



Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. Annual Report 2019

The Annual report for this year is included below, compiled by club officers and others responsible for their respective areas. They include:

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Bill Smith
Coordinator



Chesapeake Paddler Association Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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269 Hillsmere Dr., Annapolis, MD 21403**

CPA Coordinator **Bill Smith** opened the Annual Membership Meeting at 1:25 PM, after the pot-luck group lunch and welcomed everyone. There are 31 members signed in -including 2 new members; the NAME **TAGS WERE VERY HELPFUL** to introduce other people. Bill thanked everyone attending and for bringing so many pot-luck contributions of salads, desserts and hot fare to go along with assorted pizzas and subs, soda and cider. There was no morning paddle outing this year from Truxtun Park.

Bill thanked all of the 2019 Steering Committee (SC) including **Lisa Arrasmith, Catherine Neal, Paula Hubbard, Ralph Heimlich, Chip Walsh, and Shelly Wiechelt**; including **Treasurer Rich Stevens and Secretary Sue Stevens**. He asked them to stand and be recognized. There are many additional volunteers and trip leaders helping in CPA events during the year.

Bill also recognized the activities of the weekly piracy groups – including all of the Pirate captains -Pirates of Algonkian- **James Higgins**; Pirates of Arundel-**Rich and Sue Stevens, and Greg Welker**; Pirates of Baltimore - **Jean Wunder and Suzanne Farace**; Pirates of the North- **Bob Shakeshaft, Joan and Jerry Sweet**; Pirates of Georgetown- **Jesse Aronson, Tom Heneghan, Rob Pearlman and Larry Ichter**; Pirates of Patuxent - **Jenny Plummer-Welker and Don Polakovics**; Pirates of Potomac **Bob Maynes and John Gibbs**. Bill also recognized the long running KIPP Leaders - **Marshal Woodruff and Jim Zawlocki** who organize the 9-month series of training series 30+ miles around Kent Island. He also thanked all the trip leaders who had led a variety of day-trips and camping weekend trips in 2019- their efforts and group participation numbers are listed in the Annual Membership report charts. Bill thanked **Paula Hubbard** for teaching the popular one- day Navigation Class held March 23.

Bill also thanked everyone on the 2019 team at SK101 (March 31) led by **Shelly Wiechelt**; it was a very successful sold-out event held at Cult Classic Brewery's large meeting space. He also recognized the efforts by the large crew of volunteers supporting SK102 (April 26-28) hosted by **Theresa Pendleton and Dave Compton** at their lake side home in Lake Anna VA, and organized by **Catriona Miller** and Registrar **Maxine Mead**.

We also recognized the year-round tasks of our *Chesapeake Paddler* newsletter Editors **Beth Boyd and Lois Wyatt** producing 10 issues/year. He also recognized the efforts of **Bob Browning** who sets up monthly "Paddler Profiles" (Bob is always seeking new faces for the next issues!) Bill gave a shout out for CPA website oversight by **Gregg Banse IT Support** – hosts our webpage via VT, along with **Paula Hubbard and Catriona Miller, and Ralph Heimlich**. The new improved hack-free CPA Forum has been up and running since April this year, though many members have needed to re-set their password to log on successfully. Its topics are easily spotted on the webpage right margin. Bill also recognized the gang who handle the CPA FACEBOOK Page content and support: **Catriona Miller and Suzanne Farace**. Bill also recognized the work on the Meetup Page handled by **Ralph Heimlich and Paula Hubbard, (who handles New Meetup Member approvals)**. Bill also thanked **Marla Aron** who manages the CPA LOGO GEAR Sales. Marla had a variety of new CPA shirt colors in stock for sale at the back of the meeting room; sales were brisk.

REPORTS

Financial: CPA Treasurer **Rich Stevens** summarized the Club finances in the Annual Meeting Interim report through October 2019. A full report and detailed charts are part of the Annual Report. A final annual financial report for 2019 will be finished in late January 2020. Rich gave a summary of the different event expenses and income, if any. The net worth at this time is \$28,095.91, an increase of 3.27% for the comparable period last year.

There are some expenses expected during the last months of the year, including the liability insurance payment, holiday party expenses, today's meeting expense for the pizza, reservations for park pavilion for Fun Day, and piracy stipend reimbursements. Membership dues collected decreased 12.24% from the previous year, he noted, which were also down 8.17% in 2017-2018. SK102 has been a source of new members, who receive a 1-year membership; Catriona Miller handles funds from a separate Pay Pal account for that event. Rich repeated that the club is seeking suggestions for events to give back more to our members.

Membership: CPA Secretary Sue Stevens summarized the CPA membership status, which has been steady over the last 5 years. There are currently 596 active (paid) members in CPA, with an average of 70-100 new members yearly, but also with a similar number not renewing each year. The Club has been around since 1990 (there are 5 members still in the club from that era); CPA will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2020. There are 54 life members – including their spouses, many who are very active in the club with their 20 years membership. Check out the membership charts, which show a big bump up annually during the springtime and SK102 students, but there is a corresponding drop off in same month when a good number of non-returning students dropping membership, unless they attend SK102 again. CPA started promoting multi-year dues options in 2009. CPA started accepting Pay Pal in early 2008; there is a lot less mail in the PO BOX 341 each month. Currently, 96% of members pay their dues via Pay Pal. CPA initiated the Meetup calendar platform for posting kayaking events and trips in September 2016, though the platform does not require CPA membership, and it is open to all. There was the expected learning curve for CPA trip leaders adapting to a new system with an online platform, which allows both a quick sign up AND a quick cancel via a simple click, which can be frustrating for advance trip planning. Several local casual kayaking groups also use Meetup for their own events – back in 2011. The other Meetups are not organized as clubs and do not typically collect dues. The other casual groups are typically organized by one or two energetic leaders. CPA is unique with 55+ volunteer trip leaders who can post trips and events.

CPA members benefit from an improved and secure updated webpage and layout around Mid-2017 (after the older site and the Forum crashed for 3 months in late 2016). The Paddler is distributed only to our 596 members at this time. Its content, other than Coordinator Bill's monthly Column, is not available on the webpage. There are only 7 members (down from 20 in previous years) still receiving a printed and mailed version at this time. The club now has an updated community Forum with the IT Support oversight by **Gregg Banse** this Spring 2019, which also has new more secure log-on requirements.

Trip Participation: Ralph Heimlich gave a summary of this year's trip participation, though he did not bring a copy of the charts. He noted that the number of trips is down over the last 3 years, with fewer trips, and fewer leaders. There were 30% fewer trips and fewer kayaking /camping weekend events, which Ralph frequently organized (he mentioned that he did less camping and spend more time working on his new house) this summer. New trip leaders have new ideas and trips.

OPEN DISCUSSION: Some members find the new webpage not to be user-friendly –if you don't know where to search. One new member spoke up – they joined at the March Navigation workshop and needs assistance with membership status; as they see email via smart phone only (issue resolved- saw the welcome emails in April, but considered as spam).

Rita Scherping suggested to set up small local groups as **Mentors** to contact new paddlers and invite them to paddle near their own location - and meet more local paddlers if they cannot join a weekday piracy. **DJ Manalo** suggested to work with the Club's strength's on paddling safety – perhaps allow new trip leaders to share the job as co-leaders on trips- which is similar to the ACA leadership process. Ask more questions of new faces – such as: is this your first CPA outing, and work to new folks to be more welcoming. It was suggested to set up an online survey – via a Paddler newsletter link etc.– asking for ideas, i.e., support as a volunteer for a smaller mentor -paddler groups. After SK102, it was suggested to group students into geo-regions and connect them to other local paddler-volunteer-mentors. **Maxine Mead** indicated that SK102 registrar sends out a lot of info before and after SK102, including a follow-up invite to Fall Out of Your Boat Day.

Ralph Heimlich summarized trip participation levels with over 200 /600 members active during the year. Other casual paddling groups may not set limits for kind of boats, required gear or using a spray skirt or knowing how to do a wet exit/fall out your boat. We all know many outings depend on the welcoming personality of the trip leader as well as its paddling folks. It was suggested to post outings on shorter notice, more spontaneous opportunities, and offering peer paddling opportunities. There are also smaller informal paddling groups – such as the peer group called the “Gunk-Holers”, a small casual group who meet during the week- as most are already retired and have more free time.

Pirate Captain of the Potomac **Bob Maynes** acknowledged their Piracy is now all retirees and they have been going out either during the mornings or in cool afternoons during the hot weather. Their former Captain **Dick Rock** had stepped down after leading them for 18 years, but he is still occasionally paddling. With “Eagle Eye Dick” usually spotting the first eagle – they paddle at slower speeds, poking into coves and checking out the fauna along the Potomac at Bell Haven Marina. They even have a guest kayak available for visitors- which is a great way to welcome potential new paddlers. Bob suggested to create a map on the webpage showing piracy locations links. Bob suggested to show more current events / news in an easy to spot on the webpage – with a list of future events/ dates in one place w/ links to details.

LOGO GEAR REPORT – Marla Aron gave a quick summary from her sales table. She has been able to add several new shirts colors including tangerine and cranberry, which have been very popular @ \$16 (always sold at our cost for the shirts) and also offering older colors of “Open Air” stock @ \$14. There is also CPA logo caps available.

Paddler Newsletter: Editors Lois Wyatt and Beth Boyd thanked everyone who contributed articles and news during the year and asked to please keep those contributions coming, especially trip reports. **Bob Browning** who handles the “Paddler Profile” series, is always seeking new faces. Please respond back to Bob, who is always seeking more paddlers for future issues. The Paddler’s new editors are **Ralph Heimlich and Bill Upton**.

CPA Library: JOHN GIBBS quickly summarized that its reference books and DVDs are not in demand. Most research info through other online sources. The current holdings are listed on “Library Thing”.

CPA MEMBER AWARDS

Coordinator **Bill Smith** surprised **Rita Scherping and Liz Marancik** with their **Annual Outstanding Service Awards** for their participation leading the **Pirates of Sugarloaf** for the last 4 years, meeting at Riley’s Lock or Monocacy River on the Potomac. Rita and Liz just wanted to add at first, they had to talk themselves into it, now know it was a lot of fun. Everyone has become like family – they were blessed with a lot of good folks who came every week.

AND

Bill also announced a third **Annual Outstanding Service Award for Bob Shakeshaft**, as the long-running Pirate Captain of the **Pirates of the North**, since 2008. Bob, unfortunately, was out of town this weekend. The Pirates will surprise him at their end of season group dinner next week.

ELECTION RESULTS: Ralph Heimlich reported – no ballots received at the PO Box. There were 85 valid ballots - electronic and paper ballots (with 22 duplicate ballots cast, probably when eager folks clicked the vote button twice). There were 5 write-in votes also cast. With no new candidates, the existing slate of officers and SC were re-elected.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill Smith introduced discussion for a potential Trip Leader Training SK203 class next year, it was last held 4 years back as a 2-part weekend event. There were 16 attendees but not many continued as new trip leaders. Formal Training for trip leaders is not required by CPA to lead trips; there is also basic info on the CPA website. Formal training helps with more skills practice, as well as using good judgment, and experience. **Lois Wyatt**, who completed the course, indicated that the exercises and reading preparation can be daunting. **Bob Browning** suggested we add more info about trip leader’s gear requirements. **Brian Blankinship** indicated that he may be willing to assist at the training sessions. **Paula Hubbard** mentioned that she also provides her Navigation Workshop each year, open to everyone, which is also part of the SK203 training.

NEW BUSINESS: Coordinator **Bill Smith** asked the crowd their thoughts if the Paddler Newsletter should continue in same format or make its content visible and available on the website. General discussion concluded to keep the Newsletter as is.

Dave Isbell from Annapolis Canoe & Kayak shop announced a new style dry suit model made by Mustang Survival Products will be in stock at the shop soon.

Lisa Arrasmith announced a new event: FUN DAY /Potluck Picnic set at Downs Park on the Bay with two paddling locations. She has reserved a Bay front pavilion with beach access. It will be an opportunity for everyone and new SK102 students to meet local paddlers and try out their new skills. There may be interest to do another Fun Day event mid-summer as the season warms up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and upcoming events:

CPA HOLIDAY PARTY is set for December 14, 2019 hosted by **Ralph and Beth Heimlich**

CPA PLANNING MEETING FEBRUARY 2020 - **Bill Smith** - TBA

Cold Water Workshop- tentative - **Catriona Miller** TBA (note: Date is set for January 19th at the Cult Classic Brewery)

SK 101 March 1, 2020 – led by Shelly **Wiechelt, Denise Parisi, Rick Leader-** at the Cult Classic Brewery meeting space.

BOAT AND PADDLE WORKDAY – TBA - needs an organizer

SK102 April 24-26, 2020 announced by **Catriona Miller and Maxine Mead**

GEAR DAY/FALL OUT OF YOUR BOAT DAY June 7 tentative – per **Jim Allen**

GREENLAND PADDLE workshop - TBA

SPRAY SKIRT WORKSHOP – **Ralph Heimlich** TBA

NAVIGATION WORKSHOP - **Paula Hubbard** TBA

NEW MARYLAND FUN DAY May 17 organized by **Lisa Arrasmith** at Downs Park in Anne Arundel County bayside pavilion with 2 kayak launches.

KIPP 2020 (its 15th Anniversary year) led by **Marshall Woodruff and Jim Zawlocki**

Additional suggested clinics:

How to make your own charts from the online sources,

How to use a GPS workshop (we could contact West Marine store rep for possible clinic)

MEETING ADJOURNED 3:20 PM



Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.

2019 Annual Meeting Financial Report

The figures in this interim report are based on the figures from 10/15/18 through 10/15/2019, not annual figures. CPA is on a calendar year fiscal basis as set by the Club bylaws and by our federal and state corporate charters. The Annual Meeting financial report is designed to provide an overview for planning purposes. The final annual financial report will come out toward the end of January.

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. continues to be in excellent financial shape although dues continue to fall somewhat. Our cash on hand increased by \$890.86 or 3.27%, from \$27,205.05 to \$28,095.91. The closing balance includes \$27,700.46 in the CPA bank account and \$395.45 in the PayPal account.

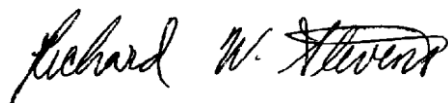
For 2019, through the hard volunteer work of a number of our members, we successfully offered or sponsored a number of events for the Club's members and the interested general public at large. These events include SK 101, SK 102, a navigation workshop, and Gear Day/Fall Out of Your Boat Day. We funded the Piracy stipends, appreciation gifts for some of our many outstanding members, a trip planning meeting, the holiday party, and the Annual Meeting. We also covered the ongoing expenses of our newsletter and other printing, as well as banking and office expenses. Our insurance liability policy is paid and up to date. We are current in filing the necessary state and federal tax returns. Our corporate charter was updated to comply with PayPal's requirements for the mailing address. We also updated our web site and the forums. The following is a condensed listing of all of the major account transactions for the period from the last Annual Meeting plus some financial charts. Some of this year's highlights are the following:

- **Beginning Balance:** Reported as of last year's Annual Meeting was \$27,205.05. The ending balance was \$28,095.91 as of 10/15/2019 for an increase of \$890.86 or 3.27% for the comparable period last year. Last year there was an increase of \$1,948.37 or 7.71%.
- **Membership Dues:** Collected, \$4,926.60; \$701.00 by check or cash, \$913.00 from SK102, and \$3,312.60 net by PayPal. PayPal fees for on line membership were \$143.40. In 2018 over same period we collected \$5,613.75 in dues. This was a decrease \$687.15 or 12.24% from the previous year. Dues were also down 8.17% from 2017 to 2018. SK102 has been important for signing up new members as part of their event fee, some of whom stay members in subsequent years. Meetup also appears to be an important source of new members, many of whom are members of other Meetup groups.
- **SK101:** This year's event was essentially sold out again and generated a net profit of \$377.54 after refunds and expenses. Last year's SK101 had a net profit of \$310.11. A breakdown for this year's event is included at the end of this report.
- **SK102:** This year's event showed a profit of \$224.57 which is being held in a separate account by Catriona Miller to be used for future expenses. The only money received by CPA was \$913.00 for the membership fees included in the event fee and a \$1,142.20 reimbursement for instructor gifts paid for earlier in the year. A breakdown for this year's event is also included at the end of this report.
- **CPA Gear Day/Fall Out of Your Boat Day:** Expenses for the pavilion rental were \$150.00 and expenses for food and charcoal were \$112.26, for a total of \$262.26. There was a \$50.00 increase in the pavilion rental. Food costs were almost identical from the previous year. This was a free event for members and the public, sponsored by CPA.
- **Greenland Paddle Workshop:** Expenses were \$437.08 for materials and food. Income was \$380.00 for an expense of \$57.08.
- **Navigation Class:** Sponsored by CPA, the expenses were \$189.19 for classroom materials, food, and beverages.
- **Meetup and Web Site:** We spent \$188.88 for a 12 month Meetup subscription, \$20.33 to Moniker Services for a web site transfer and Email hosting, and \$300.00 to Gregg Banse for hosting and technical support. Total expenses were \$509.21, almost identical to last year.
- **General Office, Printing, and Mailing Expenses:** Including post office box, printer supplies, the Newsletter, postage, stationary, membership cards, and brochures was \$739.53, up \$117.21 or 18.93% from \$621.82 last year at this time. Most of the increase was for printer supplies and postage stamps. The Newsletter was \$157.80 or 25.38% of the total. Last year the newsletter expense was \$121.48 or 29.90% lower, again primarily due to the purchase of postage stamps. Post Office box rental was \$166.00.
- **Logo Gear:** Expenses were \$1,172.47 for restocking shirts and mailing costs of \$7.70, for a total of \$1,180.17. Sales were \$1,543.90 for a net profit of \$363.73. Last year there was a net profit of \$29.74. Logo gear is sold at near cost.
- **Liability Insurance:** Cost was \$1,735.00 for 2018, minus a rebate of \$225.00 for a total of \$1,510.00. This was down \$225.00 from last year.
- **Update Maryland Corporate Charter:** Cost was \$77.25.
- **Annual Meeting:** The only expense was \$103.77 for pizza in 2018. The cost for 2017's meeting was \$185.48

- **Piracy Expenses:** For 2018 and 2019 to date, Pirates of the Potomac \$171.18, Pirates of the Patuxent \$82.83, Pirates of the North \$177.65, Pirates of Baltimore \$100.00 already for this year, Pirates of Arundell \$379.44, and Pirates of Georgetown \$235.41 for a total of \$1,146.51. In 2017 the Piracy expenses were \$1,197.15, or \$50.64 higher.
- **Holiday Party:** For 2018, cost for food was \$151.37 or \$14.10 higher than last year. Thanks to Ralph and Beth Heimlich for letting a bunch of unruly Pirates trash their house once again last year.
- **Appreciation Gifts:** Given for recognition of outstanding service was \$230.00 over the time period, up from \$106.00 the previous year. This does not include \$1,605.09 in instructor appreciation gifts and a restaurant dinner for the setup and work crew associated with SK102. These are listed in the SK102 Financial Report that is included at the end of this report.
- **Future Major Expenses for the Fiscal Year:** Insurance, Holiday Party, Annual Meeting, and Piracy Stipends. These are pending, and will come due before the end of the year. Insurance comes due in mid December and was \$1,510.00 last year. Total Piracy stipends for 2018 and 2019 were \$1,146.51, the annual meeting expenses were \$103.77, and the holiday party was \$151.37. Income and other expenses for the next two months, aside from those enumerated above, are variable but relatively small. These major future expenses totaled around \$2,911.65 at the end of last year. This was down \$205.98 or 6.61% from 2017.

As can be seen, we have a pretty high balance and it has grown slightly over the last two years. We definitely need to come up with ideas to give back more to our membership. In discussing this, keep in mind that due to our large and diverse membership, it was long ago voted on that CPA would not donate Club monies to political causes or charities.

This report covers the major income and expenses of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. Detailed records of all transactions are available, but not listed in this report for simplicity and privacy considerations. Any questions please e-mail me at Treasurer@cpakayaker.com.

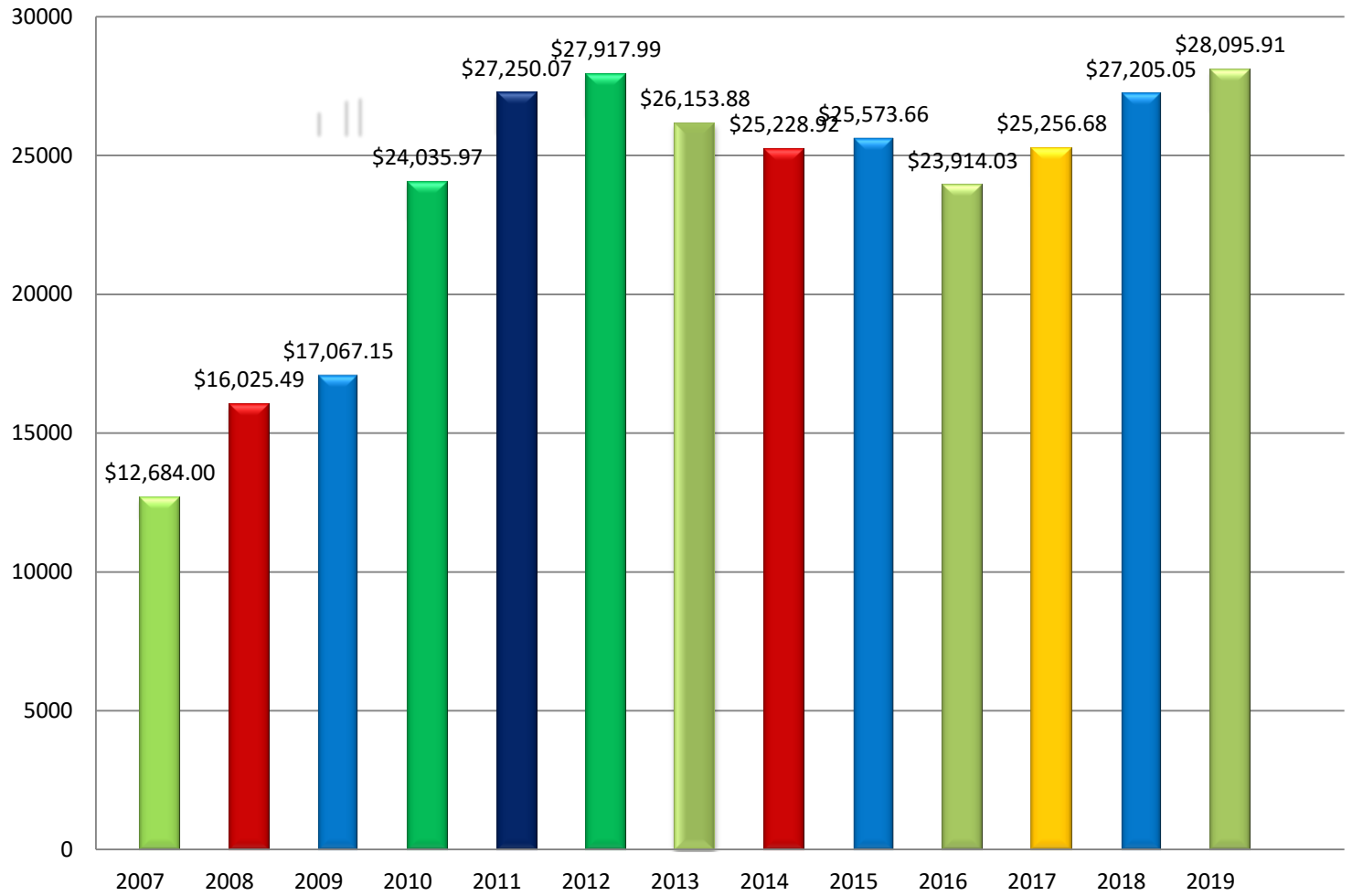


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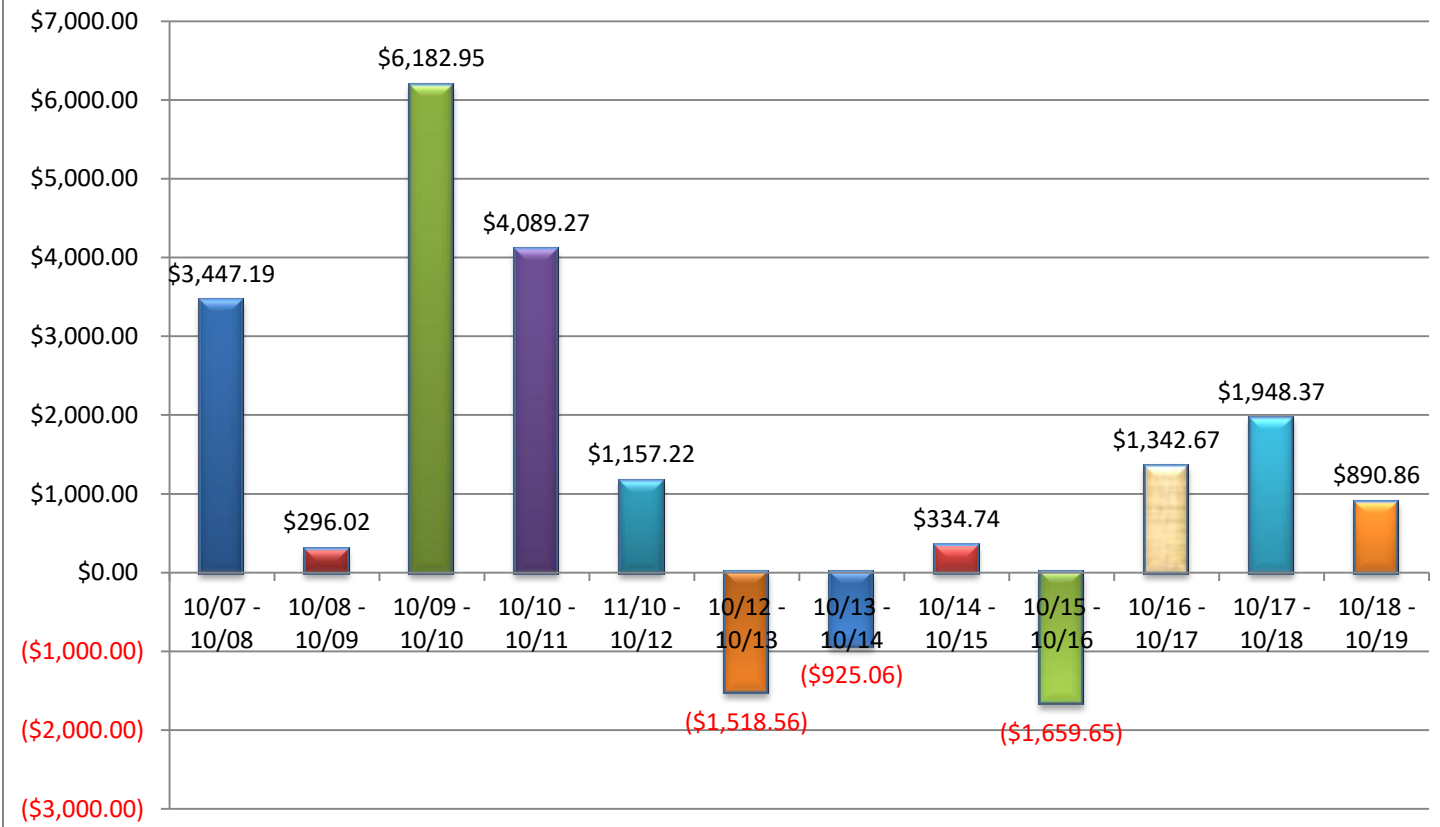
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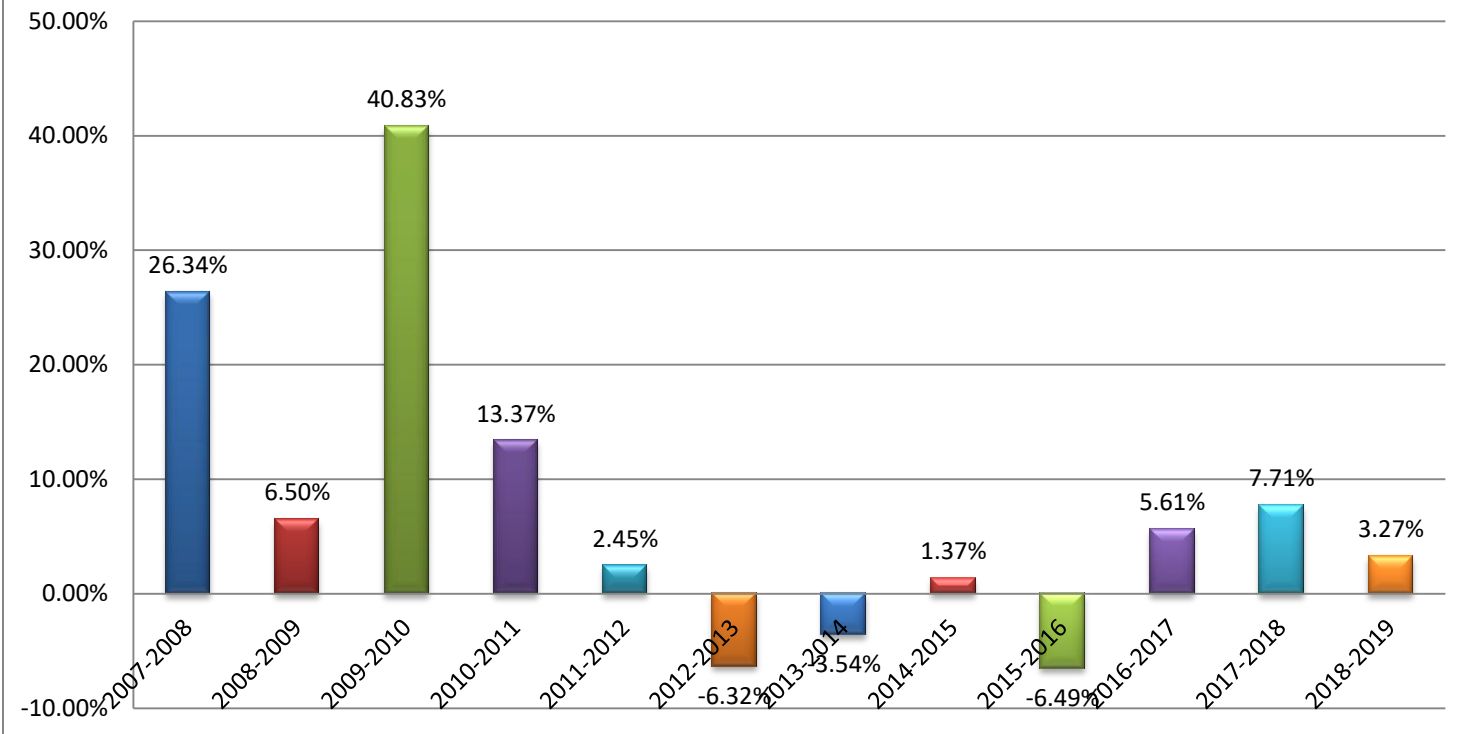
Net Worth About the Time of the Annual Meeting



Change in Net Worth by Time Period (Annual Meeting)

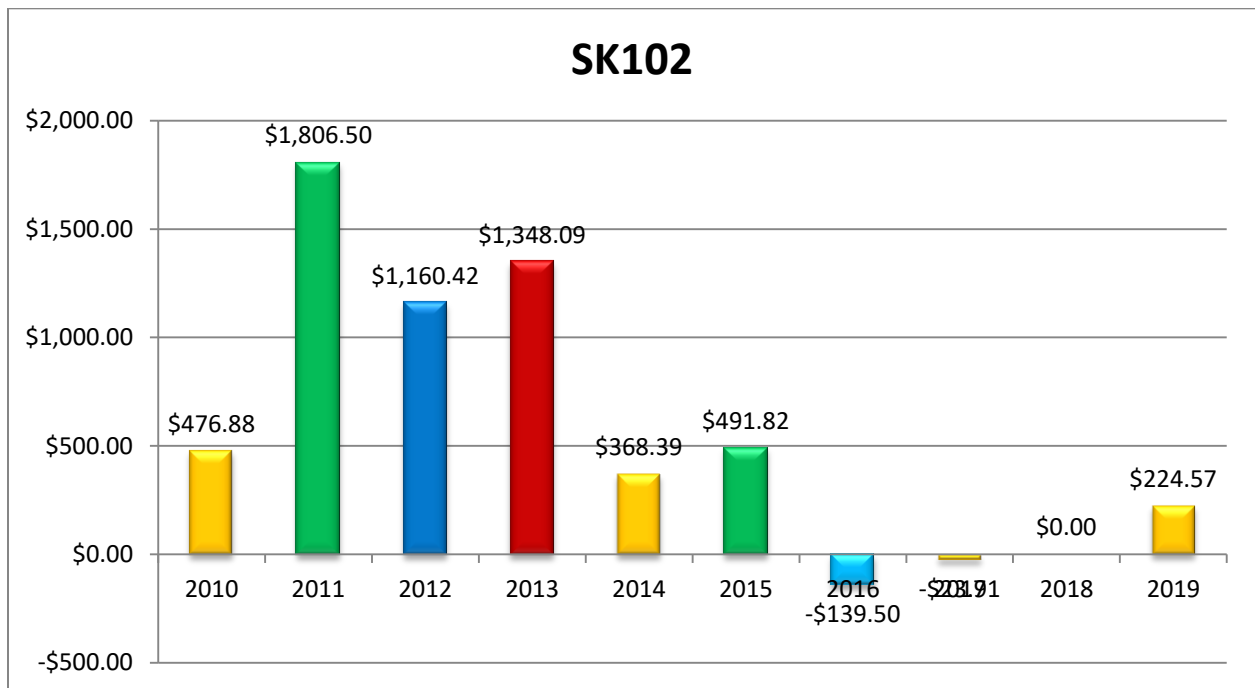
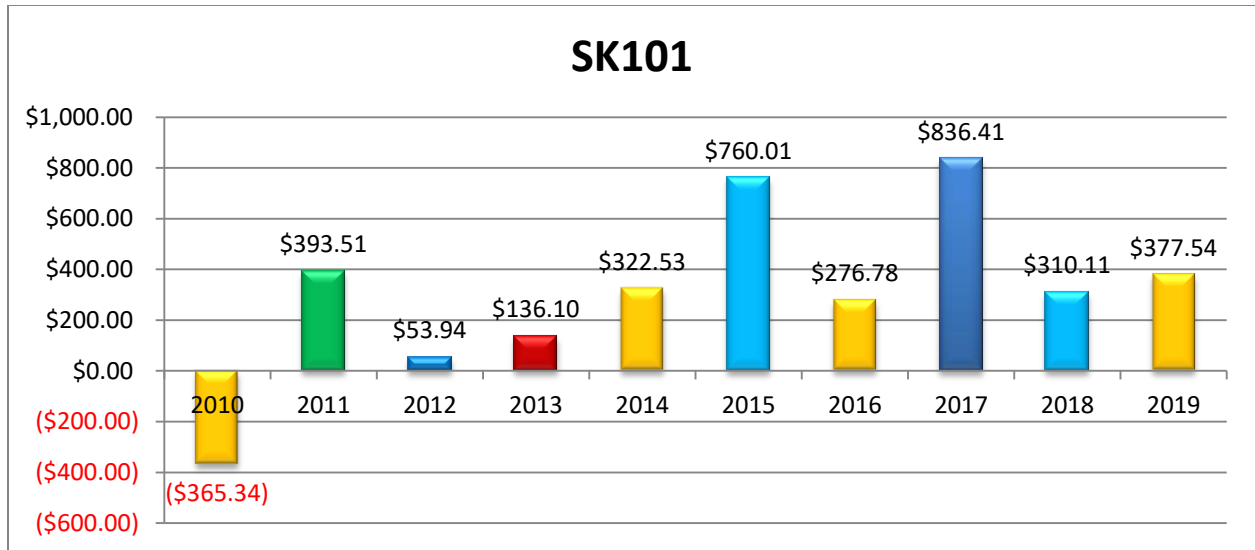


Percentage Change In Net Worth for Annual Meeting



CPA SK101 Financial Report						2019
	Item or Check Number	Date	Payee	Memo	Category	Amount
Event Expenses						
	1629	4/1/2019	Bill Smith	Food and Beverages	Event Expenses : SK101	-\$306.84
	1630	4/2/2019	Rick Leader	Eventbee Fees	Event Expenses : SK101	-\$150.00
	Debit Card	3/31/2019	Adam's Ribs	Food	Event Expenses : SK101	-\$1,005.68
	PayPal Fees					-\$64.94
	Refunds by PayPal					-\$135.00
	Refunds by Check					\$0.00
	Total Expenses					-\$1,662.46
Event Income						
	Payment by Cash					\$150.00
	Payment by Check					\$30.00
	Payment by PayPal (Gross)					\$1,860.00
	Total Income					\$2,040.00
Profit or Loss						\$377.54

CPA SK102 Financial Report				
1/1/2019 through 10/15/2019				
	Item or Check Number	Date	Payee	Memo
Event Expenses				
		4/30/2019	Catriona Miller	Amazon glowsticks \$22.99, Whiteboard, \$14.33 for Maxwell House coffee \$24.99, Callie Opie's dinner for volunteers \$248.79, Costco run (creamers, dubsides yogurt, storage container for shed) \$41.26
		3/11/2019	Catriona Miller	\$41.97 for 2019 Coffee
		9/17/2019	Catriona Miller	Wagon for SK102
		6/19/2019	Catriona Miller	Wagons for SK102.
		4/30/2019	Maxine Mead	Ice & propane
		4/30/2019	Suzanne Farace	Quartermaster Costs at SK102.
		7/21/2019	Catriona Miller	Teresa Pendelton for cakes, portapotties, & appreciation gift
		3/11/2019	Chesapeake Paddlers Association (CPA)	Reimbursement to CPA for Instructor's Gifts
	PayPal Fees			
	Refunds by PayPal			
	Payment for Membership*	One payment for \$900 on 7/21/2019 & then a second one for \$13 on 10/3/2019		
	Total Expenses			
* The \$10 included membership fees have been accounted for in the financial reports under membership income (\$913.00).				
Event Income				
	Payment by Cash			SK 102 Payment
	Payment by Check			SK 102 Payment
	Payment by PayPal (Gross)			SK 102 Payment
	Total Income			
Profit or Loss				





CPA Membership Report 2019

Membership levels are staying steady over the last 9 years, with an average of 70-100 new members joining each year, but with a similar number not renewing. There are currently 596 active members in CPA. The club has been active since before 1994- predating most of our own kayaking time.

The count of Life Members (plus their spouses) with 20 years of continuous paid membership is 56 or about 9% of the club. Frequently, they are the most active of our members.

CPA has its biggest gain in new members back in 1998-99, our first SK102 training skills event (20th anniversary in 2019). It has been an issue, when folks first joined the club at SK101 with the belief they were assured access to SK102, which was promoted for many years. By SK102, many new folks were not ready with a boat or gear.

Combining the CPA one-year dues with the SK102 registration fee removes a step, but also it removed the distinction of FIRST joining CPA. New members see their membership packet and receive the first newsletter after the event.

CPA SK102 registration now includes a one-year membership @\$10 to every new and returning CPA member (for example, couples receive 2 years membership). There are fewer students admitted to SK102 in the last 2 years due to space limits and its instructor class sizes. It reduces the big bump seen each spring.

Some students ONLY attend SK102 for the safety training and skills opportunities, which is great for the sport. After each year's SK102 bump up, existing membership sees a similar drop off, which is easy to spot in the charts.

CPA started promoting a multi-year dues option in 2009. CPA started accepting Pay Pal in early 2008; there is a lot less mail to pick up at the PO Box 341 now. Only 7 out of 596 (1%) members receive the **Chesapeake Paddler** newsletter printed version at this point. CPA has had its community Facebook Page since before 2014.

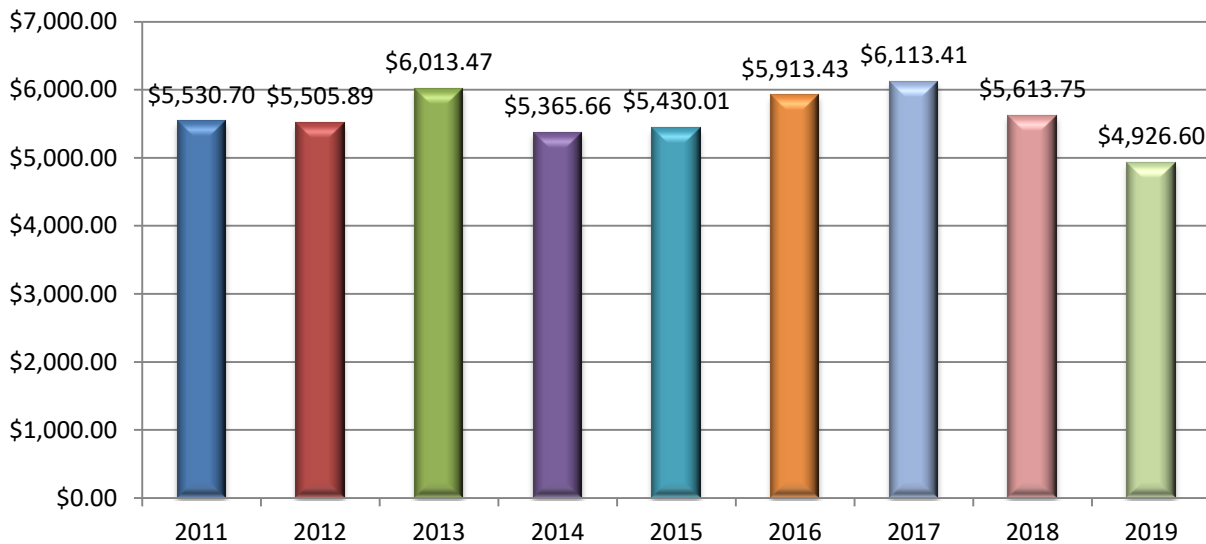
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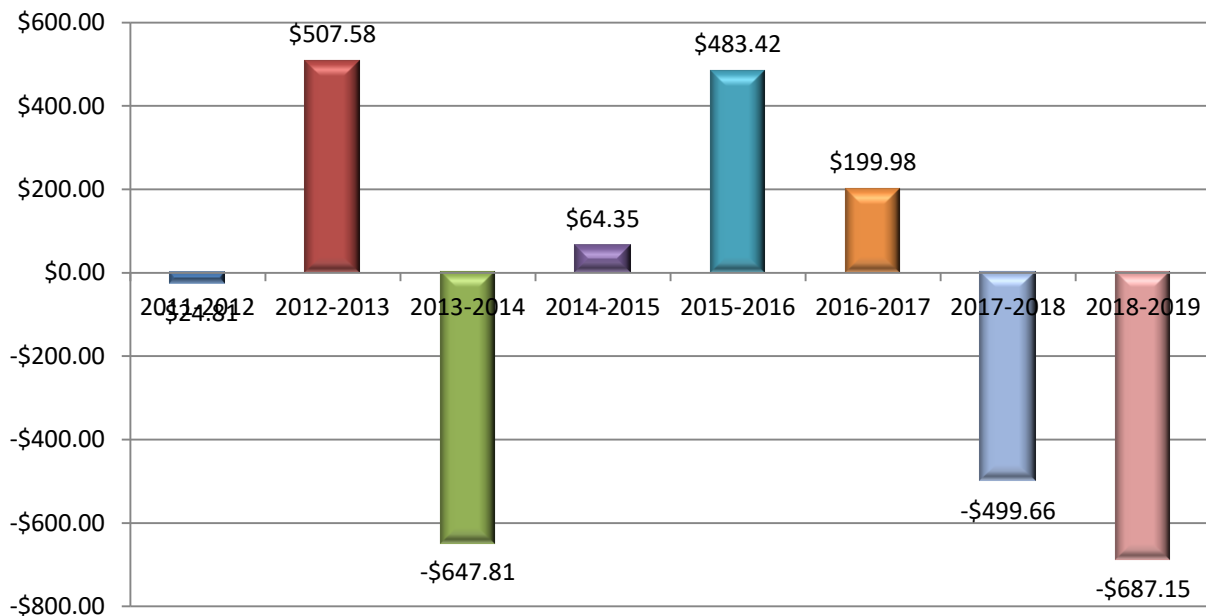
CPA is benefiting from better communication and social media, while our members' energy and participation drives the club.

Sue Stevens
Secretary- Membership

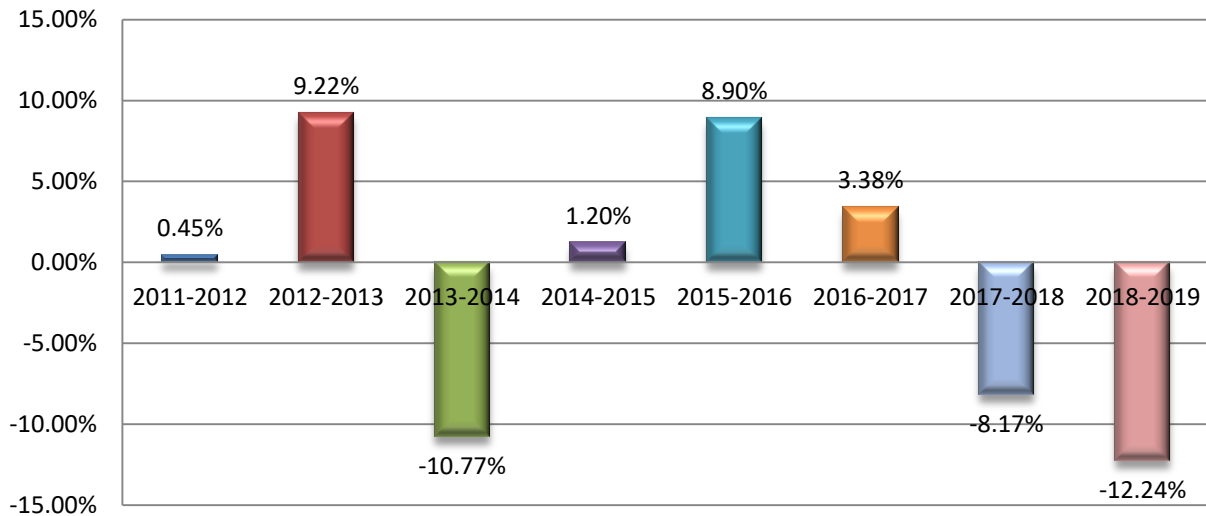
Membership Dues Collected Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting



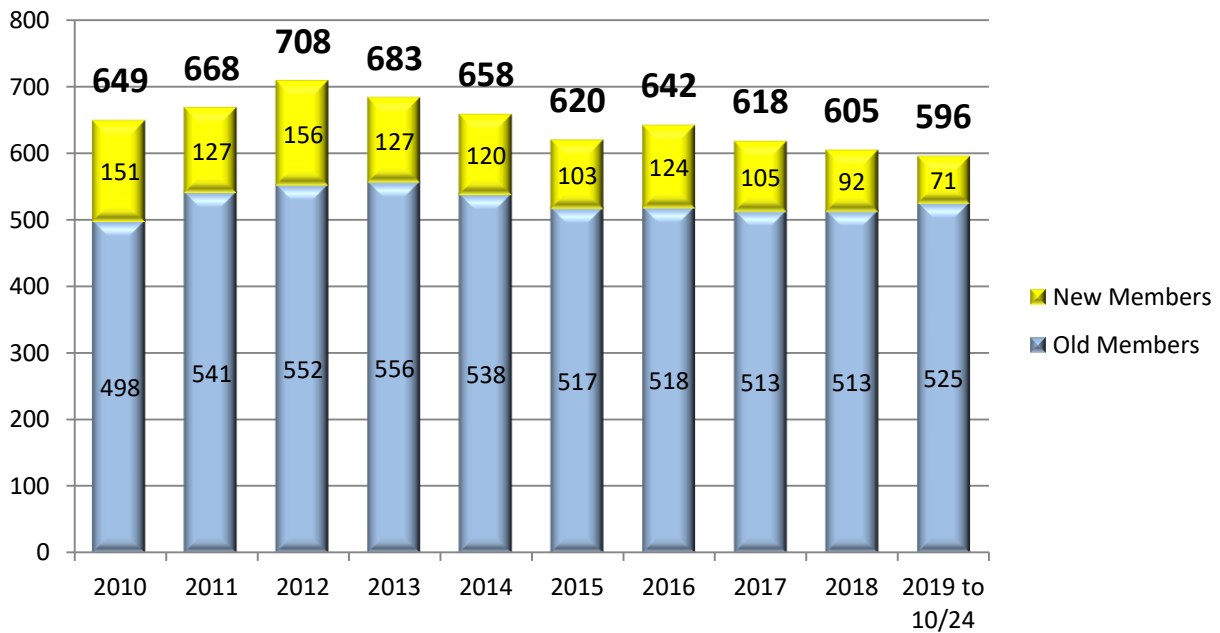
Change in Dues Collected Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting



Percentage Change in Dues Collected Annual Meeting to Annual Meeting



Membership





CPA Trips and Events, Participation 2019

CPA policy requires waivers for trips and events that are held. This gave us the unprecedented ability to track participation by event and even by participant, since 2013. This report summarizes the data drawn from the collected waivers and attendance lists at onshore events.

2013-2019 Participation

Number of Trips and Participants, 2013-2019														
	Trips							Participants						
Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Day	44	24	36	62	51	39	39	290	171	219	362	338	246	241
Piracy	17	24	19	15	27	20	12	238	270	191	146	210	160	92
Camper	15	18	11	10	10	10	10	130	153	82	105	89	80	43
Training	11	12	14	16	20	13	8	386	545	609	377	437	456	193
Gear	3	7	2	3	1	5	4	88	22	68	42	4	58	70
Cleanup	5	3	2	1	2	1	2	24	15	14	17	11	4	3
Social		2	1	2	5	2	2		68	99	74	87	58	38
Planning	2	2		1	1	1	1	2	2		26	31	32	21
Safety Boat			1		1	1	1			1		8	8	7
Pool	2	3	4	1	2	4		58	20	28	17	9	27	11
Total	99	97	90	111	120	96	81	1,216	1,274	1,311	1,166	1,224	1,129	729

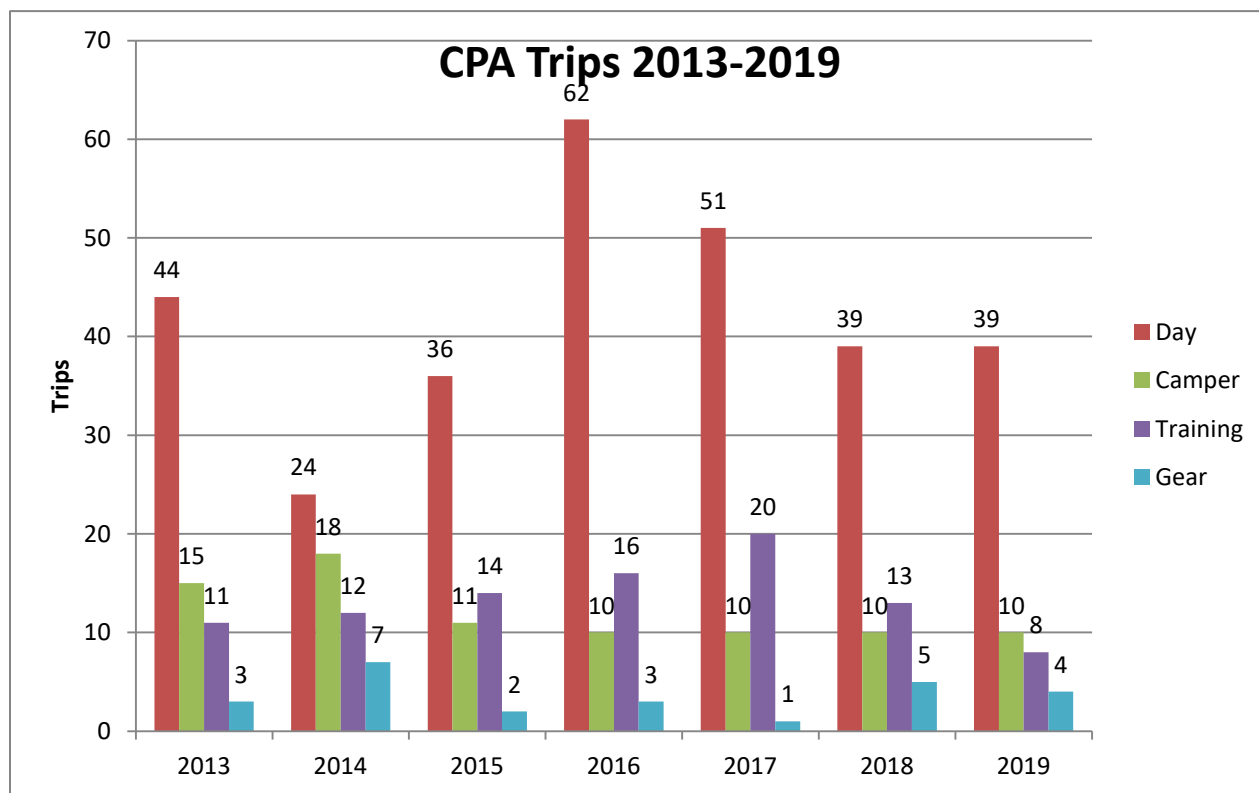
For purposes of this summary, trip types include day trips (a single day of paddling), camping trips (either by kayak or car camping), training trips (such as SK101, SK102, SK203, KIPP, Fall Out of Your Boat, etc.), clean up trips (usually on the water), the weekly Piracy gatherings, Pool sessions (which may have been multiple sessions but collected only one waiver), Gear events (Gear day, Greenland paddle workshop, Spray Skirt Workshop), Planning (the meeting in February), and Social (the Annual Meeting and the Holiday Party—Piracy Year End parties are not included).

The largest single category of trip was a Day Paddle. Day trips made up 48% of all trips (down from 56% in 2016). True to our mission statement, more people participated in Training activities (193, 27% of participants) than almost any other type of trip or event except Day Trips. The number of training trips was down, as was participation, from highs in earlier years. The same number of Camper trips was held, but participation was down to 43 from highs well over 100 in 2013 through 2016. Piracies are down in

numbers and participation. In general, the number of trips of all types are down from previous years, as is participation.

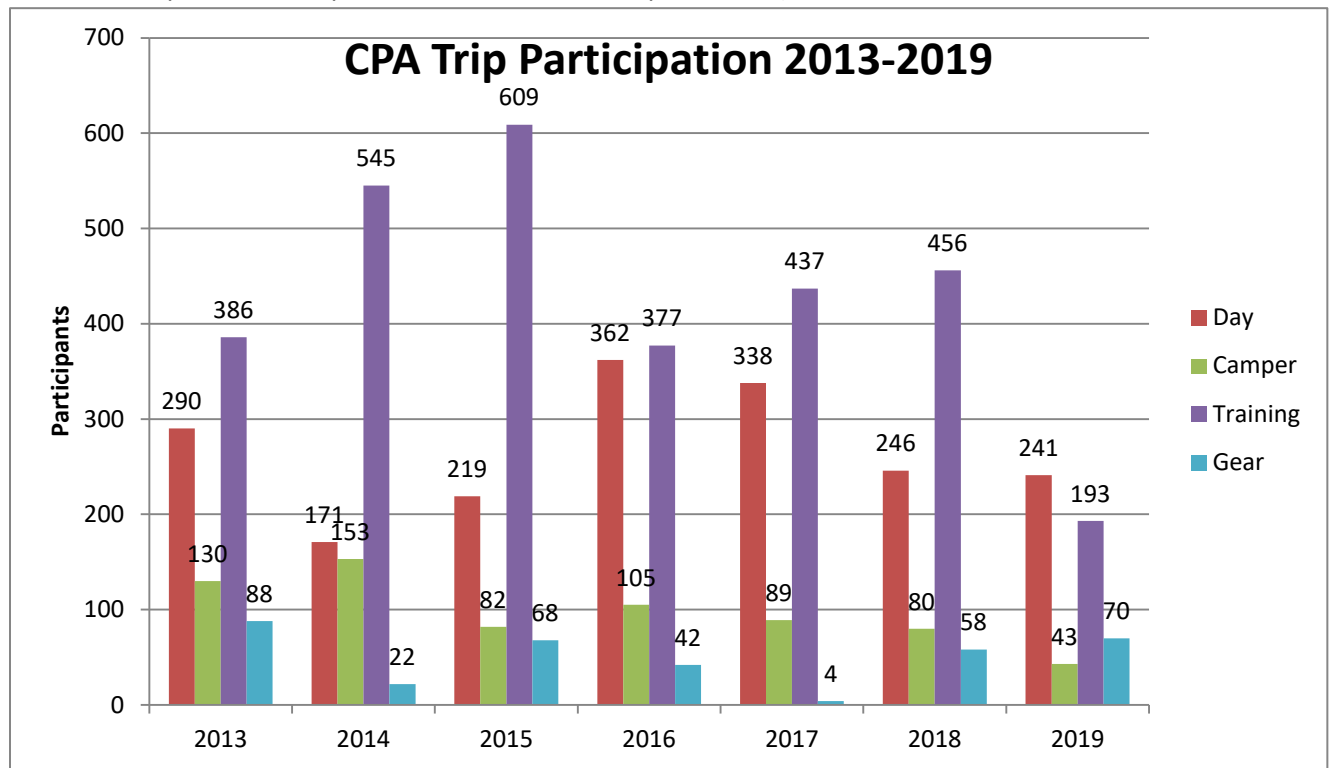
Comparison with 2013-2018

In the limited categories for which comparison with prior years can be made (Camper, Day, Gear and Training), 2016 was the peak and 2019 compares to 2015 and 2018.



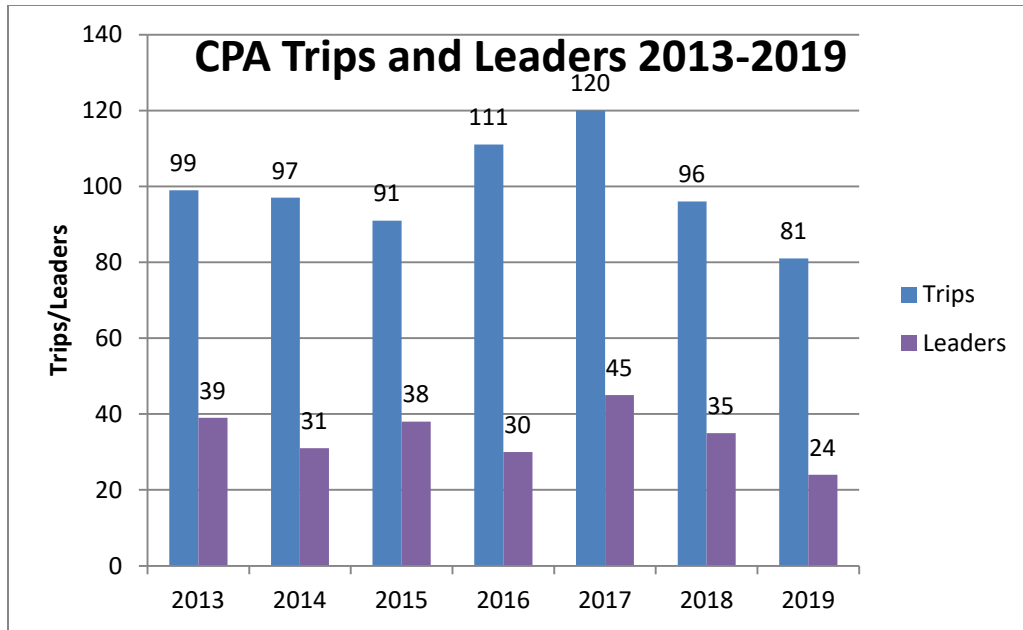
A limited comparison of trip participation (numbers of participants) can be made with 2013-19 data. Participation is down for most categories relative to earlier years (2015 for Training, 2016 for Day Trips,

2014 for Campers, but at a peak for Gear events, except for 2013).



Trip Leaders

There were 24 trip leaders leading 81 trips in 2019, down from 45 trip leaders identified in 2017, and 120 trips led. Overall over the 7 years, 75 trip leaders led 695 trips or events.



A listing of trip leaders by number of trips led over the last 7 years is shown. The following 10 people led more than 2 trips in 2018: Ralph Heimlich, Chip Walsh, Greg Welker, Bill Smith, Tom Heneghan, Suzanne Farace, Paula Hubbard, Sue Stevens, Rich Stevens, Don Polakovics, Jenny Plummer Welker, Tim Dole and John Gibbs. Piracies count as one “trip” even though they are multiple days.

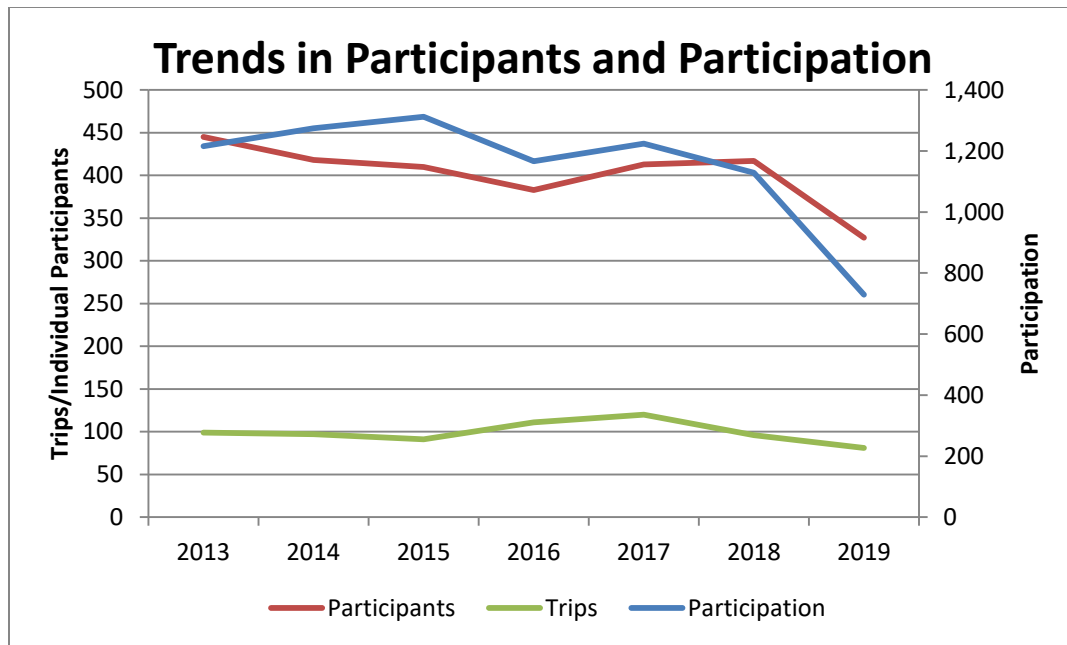
Trip Leader	Years							Total
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Ralph Heimlich	9	12	13	14	17	17	16	98
Marshall Woodruff	6	8	7	6	7	7		41
Sue Stevens	5	9	4	5	5	7	3	38
Greg Welker	5	1	4	9	3	6	9	37
Tom Heneghan	3	3	6	8	6	4	5	35
Rich Stevens	2	8	4	7	5	6	3	35
Bill Smith		2	3	5	8	7	5	30
Chip Walsh	1	5	1	4	5	3	10	29
Jim Zawlocki	5	6	4	3	2	1		21
Suzanne Farace	3	2	3	2	4	2	5	21
Jay Perry			2	7	5	4		18
David Wilson	3	11	1	1				16
Bob Shakeshaft	3	1	4	5	2	1		16
Mike Cohn	4	3	3	4	1			15
Don Polakovics	1		2	4	3	2	3	15
Paula Hubbard	2	1	1	1	3	1	5	14
Joe Messier		3	4	1	1	3		12

Jenny Plummer Welker	4	2	1		1	1	2	11
Linda Delaney				5	4	2		11
Jesse Aronson	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	11
Brian Blankinship	3	2	1	2	1	1		10
Catriona Miller	2	3	2	1	1		1	10
Dick Rock	1	1	1	2	2	1		8
Rita Scherping	2	1	1		1	2		7
Bela Mariassy	2	1	1	1	1	1		7
Tim Dole				4	3			7
Liz Marancik	2	1	1		1	1		6
Rob Pearlman			1	1	2	1	1	6
Tom Blount	1		1	3				5
Lois Wyatt					2	3		5
Mary Larson	5							5
Marla Aron			1	2	2			5
Larry Ichter				1	2	1	1	5
Robert Golden	3		1					4
James Higgins		1	1		1	1		4
Ben Mayock		1	3					4
Carol Collins		2			1		1	4
Jim Allen			1	1	1	1		4
Steven Jahncke	3							3
Rick Wiebush	2					1		3
Jeff Walaszek			1		1	1		3
David Moore	1	2						3
Ed Cogswell					2	1		3
Moulton Avery	1	1			1			3
Denise Parisi					2			2
Gina Cicotello	2							2
Paul Casto		1			1			2
Michael Hoon	2							2
Shelly Wiechelt					2			2
Mike Fernandez				1	1			2
Timothy Dole							2	2
John Gibbs							2	2
Peter Henry	2							2
James Zawlocki							1	1
Maywin Liu			1					1
Maxine Mead					1			1

Gerald Sweet						1		1
Kevin Zembower			1					1
Marc Bernardo			1					1
Brent Cogswell	1							1
Mark Rizzuto		1						1
Jean Wunder							1	1
Joan Sweet						1		1
Andy Stephens	1							1
Paul Serdiuk							1	1
Tom Rhodes			1					1
Dorothy Guy	1							1
Woody Woodruff		1						1
Dave Isbell					1			1
Steve Bethke	1							1
Tom Hunt	1							1
Lisa Arrasmith	1							1
Bob Maynes							1	1
Lise Soukup						1		1
Jaclin Gilbert					1			1
Dan Wells	1							1
Rick Leader						1		1
Rick Wiebusch							1	1
Diane Campbell							1	1
Peter Ichter			1					1
Alan Mindlin					1			1
Laurie Collins					1			1
Trips	99	97	91	111	120	96	81	695

Participation

The waiver data has allowed me to compile a list of participation by participant. This is an underestimate because there is no participation data for some events for which waivers were not required and no list was obtained. Participation in Piracies is an estimate because most Pirate Captains don't keep detailed records.



There were 327 individual participants, down slightly along with the decline in number of trips and participation. 327 individual participants out of 596 current members is a 55 percent participation rate. Those who participated accounted for 729 participant trips, or an average of 2.2 trips per participant (down from 3.3 trips per participant in 2015). If you went on more than 3 trips, you are an above average participant in CPA. There were 83 individuals who participated in at least 3 trips, accounting for 462 of the 729 participants trips (63 percent).

1,446 members participated in at least one trip or event over the last 7 years. 791 people participated in just one trip over the last 7 years, and 199 participated in only one trip in 2019. 10 CPA members participated in 10 or more trips or events during the 2019 season, and 198 participated in 10 or more trips over 2013-19. These 198 accounted for 5,669 of the 8,050 trips (70%).

A comparison of 2013-19 participation for the top 50 participants shows that they participated in 3,082 trips over these 7 years, or 38% of the 8,050 trips by all participants.

CPA Members by Trip Participation, 2013-2019 (Top 50)								
Number of Trips Participated In	Year							
Participant	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Ralph Heimlich	27	31	30	38	31	27	28	212
Sue Stevens	20	29	17	19	15	23	11	134
Rich Stevens	19	30	16	19	14	23	11	132
Greg Welker	17	18	18	25	15	16	20	129

Suzanne Farace	16	14	13	15	24	13	15	110
Bill Smith	10	19	18	14	18	20	11	110
Jay Perry	7	12	18	20	13	19	6	95
Chip Walsh	4	17	10	17	16	9	15	88
Marla Aron	11	13	11	13	13	12	9	82
Tim Dole	11	13	16	17	11	9	3	80
Linda Delaney			19	44	10	7		80
Jim Zawlocki	12	19	13	9	13	10	3	79
Paula Hubbard	13	19	13	8	11	4	8	76
Lois Wyatt	4	10	7	13	16	14	8	72
Steven Jahncke	19	11	1	24	8	1	6	70
Bob Shakeshaft	7	14	14	14	7	4	4	64
Jim Allen	9	5	8	10	10	8	11	61
Bela Mariassy	14	17	3	5	9	10	3	61
Aht Viravaidya	12	12	11	6	8	5	3	57
JennyPlummer Welker	16	9	5	10	7	3	5	55
Tom Heneghan	7	5	9	10	9	7	6	53
Gail Davidson	3	1	11	7	17	10	3	52
Carol Collins	6	11	11	6	8	9	1	52
Rick Leader	3	3	9	6	18	9	3	51
Dave Isbell	5	12	3	9	6	7	5	47
Nancy Eichert			7	19	8	12		46
Marshall Woodruff	6	10	8	6	7	9		46
Robert Golden	10	9	10	4	7	6		46
Ed Santelmann	6	4	6	9	9	9	2	45
Jean Wunder			9	5	14	10	6	44
Dick Rock	5	8	5	8	8	9	1	44
Tom Blount	19	3	12	6	3	1		44
Dennis Green	6	7	11	9	4	4	2	43
Denise Parisi	1	8	9	3	12	5	3	41
Mike Cohn	11	6	5	12	4	2		40
Gail Addis	5	1	4	8	11	3	7	39
Mike Vore	3	8	3	5	6	8	6	39
David Wilson	12	13	3	4		2	4	38
John Gibbs			3	4	12	8	10	37
Al Larsen	3	4	5	6	4	8	7	37
Katherine Neale	3		4	4	8	11	7	37
Bob Browning		1	3	4	5	18	6	37
Ben Mayock	10	10	16	1				37

Tom Rhodes	5	10	10	8	1	3		37
Jesse Aronson	7	4	4	7	5	2	5	34
Beth Boyd	1	8	1	3	3	14	4	34
Chung Ha		7	12	8	4	1	2	34
Jimmy McArdle			11	2	7	13	1	34
Bob Maynes	9	5	10	2	3	4	1	34
Paul Miller	5	14	4	2	6	2		33

There were 125 new (or possibly returning) members who had not participated in the 6 years prior to this year. Here are the 6 who participated 3 or more times this year:

New (or returning) members who participated more than 3 times in 2019		
Participant	2018	Grand Total
Jason Mackay	5	5
Steve Hoerst	4	4
Marie Hoerst	3	3
David Hall	3	3
Kara Greenfield	3	3
Vicky Hsu	3	3

My apologies to anyone I missed in this tabulation (Want to be counted? TURN IN YOUR WAIVER!).

