

Paddler Profile: Frank Spino

Lives in: Perryville, MD

Real job: Watercolor Artist

Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy?

Yes, Pirates of the North

Number of years paddling? 46



How did you get involved in sea kayaking?

I moved to Maryland in April. Before that it was primarily creeks, streams, rivers, lakes and estuaries.

What boat(s) do you paddle?

Current Design Vision 150. Composite 15'er.

Rudder or skeg? Skeg

Type of paddle used? Werner Kalliste bentshaft

Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking?

Creeks. Looking to do downriver.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities?

Hiking.

How often do you paddle between May and October?

Twice a week. (52 weeks a year in Florida)

Do any winter paddling?

Not here. I'm new.

Favorite local paddling location?

Haven't found one yet.

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why?

Only local paddles. Havre de Grace. Northeast, Elkton.

Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why?

100 miles through the Everglades.

Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why?

I've had a number of run-ins with alligators.



Bucket list trips?

None I can think of. Pursuing paddling in Pine Barrens. (not seakaying of course)

Three things you like most about paddling?

Being in nature. I love the water. Exercise.

What do you like about CPA?

Serious about safety. Open, friendly group. Well equipped. Well experienced.

What other paddling clubs/groups do you belong to? WatersEdge.

One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you?

Internationally exhibiting watercolorist. [Home \(frankspino.com\)](http://frankspino.com)