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“Not too bad for a kayaking group!”

CPA kayakers section hike the Appalachian Trail in Maryland and beyond



CPA kayakers take on section hiking the Maryland portion of the Appalachian Trail. Above, enjoying the view from Annapolis Rocks, one of the many outstanding view spots along the Trail. (Photo: Christine Riegel)

By Suzanne Farace

CPA has offered hiking events during the late fall, winter, and early spring in the past. Just as you will find your fellow kayakers on their bikes and cross-country skis during certain months of the year, there are many who enjoy hiking. It's another way to enjoy being outdoors. But we're kayakers, first and foremost, not experienced hikers.

Last year Ralph Heimlich led several section hikes for CPA on the Maryland Appalachian Trail. After doing a few of

the sections, some of the regular participants thought it would be a fun goal to connect the dots until the group had hiked the entire Maryland AT. And thus a few of us, including John Sweeney and me, did that with Ralph and others.

For those not familiar, the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (AT) is a public footpath that follows more than 2,100 miles of mostly mountain ridgelines between

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From the CPA Coordinator**More tips for paddling getaways in Florida**

This is a continuation of the last column of places to paddle in Florida. The Ocklawaha River as described below shares the same launch as the Silver River, [Ray's Wayside Park](#). This park is located along Route 40 east of Ocala Florida.



Bill Smith

The Ocklawaha River is also an interesting paddle but quite a bit different from Silver River. You may encounter monkeys along the river, but it is rare. When you first enter the Ocklawaha from Ray's Wayside Park, the river is divided with gin-clear water along the south bank (coming out of the Silver River) and tannic brown along the north bank, but it soon turns all tannic as the Ocklawaha enters the Silver River.

This river is wide and continues through the [Ocala National Forest](#). About halfway down you will encounter [Gores Landing campground](#) along river left. We camped at this campground on many occasions and it is one of my favorites in the forest. The campground is primitive

except for flush toilets and a camper for the duty ranger.

Many years ago, we camped at this campground with members of our kayak club. My wife Vickie and I were the first to arrive followed soon after by our friend Richard. After setting up camp, we sat around the site drinking a beer and engaged in small talk.

The forest ranger showed up in a foul mood who soon pointed out the 'no alcoholic beverages' signs and proceeded to read us the riot act. We explained to him that we were not troublemakers and would be asleep by 9:00PM. He didn't seem to buy this explanation, so Richard pointed out the camper across the way and asked if that was his home.

The conversation went like this: ranger 'yes I live in the camper.' Richard, 'Are you off work now?' Ranger, 'As soon as I am done with you.' Richard, 'Don't you like having a beer when you get off work?' Ranger, 'Yes.' Richard, 'well we just got off work and like having a beer after, why don't you finish with us and join us for a beer?' Ranger, awkward silence followed by 'ok.'

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A group of paddlers launch from a National Forest campground along the Ocklawaha River in Florida.

*The area provides a unique getaway for numerous winter paddling trips.
(Photo: Bill Smith)*



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About the time Mr. Ranger was 4 or 5 beers in, the rest of our group showed up and by then he was getting drunk and a little obnoxious.

Most of our group thought this was hilarious but a few did not so we had to endure the stink eye from them the rest of the night. The following day after a great day of paddling we returned to the campsite followed shortly by the ranger with 'I will be right over'.

He was soon pounding beers and well on his way to being obnoxious when an argument broke out across the almost empty campground. The ranger jumped up and was charging over to talk to them when someone pointed out he still had a beer in his hand, well he replied, "I am the ranger, I can do any GD thing I want."

Two other springs in the national forest I highly recommend are Juniper Springs and Alexander springs. Juniper Springs is just down route 40 from Rays Wayside landing. The water is extremely fast for a Florida River with many twists and turns to test your maneuvering skills or learn to swim. As typical of a Florida spring, the water is gin-clear with a white sand bottom. The scenery is excellent, and the wildlife is plentiful.

Alexander Springs is more commercial with a swimming beach at the head spring but is also worth the time to paddle. I once encountered two black bears up a tree hanging over the river at Alexander Springs.

There is also a secondary launch on the Alexander that is unmarked and remote but surprisingly has a parking lot after driving a few miles on a two-track road.

We often talked about paddling that section to the St. Johns, but it may turn out to be a great way to get lost since you will spend some time meandering through a swamp with no obvious channel.



Paddling bliss on the Ocklawaha River in Florida. (Photo: Bill Smith)

Any time you paddle in Florida you can expect to see alligators. Alligators are really nothing to fear because they usually are not interested in you, I have paddled within arm's reach of them, and they ignored me. The most dangerous gators are 5-6 feet long and female usually with young so keep your distance especially when you see young alligators.

I have paddled through groups of baby alligators without seeing the momma, but I always kept moving because I assume she is watching and ready to pounce if you do something stupid. An aggressive alligator is easy to spot because they will usually swim with their entire body exposed, normally they swim with their head and tail exposed.

If anyone is planning a Florida trip and wants some pointers on paddles then give me a call. I would be happy to make some suggestions.

Think happy thoughts! Spring will be here soon.

Bill Smith

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Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin in Maine. Sections are maintained by local groups (in Maryland, primarily the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club) and overseen by the [Appalachian Trail Conservancy](#). At least parts of this trail have been in existence since the 1920s.

Approximately 41 of those 2100 miles are in Maryland. That section begins at the C&O Towpath at Harper's Ferry on the west end of the footbridge, adjacent to the railroad track over the Potomac River and ends at the Mason Dixon Line just past Pen Mar Park in Highfield-Cascade in Washington County. Thirty-eight of those miles follow the ridge crest of South Mountain and include several spectacular views: Weverton Cliffs, Annapolis Rocks, Black Rock, White Rock, Lamb's Knoll, Raven Rock, and High Rock.

The highest point of the trail in Maryland is Quirauk Mountain (2,150 feet), just above High Rock. The Maryland section includes six shelters: Edward B. Garvey, Crampton's Gap, Rocky Run, Pine Knob, Ensign Cowall, and Raven Rock and three campgrounds:



A mileage sign at Pen Mar Park. The Appalachian Trail spans 2100 miles from Georgia to Maine. About 41 of those miles are in Maryland. (Photo: Suzanne Farace)

Dahlgren Backpacker Campground, Annapolis Rock Campground, and Pogo Memorial Campground. There are also two large monuments: Washington Monument built in 1827 at [Washington Monument State Park](#) and the War Correspondents Arch built in 1896 at [Gathland State Park](#)

The Maryland section of the AT is considered easy by AT standards, since it is only 41 miles long and has only a 1,650-foot change in elevation from the Potomac River to High Rock. The average hiker will not always find it easy, however, as that number does not account for the many elevation changes in between, including some very steep and long climbs and the often rocky and uneven trails.

This winter season, fall of 2021 through winter of 2022, with Ralph's blessing, John Sweeney and I decided to do it all again and encourage fellow paddlers to join us. We planned for a series of 12 hikes, breaking



Taking a break at the Pine Knob shelter, one of six shelters in the Maryland section of the Appalachian Trail. (Photo: Beth Boyd)

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Trading paddles for hiking poles, kayakers at Annapolis Rocks knock off another section of the Appalachian Trail in Maryland. From left, John Sweeney, Ben Mayock, Suzanne Farace, Alison Smith, and Bob Shakeshaft. (Photo: Christine Riegel)

down the Maryland AT into a series of 6 to 12 mile out-and-back section hikes and encouraged participation by putting half of the hikes on the CPA Meetup calendar and the other half on the calendar of the WatersEdge Kayak Club Meetup Group (WE). Due to COVID concerns, the hikes were all out and back rather than with shuttles.

The consensus was that the most challenging of the hikes was the one from Washington Monument State Park to White Rock and return, partly because it was one of the earlier hikes and also because of the mileage and the elevation change. For a terrific write up about that hike (one of those that was on the WE calendar), please see this article published online by fellow kayaker, Saki: [Hiking Maryland's South Mountain \(findyourchesapeake.com\)](https://findyourchesapeake.com).

We ended up with 14 hikes total because we repeated one of the easier earlier sections on a day when it was too snowy and icy to do the scheduled section and

because we also did a scouting hike on another that included several miles into Pennsylvania which neither of us had previously hiked. Over the course of the hikes (not counting the scouting hike), 39 different people attended. More than half of those came back for at least one more hike in the series.

We averaged 9-10 people per hike. John and I were the only ones who completed the entire Maryland AT (twice, technically, since these were out-and-back hikes), but we had several "regulars." These included Dave Isbell, Lois Wyatt, Ben Mayock, Sophie Troy, Gail Addis, Christine Riegel, Beth Boyd, Alison Smith, and Adam Mattel. Special recognition goes to Adam who

attended 11 out of the 12 regular hikes as well as the duplicate hike and the scouting hike.

Between the first hike in mid-November 2021 and the final hike in mid-February 2022, we had a wide variety of temperatures and conditions, ranging from warm, sunny, and dry to bitterly cold, snowy, and icy. For the latter hikes, we all wore our microspikes or similar traction devices, especially when there were steep and rocky climbs.

A thermos with hot soup, food, or drink became the lunchtime favorites as the winter progressed. When it was still warm, after the hike we would sometimes visit a local brewery with outdoor seating and gorgeous views, like [Harpers Ferry Brewing](#). When the weather did not support that, we would "tailgate" afterwards in the parking lot, with people bringing camping chairs and contributing various drinks and treats.

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In addition to the entire Maryland portion of the AT, we visited our neighboring states. On one, we hiked south from Weverton Cliffs and over the footbridge into Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. That hike included a visit to the headquarters of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, as well as a stop at "High Acre," one of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club's cabins. Thanks to Ben Mayock, who volunteers with the PATC to maintain and oversee that cabin, we had lunch on the porch and enjoyed spectacular views of the river and mountains.

Jefferson Rock is also well worth a visit when you are there, but on that day the steep steps and path were ice-covered and closed. On another hike, we headed north from Pen Mar Park, crossed the Mason Dixon line, and travelled a few miles into Pennsylvania, lunching at the Deer Lick Run Shelters in the Michaux State Forest in Franklin County.



Beth Boyd at the Mason Dixon Line at the end of the Maryland AT section. (Photo: taken by Lois Wyatt)

John and I agree that this whole hike series has been a real pleasure. Not everyone chooses to kayak in the cold months, nor does the weather always support those who do, but hiking is a great alternative. It gives you the opportunity to get outdoors, enjoy the best of nature, have adventures, and get fit, all while spending quality time with great friends.

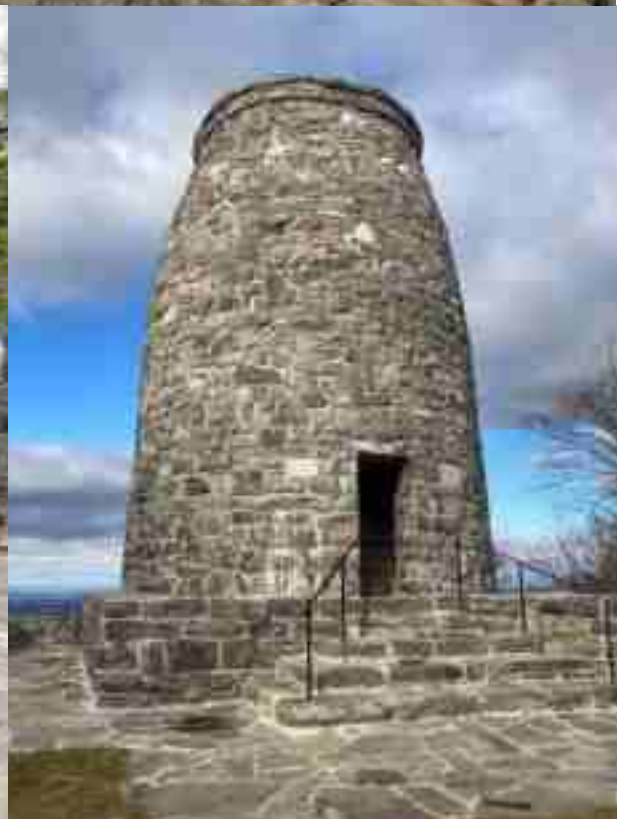
Those who came on the hikes seemed to really enjoy them, too. As one said, "Instead of grumbling about our cold 2022 days, we're embracing what they offer, shedding layers as we warm up, and sharing with good companions the beauty of the forest and countryside in winter."

As another stated, "we were blessed with ideal winter hiking weather, and matching companions to enjoy it with. Up. Down. More up. Still more up. A challenging blast. And tailgating to cap it off with. Thanks, Suzanne and John, for leading this stellar series!"



The view from Weverton Cliffs overlooking the Potomac River. (Photo: Bob Shakeshaft)

More photos from the Appalachian Trail



Clockwise, from top: 1.) The vantage point at Weverton Cliffs. 2.) The other Washington Monument, this one's in Maryland. 3.) Taking a break at Annapolis Rocks. (Photos: Christine Riegel, Beth Boyd, Suzanne Farace)

March report**Like spring, CPA Membership is growing!****By Sue Stevens****CPA Secretary/Membership**

Hang in there! Spring is coming soon; do you have robins and crocus scattered across the lawn?

Good news for CPA Members: our 12-month membership extensions, starting back in May 2020, has kept CPA members involved in trips AND extended their subscription to CPA Paddler for all of 2021. A lot more trips and weekend camping opportunities will be coming in 2022. Please plan to attend the upcoming **SPRING PLANNING MEETING** on April 24, 2022 at the Cult Classic Brewery on Kent Island. Check the [CPA Meetup page](#) for more details.

CPA membership now stands at 612, PLUS the club has an additional 70 valuable kayaking family members, spouses & partners in the club membership this year. Nine new members joined during these first two months, this coldest time of the year – including **Ray, Jasmine, Laura, AnnaLisa & family, Mike & his family, Sharon & her family, Millie, Evan and Daniel – welcome aboard!**

Thanks goes to our twenty-eight CPA members who have already renewed – some way ahead of time – and attended the popular annual Intro to Navigation in-person Workshop offered by Paul Hubbard on January 15. She got lots of good feedback.

Just this month CPA now has 57 Twenty-Year-Continuous-Life Members (that's 8% of our members), many who are the most active in the club.

Congratulations to two new LIFE MEMBERS: Barbara C and Charlie B!

Have you noticed, in the local kayak gear shops trying to get more boats in stock, local kayaking clubs, kayaking Facebook groups, the chatter shows a lot of new folks are enjoying paddling during the pandemic shutdown and want to learn more skills to be safely outside on the water. Do you want to learn more skills- our classes fill up fast! Check our Facebook page for more current



CPA members enjoy trips, training and fun on the water.

news—especially about Cold-Water Kayaking Safety (by the way, no need to be on Facebook, or create a log-in, to read and follow its links) check out the most recent topics: <https://www.facebook.com/CPAKayaker/>

Ahead of your renewal date (on your CPA Membership Card), please look for an email from CPA Membership to let you know that your membership status is up for renewal. Please don't let your membership lapse – otherwise the next *Paddler* issue may not be in your email queue and you may not hear about future events, the annual November Meeting, picnics, training classes and other local news from our volunteer writers and the CPA Coordinator. If you renew early – those extra months are always added onto your current renewal date. Some 62 memberships are expiring during this coming month – this March 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, help on a trip, post new locations to paddle—please contact our CPA Coordinator Bill Smith or CPA Steering Committee members. We want to hear from you. If you have any questions, please contact me anytime at membership@cpakayaker.com.

Rowing facility proposed at Homeport Farm Park

CPA is opposed, new facility could exclude other water access users

By Bill Smith
CPA Coordinator

In the last six weeks CPA and WatersEdge Kayak Club worked to fend off a planned rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park and preserve the existing use of Homeport by the general public. We drew Anne Arundel County's attention to an overlooked deed restriction in the [Homeport deed](#) that prohibits the ambitious rowing facility proposed for Homeport. We also protested handing over Homeport, the only usable public water access point on the South River, to be dominated by a large rowing facility including a boathouse.

At this time, according to County Budget Officer Chris Trumbauer, the proposed rowing facility in Homeport is on hard pause and may be dead. However, If you don't want a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park and you don't want the county blowing boat ramp money on a rowing facility ANYWHERE in the county, EMAIL County Executive Steuart Pittman fy23-budget-comments@aacounty.org AND District 6 Councilwoman Lisa Rodvien lisa.rodvien@aacounty.org AND Rec & Parks Director Jessica Leys rpleys00@aacounty.org and tell them so! (Homeport is in D6.).

Here's some background: Since 2008 CPA worked hard to plan Homeport Farm Park and worked hard to open Homeport Farm Park. In January 2022 Anne Arundel County Director of Recreation and Parks Jessica Leys surprised Lisa Arrasmith with the news that Rec & Parks ordered a FY23 feasibility study for a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park. Director Leys followed up on 1/24/22 with the feasibility study description:

"Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works (DPW) has asked for a contractor to perform a feasibility study, including three alternate concept plans and preliminary cost estimates, for a boat ramp, associated piers and docks, boat storage areas, boat house, and ancillary utilities for kayak and canoe type boats along the Church Creek shoreline of Homeport Park, 11 Homeport Drive, Edgewater, MD. DPW and the Department of Recreation and Parks (DR&P) indicate

that the park is currently utilized for "soft launch" for car top boats.

"It is the goal of the project to accommodate manual powered long-boats, such as 'dragon' boats and incorporate ADA access to the water. Parking will need to be adjusted to allow for tow vehicles and trailers, including the development of overflow parking areas that are currently grass meadows. Boat storage areas will be level mulched pads that can accommodate storage racks built by clubs. The boat house will provide secure storage.

"There is a reforestation bank on-site that can be used as needed. Some community and stakeholder coordination has occurred, but more will be needed as the alternates are developed. Utilities will be limited to electric for site lighting, the boat house, and ancillary uses. There may need to be shoreline stabilization and bulkheads as needed for the facility uses. Permanent water, sanitary sewer, natural gas, or other utilities will not be provided at this site."

It's a feasibility study description for a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park that doesn't use the word "rowing!" This doesn't pass the smell test. Fast forward to Rec & Parks FY23 budget presentation on 2/18/22 to the county Planning Advisory Board (PAB). These department presentations are the first public look at the County Executive's potential budget.

Rec & Park's presentation of a \$3,345,000 request under P567500 Boat Ramp Development stated:

"The Solley Cove project is in performance. We have begun a study of building a boathouse elsewhere in the county to serve the paddlers and rowers. We're seeking design money to move forward with the design of the boathouse in fiscal 23 and anticipate placing this out to bid at the end of 23. We are also requesting the construction money in 23 as well."

Sounds like a rowing facility boathouse planned for design and construction in FY23 to me! (Click [here](#) for the video of the presentation, remarks are at the

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2:29:31 mark). Yet, as of Friday 2/25/22, the County Budget Officer Chris Trumbauer assured Lisa Arrasmith that P567500 Boat Ramp Development is meant for a real boat ramp, not a rowing facility, and that the rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park is at the least on hard pause and may be dead.

The county is also searching for a different location for a rowing facility. So maybe Homeport is safe but the county sure could still blow the P567500 boat ramp money on a rowing boathouse at a different site. Some of you may be asking how does a rowing facility in Homeport affect the paddling community? Regionally, rowing clubs have historically taken over such parks and turned it into their own playground.

This could mean that paddlers may be restricted from using the park, pay fees to enter or it could turn into a private park just for the rowers. If you have yet to paddle Homeport, I highly recommend it. The Pirates of Arundell use it frequently on a rotating basis all season

from April to through October.

A Master Plan for Homeport was created before the park was renovated with a negative result on a rowing facility from the locals, the paddling community and everyone on the Master Plan committee except the rowers who are probably the ones driving the issue to get it changed again. The county already spent a large amount of money with adding the trail and parking and now they want to destroy what they just built. CPA and other local paddle clubs all contributed time and sweat to get what we have now, not fair for them to readdress this already dead issue.

Stay alert for a final answer on Homeport and more on the threat of a rowing boathouse in the public parks in Anne Arundel County.

Click [here](#) for a copy CPA Coordinator Bill Smith's letter to AA County opposing to the rowing facility. Click [here](#) for Donna Cole's *Annapolis Creative* editorial against a rowing facility in Homeport Farm Park.

CPA weighs in on 2023 AA County Budget

The draft public water access funding in the FY23 Anne Arundel County budget is a classic pig in the poke. Like most pigs in a poke, it's problematic. The main public water access funding is in two project accounts. P567400 Water Access Facilities and P567500 Boat Ramp Development.

The Department of Recreation and Parks presented its draft budget to the county Planning Advisory Board on 2/18/22. P567400 has \$1,000,000, P567500 has \$3,345,000. Review the R&P PAB written materials [here](#).

Well, putting broccoli in the fruit aisle doesn't make it strawberries and putting gates for county water access parks and a study in P567400 doesn't make them Water Access Facilities. The remaining item, fixing the derelict former residential dock in South River Farm Park, escaped from Rec & Parks' renovation fund.

The proposed funding for P567500. Boat Ramp Development looks great until you look at the definition of P567500:

"This project authorizes the site evaluation, land acquisition, design and construction of boat launch facilities at multiple locations along the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Facilities may include, but not be limited to: entrance roads, dredging, piers, boat houses, breakwaters, shoreline protection, navigational lighting and other related amenities."

So the \$3,345,000 in the draft P56700 could go for a new boat ramp to serve the county's 14,000 trailered boats and thousands of kayakers, or it could be diverted for a rowing boathouse compound to serve 200 rowers (see [Bill Smith's article](#) and link to R&P 2/18/22 presentation video) or it could be frittered away on routine dredging and shoreline erosion control. More in the April 2022 newsletter. In the meantime review the R&P PAB presentation slideshow [here](#).

(The Public Water Access Committee submitted a FY23 Water Access Budget Request to the County Executive and County Council. See the Budget Request [here](#).)

Paddler Profile

Meet Mark Kalber

Name: Mark Kalber.

Lives in: Crofton, MD.

Real job: Retired.

Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy? Yes, as many as I can.

Number of years paddling? One.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? Through CPA. My wife and I have completed the SK-101 class and look forward to the SK-102 class in Spring 2022.

What boat(s) do you paddle? Wilderness Tsunami 140.

Rudder or skeg? Rudder.

Type of paddle used? Aqua-Bound 220.

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

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? Hiking and golf.

How often do you paddle between May and October? I was out 21 times between May 1st and Oct 31st, 2021.

Do any winter paddling? I haven't done any yet, but would like to.

Favorite local paddling location? Good question, but so far probably the Severn River and its many inlets.

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why? CPA Pirates of Arundell Weekend Paddle - Rocky Gorge, Supplee Lane Launch. Why? Because it's the only CPA weekend trip I've been on so far.

Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why? I don't have a 'coolest paddling trip' experience yet, but one of my most enjoyable outings was taking my grandson out on his first kayaking experience this summer on Spa Creek in Annapolis. Special thanks to Annapolis Canoe and Kayaking for a tandem boat and gear to make it enjoyable.

Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why? TBD.



Mark taking his grandson on his first kayak trip.

Bucket list trips? Suwannee River multi-day paddle in Florida. Looks like a lot of fun. I scoped one of the launches for this trip at Stephen Foster State Park in late November. 'Kayak Cliff' has two good YouTube videos on this trip. Also want to do kayak-camping in MD/VA area.

Three things you like most about paddling? Quiet time on the water, meeting great people, and being outside.

What do you like about CPA? Organized outings, safety conscious, and a lot of experienced people to learn from.

What other paddling clubs/groups do you belong to? SunCoast Pedal & Paddle (FL); The WatersEdge Kayak Club (MD); CCK River to Sea (MD). But currently only active with CPA.

Interesting non-paddling activity? I like to cook. Which doesn't mean I'm a good cook... Or a trail cook.

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Tune-up your on-water navigation skills

You may have taken the one-day classroom navigation course with CPA and now it's time to apply that learning to the real world of sea kayaking.

This will be an introductory class taught by Paula Hubbard on May 7, 2022 that will cover all the basics of on-water navigation. Learn how to read a nautical chart and compare it to what you are seeing while you're on the water.

The class will include understanding aids to navigation, how to measure distance, the basics of the "rules of the road," and how to safely cross busy boat channels. Learn how to use a chart and compass together to plot a course and then follow that course to a specific location.

We will also work with some visual navigation tools such as finding and using a range to hold a straight course.

This course will meet at Kent Narrows and run from 9:30 AM to about 4 PM. The class is limited to 10



students. While open to all, priority will be given to people who have not done on-water navigation previously.

This course is sponsored by Cross Currents Sea Kayaking. To register, email Rick Wiebush at rwiebush@gmail.com. The cost is \$100, but CPA members will get a 10% discount and pay just \$90 for this fun and informative course. – Paula Hubbard

Classifieds

Damaged Epic kayak free to good home

Ready for a good pre-season do-it-yourself project?

One of our CPA members Joy Chambers recently had her Epic kayak damaged by a fallen tree. She believes the damage is repairable.

Joy would like to give the boat away to anyone who wants to take on the repair and give the boat a new home.

The boat is in the Annapolis area.

For more details, contact Joy at joy@joychambers.net



Registration open for SK101, Intro to Kayaking



Registration is now open for Chesapeake Paddlers Association's annual SK101-Introduction to Sea Kayaking workshop on April 2, 2022, at Cult Classic Brewery on Kent Island. Featured speakers will cover kayak design, paddling pointers, kayaking gear, places to paddle and transporting and storing your kayak.

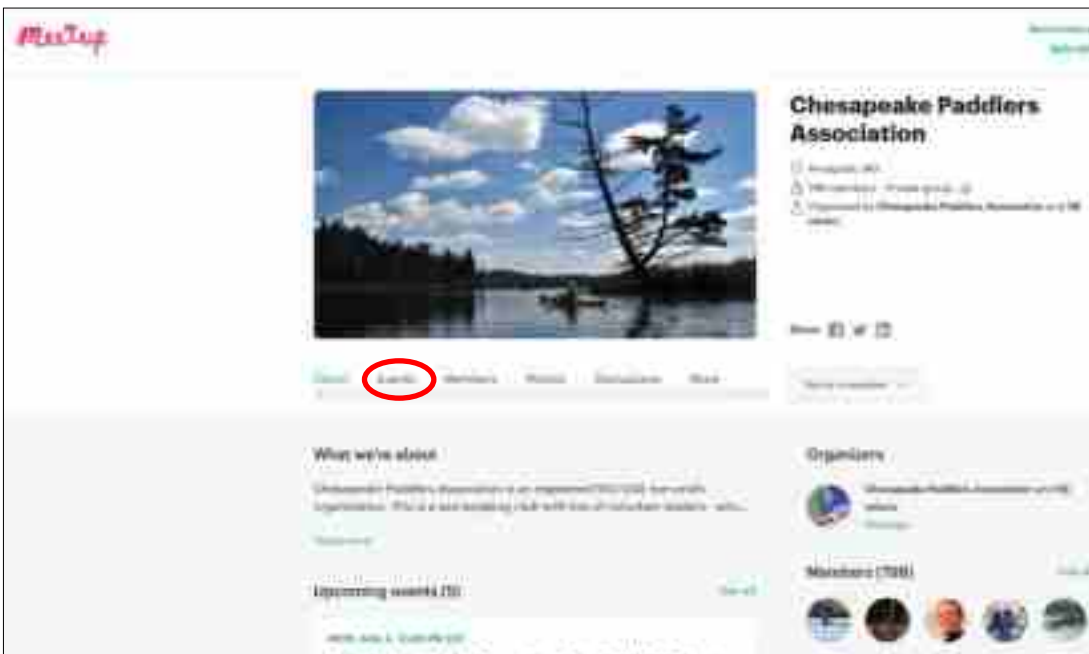
Area kayakers will share their personal tips and keys to success. Boats and gear will be on display. A \$30 fee provides a light breakfast, snacks and all the information you need to get ready for the paddling season.

Additional information and required preregistration is available at https://2022_sk101_cpa.eventbee.com/ or contact Laurie Collins at cpalauriec@gmail.com

Responding to the post on Meetup or signing up on Meetup does NOT reserve a space. You must register using EventBee (see link above).

Upcoming CPA Events

Spring Planning Meeting April 24



This year's Spring Planning Meeting is April 24, 2022 at the Cult Classic Brewery on Kent Island. 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.

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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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