



CPA volunteers providing safety support at Okumefest

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Although not official CPA events, many CPA members volunteer to organize and provide safety support for charitable swim events, demo days, and other on-water activities in the local area



Paddling the Potomac

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ◆ Only members receive the “*Chesapeake Paddler*” newsletter, containing articles on trips, local paddlers, workshop registrations, regional events, equipment, and skills.
- ◆ CPA maintains a library of kayaking books and videos.
- ◆ Some trips / workshops are limited to CPA members.
- ◆ Membership discounts at area stores.
- ◆ All CPA activities are run by paddlers like you.
- ◆ CPA events and trips are low cost, generally charging only enough to cover parking, entrance fees, camping fees and other costs.
- ◆ We do not make our membership list available for commercial purposes.

Note: *CPA does not rent, sell, or provide boats and equipment.*



Lunch break on an isolated beach

FIND US ONLINE

Website: www.CPAKayaker.com

Email: Steering_committee@cpakayaker.com

Calendar: www.cpakayaker.com/events.html

Forums: www.CPAKayaker.com/Forums

Facebook: www.facebook.com/CPAKayaker

Mix and mingle with fellow paddlers in the CPA Online Forums and Facebook. Talk about kayaking events, paddling trips, buy, sell or swap kayaking gear, and much, much more.



Paddling into the sunset on a Pirate Paddle

Photos Courtesy of DJ Manalo, Catriona Miller, Ralph Heimlich, and Paula Hubbard.

THE CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



*A friendly and diverse group
of sea kayakers paddling
in and around the
Chesapeake Bay area*

The mission of the Chesapeake Paddlers Association is to promote safe sea kayaking and safe paddling practices.

CPA is an all volunteer non-profit organization.

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CHESAPEAKE PADDLERS ASSOCIATION



Personalized Coaching

LEARN KAYAK SAFETY SKILLS

Kayaking skills instruction, including strokes, wet exits, reentries, and rolling is available year round. There are opportunities to learn through formal workshops and informal practice with fellow CPA members. During spring and summer and fall months, CPA offers local weekly evening paddles where skills can be learned and honed. In winter, various area pools offer indoor practice opportunities.

WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

CPA has many opportunities to practice and sharpen acquired skills. There are several workshops for kayakers of all levels.

- ♦ **SK101** introduces new and beginning paddlers to kayaking equipment, techniques, and safety.
- ♦ **SK102**, our award-winning weekend workshop, offers on-the-water classes from basic and advanced rescues to rolling to Greenland and performance paddling.
- ♦ **SK203** offers paddlers the opportunity to learn skills required to lead trips safely.
- ♦ **Gear Day** provides opportunities to try, swap, or buy gear from other members and wet-exit training.
- ♦ **Greenland Paddle Workshop** where members make their own Greenland paddle.
- ♦ **Cold Water Clinic** emphasizes cold water safety.
- ♦ **Kent Island Practice Paddles (KIPP)** provides endurance training leading up to a circumnavigation of Kent Island.

Additional events are added to meet the needs and interests of members.

WEEKDAY EVENING PADDLES

Members paddle in local “Piracies” on weekday evenings. Most Piracies meet during the warmer months – April to October and continue with peer paddling in the colder months. All are welcome on these weekday paddles!

Piracy Paddles may change. Please refer to the CPA web site for details.

- ♦ **Pirates of Algonkian** — Tuesdays, Algonkian Regional Park, VA
- ♦ **Pirates of Arundell** — Wednesdays, Multiple locations near Annapolis, MD
- ♦ **Pirates of Baltimore** — Tuesdays, Multiple Locations in Eastern Baltimore County
- ♦ **Pirates of the Eastern Shore** — Days vary, Multiple Locations near Chestertown, MD
- ♦ **Pirates of Georgetown** — Thursdays, Columbia Island Marina off GW Parkway, Arlington, VA
- ♦ **Pirates of the North** — Thursdays, Havre De Grace, MD
- ♦ **Pirates of the Occoquan** — Wednesdays, Various launch sites on the Occoquan River, VA
- ♦ **Pirates of the Potomac** — Wednesdays, Alexandria, VA
- ♦ **Pirates of the Patuxent** — Thursdays, Solomons, Calvert County, MD
- ♦ **Pirates of Sugarloaf** — Tuesdays, Riley's Lock, Montgomery County, MD

KAYAKING TRIPS

CPA offers a wide variety of member-led sea kayaking trips. Club paddles include day trips and multi day car or kayak camping trips. Explore the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding waters. You can find others to paddle with through the CPA Forum topic “Peer Paddles”.



Assisting a friend

MEMBERSHIP

Learn about membership and benefits at www.cpakayaker.com/join-cpa/become-a-member/

Membership is \$35 for 4 years, \$27 for 3 years, \$18 for 2 years, or \$10 for 1 year on PayPal at: www.cpakayaker.com/join.html



Kayak camping trip, Port Tobacco River

Paddling Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge

