

The Chesapeake Paddler



Volume 31 Issue IX

Publication of The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.

October 2021

It's time to vote for CPA Officers for 2022 *Annual Meeting on Nov. 7, vote online, in-person or by mail*

Voting is now open for CPA Officers (Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer) and the six members of the Steering Committee for the 2022 term (November to November).

Members will be able to vote online at <https://www.cpakayaker.com/chesapeake-paddlers-association-inc-e-voting/> or use the ballot on page six to vote by mail. Members will need their CPA membership number to vote. Your number will be emailed to you in October and it is also on your CPA membership card.

The Annual Meeting will be held on November 7, 2021 at 1 PM at the Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Road, Stevensville, MD 21666. Members can also vote in-person at the meeting. If the meeting is held via ZOOM due to COVID, voting will be done online or by mail only.

Below are the candidates who have accepted nomination for their respective positions and the "stump speeches" for their candidacies.

Coordinator



Bill Smith: It has been a real privilege to serve as the CPA Coordinator for the past five years and would appreciate your continued support for the upcoming year.

I have received a lot of support from our members and greatly appreciate it. I have high hopes for this coming year as we continue to climb out of the COVID fiasco with improved Club activities and trips.

Secretary



Sue Stevens: : It is an honor to serve as our Club Secretary and it would be a pleasure to serve again. There is no way I could take on this position without help from our Club officers, members and loyal pirates.

My tasks as Secretary include managing the off-line CPA membership database, the Club meeting minutes, Paddler News e-distribution, Pirates of Arundell weekly paddle notes, and the CPA PO mailbox pickup. An ongoing task is handling our CPA membership renewal and dues status each month starting up again JANUARY 2022!

I am looking forward to a brand new safe, healthy and sane kayaking year

Treasurer



Rich Stevens: I have been Treasurer for a number of years now, and would be honored to serve again. Now that the Club is incorporated and on a sound legal basis, I've worked to ensure that all the proper federal and state filings have been kept up to date.

I've also worked hard to ensure that members are reimbursed in a timely manner, all payments are properly recorded and deposited, and that the necessary paperwork is kept up to date in an orderly fashion. I also

[See Candidates on page four](#)

From the CPA Coordinator

The CPA election and more progress on water access

With October comes the transition from summer to fall which is a great time of year and my favorite season.

I love the colors, the cooler weather and the smaller crowds.

It is also time to get out and vote for the CPA Officers. Please show your support by casting a ballot.

You can vote online or snail mail up to the annual meeting, you just need your member number to vote online. One vote per household membership, you can also vote at the meeting. The votes will be tallied and announced at the meeting.

Beverly Triton Park

The battle over [Beverly Triton Park](#) has finally come to an end with Anne Arundel County approving the budget to get the beach facility built. The construction is supposed to begin this winter and be complete by next summer. The construction consists of a bathhouse with showers, improved parking and upgrade to some of the trails.

This has been a long fight with the local natives who have fought diligently for 20 some years to keep it private but thanks to the hard work and determination of the Water Access Committee the county finally agreed.

A giant shout out to Lisa Arrasmith who has been the voice behind the Water Access Committee and who worked nonstop to get it done. This is a big deal when you consider the locals fought tooth and nail to prevent it falling into public hands.



Bill Smith

I truly believe that once the county upgrades the park the chance of shutting it down or returning to private is impossible.

Beverly Triton has an interesting history considering the property was originally acquired by the county to save it from a developer. The county utilized state and federal funds earmarked for public recreation, but the locals successfully kept it private for the use of Beverly Triton residents only.

It is one of my favorite county parks and a great launch to visit Thomas Point Lighthouse. I have been leading Thomas Point trips from this park for the last several years. I sometimes visit the park especially during the off season to walk the beach and some of the hiking trails. It is a great place to visit whether you are paddling or just taking a hike.

Solley Cove

[Solley Cove](#) is another county park in Anne Arundel County that was dedicated this past summer. I recently visited the park for the first time at the coaxing of Dave Battey and was pleasantly surprised what a gem it is. The launch is in Solley cove and is adjacent to Curtis Bay which is mostly industrial with a cove full of shipwrecks.

While driving to the park I passed through Baltimore style row houses and mixed industrial but the park itself is surprisingly wooded and seemingly rural.

You can easily imagine yourself in a rural part of southern Maryland until you approach the industrial area and the Coast Guard facility from the water. Paddling through the shipwrecks was very interesting but somewhat smaller than the Mallows Bay wrecks.

Once past the wrecks we entered the industrial facilities along the water. I noticed this would be a great launch if you wanted to paddle to the Key bridge and the historic forts nearby; the Key bridge was maybe two miles from the launch. Happy paddling!

Kayak community mourns passing of Marshall Woodruff



It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Marshall Woodruff on September 24, 2021.

Marshall was a mentor to many CPA paddlers as the founder of the Kent Island Practice Paddle series.

He faced every challenge in his life with an indomitable spirit and grace that was an inspiration to all of us.

Remembrances for Marshall are at : <https://www.goinghomecares.com/obituaries/Marshall-E-Woodruff?obid=22474884>.

Services will be private.

There will be a tribute to Marshall in the November/December issue of the *Paddler*.

Photo: George Banks

Arundell Pirates survey tornado damage at Homeport Farm

Members of the Pirates of Arundell used one of their weekly paddles to survey the damage to the kayak launch at [Homeport Farm Park](#) from September's tornado that ripped through the Annapolis area.

"A county front-end loader and a logging crew have been working to clear the logs," reports CPA Secretary Sue Stevens. "The loader ran over the beach-edge concrete curbing and the under-drain plates are torn up. Every large tree on the slopes is flattened and uprooted."

The county plans on reopening the launch once conditions are safe and the area restored.



Sue Stevens surveys last month's tornado damage to the kayak launch at Homeport Farm Park, a favorite spot for the Pirates of Arundell. Amazingly, the Canton Kayak Club storage rack, their kayaks and gear box appears to have survived without a scratch. (Photo: Gary Trotter)

[Candidates, from page one](#)

worked with the Steering Committee to update our bylaws, which were adopted at the last Annual Meeting. I plan on continuing to work to seek other ways for the Club to give back to our members and to ensure that Club funds are spent wisely.

Although I generally hate paperwork, I've enjoyed my work for CPA. No fame and glory, but a necessary part

Candidates for Steering Committee (Listed alphabetically)



Lisa Arrasmith

2020-2021 didn't go as we expected. I grew up in Iowa and did not guess that I would fall in love with the water in the middle of my life.

I also did not guess I would spend a pandemic, along with my friends, on and by tidewater as much as we could.

Together we've jailbroke a lot of waterfront parks, opening the parks and helping people reach the water with us. Every child should grow up with the water, not find the water in midlife like me.

Maryland Fun Day at Downs Park is kicked forward to 2022. I'm looking forward to spending a fun day on the water on Bodkin Creek and the Bay from both the Downs onto the Bodkin and Bayside launches.

Hancock's Resolution, a historic site on Bodkin Creek, has a new kayak landing (not launch) site and welcomes paddlers ashore.

Please vote for me and I'll do my best to get us to the water and have a lot of fun when we get there.



Elizabeth Boyd

My first watercraft was an aluminum beast of a canoe at Camp Wahi, a Girl Scout camp outside Brandon, Mississippi. "Stroke! Feather! Stroke! Feather! Draw! J-stroke!" We wore those

vintage orange cotton PFDs and kneeled in the boats. I loved every minute of it and always volunteered to paddle the stern. I like to know where I am going.

Perhaps this interest in direction is what ultimately led me to the Steering Committee in 2019. CPA has offered me education, camaraderie, and unparalleled opportunities for getting out on the water. I would like to "pay it forward" by supporting the trip leader training necessary to repopulating our calendar; expanding outreach to newish paddlers via allied watersports and environmental organizations; and, supporting our water access advocacy.

A member of CPA since 2011, I regularly paddle with the Pirates of Arundell, am a KIPP survivor and SK102 alum, and served as co-editor of the *Chesapeake Paddler* for three years. I would be honored to serve again and will work to further the interests of the sea kayaking community.



Marilyn Cooper

I would like to continue the outstanding work CPA has been doing to bring more people into the kayaking world as a member of the Steering Committee. I have enjoyed the years I have been able to participate in a sport that brings

together so many people of diverse and unique backgrounds.

Smiles are abundant and people are helping by also looking out for each other and nature which are both priceless. I would like to see even more diversity in the people we welcome to not only enjoy the sport but also to become part of our CPA kayaking family. Any group or

[See Candidates on page five](#)

Candidates, from page four

organization that wants to thrive must reach out to new individuals to share ideas, knowledge, and support. This sharing of knowledge or skills can be done through an event, class or just paddling beside someone more experienced. Through shared experience, CPA will become a stronger community of paddlers. I hope you will join with me with your support in the effort.



Paula Hubbard

It would be an honor to serve on the CPA steering committee. I have always been an advocate of skills development, but this year I would like to expand my focus to allow our kayak

community to become more inclusive.

This includes having more opportunities for rec boaters to learn safety skills, and also to promote more diversity in our paddling community. We will only grow when we invite more paddlers to join us. I will always encourage paddlers to improve skills through training and practice. I will also encourage paddlers of all levels to join regardless of their equipment. It's all about the love for our sport.



Katherine Neale

I am honored that several members of CPA have nominated me to be a member of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association Steering Committee.

I have been a CPA member since June 2006 and have enjoyed many of the activities and

fellowship that the Club has to offer.

If re-elected, some of the things I would like to work on are: 1) Recruiting and training of more trip leaders from the membership so we can offer more trips; 2) Getting more members more involved in their local Piracies; 3) Promoting the Club to new paddlers; and 4) Helping to support safe and responsible sea kayaking.



Gary Trotter

I am honored to be nominated to serve as a member of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association Steering Committee.

My wife Michelle and I have been a member of the CPA since November 2017. We have attended SK101 and 102, participated in various piracies and several other Club activities.

I have enjoyed meeting and fellowship with members of the CPA paddling community, improving my paddling skills, and exploring different activities for sea kayaking.

If elected to serve I would look for opportunities to attract, encourage, and retain new members; lower barriers to entry for novice paddlers; stress importance of water safety; and to cultivate increased access and usage of Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

Share your paddling adventures!

Do you enjoy reading about the paddling adventures, local and distant, of other members? Do you like getting new ideas for paddling trips?

Are you advocating for paddling access or amenities in your area?

Have you pondered questions relating to kayak gear? Variety is the spice of life, and of newsletters.

Please write an article reflecting your thoughts, experiences, and discoveries to share with our paddling community.

We all become a bit wiser and excited to be on the water again. We need your input to make *The Chesapeake Paddler* the best it can be.

Submit stories or ideas to news_editor@cpakayaker.com. We look forward to sharing your story.

Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee Members

At the CPA Annual Meeting on November 7, 2021, we will discuss CPA business, elect the CPA Officers (Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer) and the six Steering Committee positions for the 2022 term (November through November).

Potential candidates were asked to send in their nominations and a brief stump speech by October 1 so they could be listed on the ballot below and their speeches printed in this newsletter and posted on the CPA website at <https://www.cpakayaker.com/cpa-officer-election-stump-speeches/>). Any member may also conduct a "write-in" campaign.

Voting is customarily done online, by mail or in-person at the Annual Meeting. If the meeting is held via ZOOM due to COVID, voting will be done online or by mail only.

You may vote online at: <https://www.cpakayaker.com/chesapeake-paddlers-association-inc-e-voting/> or vote by mail by using the ballot below.

You will need your member number to vote. An email will be sent in October to your email of record with your member number. It's also on your CPA membership card. Only one valid ballot per membership, including family memberships.

Your CPA Member Number _____ (required for a valid ballot, it will be emailed to you in October).

Officers (choose one of each)

Coordinator (vote for one)

___ Bill Smith

___ (Write-in Candidate) _____

Secretary (vote for one)

___ Sue Stevens

___ (Write-in Candidate) _____

Treasurer (vote for one)

___ Rich Stevens

___ (Write-in Candidate) _____

Steering Committee (choose six)

___ Lisa Arrasmith

___ Elizabeth Boyd

___ Marilyn Cooper

___ Paula Hubbard

___ Katherine Neale

___ Gary Trotter

___ (Write-in Candidate) _____

If voting by mail: please print out this page, vote, place the ballot in a stamped envelope, and mail it to:

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.

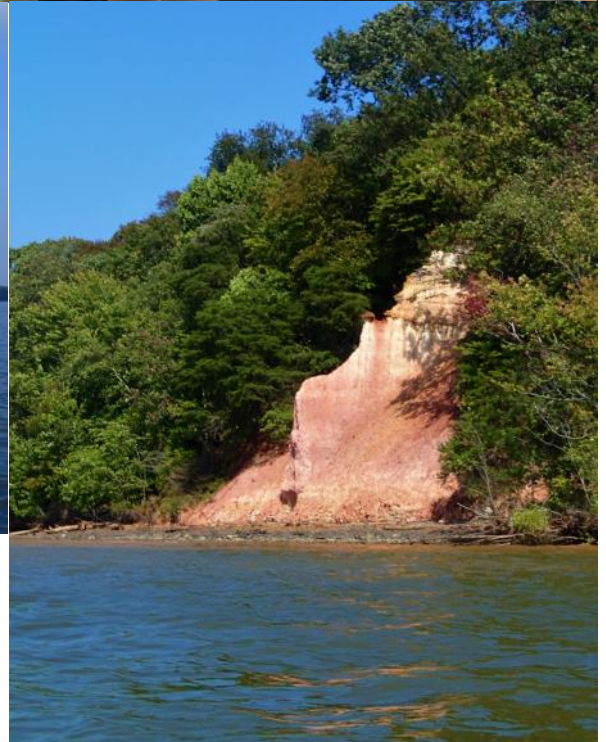
Attn: Ballot

P.O. Box 341

Greenbelt, MD 20768-0341

Ballots must be received by November 6, 2021 to be counted.

Photos from Elk Neck kayak camper



In September, CPA member Ralph Heimlich led a popular kayak camper at [Elk Neck State Park](#) in Cecil County, MD. The trip included a weekend of exploring on the water and a pot luck dinner Saturday night. (Photos by Ralph Heimlich)

Talbot County gets tough on launch parking

Stricter enforcement for permitted parking, including Wye Landing



Talbot County has stepped up parking enforcement at eight of its 26 launch sites and installed additional signage for parking for permit holders for trailered boats. In some sites, there are few to zero single-car spots for kayakers and other non-trailered boat users sparking kayakers to lobby the county for more parking.

(Photo: [Brad Dress, The Star Democrat](#))

After complaints by users with permits that people without permits were parking in the designated trailer spaces, [Talbot County Parks and Recreation Department](#) started stepped-up parking enforcement and installed new signage clearly marking the trailer spaces.

As reported in [The Star Democrat](#), the increased enforcement focuses on eight of the county's 26 launches, including Wye Landing, Oak Creek, Neavitt, Easton Point, Dogwood Harbor, Wittman, Clairborne and Bellevue. The county requires permits for anyone using the 45-foot spaces reserved for boat trailers. Permits are \$45.

One group of kayakers received \$50 tickets this summer at Wittman's launch. The tickets were rescinded because parking signage wasn't clear, but that spurred the group to start lobbying the county for increased

single-car parking at more launches.

The launches with few to zero single-car spots are Neavitt, Clairborne, Oak Creek/Newcomb, Dogwood Harbor, Easton Point and Wittman.

Talbot Parks and Recreation says it is looking to increase the number of spaces for non-permit holders and single vehicles, but will continue to aggressively enforce parking rules in the meantime.

CPA's Lisa Arrasmith of the Public Water Access Committee reports that the [Talbot County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board](#) will consider kayaker parking at public boat ramps during its Thursday, November 18, 2021 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Wye Oak Room in the [Talbot County Community Center](#). The Talbot County Community Center is at 10028 Ocean Gateway, Easton, MD 21601.

Paddler Profile

Meet Marilyn Cooper

Lives in: Silver Spring, Maryland.

Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy? I am one of the co-captains, along with Laurie Collins, of the new Sugarloaf Pirates who mostly paddle at Rocky Gorge and Tridelphia Reservoirs near Laurel, Maryland.

Number of years paddling?
About five.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? I joined with a friend on a beginner paddle with a rented boat.

What boat(s) do you paddle? I have an NDK Romany Classic and a Necky Chatham 16.

Rudder or skeg? Skeg.

Type of paddle used? Euro (Werner, Epic and on order Lendal).

Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking? Nope.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? Biking.

How often do you paddle between May and October?
Three to four times per week.

Do any winter paddling? I have a dry suit, so I now winter paddle a couple times each season.

Favorite local paddling location? Scott's Cove at Rocky Gorge Reservoir during the week. On weekends, I like to find bumpy water.

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why? No trips yet, only weekday paddles.

Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why? Ebenezer Creek near Savannah, GA. This black-water paddle is done between Cypress and Tupelo trees and the water was high enough to go in and around the trees submerged in the creek. It was very different from



any other paddles I have done. I liked hearing the stories of the settlement and civil war, and the horror story of the drowning of newly-freed slaves.

Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why? Ocean City MD. We went outside the inlet into large swells and breaking waves, which are normally not an issue for me, but with these I felt for the first time that I was out of my comfort zone. I felt sure that if I came out of my boat, I would be OK since I was with other seasoned paddlers.

Bucket list trips? Baja, Maine and Croatia.

Three things you like most about paddling? Adventure, adrenaline, and most of all the people.

What do you like about CPA? The people, paddling different locations and the respect for the environment.

What other paddling clubs/groups do you belong to? CPA and Waters Edge. I do training with Cross Currents Sea Kayaking.

One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you? I enjoy volunteering at large events, from national events (political conventions) to regional events (marathons, NCAA playoffs).

New kayak launch opens in Harford County

Harford County announced a new kayak launch as part of a planned water trail. From Harford County's announcement:

Harford County has built a new canoe/kayak launch in Forest Hill as part of its plan for a Deer Creek water trail.

Located at 1202 Walters Mill Road, the new public launch has a loading area and 14 parking spots.

It sits approximately six miles upstream from Benjamin's Bridge in Street, the county's first launch of the planned trail.

The Walters Mill Canoe/Kayak Launch is open dawn to dusk and is managed by Harford County Parks & Recreation.

Click [here](#) for a separate article from Bay Weekly.



Harford County officials cutting a ribbon at the Walters Mill Canoe/Kayak Launch pictured from left: Director of Parks & Recreation Kathy Burley, County Executive Barry Glassman, Chief Advisor Billy Boniface, Deputy Director of Parks & Recreation Paul Magness.

Help keep new launch at Ft Smallwood Park open



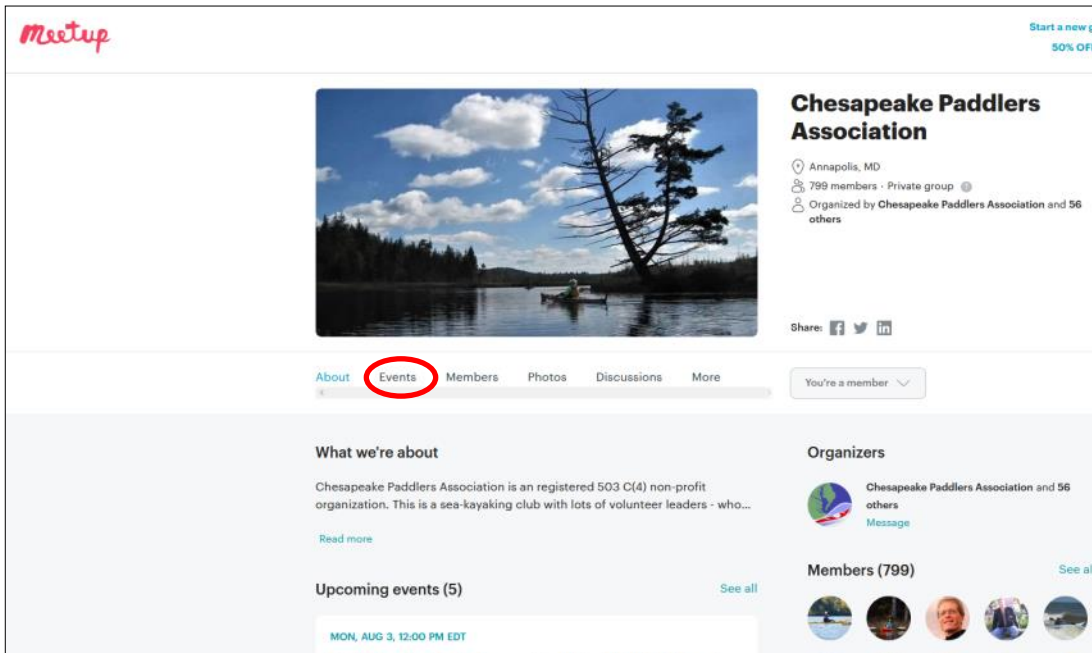
A new launch at Fort Smallwood Park allows easier access to Rock Creek. Help keep it open by using it this October so the county can't cite lack of use to close it.

When Anne Arundel County closed parts of [Fort Smallwood Park](#) for an erosion control project, including the existing kayak launch, they opened a new launch nearby that is easier to access Rock Creek. The county, however, didn't announce the launch and if kayakers don't use it this October they may close it citing lack of use. Kayakers are urging the county to keep both launches in the future.

The new launch site is near the fishing pier. Park in the fishing pier parking lot (NOT the trailered boat parking lot) and look for the renovated historic concession stand with the red metal roof on the right of the paved walkway to the fishing pier. The new launch site path is on the left across the paved walkway from the concession stand. Bring wheels if you can. It's a longish flat carry to the sandy put-in.

Park admission is \$6 per car. Click [here](#) for a map of the park.

Upcoming CPA events, Annual Meeting Nov 7



The CPA Annual Meeting will be held on November 7, 2021 at 1 PM at the Cult Classic Brewery, 1169 Shopping Center Road, Stevensville, MD 21666.

Check the [CPA Meetup page](#) for further details and information on other CPA events.

All participants should download the [updated CPA Waiver](#) and read the [CPA COVID-19 event guidelines](#) before participating in any in-person Club activity.

Classifieds

Eddyline Wind Dancer kayak for sale

Eddyline Wind Dancer kayak and assorted gear for sale, \$1,000. Gear for sale includes:

1. Yakama cartop carrier (2 rollers)
2. Voyage Wooden Paddle (w. flex safety strap)
3. Snap Dragon spray skirt
4. 3 PFDs (life jackets): Lotus PFD (male); Lotus PFD (female); Aqua-Mate PFD (old)
5. Voyageur water pump
6. Dry Sack Seattle Inlet Pack
7. DG gloves
8. Maps/safety tips/contacts

Contact Nick at 410-266-5411



The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.

The mission of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association is to provide a way for people to enjoy sea kayaking within the Chesapeake Bay area and to promote safe sea kayaking practices through educating the local sea kayaking community and the interested public.

Websites: www.cpakayaker.com, [CPA Facebook page](#); [CPA Meetup page](#)

Officers

Coordinator coordinator@cpakayaker.com
Bill Smith 407-489-7191

Secretary/Membership membership@cpakayaker.com
Sue Stevens 410-531-5641
c/o CPA, P.O. Box 341, Greenbelt, MD 20768

Treasurer — Rich Stevens treasurer@cpakayaker.com

Steering Committee steering_committee@cpakayaker.com
Lisa Arrasmith
Beth Boyd
Ralph Heimlich 240-472-8825
Paula Hubbard 407-619-2896
Katherine Neale
Shelly Wiechelt

Librarian — John Gibbs 703-922-7686 [Library](#)

Gear Volunteer — Marla Aron [Gear Page](#)

Webmaster/E-Mail List Administrators

webmaster@cpakayaker.com
Paula Hubbard
Ralph Heimlich
Rich Stevens

Newsletter Team news_editor@cpakayaker.com

Bill Upton, Ralph Heimlich — Co-Editors
Bob Browning—Paddler Profiles
Sue Stevens — Digital Distribution

Email Distribution, Dues Payments and Ad policy

All *Paddler* newsletters are sent via email with a link to the current monthly issue. Please be sure to keep your email address current to keep receiving the *Paddler* newsletter and for reminders of when your membership is up for renewal by contacting the CPA Secretary at membership@cpakayaker.com.

If your CPA membership has expired, or will expire soon, please send in your dues to: CPA, P.O. Box 341, Greenbelt, MD 20768-0341 or use the [Online Membership](#) option to use PayPal or find more information about membership.

Display advertising that relates to the interests of our readers is accepted, contact the editor at news_editor@cpakayaker.com for ad rates and specifications. Public service announcements and personal ads to sell kayaks/ accessories are published at no charge; non-members pay \$10 per ad.

Pirate Groups

Pirates of Algonkian pirates_algonkian@cpakayaker.com
James Higgins 571-659-3319

Pirates of Arundell pirates_pier7@cpakayaker.com
Rich Stevens
Béla Máriássy 410-507-4972
Greg Welker 301-249-4895
Sue Stevens 410-531-5641

Pirates of Baltimore pirates_baltimore@cpakayaker.com
Jean Wunder 410-949-4416
Bob Shakeshaft 410-939-0269
Ed Cogswell, Suzanne Farace

Pirates of Eastern Shore pirates_easternshore@cpakayaker.com
VACANT — Please consider volunteering

Pirates of Georgetown pirates_georgetown@cpakayaker.com
Jesse Aronson 571-969-1539
Tom Heneghan 571-969-1866
Rob Pearlman 240-688-6340
Larry Ichter 703-915-7446

Pirates of the North pirates_north@cpakayaker.com
Bob Shakeshaft 410-939-0269
Joan Sweet, Jerry Sweet

Pirates of Occoquan pirates_occoquan@cpakayaker.com
Jim Zawlocki 703-378-7536

Pirates of Patuxent pirates_patuxent@cpakayaker.com
Jenny Plummer-Welker 301-249-4895
Don Polakovics 301-247-8133

Pirates of Potomac pirates_potomac@cpakayaker.com
John Gibbs 703-922-7686
Bob Maynes 703-527-5299

Pirates of Sugarloaf pirates_sugarloaf@cpakayaker.com
Laurie Collins, Marilyn Cooper

The Chesapeake Paddler

The *Chesapeake Paddler* is published 10 times a year, with combination issues in Nov/Dec and Jan/Feb. The deadline for submitting copy is the 15th of the preceding month. Articles and illustrations (graphics, photos) should be submitted as separate attachments to: news_editor@cpakayaker.com

The newsletter may be reprinted whole or in part if credit is given to this newsletter and any identified author (unless an article is specifically copyrighted), and a courtesy copy is sent to the Editor. The download link or file for the electronic version of this newsletter may not be posted or forwarded to non-members without the express consent of the Coordinator or Editor.