

## What Do I Do if Something Happens on a Paddle?



We spend a lot of time learning and practicing safe paddling techniques and self- and group rescues, but as an organization, your responsibility doesn't end at the water's edge. Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc. has an incident reporting procedure that ALL members and trip leaders need to be aware of. INCIDENT REPORTING protocols are on our website at <https://www.cpakayaker.com/trips-events/#incident>

Although they occur very infrequently, accidents and incidents that occur on CPA trips and events must be reported in detail to the Coordinator and Steering Committee as soon as possible. Fillable .pdf forms for reporting incidents are online [here](#). It is suggested that trip and event leaders keep a copy of this document, plus extra copies of the witness form, on hand. If you heed this advice, you'll come up SMILING!!

## Brush Up on Skills in Print

Now that the season is in full swing, you can brush up on essential skills from the archives of *The Chesapeake Paddler*. CPA Skills articles are descriptions of essential skills shared by knowledgeable readers. Did you know that you can look up archived Skills Articles at <https://www.cpakayaker.com/about-cpa/community-newsletter/community-newsletter-skills-and-safety/>

If YOU have a skill or safety tip, write it up as an article to share with other paddlers. Just contact Ralph Heimlich ([heimlichfamily@comcast.net](mailto:heimlichfamily@comcast.net)) and ask how to submit! The CPA Website, it's more than you think!

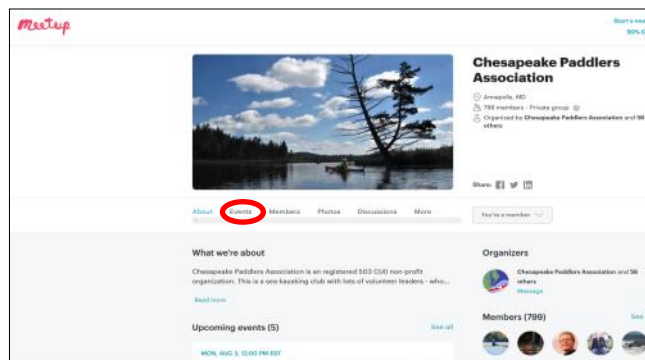


## Upcoming CPA Events

### Piracies Are BACK!! Check Out the One Nearest You!

[Piracies](#) are back, your destination for "hump day" paddling near you. Check out the [plans for the season](#) from the April 24th Planning Meeting. Check the [CPA Meetup page](#) for details and for notices of CPA events such as trips, classes, Piracy paddles and registration info.

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



## Become a CPA Newsletter Editor!

Now's your chance to get in touch with your inner writer and graphic artist and put he or she to work editing the *Chesapeake Paddler* newsletter!

Current co-editor Bill Upton moved on to bluer waters after the April 2022 issue. Primary duties involve doing the layout of each issue, writing stories, editing submissions and working with co-editor [Ralph Heimlich](#), CPA Officers, the Steering Committee and members to cover CPA events and issues.

We use MS Publisher for PC, which is part of the MS Office Suite, for layout. I can provide hands-on or remote training and supervision for the first few issues.

If you are interested, contact CPA Coordinator Bill Smith at: [coordinator@cpakayaker.com](mailto:coordinator@cpakayaker.com) or me at [heimlichfamily@comcast.net](mailto:heimlichfamily@comcast.net).



CPA Safety Boating at the CLC Big Little Boat Festival on May 30