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2016 Annual Paddle (CPAs first Meetup.com event) A mixture of pain & pleasure

By Linda Delaney

At the 2015 CPA annual meeting, it was decided, in the interest of attracting new members, increasing participation, and general ease of use, CPA would establish a Meetup group. Thus, a year later - the 2016 annual meeting and paddle would be the first event to be posted on CPAs new Meetup group located at Meetup.com. A pleasure was that many folks had discovered the Meetup group as soon as it was established and had RSVP'd yes. Others, unaware of the new CPA Meetup group responded by emailing the contact on the CPA calendar. A little pain was felt when it was noticed that we couldn't tell who was attending the paddle or the meeting or both? We screened everyone as though they were attending the paddle which helped determine



Annual Meeting Paddle

Photos by Linda Delaney

who was doing what.

Sunday, November 6 arrived with beautiful autumn colors, a light breeze, sunshine, and 11 paddlers signed up to attend the annual paddle. We were scheduled to launch from the soft launch at the William T. Duckett Community Center on Rocky Gorge Reservoir in Laurel, where the annual meeting would be held immediately after the pad-



CPA Party on Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m.

at Heimlich's: 7914 Belgaro Road, Laurel, MD 20723 on If your last name begins with:

Bring (to feed 4 people (trust me—we'll have plenty).

- A-K - dessert
- L-S - salad and bread
- T-Z - casserole or entrée
- A-Z - beer, wine, booze

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We'll have a "White Elephant" ("Shoveunder", "Chinese") gift exchange for those wishing to participate. Bring a wrapped kayak-related "treasure" worth less than \$10 (check your Cracker Jacks boxes now). Regifting is an art form!

RSVP's (by 11/29) and questions: heimlichfamily@comcast.net.

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Or put this in your GPS: 7914 Belgaro Road, Laurel, MD 20723

We're the 3rd house on the right with Kayak Santa and a parking problem. Call 301-498-0722



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News From the CPA Coordinator - Heimlich/Smith

Passing the Paddle



Ralph Heimlich

photo by Suzanne Farace

Ralph: With a certain nostalgia, I welcome the end of four years as CPA Coordinator and pass on the paddle to Bill Smith (see below). I have enjoyed the opportunity to shape the course for CPA and work and play with so many of you over the last four years.

The kayaking season is almost behind us for this year. The only club-wide event remaining is the [CPA Holiday Party](#), which is Friday, December 2, at my house in Laurel, MD. We'll have the traditional White Elephant Gift Exchange (give gifts with a kayaking theme) and a potluck dinner, supplemented with some things bought by the club, as well as the opportunity to meet your fellow paddlers with their skirts off.

The end of the paddling season is a time to thank the many, many CPA volunteers and leaders who make everything happen. Two of the longest-serving were recognized this year at the Annual Meeting, representative of the many hours put in by Pirate Captains, Queens, and Committee persons who make our mid-week paddles so great. Jenny Plummer-Welker's extended service as Chesapeake Paddlers Association's longest-serving Pirate Captain (15 years with the Pirates of the Patuxent and 9 years on the Pirates of Pier 7/Arundell committee) is a bit deceiving since she's so YOUNG. Jenny was one of the originators of the Patuxent Pirates as early as 1993 and has participated in many CPA events and activities since joining in 1991. Dick Rock does indeed resemble the Old Man of the Sea, serving as Captain of the Potomac Piracy at Belle Haven Marina since May 2003 (taking over from Bill Dodge) and participating in many CPA events and activities since joining in 1998.

Many others are also essential to running CPA. Outgoing Steering Committee members Carol Collins, Dave Isbell, and Bill Smith are well known to CPA members and the paddling community, although Bill has jumped out of the pan into the fire as our new Coordinator. Returning Steering Committee members Paula Hubbard, Tim Dole and Mike Cohn, are a font of appreciated wisdom and experience. Incoming Steering Committee members Linda Delaney and Chip Walsh have already made their mark in CPA, leading trips, participating in KIPP, and leading workshops on Greenland paddles and cleanups on

the Pax, but will now have increased opportunities to serve.

Other behind-the-scenes work that goes on continuously includes Carrie Casto, outgoing Editor of *The Chesapeake Paddler*. She is succeeded by a team effort by Beth Boyd and Lois Wyatt, with assistance from Suzanne Farace and Catriona Miller manning our Facebook page, and Bob Browning, with Paddler Profiles, and Sue Stevens and Jenny Plummer-Welker who distribute the electronic and paper editions. Other volunteers handle our electronic communications, especially web masters Gregg Banse, Catriona Miller. Paula Hubbard has gotten our MeetUp off to a great start.

The CPA Traveling Library has been "electronified" thanks to the efforts of John Gibbs. We also have a store, of sorts, for CPA logo gear (shirts, caps, magnetic stickers, bumper stickers, etc.), ably (and colorfully) handled by Marla Aron. All these services add richness to CPA's offerings, but take dedicated and continuing work.

The heart of CPA is the programs that many, many volunteers put on each season. There were 34 leaders this year, too many of them to list here, but all are recognized in the Trip and Event section of the Annual Report: http://www.cpakayaker.com/uploads/Annual_Reports/CPA%20Annual%20Report%202016.pdf. These 34 leaders organized and led a total of 108 trips and events, attended by 391 individual participants on 1,043 participant/days. You should particularly thank Catriona Miller, who headed up SK102 again this year, as well as Paul Casto, who again organized SK101. Both Cat and Paul as well as the entire cast of instructors for these two events contribute much to the important task of bringing new members into both sea kayaking and CPA, and will be doing so again in 2017. Others who led more than three trips or events apiece include Greg Welker, Rich Stevens, Tom Heneghan, Marshall Woodruff, Jay Perry, Bob Shakeshaft, Bill Smith, Sue Stevens, Chip Walsh, Don Polakovics, Mike Cohn, Linda Delaney, and me.

If you were one of the attendees at the Annual Meeting, you heard most of what went on. If you couldn't be there, I urge you to read the [CPA Annual Report](#) (including Minutes of the meeting, Financial Report, Membership Report, Participation Report, and Logo Gear Report).



Bill: I am looking forward to my new role as coordinator and I am hopeful I can fill the shoes left behind by Ralph who has done an incredible job these last four years. I would like to thank Ralph for a job well done. I would also like to give a tip of the hat to the list of volunteers mentioned above who keep the club going; volunteers are the heart and soul of the club-without there would not be a club.

This is the time of year when many hang up their boat for the season or at least cut back on paddling but it will be spring before you know it

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Paddler Profile: Michael Fernandez

by Bob Browning

Lives in: Swedesboro, NJ

Real job: Manager at a small regional wastewater treatment authority

Do you regularly attend a Piracy? Due to distance and work schedule, no. I have participated occasionally with PON.

Number of years paddling: I've lost count! My first kayak was a canvas & wood frame boat when I was around 12 year's old, paddling the Pine Barrens of New Jersey.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? First ventured into the sea with my dad in an old whitewater boat in the early 1970's, paddling the surf off Ocean City, NJ. Many years later, living near Delaware Bay, it seemed logical to expand my paddling horizons. I picked up an early crossover kayak (WS Seacret) in the late 1990's and it took off from there. Eventually I worked for a few years guiding in the Philadelphia area and pursued ACA instructor's certification (now lapsed). But sea kayaking opened up an entire new realm of paddling possibilities, and re-invigorated my love of paddling.

What boats do you paddle? Canoes, kayaks, anything that floats! An NDK Romany is my go-to boat, but I also have an Explorer, Scirocco, couple of rec boats, and a canoe or two.

Rudder or skeg? Skeg!!!

Type paddle used: Comfortable with both, but partial to Greenland.

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking? Used to do whitewater in canoe and kayak, and I am thinking of trying it again. Occasionally I puddle about in a canoe, and have an old canoe sail rig in need of repair.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? These days it's mostly kayaking or skiing (cross country and downhill). Used to do a lot of caving and climbing until knee problems caught up with me.

How often on average do you paddle between May and October? I try to get out at least once a week, even if only for a short paddle.

Do any winter paddling? Not as frequently, but I still try to get out (skiing takes priority!)

Favorite local paddling location: Delaware Bay is my 'go-to' paddle destination under an hour, offering anything from committing open water crossings to endless meanderings through marshes. Getting up towards two hours I have been exploring the Eastern Shore, which is actually easier to get to and with less traffic (boat or car) than the Jersey shore.

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why: I've enjoyed Dave Wilson's Chesapeake Voyage immensely; it opened my eyes to the endless paddling destinations there. I've found my first wild oyster, oyster middens, stunning sunsets, rampant rabbits (on Taylor Island), and some great paddling partners!

Coolest paddling trip

you've ever been on anywhere and

why: So far it has to have been Georgian Bay. Although I love paddling coastal Maine, it's wonderful to be on a lake-full of water fit for drinking.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and

why: Worst experience ever was in a canoe on the Lehigh River, I

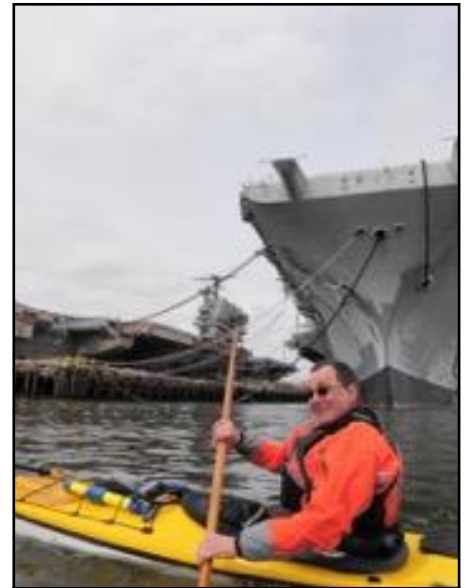
believe it was after Hurricane Agnes. Came too close to drowning (even with a PFD), and learned why you don't go on a river in flood!

Future bucket list trips: Pacific Northwest / British Columbia, Apostle Islands / Lake Superior. I'd like to paddle more in Florida as well. And Greenland is intriguing.

Three things you like most about paddling? I like to explore. Being the fastest or paddling the farthest is not a big motivation – I love a secluded marsh, finding new birds or flowers... and the spectacular sunrises. Of course, if I need to do some tricky navigation or negotiate a tide race in pursuing these it's a nice bonus!

What do you like about CPA? Emphasis on building skills and paddling competency. Plus some good folks to paddle with.

One unusual, non-paddling thing other people find interesting about you: Wouldn't say it's unusual, but I'm a die-hard bluegrass & old time music fan. 🎸



Michael & Battleship
Photo by Kerry Pflugh

We would like to know about you!

Contact Bob Browning if you are interested in a being featured in the Paddler Profile or if you know of someone else he can contact.

Contact Bob at:

BBBrowning43@verizon.net

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and time to plan trips for the upcoming season. Consider leading a trip or activity, if you don't have experience then ask for a mentor. This coming season I would like to organize some skills sessions where paddlers can learn new skills and veterans can practice what they know. It's a great way to teach others the skills and hone your own. Rescues are a good example of skills most paddlers know but good to practice so it is routine when you need it. Happy Paddling!

We'll both see you at the Holiday Party, or on the water!

Ralph Heimlich

Outgoing Coordinator

Bill Smith

Incoming Coordinator ☺



Bill Smith - Coordinator

Photo by Vickie Smith

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dle. Much to our pleasure, paddlers that usually only attend Meetup paddles, were joining us, so we knew that our new Meetup group was already proving its benefit. Pain was felt when a kayaker who was sliding his boat off his truck roof, accidentally dropped his boat, hitting his shoulder and head with a crash that caused the rest of us to stop preparing to launch and rush to see if he was hurt. He was fine, and we continued with our pre-launch preparations.

The sun was bright, but the water was chilly, so we tugged on our wet/dry suits and launched onto the smooth water, surrounded by an array of bright autumn oranges, reds, yellows and golds. This paddle would only be a couple of hours, so we made the most of the time we had and chattered with each other as we glided with pleasure through the smooth perfect surface of the reservoir surrounded by the rustling of picture perfect autumn in Maryland.

We rejoiced for an hour of near perfect weather, lovely colors, great grey herons, mallards and an eagle on our way to the bridge that crossed the reservoir, before turning back so that we would have time to load our boats back on our cars, change and get ready for the annual meeting. The return trip was as much a pleasure as the paddle to the bridge. Even though the wind picked up a little, we enjoyed each other's conversation and company while basking in one of the most breathtaking landscapes this area has to offer in November.

Once we returned to the launch for the take-out we once more experienced pain, because one of our paddlers cut his head slamming the hatch on his truck down before getting out of the way. He staggered toward us with a face covered in blood, and the front of his usually snow white hair a bright shade of red. Leaving our boats on the beach, we grabbed our first kits and guided him to a flat place on the ground to sit down while we worked on cleaning away the blood to get an idea of how big the cut really was. The cut was only ½ inch and with antiseptic, pressure, and clotting crystals we were able to get the bleeding to stop in time to attend the annual meeting. Much to our



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Photos by Linda Delaney

pleasure, our fellow kayakers had loaded our boats and equipment into our cars while we were administering first aid.

The annual paddle was primarily pleasurable with a few instances of pain to keep us on our toes – all-in-all a success for using Meetup, a lovely time for enjoying the beauty of the reservoir in November, and the comradery of our fellow paddlers from Meetup groups as well as regular CPA paddles. ☺



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Photos by Linda Delaney

Annual Meeting Report

Information is located on the CPA site

http://www.cpakayaker.com/uploads/Annual_Reports/CPA%20Annual%20Report%202016.pdf

Paddling Through History on the Chickahominy River

By Ralph Heimlich

CPA has had a fall car camper on the Chickahominy River near Williamsburg, VA, since Bill Dodge first pioneered the trip back in the early 2000's. This was one of my earliest experiences paddling with CPA and the memory of those mild, golden days among the falling leaves of autumnal color draw me back year after year.

This year, 25 of my closest friends joined me camping at Chickahominy Riverfront Campground, a James City County park located where VA 5 crosses the Chickahominy near the junction with the James River. We generally occupy a row of campsites on a bluff sheltered by bald cypress trees overlooking Gordon Island and near both the bathroom facilities and the boat ramp. The weekend centers on Veterans Day, which was fortuitous this year since many of the major tourist attractions (Jamestown National Park, Jamestown Settlement, Historic Williamsburg) were free to either everyone or vets on this weekend.



Susan B. Constant replica at Jamestown Settlement (Tom Heneghen and Paula Hubbard) Photo by Susan Green

I used to lead this trip in the more traditional way, planning a paddle for each day of the trip and leading everyone, but as the size of the group grew, this became more and more onerous. The capper came a couple of years ago when I led 24 people down College Creek, feeling like a nursemaid ushering kindergartners up and down the creek. No fun! Now, I've adopted Greg Welkers "Adult Summer Camp" method organizing the camping and the pot-luck dinner on Saturday night, but letting groups of people coalesce around experienced paddlers for a variety of trips to different destinations on each day. This works out very well, but has the drawback that not everyone gets to paddle with everyone else. We overcome this deficit by having extensive socializing before dinner and after at campfires long into the chilly nights. Here are short descriptions of some of the notable paddling destinations in the area.

Gordon Creek-Nettles Creek—This is a good paddle for Friday afternoon, but it is long enough that you need to get on the water in a timely fashion since sunset is so early (about 5 PM). My advice is to launch at the camp ramp and paddle in a clock-wise direction, starting out on the river, because it is easier to find Nettles Creek mouth from

the river than the other end from Nayses Bay on Gordon Creek. 1.3 nautical miles to the Nettles Creek mouth, 3.3 NM to Nayses Bay, 6 NM all the way around.

Morris Creek—This is a traditional paddle from the campground ramp and is described in Michael Savario and Andrea Nolan's book. The only tricky part is the 1.2 NM crossing the main stem of the Chickahominy because a N or NW wind here has a lot of fetch and because of boat traffic in this area. About 3.8 NM to the ramp on north bank (lunch stop on the way back down), about 10 miles to the end at VA Rt 263, where there is also a ramp for lunch or as an alternate launch. There are many large bald cypress in the upper stretches of the creek. Bewary of hunters (including turkey hunters in camouflage on Saturday).

Tomahund Creek/Sandy Point—Because this one is on the James, it is best avoided with higher wind levels. This paddle launches from the ramp or from the kayak launch closer to the bridge. Paddle out the Chickahominy River to the James River (0.66 nm) and turn upstream along the north bank. Tomahund Creek's mouth is in a stand of bald cypress 1.4 nm up the James from the Chick. The creek winds 3-4 nm up into generally undeveloped woodland bordering a large sand and gravel operation and farms. There is a nice picnic ground (apparently for the gravel pit) just downstream from the mouth on the James. Exiting Tomahund Creek, you can paddle another 4 nm upstream to the abandoned sand dredge at Sandy Point, opposite the town of Claremont on the south bank of the James.

Paddles from Brickyard Landing—Brickyard Landing is a public ramp at the end of VA Rt 610 in the middle stretch of the Chickahominy River.

Brickyard to Diascund Creek—Paddle west (upriver) from the landing for 1.6 NM to The Thoroughfare (a cut through the marsh), 4 NM along the eastern shore of the Chick to the mouth of Diascund Creek, as far up the creek as you are willing to go (probably goes on for 10-12 NM). This is all private land, so difficult to find a lunch spot. There is a community beach up the creek a couple of miles on the right that we asked permission to use.

Brickyard to Shipyard to Yarmouth Creek and Return—Launch at the ramp and paddle east (downriver) for 2.8 NM to mouth of Shipyard Creek on left. 4.6 NM to fork, take right fork onto Yarmouth Creek. 6.5 NM to Chickahominy River, turn right (upriver) to return to Brick-



Mouth of Tomahund Creek (Dave Isbell) Photo by Ralph Heimlich

yard Landing. 10.4 NM total for loop.

Jamestown Island Circumnavigation—This is a great paddle for low wind conditions, but pretty exposed in higher winds. Launch from the James City County Marina boat ramp (\$5 fee, <http://jamestowncity>

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Paddle Chesapeake Paddlers Association 2016 Calendar

Date	Title	Summary
12/2	Holiday Party	At Ralph's; see p. 1
12/10	Eastern Neck Circumnavigation - Winter	Winter edition of four separate circumnavigation paddles around Eastern Neck Island, National Wildlife Refuge near Rock Hall, MD
12/11	Cold Water Clinic with Moulton Avery	Held at ACK's new space. It will cover dangers of cold water, what to wear and how to wear it to protect yourself, and a "swim" of your gear under controlled conditions.
* Non CPA Event		

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countyva.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/James-City-County-Marina-58) and paddle out to Powhatan Creek and right (downriver) for 1.1 NM to Sandy Bay. Here you can either go out to the James through the causeway (tiderrace can be swift here) and right to see the Jamestown ship replicas near the ferry pier (2.6 NM and return, and then proceed counter clockwise around the island. 4.4 NM to Jamestown fort, 9 NM to lunch spot at Black Point, 10.6 NM to east end of the Thoroughfare, 12.8 NM back to Sandy Bay and 14 NM back to launch. Alternative (depending mostly on wind and tides) is to go from Sandy Bay east through the Thoroughfare and circumnavigate clockwise.

Bends of the James River—This is another interesting area, but is probably inadvisable in strong winds because of exposure. The launch is at Deep Bottom, 36 miles (51 minutes) up Route 5 from the camp. There are two meanders of the James River here. Launching from Deep Bottom and paddling to the left (downriver), 3.2 NM to mouth of large bay on left, 6 NM to cutoff channel of Presque Isle Natural Wildlife Refuge, 7.7 NM to mouth of Curle's Swamp Creek. You can paddle back into the swamp, but there is no outlet (200 yard carry over to the large bay, condition of the ground is unknown). Lots of places to explore, but they all make for pretty long paddles.

Alternative is to launch and paddle west (upriver) from Deep Bottom, 2.4 NM to Jones Neck Cutoff, 3.2 NM to mainstem, left (upriver) back to Deep Bottom, 4.3 NM to entrance of private duck hunting swamp on Jones Neck, 6.3 NM to return to Deep Bottom.

Chickahominy Lake from Eagles Landing—This is a good choice for windy conditions because the upper lake is sheltered by dense bald cypress swamps. Drive to Providence Forge, then east on Route 60 to VA Route 650 to end at Eagles Landing (launch fee, 2142 Landing Road, Providence Forge, VA 23140). Paddle west on the lake back into the bald cypress swamp and up the river for approximately 5 NM to canalized section and end at VA Rt 155 bridge. There is a muddy lunch spot just beyond the bridge on the left, and a VA Forestry landing (irrigation pipe and dock) at about 3.6 NM.

York River Paddles—Rich and Sue did these in 2015, launching from New Quarter Park on the south shore of the York and paddling across to Carter Creek on the north shore.

This does not exhaust the possibilities (see <http://jrava.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/chickahominy-water-trail-map-and-guide.pdf>

and

<http://tourlocal.virginiainteractive.org/johnsmithtrail/default.asp?loop=james>

and



Kayak campers at Chickahominy Riverfront Park

Photo by Rob Pearlman

<http://tourlocal.virginiainteractive.org/johnsmithtrail/default.asp?loop=pamaunk>

There is also a wonderful paved biking trail from Williamsburg to Richmond. See <http://virginiacapitaltrail.org/trail/map/> so think about bringing your bike, too.

Launch Location Addresses for GPS entry

Chickahominy Riverfront Park: 1350 John Tyler Memorial Hwy, Williamsburg, VA

Brickyard Landing: 990 Brickyard Rd, Toano, VA 23168

Morris Creek Boat Ramp: Follow Rt 623 and Rt 621 (Eagles Nest Road) Charles City, VA 23030 37.300252, -76.899041

Eagles Landing, Lake Chickahominy: 2142 Landing Rd, Providence Forge, VA 23140

Rivers Rest (Blue Heron) Restaurant and Marina: 9100 Wilcox Neck Rd, Charles City, VA 23030

James City County Marina on Powhatan Creek (launch for Jamestown Island Circumnavigation): 2054 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185

College Landing Park (College Creek): 2106 S Henry St Williamsburg, VA 23185

Deep Bottom Park and Landing (launch for the Bends of the James): 9100 Deep Bottom Rd

Richmond, VA 23231 ☺



By Jenny Plummer-Welker

On one of the Patuxent Pirates' trips this fall, the group saw the Dee of St. Mary's sailing between Calvert and St. Mary's counties near the mouth of the Patuxent River.

The Dee of St. Mary's was built on the Western Shore of the Chesapeake Bay in 1979 in St. Mary's County for Captain Jack Russell of St. George Island. Kayakers who assisted with the Potomac River Swim in its early years may remember the Dee as the lead boat for the swim. Captain Russell ferried the swimmers and a few of the kayakers and kayaks, with a fleet of Boston Whalers ferrying additional kayakers and kayaks, from Point Lookout across the Potomac to the Virginia side. The swimmers and kayakers then were off loaded and commenced swimming and paddling back to Point Lookout. The Dee led the way with her tall mast serving as a point of reference for the kayakers.

The Dee of St. Mary's was restored in 2013 with a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority. The Calvert Marine Museum is now the steward of the Dee. More details about the Dee of St. Mary's history is available online from the museum's website: <http://www.calvertmarinemuseum.com/195/Dee-of-St-Marys>. ☹

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New Editors:

Many thanks to **Beth Boyd** and **Lois Wyatt** who have "paddled up" to edit the newsletter! They will have help from Bob Browning (Profile Paddler) as well as Suzanne Farace and Catriona Miller. Send them your trip reports! It's been a pleasure. Carrie Casto ☹ Arrgh!

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