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Greensboro to Denton Choptank Paddle Fest

By Robert Golden



Robert, Greg and Jenny demonstrating kayak rescue to the crowd photo by Diane Stoecker

The Caroline County Chamber of Commerce organized the first Greensboro to Denton Paddlefest on the Eastern Shore's Choptank River I would hope, and suspect it will be, an annual event from now on. Greg Welker and Jenny Plummer-Welker had been asked to provide a kayak rolling demonstration, and I managed to get my paddle in the door.

Though I didn't participate, the festivities started Friday night in Greensboro with a BBQ, live music, bonfire, and other activities. (see <http://www.dentontimesrecord.com/articles/2010/05/12/news/122941.txt> and <http://www.carolinechamber.org/events-detail.aspx?eventid=983fe5b7-27cb-4fcc-a8c9-195cd4ec3e12>)

From the sound of things it was a good time. The Saturday festival activities consisted of a paddle to Denton with three options: a 7.7 mile paddle race, a paddle poker event, and

finally a leisurely trip down the Choptank to the festival held at the Choptank River Yacht club. The Chamber of Commerce also provided trash bags to willing participants and had a prize for the most trash collected from the river.

Greg, Jenny and I met up with Ed Dryden, Diane Stoecker and Tom McRae at the yacht club around 9:30 AM. Our plan was to paddle up river and meet the paddlers heading down from Greensboro. There was the usual paddle chitchat which was then interrupted by a Kent Island Peer Paddle-like headwind. Around 10:30 AM we encountered what I believe were the only two race participants; a sit-on-top (SOT) kayak with an outrigger and a stand up paddleboard (SUP). I was surprised the SUP paddler was moving as well as he was, having never seen one before. I suspect the body makes a great sail for the downwind leg of a paddle, but I would not have wanted to paddle upwind. We began to run into the rest of the fleet of kayaks and canoes, chatting here and there before turning around and heading back.

We arrived back at Denton with an hour in hand before our demonstration time so we were able to wander the vendors and displays. I tried out a pit beef sandwich from a stand supporting the local hospice, and lemonade from a horse rescue support group. I dined while watching a Native American demonstration on the making of a stone knife, ax blade and arrow heads. There was an animal sanctuary display that had several owls present, including a pair of screech owls. I have heard the little critters for the past several weeks in the woods behind the house and now got to see what was making all that noise. There were two paddle sport vendors, in addition to several other vendors that I



Eastern Screech-Owl (*Megascops asio*) photo by Ralph Heimlich

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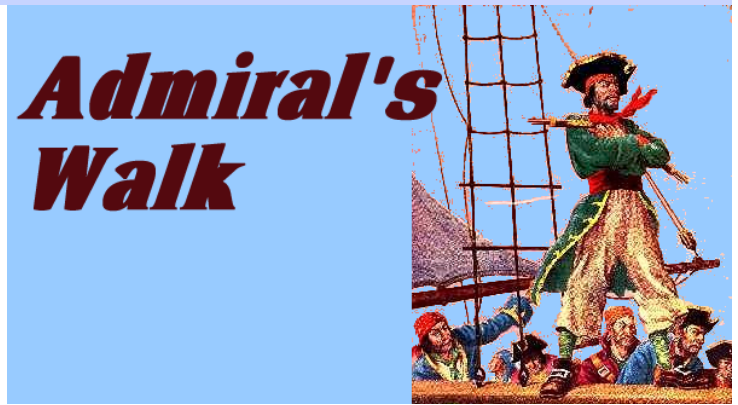
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Gear Day and Fall Out of Your Boat Day
photo by Caroine Labbé

Summer has finally arrived with all of its tradition; heat and humidity. But hey, that is what is so great about paddling. You can escape the dreariness of this heat and humidity and go paddling! Is there any better way to spend a Saturday or Sunday then going out to paddle with friends or making new friends on a CPA trip?

As we "gear up" for the summer paddling trips, I want to point out again that the CPA sponsors and participates in many different swim support or kayak support events (see box [next page](#)). These events are just beginning for the most part now. I want to thank all of the volunteers for their valuable time to assist the organizations that request, and frankly, need our help to hold these events.



Part of our mission as The Chesapeake Paddlers Association is to educate the community to kayak safely; what better example to show the fulfillment of that mission then to volunteer for one of these swim supports or kayak demo supports. Our participation in these events shows the public at large and the paddling community how to offer the support to these organizations in a professional manner.

For example, I have participated in the Great Bay Swim several times; there are always swimmers that need our help and they are very grateful for our participation as well as our abilities. The same thing can be said for the multiple triathlons and the demo days where we act as safety boaters to make sure that swimmers and new kayakers do not get into trouble.

It is clear from the explosion of these events that the CPA's involvement in these events is much appreciated. It may be nice to get SWAG: a tee shirt and a sandwich (or two) for your efforts, but I believe that the real appreciation comes from those that receive our help. They are always appreciative and thankful and that is thanks enough.

Since we are talking about safety, I wanted to raise another issue this month: First Aid while on paddling trips. On a recent club trip, a member fell into distress immediately after the paddle was completed. The other participants on this trip acted swiftly. One person was directed to call 911. Other members created a shield from clothing to keep the hot sun off this paddler while help arrived. Several others turned the paddler so that the paddler's breathing was not obstructed. Although the paddler was taken to Shock Trauma by helicopter for this non-paddling related issue, he was all right and released. This is a testament to the quick thinking of the trip leader and the other participants on the trip.

As it turned out, three of the trip participants, including the trip leader, had recently taken the Wilderness First Aid course offered by the club in conjunction with the American Red Cross. This is the second time that this course has been offered to club members and hopefully we can offer it again in the future. Since there are many trips that the club sponsors that are not always close to medical help, I would encourage everyone to take at least a basic first aid course, practice and be prepared for when an unforeseen medical emergency arises.



Ed Hershon, Coordinator

Remember, keep paddling, and keep paddling safely!

Ed Hershon



Saki's original photo of Mallows Bay, Yvonne Thayer center

contest is on cover. It is from my kayak trip to Mallows Bay with Norma Broadwater and Yvonne Thayer. Yvonne made the cover! (right). Original photo on left.

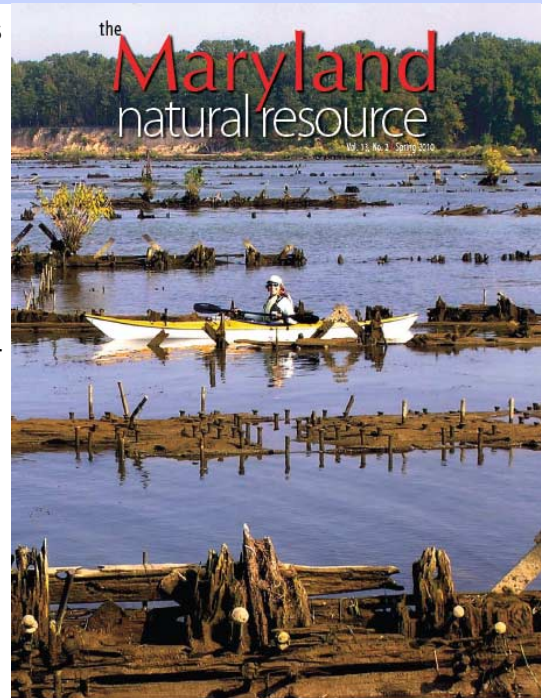
The full magazine can be downloaded at <http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/naturalresource/spring2010/spring2010.pdf> and has an article on new boating access, including the new ramp at Mallows Bay, on page 14.

Saki

The Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay

Alan "Saki" Sakakihara

I just returned from California to find the latest Maryland Natural Resource Magazine sitting in my mailbox. I entered several photos in their contest a couple of months ago but didn't win. But perhaps even better, I found that one of the photos I submitted to the



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didn't get to check out. Add in the live music of 'Vic Vacuum and the Attachments' and it was a great start for a first time festival.

For the demonstration Ed provided great commentary via a bull horn out on the dock while we conducted the show. I started us off with a paddle float reentry that got off to a bad start as the river current was pulling the kayak into the dock and moored power boat. Greg came to the rescue with a line tied to my bow and kept me in the center of the crowd as I gracefully (NOT!) executed my reentry. Once back in the boat it was time to fall out again, this time conducting a two boat rescue. After a successful two boat reentry, and given a hand from the crowd for being the willing victim I got the best seat in the house while Jenny and Greg conducted numerous rolls. At one point they were both executing rolls perfectly synchronized; perhaps a new sports competition synchronized kayak rolling. Afterwards Greg and Jenny answered questions for about another 45 minutes, as the great ambassadors for the sport that they are. One person in the audience has been working on an idea for a prosthetic paddle and asked Jenny and Greg to try out the prototype. They paddled about with it and offered up some good suggestions and improvements. As a finale, I watched Greg try and complete a roll with the paddle on the first try.



Robert and Greg complete a two-boat rescue photo by Tom McCrea

Jenny put her boat back on shore for display and to answer questions on kayak building, while Greg and I headed over to Watts creek for a little more time on the water. By 4:30 PM, the boats were on the cars and the vendors were closing up shop. Jenny scored some fries from the Board Walk Fry vendor. They were great and I was glad I didn't know about them sooner. I thought for a first time festival The First Annual Denton to Greensboro Choptank Paddlefest was a pretty good showing and a great time. I heard others echo this thought as well. Next year, it would make a great early season weekend camper (at Martiniak State Park) with a paddle to and from the festival on Saturday and a Sunday paddle at one of the other great local locations. Maybe we could even have enough volunteers to run a CPA booth at the festival. Let me know if you are interested in helping out.



Kayakers mingling at 3rd CPA Gear and Fall Out of Your Boat Day photo by Caroline Labbé

3rd Annual CPA Gear Day and Fall-Out-of-Your-Boat Day A Success

Organizers Gina Cicotello and Suzanne Farace had lots of company at Annapolis' Truxtun Park on Sunday, June 6 for the third iteration of Gear Day, where we all get to strut our fancy stuff, trade ideas and try out other people's gear. Ed Hershon, amply assisted by Jim Allen, Mark McKeel, Tom Heneghen, Jen Bine and Nelson Labbe. Also carefully supervised old pros and new paddlers doing their wet exits, paddle float re-entries, and numerous variations on rolls and rescues in the fragrant waters of Spa Creek. (Was that YOUR neoprene?) There was much fun, lots of good food, and a double-birthday celebration for Coordinator Ed Hershon and Treasurer and newlywed Rich Stevens.



Ed and Rich's Birthday Cake at 3rd Annual CPA Gear Day and Fall Out of Your Boat Day photo by Melissa Boyle

The late afternoon thunderstorm didn't dampen our enthusiasm, but did wring the tropical moisture out of the air and helped us pack up and head home in increasing freshness. Thanks again to Gina, Suzanne, Ed, and everyone else who participated.

Swim and Safety Support Opportunities

Kayak Safety Support for OkumeFest—Support people demoing Chesapeake Light Craft boats, When: May 15, 2010 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Web Site: http://www.clcboats.com/boatbuilding_classes/120.html Organizer(s): Matt Blakey

Columbia Triathlon—Support a swim at Columbia Reservoir, When: May 23, 2010 (Sunday),

Web Site: <http://www.tricolumbia.org/Columbia/> Organizer(s): A VOLUNTEER IS NEEDED TO LEAD THIS SWIM SUPPORT

Potomac River 7.5 Mile Swim—Kayakers! The Potomac Swim Needs Your Help! When: June 5, 2010 (Saturday)

Web Site: <http://www.crosslink.net/~cherylw/pr2009i.htm> Organizer(s): Chris Bresnan, Cheryl Wagner (202) 387-2361

EMS Demo Day—Try out boats and earn a rocker by supporting the demo at Truxtun Park in Annapolis, MD. When: June 5. Organizer(s): Bela Marriassy

Great Chesapeake Bay Swim—Please volunteer to help with the kayak support for this open water swim. When: June 13, 2010 (Sunday) Web Site: <http://www.bayswim.com/> Organizer(s): Dave Biss (703) 241-0036

Swim Support for D.C. Tri—Come support the triathlon for a very short swim in the Nation's Capitol. When: June 19 2010 12:00 AM to June 20 2010 12:00 AM Web Site: <http://www.dctri.com/> Organizer(s): Kurt Thiel 703-685-7752, and Carl Steineger

Columbia Celebration Triathlon—Coed on Centennial Lake, When: June 27 Organizer(s): Sue Stevens (nee' Bauer) SusieGreenthumb@aol.com and Rob Golden r_golden@verizon.net

Maryland Swim for Life—Swim support for the 19th Annual Maryland Swim for Life, Rolphs Wharf, Chester River. When: July 10, 2010 (Saturday) Web Site: <http://www.swimdca.org/Swim4Life.html> Organizer(s): Rob Pearlman

Third Annual Bud Beatty Memorial Swim—Kayak support for an open water swim. Rocky Point Beach and Park When: August 8, 2010 (Sunday) Web Site: <http://www.budbeattyswim.org> Organizer(s): Tim Beatty

Iron Girl Columbia Triathlon—Kayak support for the swim portion of a triathlon. When: August 22, 2010 (Sunday) Organizer(s): Sue Stevens (nee' Bauer) SusieGreenthumb@aol.com

Swim Support for The Nations Triathlon—Support a very short swim in the Nation's Capitol. When: September 11 2010 12:00 AM to September 12 2010 12:00 AM Web Site: <http://www.nationstri.com> Organizer(s): Dave Biss 703-241-0036, Carl Steineger

Baltimore Swim Across America—Kayak support for an open water swim. When: September 19, 2010 (Sunday)

Web Site: <http://www.swimcrossamerica.org/Page.aspx?pid=771> Organizer(s): Lyn Brooks 410-592-6248



Chestertown Paddlers and the Schooner Sultana photo by Yvonne Thayer

Chestertown Tea Party Paddle

Despite the ominous weather predictions, several stalwart CPA paddlers gathered in the early morning on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the South East Creek public landing on a small tributary of the Chester River in Queen Anne's County, Maryland. Heading out under gray skies and a warm rain, the group of eight (Rich and Sue Stevens, Jill Dorosz, Steven Jancke, Cragg Howard, Jim Allen, Maryrose Whelley, and I) headed for Chestertown to attend the annual Tea Party Festival there. <http://www.chestertownteaparty.com/thefestival.htm>. In route we met up with fellow CPA paddlers Paula Hubbard and Rich Pieper, who live locally and who had put in from another location farther down river.

The rain lifted as we approached Chestertown. We could see the schooner Sultana (<http://www.sultanaprojects.org/schoonersultana.htm>) docked at the end of Main Street, as well as many other beautiful sailboats anchored out on the river. Among these was our own Yvonne Thayer who warmly greeted us from the deck of an impressive 47-foot Catalina.



Two Eye Patches? Now They'r PYRATES! Photo by Jim Allen

After spending a few moments inspecting the Sultana from the water and posing for a group photo, we landed (after having secured permission in advance) on a small beach owned by Washington College. We were met there by CPA Coordinator Ed Hershon, who was with his son Alex and some friends and another CPA paddler, Jan Sheehan, paddled up.

We stashed our gear, changed clothes, locked up the boats, and went into town to enjoy the festival. En route we were offered free refreshments, which definitely set a festive mood. Best of all, we finally (after missing it the past few years) made it to Main Street in time to catch the colonial parade. Well worth the wait!

It turned into a beautiful, sunny day with mild temperatures. The group spent a few hours enjoying the food, music, activities, and vendors of the festival until it was time for the re-enactment with the Sultana. A few of us took to our boats and were afforded a ringside seat to the event. On the water we ran into some more CPA paddlers, including Lizzie O'Donaghue with (I believe) Laura Ventura and Sarah Hudson. We may have seen Greg and Luci Hollingsworth out there as well.

After listening to the musket fire approaching, certain of the Chestertown citizenry rowed out to the Sultana to toss the Tories and their cargo of (floatable) crates of tea overboard into the river, much to the delight of the crowd.

After a long day at the festival, the eight original paddlers headed back to the put-in on South East creek. We then capped off a fine day with a stop at Holly's for dinner, keeping up our club's finest tradition of "we paddle to eat"!

Suzanne Farace



Freya Hoffmeister In Annapolis June 26

Brian Blankinship arranged with Freya Hoffmeister for a talk on her epic Australian circumnavigation at the EMS store in Annapolis on Saturday June 26 at 5:00 PM. To purchase tickets, call the store at 410-573-1240. They will hold your ticket for you. EMS will tell you the transaction number from your receipt, which will be your confirmation number.

CPA and EMS are subsidizing the first 50 tickets. After the first 50 tickets, the price goes from \$5 to \$15. The talk itself is about one hour, followed by a question and answer period. Hear about the 9,400 mile, 332 day solo journey, shark attacks, massive surf, planning, equipment choices, proper strokes and more. She will sign autographs.

On Sunday, June 27, Freya will accompany CPA members on a social paddle, probably from Columbia Island on the Potomac. No fee will be charged for the paddle, but the size of the group will be limited. Those that paid to attend the talk on Saturday will be given preference for attending the Sunday paddle. Watch the forums for details

Freya has many firsts to her credit: Unsupported circumnavigation of the South Island of New Zealand, Fastest-ever circumnavigation of Iceland (33 days), 2009 Solo circumnavigation of Australia, Molokai World Championships.

Freya has posted her new schedule on her site:

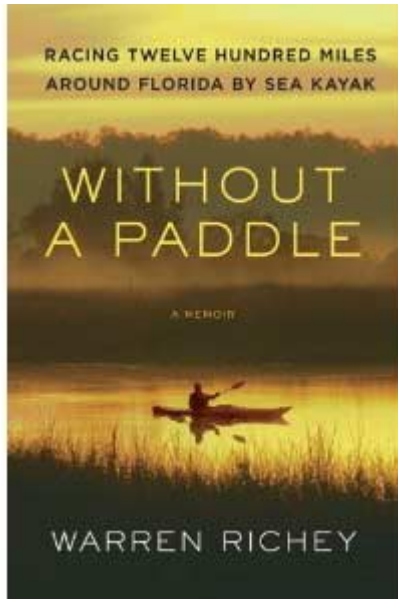
<http://gajaqunderground.com/2010/06/13/first-east-coast-usa-tour-dates-scheduled/>

Here is a link to her talk in Berlin. Very professional set-up, very large audience.

<http://gajaqunderground.com/2010/06/13/berlin-slideshow-summary-on-youtube/>

Warren Richey Paddle and Lecture at Pier 7 June 16

You are invited!



You may or may not have seen Don Polakavics' post on Warren Richey aka "Sharkchow" on the forums:

<http://www.cpakayaker.com/forums/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=4792>

Warren was one of the 10 participants in the Watertribe Ultimate Challenge in 2006, and one of the seven that finished. The Challenge is a 1,200 mile circumnavigation race of Florida by small boat—including a 40 mile portage. More info on that at: <http://www.watertribe.com>. Don also completed this race the same year.

Warren has written a book on his participation in the Challenge, entitled "Without A Paddle - Racing Twelve hundred Miles Around Florida By Sea Kayak."

<http://search.barnesandnoble.com/Without-a-Paddle/Warren-Richey/e/9780312630768>

Don and I met with Warren when he was at Barnes and Noble in Bethesda for a book signing. CPA has invited Warren to come out and talk and paddle with CPA at Pier 7 on June 16. Warren will come out and paddle with Pier 7 and then, as part of dinner, talk with us about his adventure and the book. Since Pier 7 is centrally located, the Pier 7 Pirates are inviting all CPA members to this evening to paddle and talk with Warren. The Pirates of Pier 7 will be providing food. The event is free.

The paddling will start about 5 pm, with dinner and lecture around 7.00 pm. Directions to Pier 7 are at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=paddling-pirates#pier7>.

Come join us!

Greg Welker

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 sinking 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.

Check the CPA Calendar at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar> for details.

June

Date	Event	Description	Skill Level	Organizer(s)
June 16	Warren Richey	Warren joins us at Pier 7 to paddle and talk about his new book (see page 7).	All	Greg Welker
June 13 (Sunday)	Great Chesapeake Bay Swim	Please volunteer to help with the kayak support for this open water swim. Web Site: http://www.bayswim.com/	Advanced Beginner	Nelson Labbe and Robert Golden
June 18 to June 21	Patuxent River Kayak Kamper	Paddle and camp down the Patuxent River. Web Site: http://www.patuxentwatertrail.org/	Advanced Beginner	Ralph Heimlich
June 18 to June 20	Potomac River Passage - Stage 3	It's not the destination, it's the journey.	Intermediate	Peter Henry 571-278-5548, Gina Cicotello 240-305-0922
June 22	Skills Training Series @ Pirates of Baltimore - 1 of 3	The first of a series of skills training clinics run by Rick Weibush	Beginner	Jay Gitomer 443-449-5119
June 19 to June 20	Swim Support for D.C. Tri	Come support the triathlon for a very short swim in the Nation's Capitol. Web Site: http://www.dctri.com/	Advanced Beginner	Kurt Thiel 703-685-7752, and Carl Steineger
June 26	Eastern Neck Paddle EN-2 10'	Paddle around Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge	Beginner (depending on weather)	Marshall Woodruff
June 26	Freya Hoffmeister talk at EMS Annapolis	Freya Hoffmeister's talk at EMS Annapolis; . Hear about her epic journey (see page 7)	All	EMS for Tickets 410-573-1240
June 25 to June 27	Prime Hook Nat'l Wildlife Refuge Car Camper (Milton, DE)	Car Camping and paddling at the Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge in Milton, Delaware Web Site: http://www.fws.gov/northeast/primehook/	Advanced Beginner	Saki Sakikihara, Suzanne Farace

July

Date	Event	Description	Skill Level	Organizer(s)
July 4	Fireworks Night Paddle	Nighttime paddle on the Potomac River near The Memorial Bridge and watch the fireworks over the DC monuments.	Beginner	Matt Blakey
July 10	KIPP-5 Number 4	This is the fifth year for the KIP (Kent Island Paddle) event and I think it has been very successful in accelerating our learning curve in paddling.	Advanced Beginner	Marshall Wodruff
July 10	Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay Day Paddle	A paddle 2 miles across the river from Quantico Marine Base to visit the Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay (see page 4)	Advanced Beginner	Tom Heneghan 571-969-1866
July 10	Maryland Swim for Life	Kayakers provide swim support for the 19th Annual Maryland Swim for Life. Held at Rolphs Wharf on the Chester River. If you would like to participate, or have any questions, please contact the organizer.	Advanced Beginner	Rob Pearlman
July 10 to July 11	SURVIVOR! Hart-Miller Island	Rescue and survival scenarios	Beginner	Jay Gitomer 443-449-5119
July 13	Skills Training Series @ PoB - 2 of 3	The second of a series of skills training clinics run by Rick Weibush	Beginner	Jay Gitomer 443-449-5119
July 16 to July 18	Potomac River Passage - Rain Date	<i>We're going to explore the tidal (lower) section of the Potomac River over several weekends throughout the season.</i>	Intermediate	Peter Henry 571-278-5548, Gina Cicotello 240-305-0922
July 16 to July 18	Matthews County Car Camper	Matthews County, VA, is a wonderful paddling venue for a car camping base trip.	Advanced Beginner	Bill Dodge 703-201-8636 (cell)
July 17	Wye Island Circumnavigation	Around Wye Island in one afternoon.	Advanced Beginner	Jennifer Bine (703)533-2436
July 23 to July 25	Potomac Canoe-Kayak Camper	Paddle a mixed canoe/kayak flotilla and camp on an island in the Potomac.	Advanced Beginner	Ralph Heimlich, Chip Walsh

Check the CPA Calendar at <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar>

For latest developments and full details.

Two New Kayak Launches and a Museum Open

At Piney Point Historic Park and Leonardtown Wharf June 18

The Potomac River Maritime Exhibit Building and Kayak Launch at Piney Point Historic Park both open to the public on Friday, June 18 at 3 p.m. All are invited to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and tour the new exhibits. Located at 44701 Lighthouse Road in Piney Point, Maryland, the county park and indoor exhibits are open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through September. The grounds are open seven days a week from sunrise to sunset. The Potomac River Maritime Exhibit Building houses a collection of four historic wooden vessels, comprised of a 67-foot skipjack (Joy Parks), an 84-foot bug-eye (Dorothy A. Parsons), a log canoe, and Potomac River dory boat. The new exhibits include the "Working Boats of Yesteryear."

A new kayak launch has been installed on the creek side of the park grounds. The launch will accommodate kayaks and canoes and will be available during museum operational hours. The Park also contains the Piney Point Lighthouse, the oldest lighthouse on the Potomac River. The 35-foot lighthouse tower is open for climbing. The scenic riverside venue of the lighthouse park offers guests not only an aesthetic panorama and serene escape but comfortable benches and picnic tables to accommodate an extended visit. This park and its exhibits are part of the county's Department of Recreation and Parks Museum Division. For more information on joining the Friends of St. Clement's Island and Piney Point Museums, a membership organization committed to supporting the county's museums, contact Carol Cribbs at 301-769-2222. For more information on the museums, including directions and special events, call 301-769-2222 or log on to www.stmarysmd.com/recreate/museums.



The other new kayak launch is situated at the new Wharf in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County, MD. This site offers a pretty effective kayak ramp for launch and recovery directly into the northern neck of Breton Bay. This new kayak launch makes for an ideal 14 mile round trip paddle between St. Clement's Island and Leonardtown. It would not be too unusual to see the local Amish kids out on their canoes. The water at the northern neck does contain a good number of water turtles along with a wide array of birds in the local woods. If one desires to paddle north up McIntosh Run, be aware that a new winery just opened

and they welcome kayakers.

The Wharf's parking lot is about 200 yards walking distance to the water with three unavoidable steps. The safe parking area also houses some clean public restrooms. Leonardtown is only three to four blocks walking distance to four great (all local) restaurants; French, Mexican, Brew House, and new catch-all eatery called the Front Porch.

Mark Woodside



Robert Golden demonstrating paddlefloat reentry at Denton *photo by Tom McRae*

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