

Paddler Profile: Meet Paul Levine



Favorite local paddling location? Jug Bay

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why? Kayak Camping from Mallow Bay heading down the Potomac. The Potomac is always interesting as you go down river and the camp sites on the water are fun to explore.

Cooliest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why? I did a week in Misty Fjord, Alaska. We took a float plane into the wilderness and spent the week kayaking the fjord and camping with the bears.

Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why? My worst incident was on the upper Pocomoke River. We got dropped off and started down river in a section that had not been cleared. There was dead fall every few hundred yards and it took us about 8 hours of pushing through the muck to our pickup point.

Bucket list trips? I was looking at a Nova Scotia trip prior to the pandemic.

Three things you like most about paddling? I like exploring, being out on the water in a natural setting, and I also like to push hard and get a good workout.

What do you like about CPA? I like going out with experienced paddlers

What other paddling clubs/groups do you belong to? Team River Runners

One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you? I was a cheer leader in college.

Lives in: Rockville, MD

Real job: Retired ARCHITECT

Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy? Yes, Pirated of Sugarloaf

Number of years paddling? Started in college in the sixties.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? My wife highly recommended I start sea kayaking as an alternative to road riding my bicycle after I broke my hip while racing.

What boat(s) do you paddle? Epic 18X

Rudder or skeg? rudder

Type of paddle used? Euro white water paddle

Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking? I have been volunteering with Team River Runners in White Water boats.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? I hike and casually bike with my grandkids.

How often do you paddle between May and October? A couple of times a week.

Do any winter paddling? No

