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Voting Open for 2024 CPA Officers

Voting is now open for CPA Officers (Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer) and the six members of the Steering Committee for the 2023-4 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 eight to vote](#) by mail. Members will need their CPA membership number to vote. Your number is on your CPA membership card and renewal emails. You may also request it from Membership Secretary Sue Stevens.

Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at noon at the Cult Classic Brewery**, 1169 Shopping Center Road, Stevensville, MD 21666. Members can also vote in-person at the meeting.

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

Coordinator

Paula Hubbard: I am running for CPA Coordinator because I believe that CPA provides a mix of events, skills training, that is very valuable to the paddling community. It has been a busy and eventful year for many of us and I would like to continue to support these activities and represent of the club. This past year we had several very successful training events, SK101, SK102, Navigation Class, Fall Out of your Boat Day, etc. We continue



to sponsor events for all level of paddlers including the Kent Island Practice Paddle Series, Meet and Greet sessions for new members, Boat Repair, Piracies, and just plain paddles. In addition we have supported improved water access in Ann Arundel County. I have been happy to have had the pleasure of working with many of the members and the steering committee in making CPA a viable and active organization and I am looking forward to continuing and improving these efforts.

Secretary

Sue Stevens: It is an honor to serve as our club Secretary and would be a pleasure to serve again in 2024. No way I could be the secretary & keep up with our members without help from our club officers and loyal Pirates.



My tasks as Secretary include managing the off-line CPA membership database, the club meeting minutes, Paddler News e-distribution, and commuting to the CPA Mailbox in Greenbelt. I also manage our CPA membership renewal & dues status each month, assist at SK101 and set up our annual Kayak Skills Day /Gear Day.

I organize the weekly locations & schedule for our weekly Pirates of Arundel Wednesday after-work-kayak outings, send monthly reminders, and post all launch info & directions to the CPA Meetup calendar from early May through October, when it gets dark too quickly, and the bugs start to bite. I also collect the Piracy waivers

I am looking forward to a brand new safe, healthy and sane kayaking year in 2024!

Treasurer

Rich Stevens: I have been Treasurer and Corporate Agent for CPA for a number of years now, and would be honored to serve again. 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 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,



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but a necessary part of a corporation. I also serve as Corporate Agent

In addition, I've served as a Pirate Captain for the Pirates of Arundell for a number of years and assisted with SK101, Skills Day/Gear Day, and several other annual CPA events. I'm part of the Website and Forum team under Gregg Banse.

Candidates for Steering Committee**(Listed alphabetically)**

Lisa Arrasmith: I went looking for the Chesapeake Paddlers Association in the spring of 2005 as I planned to buy my first kayak. I'm glad I did. The people of the CPA led me to so many places on the water. Around Manhattan in 2010 and 2014 because of meeting Jerry Blackstone, instigator of the Manhattan Circumnavigation, at a CPA Elk Neck camper. Around Kent Island in one day because of meeting Marshall Woodruff, instigator of the Kent Island Practice Paddle (KIPP), as a CPA holiday party. Upside down in my boat because of the CPA's insistence that everyone do a wet exit from the boat they're in today. Me, I instigate public water access so everyone can get to the water. In the last ten years our wet feet activists- and that means you!- jailbroke 10 waterfront parks totaling 1,540 acres in Anne Arundel County. Together, the CPA does great things because we are all good at different things. I like being part of the Steering Committee team and hope you will re-elect me.



Beth Boyd: I would be honored to serve another term on the Steering Committee, a position I have held since 2019. A 12-year member of CPA (time flies when you're on the water!), I am a regular with the Pirates of Arundell, an SK102 alum, a KIPPer, a Loon, and a veteran co-editor of the *Chesapeake Paddler*.



I am interested in expanding outreach to the kayak curious of all ages, supporting the trip leader training necessary to re-populating our calendar, and protecting and promoting water

access. If reelected, I will work to further the interests of the sea kayaking community, broadly conceived.

Marilyn Cooper: Hello there, I am running for the steering committee with the Chesapeake Paddlers Association again this year. I have been able to help support this organization through the Sugar Loaf Piracy and other events such as SK101 and yearly gatherings/trainings.

I want to bring my experience and leadership to help others to enjoy this sport that has become a large part of my life. I have been paddling for 7 years, attained my L3 instructor



certification with ACA in the past year, and hope is using this experience to continue to serve on the steering committee.

Some of my goals on the committee are to plan an interesting and informative SK101, help promote water access around our area, foster an inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and explore opportunities to expand our partnership with other similar organizations.

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 Piercies; 3)

Promoting the Club to new paddlers; and 4) Helping to support safe and responsible sea kayaking.

Bill Smith: It has been a real privilege to serve CPA for the past eight years with two years on the steering committee and six years as coordinator; I also lead 4-5 trips per year and help with most CPA training events. It would be an honor to serve on the steering committee again and would appreciate your support. I love giving back to the club and will continue to help create more training/skills events.



Ricardo Stewart: I am honored to be nominated to serve on the Chesapeake Paddlers Association Steering Committee.

I have been a CPA member since June 2015, participating in my first Sk102, and yes, it did rain! My path to CPA started with an introductory Sea Kayaking class offered by Chesapeake Kayak Adventures (CKA) in 2014 and then Canton Kayak Club (CKC) membership in 2021. After reactivating my CPA membership in 2022, I attended SK102 and many other activities and courses, including the KIPP paddles.



I now paddle regularly with the Pirates of the Sugarloaf. I have enjoyed the fellowship, sense of community, peer mentoring, and opportunities to learn and develop as a kayaker that CPA has provided.

If elected, some of the things I would like to work on are 1) Lowering the barrier to entry for Sea Kayaking and participation with CPA; 2) Working on a plan to complement the weekly Piracy paddles with more frequent trips/paddles on the weekends; 3) Helping CPA collaborate with organizations that serve less-experienced sea kayakers and non-kayak owners, providing a path for their development into more confident sea kayakers and CPA members.

From the CPA Coordinator: Mindful Paddling

By Paula Hubbard

Recently I paddled with a friend who does meditation paddles. He told me a little about what he does and we did a few mindful moments on our paddle that day. This started me thinking. I do some meditation practice and it is usually about clearing my mind, but this was more about awareness of everything around me. Being mindful was actually enhancing my paddling experience.

Mindfulness can be helpful in improving skills with minimal effort. Focus on how your boat responds to slight shifts in body weight, be aware of how you are sitting in the kayak, where there is pressure, how you feel relaxed. Feel how



your kayak moves with the waves and how you are connected through the boat to the water. Try closing your eyes for a few moments and just feel.

You can also listen; hear the sounds the paddle makes moving through the water. Can you paddle in silence? Hear the noise of the waves splashing on the shoreline, listen for the sounds of birds or other wildlife. And breathe, count your breaths, synchronize your breath with your paddling strokes.

As we move into fall, there will be more migrating waterfowl in our rivers and creeks. This is a great season for bird watching and just being present in nature. Feel the changing season, the scent of the air and how it is different from summer. The changing of the leaves and even the shortening of the



days. The air is cooler, and also the water.

Mindfulness is relaxing, adds interest to any paddle, makes you more aware of your body boat and blade, and makes you more aware of your environment.

Dancing with the Water

You can bring mindful paddling to your strokes. We typically learn strokes by being told where to put the paddle, how to position your body, how to edge and what the results should be. Instead of thinking about a checklist for doing a stroke, focus on feeling what is happening, what you are doing, and how the boat responds.

Focus on how your paddle interacts with the water. Can you move the blade through the water with no resistance? Can you feel pressure on the blade and how does your boat respond to this pressure? I think of this as learning to dance and your partner is the water. You don't fight your partner; you learn to move together smoothly with control. Make up patterns, Do S-turns, make up a course paddling around any obstacles you may find. Paddle with a friend and see if you can coordinate your strokes into your own dance routine. All of this can add interest to a regular paddle and it is also a way to improve your strokes.



Fall is Here

Now that we are in mid-October, remember that we are now in what we call the shoulder season of paddling. The waters here cool off rapidly, even though the days may still be warm we remind you to dress for the water.

There is still lots of paddling that can be done, be mindful, dress for the water, paddle within your skill limits, and most of all have fun and enjoy the fall weather.

Paula M. Hubbard
CPA Coordinator



Wye Island

Circumnavigation

By Sue and Rich Stevens

Circumnavigations are always popular paddles as everything is new as you paddle along, as opposed to having to retrace your route. The trip around Wye Island on Maryland's eastern side of the Chesapeake Bay is no exception. My wife Sue and I lead two or three of these trips every year. They are always well attended, sometimes with over twenty Chesapeake Paddler Club members participating.

The faint call of an osprey will often greet kayakers preparing to launch from the popular [Wye Landing](#). The landing is located on the Eastern Shore, just below Wye Mills off MD 404 and not far from the historic seafaring town of St. Michaels. It is a scenic 13.7-mile kayak daytrip following the shoreline of the wooded island. This can be extended by further exploring the many creeks and coves along the way. There are lots of sights to see, sailboats, crabbers, geese, skates, and lots of birdlife. Bald eagles and osprey have made a dramatic recovery in the Chesapeake Bay area in the last ten to fifteen years. Osprey are everywhere before their annual migration to South America and I can't think of a single trip this year where I haven't seen at least several bald eagles. Great blue herons are also very common.

When we arrive, the crabbers are usually already out on the water and, regardless of uncertain forecasts, lots of boat trailers typically line the narrow road on the way down to the landing's full parking lot. In mid-morning, kayakers usually have the two double wide ramps to themselves, as well as a narrow slot of a sandy beach launch (2023 update: the sandy slot has disappeared into the shrubbery) alongside the pier for the ramps. Nearby parking spaces often become available after 9:00 am as some of the crabbers who had launched at o'dark thirty return to beat the heat.

The route around Wye Island is fairly well protected from the wind with most of the river being less than half a mile wide, although very strong east or west winds can make paddling a



bit of a slog. Tides average only about two feet, and while helpful, are not critical.

Having a predicted light NE wind and an outgoing tide, we chose to go around the island clockwise. It's a lot more fun going with the wind and tide in a kayak. The kayakers take off like a flock -or a herd of cats some say- as the shoreline



recedes. Along the way, there are many places to explore, creeks, coves, and the upper reaches of the Wye and Wye East Rivers. The wooded coves along the southern side of the island shield many anchored sailboats. Maybe they are going to be visiting the nearby town of St. Michaels where free protected anchorage is scarce, as is peace and quiet.

On a trip like this it is helpful for the lead kayak to allow the basic pace of the trip to slow down to keep everyone gathered up. It is always good to stop at convenient points to let everyone grab a granola bar or a drink of water, rest, and chat. Though it can be hard to keep track of even colorful kayakers' flashing paddles and shifting in patterns along the shoreline, it helps a large group to stay together by having at least a lead paddler and one or two sweep kayakers with VHF radios. Personally, especially for anyone leading a group or paddling on open water, I consider a waterproof radio basic safety equipment. The price has come down so far that there is really no reason not to have one. If not to help yourself and your group, it may enable you to help other boaters.

Along the way we were able to observe crabbers working their traps or trot lines. A trot line is a length of line, usually a few hundred feet long with shorter lines attached in about fifteen-foot intervals. The ends of the long line are anchored and have floats, while the shorter lines have various forms of bait attached, usually pieces of menhaden (an oily fish) or chicken necks. Hence the term "chicken neckers" for some crabbers. The crabber starts at one end of the trot line and slowly motors along. The boat has a device on the side of the boat that gradually brings the line to the surface, hopefully with a crab hanging onto the bait. He then snatches the crab

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with a net. Some enterprising crabber has recently invented a device that whips the bait around flinging the crab off into a fixed net, eliminating some of the skill required by the hand net. The Maryland blue crab is an essential part of Maryland maritime history. We always make sure to give a wide berth to fishermen and crabbers.



Background and History of Wye Island

Management of the [Wye Island Natural Resource Management Area](#) is overseen by the [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#). The large majority of Wye Island is part of the NRMA, and as such almost all the shoreline is undeveloped.

There are several historic sites on Wye Island, some we can spot from the water while others sit far back from the shore. Most historic plantation houses did not want to be close to the water like today's big houses do. Their wharfs, now long gone, were used for commerce and shipping.

Across from the Wye public landing, we can spot the green fields of [Wye Heights Plantation](#). Its historic white brick plantation house sits on top of a rise and their flocks of Black



Welsh Mountain sheep can frequently be seen scattered

across its shady fields. The property features 10 acres of formal landscaped gardens which may be a bit visible from the water from Skipton Creek on the left.

For added paddling mileage, it is possible to start further up toward the headwaters of Skipton Creek. Another smaller Talbot County public launch is located at the end of [Skipton Landing](#) Road off US 50. A [Paddling.net](#) Trip Finder article, by a guest-paddler, provides a good description of this landing.

The next large creek to the south hides [Pickering Creek Audubon Center](#), a large working farm and nature center open to the public, which also has a small kayak /canoe launch at a dock. It's free to launch there but call ahead as they run classes for school children and parking is limited.

The next named creek on the island is Granary Creek. We recently discovered a small hidden hand-carry DNR sand beach launch was built at the [Granary Creek Picnic Area](#) located at 632 Wye Island Road, 38°53'31.6"N 76°08'22.7"W. It was opened in July of 2018, jointly funded by the MD State Highway Administration, the DNR, the [Nature Conservancy](#) and REI. There is limited parking at the site, with some additional parking at a small lot approximately 1/4-quarter mile away. Please note, parking is prohibited along the road. There is also a Department of Natural Resources pier and launch near the mouth of this creek, but it is NOT for public use.

On the south side of the Wye River on the west side of the wide Lloyd Creek sits [Wye House Farm](#), another historic plantation with well documented archeology digs by the University of Maryland. The region's plantations widely used slave labor to produce most of their profits. The widespread effects of the cruelty of slavery were exposed by the abolitionist and scholar Frederick Douglass. The plantation includes an orangery and other older outbuildings. A similar brick and glass greenhouse is located at Mount Vernon VA, both were likely built and manned by slave labor. It is a rare survival of an early garden structure where ornamental/far eastern/ frost sensitive orange and lemon trees were cultivated, and it retains its original 18th century heating system of hot air ducts.

During its peak, the [plantation surrounding the house](#) encompassed 42,000 acres and housed over 1,000 slaves. It is still a working farm - owned by the descendants of Edward Lloyd. It is well known that [Frederick Douglass](#) spent a few years of his life on the plantation, around the age of seven and eight, and spoke extensively of the brutal conditions of the plantation in his autobiography, [Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave](#).

At the western end of the island, at about six miles, we leave the Wye East River and turn into the Wye River proper. From this point you can see the mouth of the Miles River to the south as well as the open Chesapeake Bay. To the north is Morgan's Neck with a privately maintained lighthouse at its tip. You don't want to go there on this trip. Remember, island

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to the right, island to the right!

From the western end of the island, it is two miles to our lunch spot at the tip of [Ferry Point](#). This lunch spot is



conveniently located at about the halfway point of our trip. There is a nice wide shady sand beach under some leaning Osage Orange trees and a handy picnic table. The [Osage Orange](#) tree is not named for its bright green bumpy fruit but for its tough orange colored wood. Osage Orange was once widely used by American settlers to exclude free-range livestock from vegetable gardens and corn fields, its tough dense shoots forming rows of thorny barrier hedge, hence it's other common name, Hedge Apple.

This small picnic area, located at the end of several wooded trails around the island, is a popular spot and the site is sometimes occupied by horse riders or a troop of scouts. If the beach is occupied, kayakers can pull out nearby in the



shade and walk along the sandy shoreline, there is plenty of room.

It's advisable to pull boats all the way up on the beach, the shape of this cove

tends to amplify boat wakes, at higher tides, waves can wash up the slope and overturn parked kayaks. Further up the main trail there is a pit-privy style elevated- concrete floored outhouse.

There is another small car top launch point across the river from this spot, [Bennets Point Landing](#), is located on the Queen Anne's County side of the river. A launching /parking [permit](#) is required if launching from there and parking a car! No permit required if simply landing there for a break.

After a royal repast, our kayak fleet continued up the Wye River for about two more miles and then turned right into the Wye Narrows on the west side of the island. Don't miss this turn! Island right, island right the trip sweep may yell! It's not another cove. You should see the only bridge to the island in about three quarters of a mile after you enter the Narrows. If you miss the turn, the Wye River continues north for about seven more miles almost to US 50.

Before you get to the Wye Island Bridge, best landmark ever, you'll see the historic Wye Plantation property. On the Wye Plantation the University of Maryland, College of Agricultural & Natural Resources, has managed a long term breeding program for a [Black Angus](#) herd since 1954. They introduced larger Angus cattle breeding commonly seen throughout the US thanks to a [land donation by the Aspen Institute](#). There is also a large conference/retreat complex, the Wye Island Aspen Center/Houghton House located on this point. The conference center consists of 1,100 acres on the island and in 1995 the Conference Center was the site for negotiations between Israel and the Palestine Authority which resulted in the [Wye River Memorandum](#).

The historic Wye Plantation once had been owned by [William Paca](#), who signed the Declaration of Independence and was governor of Maryland. His other [mansion and historic gardens](#) are in downtown Annapolis. William Paca was buried in 1799 at this family cemetery, though the original Paca residence burned down later in 1879. The current Wye Hall, built in the 1930s is not visible from the water, but we know it's there!

From there it's about 2.5 miles back to the landing, about a six-hour voyage in total. After the paddle we often relax and

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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.

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tell lies of great and harrowing nautical adventures at a local pub.

In addition to circumnavigating the island or going east into Skipton Creek, you can go north up the Wye East River for about four miles, almost as far as the small town of Wye Mills.

Wye Island is in Talbot County where all car top boats launch for free and generally have well maintained port-a-johns. There are [many launch sites](#). Note that the signage is ambiguous, but car top boats do indeed get to launch for free. Trailers need a permit. With a few exceptions, only Queen Anne's County in Maryland requires a parking permit for all vehicles at their launch sites.

It is estimated the Chesapeake Bay has 11,684 miles of shoreline including its over 150 major rivers and streams. It's about 210 miles long and up to 30 miles wide at its mouth. It

is the nation's largest estuary. As such, there is more than a lifetime of unique paddling opportunities in the Bay and surrounding waters. Given close to seven months of warm water, a highly diverse shoreline, and many opportunities for both protected as well as open water paddling, the Bay is considered by many to be one of the premier paddling destinations that can accommodate kayakers of all skill levels. However, only two percent of these waterways are considered publicly accessible. If folks can't access the water, it is hard to ignite their love of the Bay, as kayakers know well! The Chesapeake Paddlers Association and several other organizations and individuals are working to change this. There has been recent progress as Maryland Counties have begun to appreciate the recreational and financial benefits of improved water access.

New Legislation Brings Proposed Chesapeake National Recreation Area One Step Closer to Reality

On July 27, [U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen](#) and Congressman John Sarbanes introduced the [Chesapeake National Recreation Area Act](#), which, if passed into law, would create the Chesapeake National Recreation Area (CNRA). The CNRA would be a land-based, 21st-century park, uniting new and existing National Park Service (NPS) sites and trails, as well as partner parks, to increase public access to the Chesapeake Bay and create a national park-worthy visitor experience for all to enjoy. There are more than 16 bipartisan co-sponsors from the Chesapeake Bay states.

One year ago, a [July 2022 public opinion poll](#) showed profound support for National Park Service status for the Chesapeake, with 83% of Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC respondents in favor of establishing a Chesapeake National Recreation Area. A [congressional working group was formed in June 2022](#), and [draft legislation was shared in November 2022](#). Hundreds of public comments were submitted.

Working together to create a Chesapeake National Recreation Area would expand public access to the largest estuary in the nation, bring economic growth to nearby communities, and help the National Park Service, native Tribes, and Chesapeake watermen interpret thousands of years of impactful history.

The Chesapeake Bay is steeped in history and culture. Indigenous Communities have called the region home for thousands of years and watermen still make their living on the fish, oysters, and crabs that live in the Bay's waters. From amazing seafood, incredible fishing, and scenic paddles, we all love what the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries have to offer.

There are many National Park units throughout the Chesapeake Bay region, but none are dedicated solely to telling the powerful and unique story of the Bay. Lawmakers have considered a national park unit for the Bay since President Ronald Reagan declared the Chesapeake Bay a national priority in his 1984 State of the Union address. A Chesapeake National Recreation Area would enhance tourism in the Bay region and provide new opportunities for communities to engage with outdoor recreation and Bay-focused tourism. A new national park unit will improve the visitor experience, increase public access, protect the natural environment, and provide a place to take our kids and future generations to share the history and stories of our region.

Wanted: More Paddler Profiles

Paddler Profiles are a newsletter feature designed to feature...YOU! We'd like to know more about CPA members and this is your chance to tell us more about your paddling experience, what draws you to the water and what else is going on in your life.

Just fill out the few simple questions [here](#) and [send us](#) a recent photo of you in paddling mode. We'll do the rest, and soon all your CPA paddling buddies will know more about you.

For a complete roster of past Paddler Profiles, see the CPA Website [here](#).

Vote for CPA Officers and Steering Committee Members

At the CPA Annual Meeting on November 5, 2023, 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.

You may vote online at:

<https://www.esurveyspro.com/Survey.aspx?id=130f029c-d177-4699-8351-adf2cf070f9a> .

Note: you MUST enter the last name and member number (from your membership card) for your vote to count. Invalid votes will be discarded.

You may request your member number by contacting Sue Stevens, [Membership Secretary](#) .

Official Mail-in CPA Ballot

Last Name _____
Your CPA Member Number _____

(Last Name and Membership number, from membership card, are required for a valid ballot. You may request copy of membership number from Sue Stevens, [Membership Secretary](#)).

Officers (choose one of each)

Coordinator (vote for one)

Paula Hubbard
 (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
 Katherine Neale
 Bill Smith
 Ricardo Stewart
 (Write-in Candidate) _____

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

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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.

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