

## Paddler Profile: Meet Andrew Hunter



**Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why?** Have not done one yet other than piracy paddles.

**Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why?** Everglades for 2 weeks – paddle/sailing...self-sufficient wilderness trip.

**Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why?** Nothing too scary, but with some friends, paddled from Beverly Triton park out to Thomas Point Lighthouse and on to Highland Park and back to start point in 20 knot winds. The beam sea leg was a challenging way to get to know my new boat. On the third leg of the trip, crossed the South river with very choppy seas and lots of boat traffic and a strong headwind and waves...we were all exhausted and there was one paddler who had a hard time keeping up and barely made it back.

**Bucket list trips?** San Juan Islands, Looking to do a week up on Canada's Rideau Canal this summer.

**Three things you like most about paddling?** Nature and quiet paddling through the local marshes. I love exploring nooks and crannies and gliding over rocky bottoms in clear water. I also like exploring the urban landscape from a kayak. The folks that paddle tend to be the kind of people I appreciate being with.

**What do you like about CPA?** A community I can learn from and a variety of paddle opportunities that I can choose from....I do like paddling solo so finding company is good for me.

**What other paddling clubs/groups do you belong to?** None.

**One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you?** I am a Returned Peace Corps volunteer and enjoy still supporting projects in Togo West Africa.

**Where do you live:** I live in Arlington VA.

**Real job:** I retired as Deputy CFO of NASA after a 34 year career and now teach as adjunct faculty with The American University's Key Executive Leadership development program.

**Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy?:** Yes last year I attended a couple semi-regularly.

**Number of years paddling?:** 8 years paddling but just 3 sea kayaking. I have sailed all my life and I would like to experiment more with kayak sailing.

**How did you get involved in sea kayaking?** Injured my shoulder with my whitewater kayak antics and a friend loaned me his sea kayak to try...

**What boat(s) do you paddle?** I paddle a NC 17 Quest...a boat made in the Pacific North west. Also have a Pyranha Burn creek boat for my running water explorations.

**Rudder or skeg?** Neither. A fixed keel design.

**Type of paddle used?** Euro paddle sometimes but now Aleutian mostly.

**Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking?** A little white water but nothing much more than level 2 rapids these days...rolling days are over due to injury.

**Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities?** Bicycling and gardening

**How often do you paddle between May and October?** Try and get out a couple of times a month

**Do any winter paddling?** Yes, I get fully geared up in dry suit and try and get out on calm, sunny, no wind winter days whenever I can.

**Favorite local paddling location?** Jug Bay (Mattaponi Creek), Mattawoman, Eastern Neck NWF refuge, Tuckahoe creek, St George's Island...so many places to explore!

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