. Organizer(s): Led by GCBSR.	All
Fri, Oct 16	<b>Memorial Service for Alan Avery</b> —1:30 PM Please see box on <a href="#">page 2</a>	All
Fri-Sun, Oct 16-18	<b>Tall Pines V 2009 - THIS TRIP IS FULL</b> —Car camping and sea kayaking day trips on the upper Virginia eastern shore. AS OF 7/10/2009 THIS TRIP IS FULL. Organizer(s): Led by Greg Welker and Jenny Plummer-Welker 301-249-4895.	Advanced Beginner
Sun, Oct 18	<b>Non-CPA Event: NY Mayors Cup</b> —This is one fast-paced, long, rough kayak race. if you are into those things. Organizer(s): Led by Ray Fusco.	Advanced Beginner
Wed, Oct 28	<b>Pier 7 Halloween Bash</b> —Join the Pier 7 Pirates for our season close out. Wear your Outrageous Hat. Dinner served. Organizer(s): The Pier 7 Pirate Commissars (Sue Bauer, Rich Stevens, Brent Cogswell, Bela Mariassy) 410-531-5641	
Thu, Oct 29	<b>PoG Halloween Paddle/Party</b> —Join the Pirates of Georgetown for an evening paddle and a party afterwards. Costume required! This will be the end of the season. Organizer(s): Led by Dave Biss 703-241-0036.	Beginner
Sat, Oct 31	<b>Halloween Night Paddle</b> —Paddle at night...Halloween Night, from Columbia Island. Organizer(s): Led by Todd Angerhofer 202.412.7267.	Beginner
November		
Sun, Nov 1	<b>CPA Annual Meeting and Election</b> —Paddle the Anacostia at Bladensburg Regional Park, then join us at the UMD Aquatic Center for our annual meeting, elections, other happenings. Organizer(s): Led by Dave Biss.	All
Fri-Sun, Nov 6-8	<b>Chickahominy River Car Camper</b> —Car Camper on the Chick as the leaves turn and paddle around Jamestown Island or on the Chickahominy or James Rivers. Organizer(s): Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell)	Advanced Beginner
Fri, Nov 13	<b>Non-CPA Event: Wildfowl Festival EASTON MD</b>	All
December		
Sat, Dec.5	<b>CPA Holiday Party and Annual Raid</b> —Once again, dear friends, into the breach. Christmas, Hannukah, Kwanza, the Summer Solstice—whatever you want to celebrate, come to Laurel, Maryland as the year fades away. See article on <a href="#">page 3</a>	All

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Jenny Plummer-Welker and judges at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival in St. Michael's, MD *photo by Greg Welker*

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