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The Chesapeake Bay Voyagers Paddle Series

By David Wilson



The Chesapeake Voyagers Paddling Route
map courtesy of David Wilson

In early April, 2014, a small group of kayakers, The Chesapeake Bay Voyagers, will begin a 250-mile trek down the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay. The paddle will begin at the uppermost boat launch ramp on the Elk River and end on the shores of Kiptopeke State Park in late September. No, the group is not comprised of ultra-slow paddlers. The format for this paddle is designed to take place in nine outings spread out over the spring and summer months. It targets intermediate level paddlers who really want to bag this bucket list paddle, but who do not wish to do it solo.

Six outings will be overnight kayak campers, two will be three-day voyages, and one will be a one-day paddle. The majority of the paddles will occur on weekends, but two paddles will begin on a week day. Anticipated mileages range from nine to 18 miles per day.

Each outing will begin with a meeting at the outing's final destination. Shuttle vehicles will be set, and remaining vehicles will carry the paddlers, gear, and kayaks to the launch. Some outings will begin early in the morning and due to location, may require paddlers to arrive on the evening before and spend the night at a local motel. Camping in the upper Bay regions will be in State owned and privately owned campgrounds.

If this paddle interests you, please contact one of the trip leaders: Dave Wilson (baykayaker), Bob Shakeshaft, or Jay Perry (jwperiwink). Certain segments of this trip will be limited to paddlers with intermediate level abilities. Paddlers with advanced beginner skills will be welcomed as guest paddlers on selected segments of the paddle with the consent of the trip leaders. Camping and navigational skills are desirable, but

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The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. 2014 Virtual Calendar Is Available

The 2013 Great Virtual CPA Calendar has been created. Thanks to all who submitted photographs and to those who voted for their favorite photographs. View the calendar online or print it out: <http://www.cpkayaker.com/uploads/calendar/2014%20virtual%20CPA%20CALENDAR.pdf>. The calendar can be ordered online for \$20.94 from Zazzle: http://www.zazzle.com/2014_chesapeake_paddlers_association_calendar-158343149084760795.

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Improving Water Access for Paddlers

Winter's gloom is no reason to forget the water's attraction. I've been working on a couple of things during the winter lull to improve water access for paddlers, and you can help move these efforts forward, and even get ready for warmer waters.

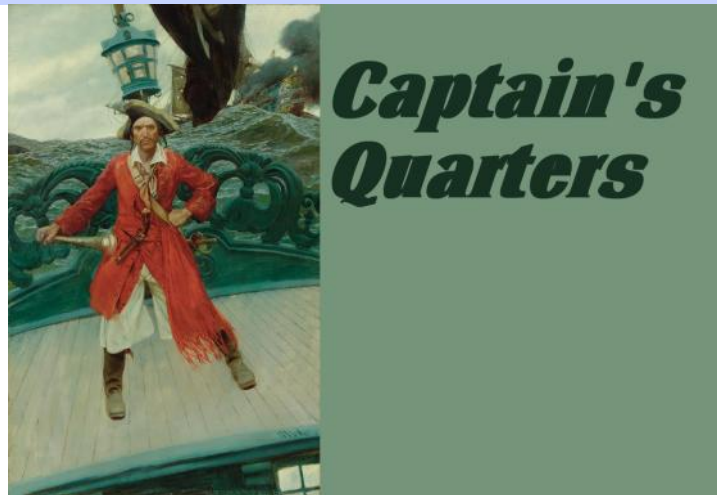
Chris Raab, a water trail architect and instructor with the American Canoe Association, convened a group of paddlers and water trail enthusiasts for a brainstorming session in Clinton, Maryland, to contribute ideas for ACA's lower Potomac water trail project with the National Park Service. CPA paddlers Jesse Aronson, Jenny Plummer-Welker, Greg Welker, Dick Rock, Liz Marancik, Rita Scherping, Sue and Rich Stevens and I gathered with nine others from the Chesapeake Conservancy, Washington Canoe Cruisers, Washington Canoe Club, and other organizations at the Clearwater Nature Center. The lower Potomac (from Great Falls to the Chesapeake Bay) is unusual in having three NPS National Historic Trails: [The Captain John Smith Chesapeake Trail](#), the [Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail](#), and the [Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trail](#). While valuable for focusing attention on the natural, cultural and historic significance of this area, none of these three trails functions very well as a *water trail* for paddlers. To that end, ACA is working with NPS and major institutional stake holders in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia to a water trail map for the area that paddlers can actually use. This is an excellent opportunity to "nudge" park and public land managers along the Potomac to enhance and improve water access through developing new launches, paddle-in campsites and other resources necessary to the paddling community. The ACA effort nests within a larger comprehensive planning effort by the NPS focusing on nine identified concentration areas along the lower Potomac. This project is similar to a successful effort already completed by NPS on the James River and is expected to be completed this spring.

Our group helped identify important criteria for water trail users, base map considerations, map details important to paddlers, and then did a map brainstorming session to identify launches, campsites and other destinations on the river that we regularly use now. Three tables of paddlers knocking heads over charts of the lower Potomac—what a great way to learn about the places on the river! All of us learned about some new destinations. Look forward to opportunities to review and critique Chris's efforts later this year.

The second water access effort involves Maryland's dedicated funding source for acquiring open space for recreation. Since 1969, Maryland's Program Open Space has used a portion of the real estate transfer tax to fund land acquisition and conservation. Much of the funding is done in cooperation with local and county governments for parks and open space lands. Since 1980, more than \$1 billion intended for parks and recreational facilities, preservation of prime and productive agricultural land, and protecting the best of Maryland's fragile environmental areas has been transferred to other purposes. The Governor's budget for FY 2015 reduces funding for Program Open Space by approximately 50%, which reduces resources available for preservation of waters, wildlife, and new land for recreational access. [H.B. 1312 "Public Access for Program Open Space"](#) expands public access within lands acquired through Program Open Space funding for outdoor recreation, while reserving funding for shoreline improvements that protect water quality and enhancing water access. Supporting funding for use of public lands, and requiring public use plans for lands acquired with these funds will help guarantee greater water access opportunities on an already-large inventory of public land. Let your Maryland legislators know your thoughts on this issue.

Finally, winter's chill offers an opportunity to prepare for paddling in some ways much closer to home: your own cockpit. A group of neoprene seamstresses (Rose and Marc Bernardo, Jeff Heneks, Chip Walsh and John Firth) gathered at my house to [make their own spray skirts](#) in January and February. A series of workshops to [make your own Greenland paddle](#) is scheduled in March by Chip Walsh, a [fiberglass kayak repair workshop](#), and a [boat and paddle workshop and gear swap](#) are being organized by Catriona Miller in March and April. With all this going on, you won't have any excuse not to be in shape to see me on the water, when all the ice is finally GONE!

Ralph Heimlich
Coordinator



Ralph Heimlich paddling on Patuxent River, December, 2013
photograph by Dave Isbell

CPA Paddler Profile ~ Chris Beckman

Interview by Rick Wiebush



Chris Beckman paddling near the Harbor of Refuge Light, Delaware Breakwater, located off of Cape Henlopen, Delaware
 Photograph by Patti Nash

Name: Chris Beckman

Lives in: Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Real job: Field work for a civil engineering firm, a.k.a., the f...ing inspector

Member of a Piracy? Been thinking of starting Buccaneers of the Beach, but that would require organizing and that's not what Buccaneers do.

Paddling Buddies: There are so many great paddlers that I've been lucky enough to paddle with, seems there is always someone coming over to Cape Henlopen to paddle with. We have a core group of Delmarva Paddlers that meets almost every weekend to paddle somewhere.

Number years paddling: A very long time. Bought my first row boat at 12 years old with money from my paper route.

How did you get involved in kayaking? Canoeing was getting hard on my knees plus I wanted to use a double ended paddle. Saw a kit at Chesapeake Light Craft I liked and sold my '56 Willys to buy it.

How did you learn to sea kayak? Mitch Mitchell at Coastal Kayaks along with the many instructors, including Jenny Plummer-Welker and Greg Welker, at the Delmarva Paddlers Retreat. Plus I took every opportunity to paddle with more experienced paddlers anywhere I could.

Any formal training or ACA/BCU certifications: Several ACA courses but no certifications that I've kept current. Mitch tried and has used me as a water dummy in his classes, so I guess that makes me a certified dummy.

Boat usually paddled: CLC North Bay XL

Type paddle used: Greenland. Isn't a Euro some sort of currency on the other side of the pond?

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking: I still canoe occasionally and would love to row more.

My knees are too shot to even think of using a SUP (standup paddleboard). **Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities:** I work outside daily.

How often do you paddle in summer? Almost weekly. **Do any winter paddling?**

Sometimes if the paddling group is right. **Go to pool sessions?** Not anymore. We used to go to St. Joe's in Philly.

Favorite local paddling location: Delaware Bay, Cape Henlopen, along the Atlantic Coast, Ocean City, Assateague, and the Rock Hall-Chestertown area. **Favorite non-local location:** Potomac outside of DC, Round Valley Reservoir in North West Jersey, any place in Florida.

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why: Over the past 15 years - The Delmarva Paddlers' Retreat each October, which I now help run along with Robin Snow and the many wonderful volunteers. As far as a one-off trip, that would have to be the Circumnavigation of Manhattan in 2006. I grew up in that area and had taken the Circle Line tour many times as a kid. It was definitely a neat experience to do it by kayak. About six of us stayed at my sister's condo just outside the city and did it with Jerry and Steve's group. The weather was perfect, as was the camaraderie.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why: Off of Cape Henlopen. I had just built my CLC NBXL, and it did not have a skeg. My doctor called me and said he and his brother were paddling out to the white lighthouse and would I join them. I never checked tides, wind or anything, just trusted him. It turned out that it was at the change of tides from low to high and that coupled with a 15 knot wind and the long fetch down the Delaware River made for some seriously challenging conditions. The standing waves were taller than my paddle, and the wind was such that I didn't really want to try to turn around until we made it to the shelter of the breakwater. And then we turned around and came back. My strokes were all corrective sweeps on the windward side both ways.

Bucket list trips: To cross the Delaware Bay, paddle the Thames in London, and see the fireworks in DC from the Potomac.

Three things you like most about paddling? The people, the places, and the peacefulness. **What do you like about CPA?** I know when a CPAer is on a trip with me, they have had at least some training in rescues and group paddling skills and usually very prepared. They also usually have plenty of extra snacks with them.

One thing other people find interesting about you: My beer cooler!

CPA Paddler Profile ~ George Walker Radebaugh, IV

Interview by Rick Wiebush

Name: George Walker Radebaugh, IV

Lives in: Randallstown, Maryland

Real job: Melwood Landscaping at Fort Meade

Member of a Piracy? Baltimore

Paddling Buddies: Dave Wilson and Marla Aron

Number years paddling: 13

How did you get involved in kayaking? In 2009 I got type 2 diabetes so I joined Carroll County Special Olympics Maryland (SOMD) to stay healthy

How did you learn to sea kayak? In 2000 I went with Troop 475 to Snow Hill and used an Old Town Otter—it was fun.

Any formal training or ACA/BCU certifications: None

Boat usually paddled: Wilderness System Pongo 140

Type paddle used: Euro

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking? Once in a while, canoe

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities: Yes—hunting, fishing, swimming, trail riding

How often do you paddle in summer? Usually once per week (Tuesdays) in summer

Do any winter paddling? No. **Go to pool sessions?** No.

Favorite local paddling location: All over eastern Baltimore County **Favorite non-local location:** Snow Hill, Maryland

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why: Snow Hill because it's calm. It's good for beginners. You see a lot nature. It's relaxing, nice. And it's beautiful in the fall.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why: Annapolis harbor because no one gives you any respect - they almost run you over with their boats and yachts.

Bucket list trips: I would like Maine and Florida.

Three things you like most about paddling? Exercising, fresh air and nice people. **What do you like about CPA?** A chance to learn new skills.

One thing other people find interesting about you: I have a lot info about nature.

Interviewer's comment: George didn't say it, but he has won several Special Olympics gold medals in kayak racing.



George Radebaugh competing in the Special Olympics, Piney Run Park, Maryland, 2013

Photograph by DJ Manalo



Marla Aron, Ralph Heimlich, and George Radebaugh (left to right) Photograph by DJ Manalo



George Radebaugh receiving a gold medal at the Special Olympics, 2013

Photograph by DJ Manalo

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not a requirement. Dry or wet suits will be required on the early spring paddles, depending on water temperatures. For more information, check the CPA calendar. The primary organizer is Dave Wilson, david.wilson.bmd@gmail.com, 443-962-7612.

Outing - Dates	Route	Level
1 – April 5-6, 2014	Elk River Park to Still Pond	Intermediate
2 – April 19, 2014	Still Pond to Great Oak	Advanced Beginner
3 – May 3-4 2014	Great Oak to Little Creek	Intermediate
4 – May 30-31, 2014	Little Creek to Ragged Point	Intermediate
5 – June 28- 29, 2014	Ragged Point to Tylers Cove Landing	Advanced Beginner
6 – July 17-19, 2014	Tylers Cove Landing to Wenona Boat Ramp	Intermediate
7 – August 22-23, 2014	Wenona Boat Ramp to Guard Shore Ramp	Intermediate
8 – Sept. 12-14, 2014	Guard Shore Ramp to Bayford Road Landing	Intermediate
9 – October 4-5, 2014	Bayford Rd. Landing to Kiptopeke State Park	Advanced Beginner

Trip dates and launch and landing sites may be changed without notice.

Dave Wilson is a member of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. and Captain of the Pirates of Baltimore. A club member since 2009, he resides in Nottingham, Maryland, and creates handcrafted Greenland Paddles. Dave writes a blog, *The Weathered Paddle*, www.theweatheredpaddle.com.

Pirate Groups Gather at Season's End



Pirates of the Lakes: Mark Rizzuto, Fran Arnott, Jack Clark, Sandy Bixler, Dave Bronson, Wendy Baker-Davis, Tom Hunt, and Deb Metzger *photograph by bystander*

Pirates of the Lakes: Shiver me Timbers! As the newest pirates of the CPA, we were mighty surprised to get a share of the treasure! We took advantage of the weather on short notice on October 19, 2013 for a great fall day for paddling and dinner with the Pirates of the Lakes Crew. Our paddle was on Lake Clark, the northern most lake on the Susquehanna River above the Safe Harbor Hydroelectric Dam. We had a pretty stiff wind from the north-east which we paddled into for three plus miles and then did a roundabout route for a fun filled return to the launch site, finishing the day with an eight plus mile total. After the paddle, we gathered at John Wright Restaurant in Wrightsville for a great dinner and storytelling. We are waiting patiently for the ice to melt for the start of the 2014 season. Cheers, Capt'n Tom Hunt, Mark Rizzuto

Pirates of Baltimore: 2013 was a very good year. In addition to adding a number of new launches to our regularly paddled areas, the Pirates of Baltimore were also invited on two Saturday paddles by other piracies: the Pirates of Sugarloaf and the Pirates of the North. Thus, it only seemed fitting that as the season closed, we invite these two piracies to share a closing dinner with us. Unfortunately, the Sugarloaf pirates were already engaged. But Pirates of the North accepted our offer. Thirty-five paddlers met at Island View Restaurant in early December for an evening of Chesapeake cuisine and reminiscing. The season's paddles were recounted in a slide session that played continuously. Everyone left looking forward to new paddling opportunities in the upcoming season. May our dreams come true.

Pirates of the Patuxent: The Patuxent Pirates met for an end of season dinner at The Striped Rock restaurant in Solomons. At the gathering, the pirates recounted highlights from the season and began scheming for the 2014 season. Don Polakovics and Dan Wells CPA were presented with rocker panels for "Trip Leader" for leading trips during the 2013 season. The pirates met in the off season to peddle bicycle trails and find geocaches in local parks. This year, 2014, marks the 200th anniversary of the Battles of St. Leonard Creek, a tributary of the Patuxent. There will be special War of 1812 events held during the year. St. Leonard Creek is located within paddling distance of Solomons.



Patuxent Pirates (top to bottom, left to right): Dan Wells, Stephen Petrie, Mark Woodside; Don Polakovics, Jeff Buyer; Jenny Plummer-Welker, Molly McCarty, and Jennifer Elmore *photograph by The Striped Rock staff*

Chesapeake Paddlers Association Tentative 2014 Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
3/22/14	Build Your Own Spray Skirt Workshop Session #3	Build a neoprene spray skirt of your own. You MUST contact the organizer to participate in this workshop. Ralph Heimlich, 301-498-0918 (leave a message), heimlichfamily@comcast.net
3/22/14	Eastern Neck Winter 2014 Paddle	The Eastern Neck Refuge is 2,285 acre island refuge, a major feeding and resting place for migratory and wintering waterfowl. Advanced beginner trip. 10 to 14 mile trip. Marshall Woodruff, 202-345-0606, marshall.woodruff@gmail.com
3/22/14	Fiberglass Kayak Repair Workshop	CPA has teamed up with Annapolis Harbor Boat Yard to offer an instructional class on light fiberglass and gel coat repair on kayaks. \$18 to attend, \$50 if one of your kayaks is chosen as a demonstration kayak. Catriona Miller, cpakayaker@gmail.com
3/22/14	Greenland Paddle Workshop Part 2	Workshop participants will produce a Greenland paddle during this workshop. Chip Walsh, chip@chipwalsh.org, 410-562-3466
3/29/14	Kayak Navigation Workshop	Navigating while kayaking. Held in Annapolis. Bela Mariassy, belamdskayak@gmail.com, 401-266-4443, and Paula Hubbard, paula@mdkayaker.com, 401-266-4443
4/5/14	Boat and Paddle Workshop and Gear Swap	Truxtun Park in Annapolis from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Catriona Miller, 571-248-1619, thelittlepiggies-cpa@yahoo.com
4/5/14 - 4/6/14	Chesapeake Bay Voyagers Series #1	This is the inaugural paddle of a series covering the entire east shore of the Bay from Elk Neck to Kiptopeke. Intermediate trip. David Wilson, davidwilsonmd@gmail.com, 443-962-7612
4/5/14	Potomac River Watershed Cleanup—26th Annual	You can bring your kayak or walk along the shore. Bring boots and small backpack to carry bags, water, and clothes. Jim Zawlocki, jimz2z@verizon.net, 703-378-7536, fergusonfoundation.org
4/12/19	Kent Island Paddle	This is the ninth year for a most unusual paddle. The KIP series is for paddlers who want to have a distance challenge, build their skills and knowledge of paddling. Six practice paddles once a month, from April thru September, culminating in a final paddle in September. Advanced beginner trip. Marshall Woodruff, 202-345-0606, marshall.woodruff@gmail.com
4/12/14	Patuxent River Clean Up	We'll be picking up trash on the river from two directions: downstream from Queen Anne Canoe Launch and upstream from Jackson Landing (Jug Bay). This activity is best done from a canoe, but we can use kayakers to fetch trash back to the "tankers". Ralph Heimlich, 301-498-0918, heimlichfamily@comcast.net, and Chip Walsh, 410-562-3466
4/12/14	Occoquan River Clean Up	Come and give back to your favorite paddling area. Jim Zawlocki, jimz2z@verizon.net, 703-378-7536, Friends of the Occoquan (FOTO) 703-624-7124
4/14/14	Washington Canoe Club Kumu'Ohu Race (CPA Race #1)	CPA is considering this the first of the CPA race series for points. Additional CPA races on May 3, July 19 and Aug 2. William Woodruff 123-456-7890 (Non-CPA Event, race hosted by WCC; its rules apply)
4/13/14	Bull Run Virginia Bluebell Paddle	A leisurely scenic 8.6 mile round trip lasting 2-3 hours through banks of blooming Virginia bluebells and wonderful marsh, river, and run ecosystems. Jim Zawlocki, 703-378-7536, jimz2z@verizon.net
4/19/14	Chesapeake Bay Voyagers Series #2	This is the second paddle of a series covering the entire east shore of the Bay. Intermediate trip. David Wilson, davidwilsonmd@gmail.com, 443-962-7612
4/25/14 to 4/27/14	SK 102 CPA Skills Clinic Weekend, Lake Anna	SK102 offers on-the-water skills classes covering wet exits, basic strokes, basic and advanced rescues, stroke improvement, rolling and more. Additional on land courses cover topics like navigation, kayak camping, etc. Pre-registration is open. Catriona Miller, 571-248-1619, sk102.cpa@gmail.com
5/2/14 to 5/4/14	Assateague Kayak Kamper Paddle	An 11 mile bayside paddle to an overnight backcountry campsite with a potluck dinner. Intermediate paddle. Jim Zawlocki, 703-378-7536, jimz2z@verizon.net
5/3/14	Chesapeake Bay Voyagers Series #3	This is the third paddle of a series covering the entire east shore of the Bay. Intermediate trip. David Wilson, davidwilsonmd@gmail.com, 443-962-7612
5/3/14	CPA Race Series #2	This is the second of four CPA Races. 3 miles. Meet at the Columbia Island Marina, Arlington, VA. Brian Blankinship, Brian@BayKayaking.com, 443-994-7990
5/10/14	Kent Island Paddle	Six practice paddles once a month, from April thru September. Advanced beginner trip. Marshall Woodruff, 202-345-0606, marshall.woodruff@gmail.com
5/10/14	Piscataway Creek Circumnavigation	Circumnavigate Piscataway Creek near Fort Washington. Mike Cohn, mdcohn@verizon.net, 301-283-2391
5/10/14	EMS Demo Day	EMS Store in Annapolis offers free kayak demos on the water at Truxtun Park. Bruce Kellman- Store Manager, E0160mg@ems.com, 410-573-1240 (Non-CPA Event)
5/17/14	Beginner Kayak Paddle	Come on out for a beginner's paddle at Kent Island, MD. Marshall Woodruff, 202-345-0606, marshall.woodruff@gmail.com
5/17/14	Okumefest Chesapeake Light Craft Demo	Demo stitch and glue kayak kits at Matapeke State Park, Kent Island. CLC, info@clboats.com, 410-267-0137 (Non-CPA Event)
5/17/14	Paddlefest on the Choptank	5th Annual, from Greensboro to Denton, Eastern Shore. Anna Jacobs, Caroline County Chamber of Commerce, annjacobs@carolinechamber.org, 410-479-4638 (Non-CPA Event)
5/31/14	Potomac River Swim (Non CPA Event)	Visit http://www.potomacriverswim.com for more information. Cheryl Wagner at 202-387-2361, cherylw@crosslink.net .

Visit the CPA Web page, <http://www.cpakayaker.com/>, for more events, details and trip leader/organizer contact information. For a full listing of upcoming Club events, visit the CPA Calendar, <http://www.cpakayaker.com/index.php?page=calendar>.

CPA Classifieds

Kayak for sale. Klepper Tramp fiberglass river touring kayak (has scratches). 25" wide x 14' long. \$200. On Eastern Shore. George Hires, grhires@aol.com, 443-366-6564.

Kayak Storage. Storing your kayak outdoors? Were you worried about it during the Derecho? Would you like to store it indoors and protected from the weather? The Pier 7 Pirates have indoor kayak storage spaces available at our weekly paddling site on the South River. Attend Pier 7 Wednesdays without having to load and unload your boat each week! With the location conveniently located near US-50, you can pick up your boat on the way to Eastern Shore paddling trips. Reserve now for the summer paddling season. The storage space is indoors, secure, climate controlled, with 24/7 access and free launching from the sand beach on Wednesday nights. Rates are \$30/month for a six month lease (rent for the warm paddling season, rent for winter storage, or both) or \$30/month if you need shorter term storage. Please contact Greg Welker at gdwelker@verizon.net or 301-249-4895 if interested.



Special Olympics at Piney Run Park

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Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning

The public is invited to participate in a series of in-person listening sessions to be held across the region, during which the Mid-Atlantic Regional Planning Body will provide an overview of the Draft Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning Framework and offer the public opportunities to pose questions and provide comments. Registration is not required to attend the listening sessions, but strongly encouraged to assist in planning and notification about meeting details. Details about the public listening sessions are online: <http://www.boem.gov/MidA-RPB-Public-Listening-Sessions/>. Meeting locations:

Norfolk, **Virginia**, Thursday, **March 20**, 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Sheraton Waterside Hotel, at 777 Waterside Drive.

West Long Branch, **New Jersey**, **March 27** 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Monmouth University, 400 Cedar Avenue.

Riverhead, **New York**, **April 7**, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 to 7:30 p.m., Culinary Arts Center, 20 East Main Street.

Meetings were held in Annapolis, Maryland, and Lewes, Delaware, in February, 2014.

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