

Paddler Profile

Meet Stephen Brown

Lives in: Lewes, Delaware.

Real job: Project manager.

Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy? No.

Number of years paddling? 12.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? Kayaking as a Scout dad on the Susquehanna River and live near the sea and beach.

What boat(s) do you paddle? All plastic. I paddle around rocks often. 16' Necky, 14' Dagger, 12' Pungo.

Rudder or skeg? Rudder.

Type of paddle used? Bladed.

Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking? Non-whitewater rivers.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? Hiking and camping.

How often do you paddle between May and October? Once a week.

Do any winter paddling? No.

Favorite local paddling location? Lewes Great Marsh.

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why? I met CPA members in Florida on a Paddle Florida event. I've only been on three formal CPA events. 2020 Belle Isle has a slight favorite rating because it was new territory for me and it was great to get away in the thick of COVID.

Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why? Doing most of the Allegheny River in three sections. The top and middle were great parts of USA but paddling into the city of Pittsburg on the lower part was very cool.

Three things you like most about paddling? Peace and



quiet on the water (most times), associated camping and getting exercise while sitting down. Spending time with people with similar likes. When paddling with a group, there are generally the same set of personalities, just different names.

What do you like about CPA? Wide range of choices due to the hard work of trip leaders.

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

One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you? My other boat is a 17 ft Boston Whaler.