

# The Chesapeake Paddler



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## Homeport Farm Park and the FY23 Anne Arundel County Boat Ramp Budget

Last January when Anne Arundel County Director of Recreation and Parks Jessica Leys first told me that the department was considering a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park, I warned her that there was a problem with the Homeport deed and that water access advocates and park neighbors would lock elbows in opposition to a rowing facility in Homeport. Six months, hundreds of emails, hours of Council testimony and a 97 page legal opinion later, here we are.



Kayak launch at Homeport Farm Park

“Here” is ambiguous, both as to the status of a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park and how the county will spend the \$3,3 million in FY23 P567500 Boat Ramp Development. ([here](#) and [here](#) )

As to Homeport, County Executive Stuart Pittman apparently remains open to a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park. On the other hand, the Homeport subdivision adjacent to the park hired a lawyer and submitted a [letter](#) and a [legal opinion](#) in opposition to a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park as official testimony to the County Council during the FY23 budget deliberations. Time will tell whether the possibility of

litigation will dissuade the county from further pursuing a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park.

As to the \$3.3 million in the FY23 Boat Ramp Development account, it may not be spent on a new public boat ramp at all. Instead, it may be spent on a rowing facility, whether at Homeport or elsewhere, and “piers, dredging, navigation and lighting” as independent expenditures, not as components of a new public boat ramp. As I said in my written council testimony, this is bait and switch budgeting. When the account name is “Boat Ramp Development” the public expects that public money to be spent on a public boat

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## From the CPA Coordinator

### Perils of Miner's Castle

I know it is summer, but I cannot help thinking of a story I recently read in *Paddler* magazine. The story is about three long time friends who meet yearly to go on an outdoor adventure together from backpacking to kayaking. This year they chose Pictured Rocks National Park along the south shore of Lake Superior in Michigan; they had already paddled other sections of Lake Superior and decided this was the year to paddle the challenging Miner's Castle trip. Miner's Castle is about three miles of sheer cliffs with zero places to land for over five miles. This trip was held in mid-September, but Lake Superior is always cold, and the weather can bring anything at that time of year. The water temperature was 62 degrees during this trip.



Bill Smith

The three men are all around 50 years old and in good physical condition. They all had sea kayaks and all the safety/cold weather gear you would expect to take on this type of trip. The morning began with a light drizzle and fog but cleared by mid-morning. The three launched and headed toward the cliffs with some small waves and light wind. The weather forecast did call for building winds later in the day, but we all know how that can change.

As expected, the winds did build as predicted but they did not stop at the estimated 10 knot winds and grew ever stronger. The waves also went from 1-2 feet to 3-4 feet but none of them considered turning around since they were making good time. A sudden change came about with the winds hitting over 20 knots and the waves topping 6 feet. The three were sticking close together until one of them went over.

The three had practiced self and assisted rescue but not in the conditions they were experiencing so every time the swimmer climbed into his kayak it was full of water making the rescue nearly impossible; pumping was useless because the boat was filling faster than they could pump. The rescuer was holding the submerged kayak in place until the T-grip handle tore away from the boat. As the rescue continued, they were being pushed ever closer to the sheer cliffs until a rogue wave knocked the rescuer over as well. The two paddlers were finally able to re-

enter their boats, so they rafted them together and paddled canoe-style since they were both full of water. It was then they noticed that the third kayak had also capsized but they were unable to paddle to his rescue with the pair of boats loaded with water, uncontrollable and headed toward the cliffs.

At this time, they finally tried calling for help on their marine radio but being under the shadow of the cliffs they were unable to reach anyone. (The National Park Service monitors channel 16 and 9). About this time, they capsized again and when they were attempting to reenter the boat the lone radio was lost along with a cell phone. After reentering they tried paddling up wind about a quarter mile to get out of the direct wind but the water-logged boats would not budge in that direction. Looking for an alternative plan, they noticed a narrow ridge along the base of the cliff that appeared to go up about 90 feet above the water, so they made for the ledge but were disappointed to find out the ledge was being pounded by waves and almost impossible to climb onto. After making their way along the cliff one of them found a branch hanging down and was able to pull himself up but when he tried to pull up his partner and the boats the T grip let loose and they were washed away-they



were soon separated by a few hundred feet and growing.

They now had two swimmers and a third stranded on a narrow ledge, out of sight of each other and each worrying about the fate of the other two. The one on the ledge happened to notice his boat near the ledge so he slid down to his boat and was able to get a drybag with clothes out of the hatch. With dry clothes he now worked his way up the cliff; the area above the cliff is a popular tourist stop and he could hear car doors slamming as people viewed the scenery but all the yelling he could muster was not enough to attract anyone. The third swimmer came into view, so he motioned to him to try and give

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## CPA Membership is GROWING!



If you recall, CPA's FREE 12-month extension had kept members up to date and receiving *The Chesapeake Paddler*, during the worst of the two-year COVID shutdown. The year of extended membership ended in May. Many new kayakers have joined CPA this Spring and 38 members were fortunate to attend the very popular SK102 weekend in May this year.

Thanks to everyone who renewed during this month: **Angelo, Mike, Paul P, Leslie, Jim, Carol, Gerry and Joan, John G, Nick, Rob, Robert, Lee and Debbie, Joy, John M, David from Georgia**, and to **Mike Kubishen** and **Tim Dole**—CPA's newest 20-year LIFE MEMBERS.

CPA membership sits at 628 this month, plus there are more than 72 valuable supporting/kayaking family members, spouses and partners- thank you!

Did you get a renewal email reminder lately: A large batch of kayakers' memberships expire in JUNE, so please renew now—start here: <https://www.cpakayaker.com/membership/>.

Ahead of your renewal date (it's also on your CPA Membership Card- or email me), you will receive SEVERAL reminder-emails that YOUR membership is up for renewal. Please don't let your membership lapse—otherwise the next issue of *The Chesapeake Paddler* will not be in your email queue; nor early notice of future events, the November Annual Meeting, picnics, training classes and news from our volunteer writers and the CPA Coordinator. If you renew earlier, the extra time is always added onto your current renewal date. Nearly 72 memberships are expiring this month, so this JUNE Paddler may be their last issue. It's easy to renew via Pay Pal: <https://www.cpakayaker.com/membership/>

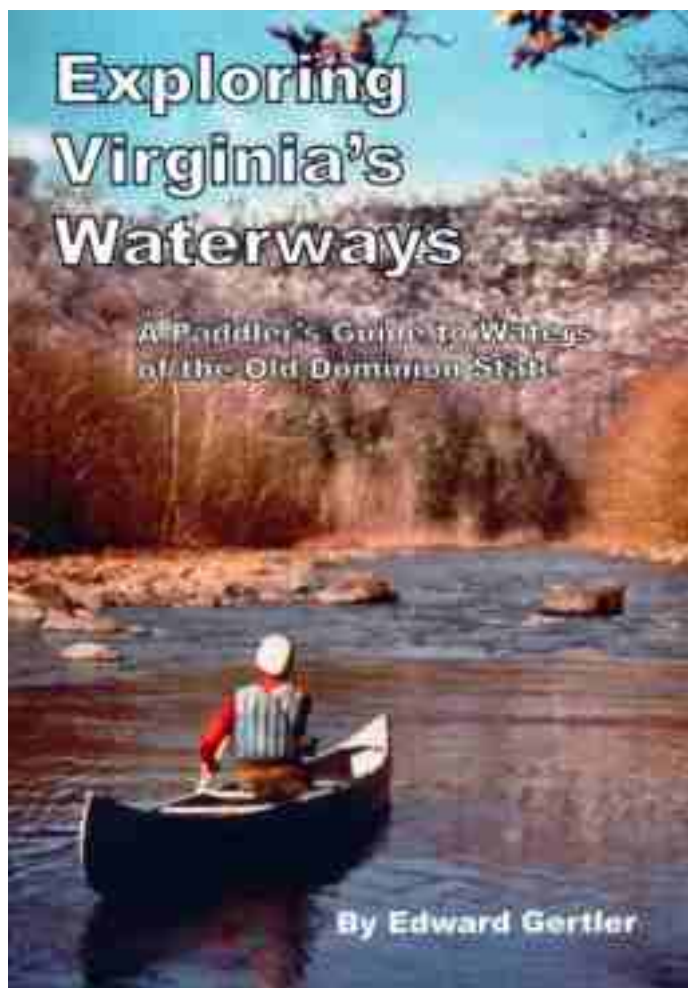
If you are interested helping at club activities, helping on a trip, posting trip reports, new locations to paddle—please contact our CPA Coordinator, Bill Smith or any of CPA Steering Committee members. We want to hear from you.

See ya on the water!

Sue Stevens  
Secretary  
[membership@cpakayaker.com](mailto:membership@cpakayaker.com)

## New Virginia Paddling Guidebook

Following the path blazed by Randy Carter, Roger Corbett, and Ed Grove, I have now attempted to showcase Virginia's wet side too. The title is *Exploring Virginia's Waterways A Paddler's Guide to Waters of the Old Dominion State*. This book follows the same format as my other books, and if you are not familiar with them, it is similar to that in "Virginia Whitewater." Its most distinctive characteristic, besides being more up-to-date, is that it recognizes the great paddling potential east of the Fall Line too (yes, tidewater rocks). Hope you like it and it serves you well.



Distribution is in progress. One can currently find the new Virginia guide in Maryland at Annapolis Canoe and Kayak and Pocomoke River Canoe in Snow Hill. In Pennsylvania, it is in stock at Blue Mountain Canoe. In Virginia, the guide can be purchased at Appomattox River Canoe Co. and Great Outdoor Provision Co. It will soon show up in REI and Barnes & Noble (at least in Virginia). Please ask for it at your favorite book store or paddle shop.

Ed Gertler

My website: <https://paddlersguides.wordpress.com/>

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## Risk Assessment and Incident Management Class Scheduled for Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

We all plan our trips, but sometimes in spite of our preparation and planning things go wrong. Stuff happens and can range from a minor capsized to a major emergency. Paddlers may become separated from their boats, multiple people may be in the water. How do you manage a paddler who gets injured or becomes ill on a trip? Can you deal with equipment failures, such as a leaking bulkhead or lost hatch cover?



This class is designed to work in these types of incidents in mild conditions where we can focus on the best way to manage these scenarios, try different things and not be worried about consequences of dealing with problems in rough water. We work through several scenarios with people being assigned roles based on their experience and skill level. You don't have to be an experienced paddler to participate. All of the scenarios are realistic and are based on situations I have either personally experienced or have happened in a group where I was paddling. It's challenge by choice and its fun.

The class is run through **Cross Currents Sea Kayaking** and is held at Turner Creek Landing on the Sassafas River. To sign up, email Paula Hubbard [paula@md-kayaker.com](mailto:paula@md-kayaker.com) or Rick Wiebush [crosscurrentsseakayaking@gmail.com](mailto:crosscurrentsseakayaking@gmail.com).



## The Chesapeake Paddler Rerun: River Rev-erie—Pocomoke Satisfies the Curious

by Jaclin Gilbert

*[Editor's Note: This trip report was first published in August 2018]*

The Pocomoke Car Camper was a commitment to battling heat and bugs in pursuit of fine paddling and companionship over the long Fourth of July Weekend. Luckily, it was a successful battle and fine adventure was the reward.



Upper Pocomoke River photo by Maxine Mead

CPA campers were fortunate to be clustered in one of the prettiest loops of the Shad Landing section of Pocomoke State Park, with a good river view from many of the campsites. The campgrounds are nicely set up, and those who found themselves heading out early in the morning were rewarded with beautiful misty views of a pastel river. Evenings were also quietly lovely.

The paddling was structured so that people could choose from an informal array of options. On Friday two trips were offered: one, a paddle on the Pocomoke River from Snow Hill, and two, a trip right out of Shad Landing to view the cypress forests along Nassawango Creek. The wildlife in the protected areas along the Nassawango was great. We saw a beaver and many birds, including prothonotary warblers. It was a hot day for paddling, but the route became shadier as we headed up the creek, which helped a great deal. It was peaceful to be so removed from civilization for a day, and the paddlers who opted for the Pocomoke River trip were happy, too.

After showers and rest period, and swims in the pool for some folks, we headed into Snow Hill for dinner and the annual fireworks show. Dinner was at the Harvest Moon Restaurant, which makes a mean Oyster Po'boy. The surprisingly robust firework show was a fantastic end to the day.

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him direction to the third swimmer, but the swimmer misunderstood and swam away in the opposite direction. The first swimmer had finally made it around the point to the east, so the wind was partially blocked but he still had a lot of swimming to get on dry land. The third swimmer finally made enough progress to get to a trail where he could walk out; he soon encountered some tourists who called the ranger for help and rescue was now underway. The third swimmer was soon rescued by boat, and they were able to relay the location of the one trying to climb a cliff. A Coast Guard helicopter was summoned to pluck him off the cliff which proved to be difficult since the rescuer had to be lowered from a few hundred feet since the pilot did not dare get too close to the cliff.

The story does have a happy ending since all three were rescued and after treatment at a local medical facility were released. The three were able to retrieve their lost boats since they washed up near a beach where they launched.

Time to paddle! See you on the water

Bill Smith

## CPA Blast from the Past

Dave Mood was a CPA paddler and frequent participant at Pier 7 when I joined the club in 2002. Dave joined CPA in 1993 and passed away in October 2020 (see *The Chesapeake Paddler* April 2021, p. 6). His sister, Laura Bilbury, recently gave me a collection of photos Dave had taken of CPA paddles and events dating back to the early 1990s. So, come back with me to those long-lost days of yesteryear, when sea kayaking was new and paddlers were young...See if you recognize any of the fresh young faces out on the water.



This one is from July 22, 1995, and that is Dave 2nd from right.

It is fun looking at the old cars, old boats, funny paddles and PFDs in these pictures, but notice all the young faces. I have some more pics with action shots of folks paddling that I may run in the future.



This is undated, but obviously a large gathering in some nearby park. I don't see anyone I know in this one, but the average age looks to be about 35.



Looks like some kind of training opportunity in August 1994, and I think that's a CD Pisces in the foreground. The hairy guy in the black shirt looks familiar (Greg Welker?)

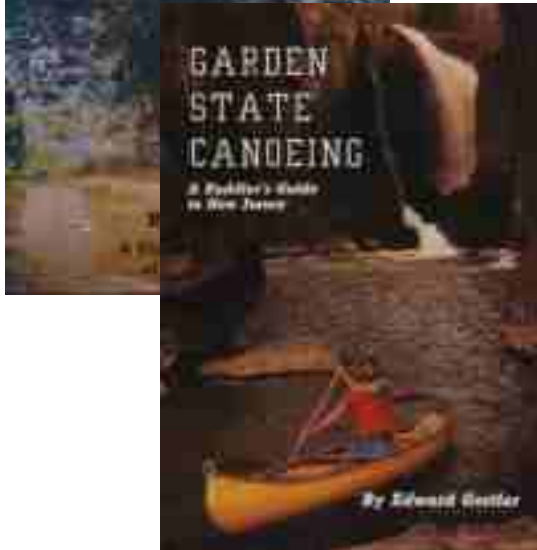


Another large gathering from July 5, 1995, possibly up at Elk Neck State Park. Might be a demo day with manufacturers.

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[Editor's Note: Ed issued his 6th edition of **Maryland and Delaware Canoe Trails: A Paddler's Guide to Rivers of the Old Line and First States**, and it is available as well as **Keystone Canoeing**, and **Garden State Canoeing**.]



## Seeking Paddlers for Bay Paddle

by Jeff White

A great opportunity is coming up on **August 27-28** for those who would like to put their paddling skills to the test, support



three good causes, and have a blast: **The 2022 Bay Paddle (not a CPA event)**. Two years ago, Chris Hopkinson paddled his SUP from Le Havre to Cape Charles in 9 days to raise money for the Oyster Recovery Partnership. This year, there's a 2-day, 45-mile version from Rockhall via Tilghman Island to Cambridge to raise funds for the ORP, Chesapeake Conservancy, and Waterkeepers Chesapeake.

The Chesapeake Bay watershed received an overall grade of C+ on its latest report card, released Monday by the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science. You can help heal the bay by paddling, helping with logistics, sponsoring a team or a paddler.

**Bay Paddle** is a charity race. 42 people have signed up so far for the 2-day event. Registration is free. The "race fee" is your pledge to raise \$400 from your bay-loving friends, family, and co-workers. They will be able to follow you in real time using this app: <http://www.racejoy.net/>

On-site, free camping will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Dinner will be provided Saturday and Sunday. You can leave your kayak at each day's finish area. Land gear will be transported from launch to the finish each day. Several alternative exit points have been identified (See the Paddler Guide for lots of info). One option for CPA and WatersEdge would be to break up the 30-mile first day paddle into two 16-mile paddles, with a "baton-pass" at Cabin Creek landing.

Please sign up on the WatersEdge meetup if you're at all interested, or if you can help with logistics, so that you will receive updated info, and so that we can flesh out the details. Here's the organization: <http://baypaddle.org> Click on DONATE to support an individual or a team. If some CPA members join, we can make it a joint CPA/WatersEdge team.

Paddler guide: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IntlGTOfnKhs61bvwhJlhVD-i5J4T-32/view>

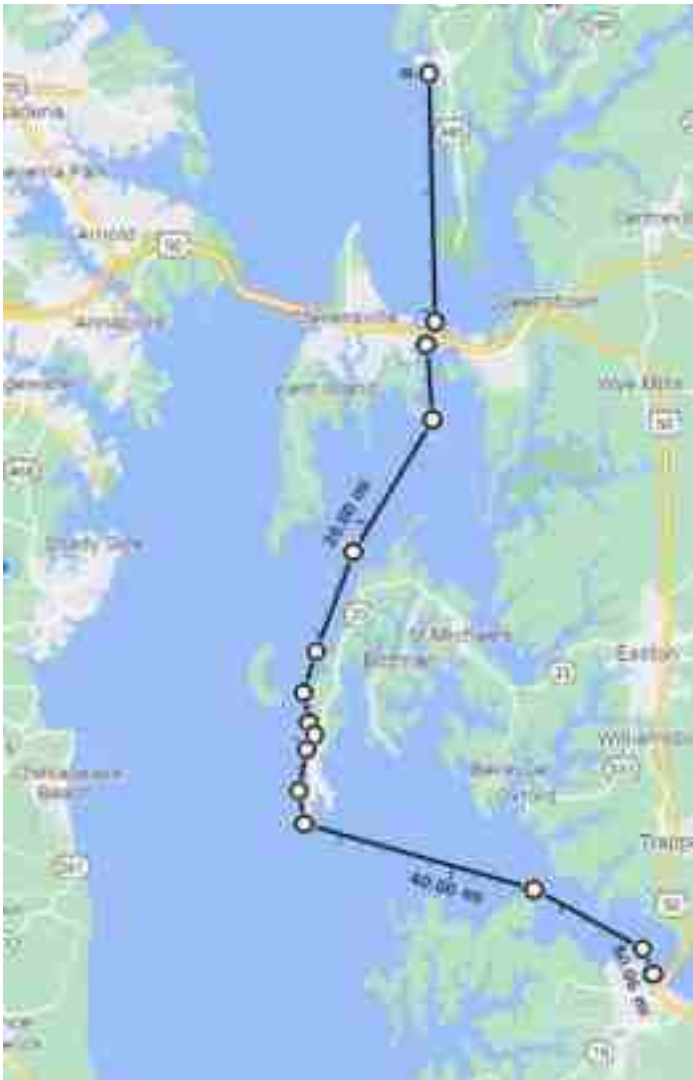
Signup to paddle here: <https://www.paddlesignup.com/Race/Events/MD/Arnold/BayPaddle>

Please let me know your tentative choice of Saturday and/or Sunday, and routes for Saturday (A) Rockhall to Cabin Creek, (B) Cabin Creek to Tilghman, or (C) Rockhall to Tilghman. Most

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questions will be answered in the websites and Paddler Guide, but if you still have an unanswered question, contact me (Jeff White) at [jeff.owen.white@verizon.net](mailto:jeff.owen.white@verizon.net) or 410.353.3261.



Route of the 2-day, 45-mile 2022 Bay Paddle



POA Paddle at Selby Beach on June 29, hosted by Jess Parker and Lise Soupko photo by Ralph Heimlich

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Another undated photo, from a beach possibly on the Potomac River. Note the different PDFs in use back then. Some odd hats in evidence, too. Is that the same hairy guy in the black shirt?



Pier 7 Marina from July 22, 1996. Bay Swim T shirt, cans of brew, and a cigar. My, my how times change!



Some paddlers on a break on a beach, possibly on the Patuxent or Potomac. Were any of us that young, really?

Homeport Farms (Continued from [page 1](#))

ramp. Relying on the fine print in the account description to authorize spending boat ramp money on a rowing facility and standalone components of a boat ramp without a boat ramp is



This is a rowing facility (Cornell University Boathouse, Ithaca, NY)

misleading.

At the final Council budget session there was an amendment introduced that would limit spending of the P567500 Boat Ramp Development funds. [Amendment 58](#) would have limited P567500 spending to public boat ramps for the “benefit of trailered boats subject to the Maryland Boat Tax”, ie motorized boats used in Maryland most of the year. The administration opposed the Amendment 58 and it did not pass. The video of the hearing is [here](#) and the Amendment 58 discussion begins at 1:42:15.

The administration’s boathouse discussion is a red herring. “Rowing facility” and “boathouse” are not synonymous. The administration says that there will not be a boathouse at Homeport Farm Park in this budget. The administration does not say that there will not be a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park. As I said in my [quest column](#) in The Capital, a rowing facility will crowd general

public use out of Homeport Farm Park even if the county does not designate the rowing facility as the gatekeeper of Homeport and allow it to schedule rowing as a priority use of the park.

Again, time will tell how the administration spends the \$3,3 million from FY23 P567500 Boat Ramp Development. The administration has made clear, however, that it feels free to spend boat ramp funds on projects, including a rowing facility, that do not include a new public boat ramp.



This is a boat ramp (Fort Smallwood boat ramp, Anne Arundel County)



## Campsite and Launch of the Month



A relatively new campground with access to the Bay is located near the historic ships Ark and Dove at the mouth of the St. Marys River in southern Maryland. This is a car camping location, but is so near to the water that it could be used as a paddle-in site, or as a base camp for some paddle explorations of the St. Marys and vicinity.

Some nearby launches include the ramp at St. Inigoes, giving access to the recently-acquired St. Inigoes State Forest with several miles of beautiful beaches on the St. Marys River as well as Smith and Jutland Creeks, and Piney Point Recreation Area Boat Ramp on St. Georges Island.

### Chancellor's Point Campground

<b>Water Body</b>	St Marys River
<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.hsmcdigshistory.org/business/chancellors-point/">https://www.hsmcdigshistory.org/business/chancellors-point/</a>
<b>Phone</b>	240-895-4980
<b>Lat</b>	38.1683529
<b>Long</b>	-76.443046



Beaches at St. Inigoes State Forest

### St. Inigoes Landing

<b>Lat</b>	38.1115201
<b>Long</b>	-76.4154146
<b>Address</b>	46621 Beachville Rd St Inigoes, MD 20684
<b>Type</b>	ramp and sand beach
<b>Parking</b>	Moderate
<b>Restroom</b>	Yes
<b>Ownership</b>	St. Mary's County - Department of Recreation and *
<b>County</b>	St. Mary's
<b>State</b>	Maryland
<b>Water Body</b>	Smith Creek
<b>Comments</b>	Entire shoreline north on Smith Creek and around to Fort Point on St. Marys River is St. Inigoes State Forest land and publicly accessible.



St. Inigoes Kayak launch

### Piney Point Recreation Area

<b>Lat</b>	38.1382423
<b>Long</b>	-76.5003035
<b>Address</b>	17140 Piney Point Rd Piney Point, MD 20674
<b>Type</b>	2 ramps
<b>Parking</b>	Large
<b>Restroom</b>	Yes
<b>Ownership</b>	St. Mary's County - Department of Recreation and *
<b>County</b>	St. Mary's
<b>State</b>	Maryland
<b>Water Body</b>	St. George Creek



Piney Point Rec Area launch at bridge on St. Georges Island

## Paddler Profile: Meet Peg Barratt



**How often do you paddle between May and October?** Maybe a dozen times.

**Do any winter paddling?** No.

**Favorite local paddling location?** When I arrived in the DC area in 2002, I went to REI and asked for a suggestion. Mason Neck State Park has been my home waters ever since. My youngest grew up thinking eagles were an every-day bird.

**Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why?** August 2021: a week of paddling with a base camp at Roaring Point Campground, Nanticoke MD. Every day was a different paddle with a great group of folks!

**Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why?** Massasauga Provincial Park, Canada (Georgian Bay, Lake Huron) One week paddling from campsite to campsite in my large double with my husband and I

paddling, and my youngest son (maybe age 5) in a lounge chair in the gear hatch in the middle. Spent the night listening to a beaver splashing. Saw a huge snapping turtle with a fish in its mouth. Water was fairly sheltered from wind, skies were clear.

**Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why?**

Trying to paddle to Cumberland Island off the coast of Georgia in the spring. We turned too soon, got back among some wetlands and when the wind came up, were not strong enough to paddle against the wind and get out. Eventually we called for help and were brought out by Search and Rescue.

Embarrassing. Not life threatening, but needed better navigation and better planning around the wind.

**Bucket list trips?** More in Florida. Actually, these are places I have already put my kayak in the water: Florida Keys, North Manitou Island (Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Lake Michigan), Apostle Islands (Lake Superior), Georgian Bay (Lake Huron), Capers Island (South Carolina), Assateague Island (Maryland), Cayo Costa State Park ( Florida, Gulf side), Bay of Fundy (Nova Scotia), Newfoundland (paddled out and around an iceberg), and of course, the Potomac and Chesapeake. I particularly like kayak camping – you can carry so much more than when backpacking!

**Three things you like most about paddling?** Feeling one with the water, one with the sky and living fully in the moment!

**What do you like about CPA?** Friendly, knowledgeable, safe.

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

**One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you?** In the course of two voyages teaching for the program "Semester at Sea", I have been around the world by ship.

**Lives in:** Arlington, VA

**Real job:** Professor of Psychology at George Washington University

**Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy?** No, but I have paddled with Pirates of Georgetown.

**Number of years paddling?** I started paddling sea kayaks in approximately 1990.

**How did you get involved in sea kayaking?** I was looking for something to do with my teenage son. I had grown up canoeing, and had brought him up canoeing. I signed us up for a weekend of introductory sea kayaking and camping in Door County, Wisconsin. We practiced for a bit close to shore and then paddled a mile or two across from Washington Island to Rock Island to camp for the night. The next day we played in the waves and paddled back. There was no going back to a canoe! In fact, my son went on to lead sea kayak trips with Camp Manitowish in Wisconsin.

**What boat(s) do you paddle?** Arluk 1.9 by Necky. I also have a 21 ½ foot Seascape 2 double kayak by Northface with a large hatch in the middle, and a plastic Umiak that is a great first boat for 8-12 year-olds.

**Rudder or skeg?** rudder

**Type of paddle used?** Werner Kalliste

**Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking?** No.

**Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities?** Hiking, backpacking, camping

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On Sunday, a group of paddlers decided to try Chincoteague Bay in hopes of a sea breeze to keep the day cool. The start of the paddle was unpromising, hot and still. As the day progressed, the breeze arrived and cooled our circumnavigation of several small Islands on the mainland side of the Bay. We departed from George Island Landing, paddled north around Tizzard Island and then headed back down south towards Mills Island.

In the Assacorkin Thoroughfare (Is that a name or what?) we ran into a nice boater who invited us to explore his historic house on a tiny nearby island. We detoured over and tramped around, marveling that it had survived quite a few storms. Another group of paddlers chose not to paddle on salt water and explored the local creeks for the day, but we all met up for a potluck dinner in the evening. Great food led to great conversation, mostly about kayaking.

Monday morning we were down to one paddling group that headed back to George Island Landing to explore some of the tidal creeks dotting the area near where we had paddled the day before. The tidal marsh and grasses were peaceful and lovely, but we were disappointed that the water ran out just before we reached the shade. We tabled the exploration of other similar creeks and decided to head for a shaded beach attached to the mainland just north of the put-in.

Here we found a little piece of paradise, a sand beach with lovely shade overhead. Keeping our legs in the water to discourage biting flies, we became interested in some smallish fish that were very interested in us. Rick thought they were mummichog, and they were clearly meat eaters, showing no interest in the bread dropped to them by "careless" eaters. After a coordinated attack by the mummichog on Suzanne and me - timed to the exact second - we pulled our legs out and watched them from a distance.

After the last paddle, some members drifted away home, while others stayed on another night, heading down to Pocomoke City for dinner. All in all, a great way to celebrate the Fourth of July Weekend.

## 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 s 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. 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).



Ralph Heimlich wrangling crepes at the St. Clements Island Champagne Brunch in June photo by Marla Aron

# The Chesapeake Paddlers Association, Inc.

*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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