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CPA Potluck, Skills, "FALL OUT of YOUR BOAT" and Gear Swap Day

Now it was time for something completely different... Our usual June event, Fall Out of Your Boat/Gear Day, was leaderless, and worse yet, the traditional Truxtun Park venue was out of bounds because of an electrical leak into the water. SHOCKING!!!



Launching on Selby Beach *photo by Ricardo Stewart*

Up stepped the dynamic duo of Lise Soukup and Jess Parker offered their Selby Bay community center and beach for the venue and Coordinator Bill Smith and Treasurer/Membership



Folks falling out of their boats, and trying different ways to get back aboard *photo by Ricardo Stewart*

chairs Rich and Sue Stevens jumped into action to put on the popular event.

Bill enlisted long-time CPA member instructors Brian Blankinship, Tom Heneghan, Jesse Aronson, Rob Pearlman, Greg Welker, Jenny Plummer-Welker and others to manage the "Fall Out of Your Boat" part, and Sue, Rich, and Bela Mariassy organized the pot luck picnic. Various people, including Bill and Rich and Sue, brought kayak gear from the estates of Marshall Woodruff and David Moore to help equip a new generation of kayakers.

Just as important, more than 45 eager CPA members flocked to the event on a warm August Saturday to gain crucial beginner kayak skills, enjoy good food, take a short tour around Turkey Point island, and just generally hang out. To quote Ratty, **"Believe me my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats."** (Ratty to Mole in Kenneth Grahame's classic novel 'The Wind in the Willows').



Potluck spread at Selby Beach Community Center *photo by Jess Parker*

The food everyone brought, supplemented by pizza provided by CPA, was delicious. The club recognized Patuxent Pirate Queen Jenny Plummer-Welker's birthday with a cake and a rousing chorus of Happy Birthday!

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From the CPA Coordinator **CPA ANNUAL MEETING AND TURNER CREEK**

It will soon be time to elect the CPA leadership for the upcoming year. If you would like to [run for a position](#) or have a candidate in mind, then let me know. CPA is an all-volunteer organization so your help is needed to keep the club afloat. The steering committee meets twice a year in person at the annual meeting (November) and the planning meeting (February)... all other business is usually conducted via email or telephone.



Bill Smith

The CPA organization includes the Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer and six steering committee members. All officers serve for one year or until the next annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will be held on Sunday, November 6th.

TURNER CREEK AND SASSAFRAS RIVER

The KIPP paddlers during the August practice paddle went rogue and traveled north to the Turners Creek/Sassafras River. The American Lotus were in bloom so the put in at Turners Creek was crowded but after paddling a hundred yards or so past the blooms we were on our own. This was my second trip to this area, but instead of traveling upstream we went downstream; downstream is much more scenic. We immediately crossed the river and traveled west along the north bank.

The scenery was amazing with wooded shoreline almost the entire trip. The beach is almost continuous with driftwood covered sand and sometimes high bluffs for miles. We would occasionally travel past areas with homes but other than that it was mostly secluded and places to stop along the way were plentiful. The bald eagles were everywhere and sometimes very close.

The weather forecasted for the day called for occasional thunderstorms, but they never materialized. The semi-cloud cover and continuous breeze made it a picture-perfect day to be on the water. The water is very clear with plenty of sea grass, so the river looks very healthy. We paddled out into the Bay then north along the shore to a small inlet where we stopped for a lunch break.

During the return, the wind picked up out of the southwest, so we had to paddle into the wind and oncoming waves. After returning to the Sassafras River, we paddled across the river to the south shore and followed it back to Turners Creek.

The mouth of the Sassafras is 3.5 miles wide. The wind and waves crossing were quite exciting but could have been avoided if we would have traveled further upstream before crossing but we were looking for excitement. The south shore was like the north shore, with bluffs and sandy beach stops along the way. We did make a rest stop at one of the beaches before ending our trip. I highly recommend this trip especially when the lotus is in bloom. This trip could suit all skill levels but recommend making your crossings away from the river mouth if you want to avoid waves.

Paddle on!

Bill Smith



Turners Creek American Lotus blooms 2015 photo by Ralph Heimlich

Fall Out of Your Boat (Continued from [page 1](#))



Happy Birthday to Jenny Plummer-Welker! *photo by Jess Parker*

The event ran from 10 AM to 3 PM, and organizers had to chase down some enthusiastic participants to get them off the water and out the gate. A great time was had by all.

Thank you Lise and Jess! The couple enjoyed it so much that they've agreed to open the venue to CPA next June. Anyone wanting to help organize the 2023 event should contact Coordinator Bill Smith. Remember, CPA doesn't DO anything, only CPA volunteers do.

More photos online at <https://www.meetup.com/the-chesapeake-paddlers-association/photos/32696228/> and at the [CPA Facebook page](#)



Greg Welker overseeing an assisted rescue *photo by Ricardo Stewart*



Brian Blankinship demonstrating forward stroke form *photo by Ricardo Stewart*

The panorama of kayak events at Selby Beach
photo by Brian Blankinship



Exploring for New Launches on the Nanticoke River

By Ralph Heimlich

I posted a pop-up trip for early August, back to one of my favorite paddling locations, the mouth of the Nanticoke River at Roaring Point. Unfortunately, either the late announcement or the unusual dates (Sunday through Tuesday) were off-putting, so nobody took me up on the offer. I went anyway, camping three nights at [Roaring Point Campground](#), an RV resort right at Roaring Point. While the resort is mostly RVs, there are three areas for tent camping, two in areas at the back of the campground, and one right on the beach. While the sites on the beach are a bit pricey (\$70 per night at this time of year), they come with water and electricity and a not-to-be-beaten view over Tangier Sound with stimulating breezes that keep it bearable in terms of heat and bugs.

Roaring Point lived up to its name. I did manage to paddle out around the point and upriver on the Nanticoke the first afternoon, trying out my downwind sail in the stiff 5-10 kt



breeze. It worked fine, but there is always the paddle back into the wind (fortunately, somewhat sheltered nearer shore). I ran into some rec boaters new to the sport, and we spent quite a while discussing my long, skinny boat and long, skinny Aleut and Greenland paddles, as well as the sail. Whole new worlds opening up for these folks, just like they did for me starting out.

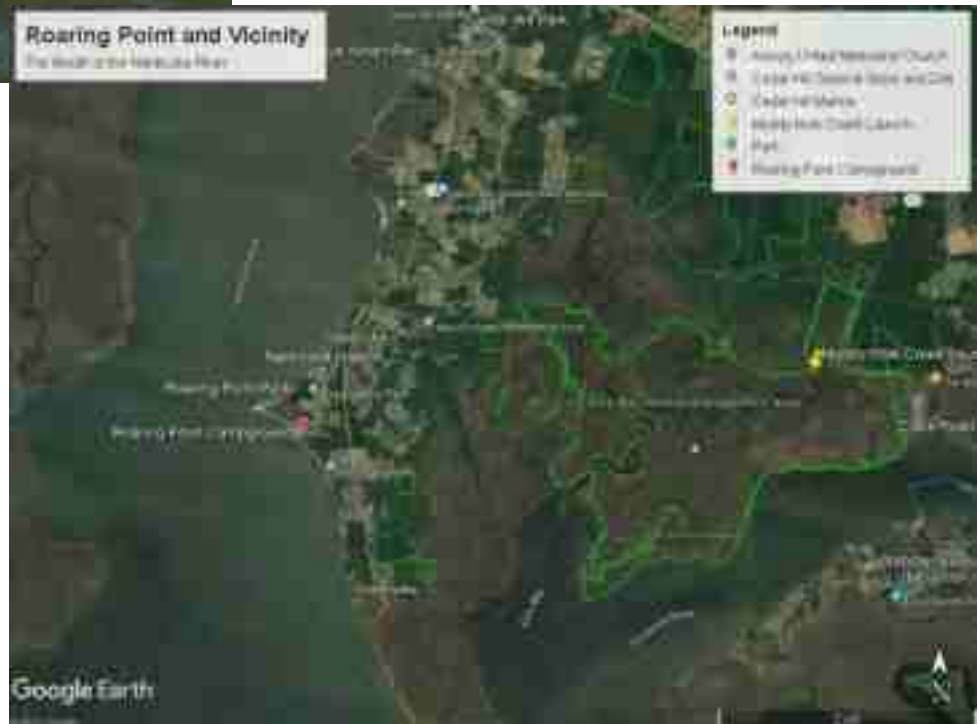
I had planned to paddle out towards Deal Island (no, the OTHER Deal Island on the Eastern Shore) across the mouth of the river and Monie Bay and sail back with the southwest wind. However, Monday was roaring just a bit too much (10-15kt with gusts to 20 kt) and I really didn't want to practice self-rescue skills on my own in those conditions, so I looked around for an interesting "Plan B". Another way to approach the marshes of the Ellis Bay Wildlife Management Area up the Wicomico River (no, the OTHER Wicomico

River on the Eastern Shore) is to find a launch up in the headwaters of the tributary creeks and paddle down to Ellis and Monie Bays instead of doing the more open-water approach directly from Roaring Point. Rumor had it that there WAS a launch up in the WMA somewhere, and I set out to find it.

On the Chesapeake Bay Chart Book, there is a road labeled "Muddy Hole Road (Rt. 323)" that runs out to a narrow part of the WMA at the headwaters of Muddy Hole Creek. I drove out to find it. It is there, but it is a narrow, gravel, single-track leading out into the bush. With some trepidation, I kept on it, passing several very crude hunting/fishing camps hacked out of the bush before coming up to Trinity Church Road. A little dog-leg right on this led to another narrow, gravel, single-track which eventually led to a dirt turnaround and a very short, steep plank ramp with metal grip strips to get your vehicle back out (if you are quick and lucky). I got my gear together and launched, somewhat precariously, on the slippery wooden ramp, nearly going for a swim when my feet started to slide as I straddled the kayak.

The next issue was my lack of preparedness for this particular adventure. I don't have a GPS, my phone wasn't getting any signal at all, and the charts I had were pretty sketchy. Having paddled little backwater creeks in the marshes a lot, I worried that I would find my way DOWN just fine, then "forget" all the critical turns on the way back UP. I resolved to take 180 degree look-sees at every critical junction to implant my return route firmly in mind. The ramp is located at the end of a long spur of pine forest sticking out into the marsh, so it was surprisingly easy to see where I needed to get back to, even if the exact route might be confusing.

One little back county trick is to leave a visible sign at every critical junction. You can bring a roll of brightly-colored survey tape to do this if you think about it (just pick up your trail signs as you exit), but I didn't have any. Instead, at every important junction, I took a bunch of wild rice stalks and tied an overhand



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Muddy Hole Creek (Continued from [page 4](#))

knot it them on the side I needed to turn to, and bent this out over the water. I marked three (and should have done one more), and they worked very well...except that I got a little too



Knotted grass as a "bread crumb" on Muddy Hole Creek photo by Ralph Heimlich

engaged sailing back up the creek. I finally realized I was off course when I spotted a hammock of trees I'd noted coming down stream, that seemed to be too far south. Backtracking, I found the right channel and kept more vigilant the rest of the way.

Muddy Hole Creek Landing will accommodate about 3-4 vehicles, but be sure to park so as not to block the turn-around for trailers. There are no facilities, but plenty of woods. There are more pictures of this little adventure, and some other paddles on the same trip at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7LRMwn6irkAmm7Et9>

It is now marked on the [Chesapeake Bay Water Access And Paddle-In Campsite Guide \(interactive map, Chesapeake Bay Region\)](#) on the CPA website, along with nearly 900 other



Beach camp at Roaring Point Campground photo by Ralph Heimlich

launch sites and nearly 70 paddle-in camping locations throughout the Bay region. While I've picked up most of these locations from published sources, I find some of them by just going out and looking around, like this one.



The hammock of trees that saved my bacon photo by Ralph Heimlich



Muddy Hole Creek Launch in the Ellis Bay WMA photo by Ralph Heimlich

Deadline for CPA nominations is October 1

By Ralph Heimlich

This is a reminder that nominations for next year's CPA Officers are open and the deadline is October 1, 2022. This is your opportunity to nominate people who you think will help play an active role over the next club year (November-November) to vote on issues, create fun activities and keep the participation of the club lively through 2023. Nominations can be emailed to our Membership Secretary Sue Stevens at: member-ship@cpakayaker.com

The Chesapeake Paddlers Association is a volunteer organization and the people who volunteer the most are the elected officers: The Coordinator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and the Steering Committee members.

Now is the time to tell us who you think should play an active part in steering the club's activities. As always, in addition to balloting at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 6, you may cast your ballot for CPA officers online or by mail. The full descriptions of the officers duties are available in the [CPA By-laws](#) at www.cpakayaker.com.

When submitting nominations to the Secretary, please copy the person being nominated. Persons nominated should accept or decline their nomination, develop a "Stump Speech" giving their experience and reasons why members should vote for them.

These will be printed in the October issue of *The Chesapeake Paddler* and viewable online. In addition to mail-in ballots and voting at the November Annual Meeting, there will be an online mechanism for voting. You will need your CPA member number to authenticate your vote. The votes will be tallied at the Annual

Meeting and will determine which individuals will hold which positions for the coming year.

So, throw your paddling hat in the ring, or throw someone else in the ring, but let the best candidates win!



Classifieds

Eddyline Wind Dancer kayak and assorted gear for sale, \$900. Gear for sale includes:

1. Yakama cartop carrier (2 rollers)
2. Voyage Wooden Paddle (w. flex safety strap)
3. Snap Dragon spray skirt
4. 3 PFDs (life jackets): Lotus PFD (male); Lotus PFD (female); Aqua-Mate PFD (old)
5. Voyageur water pump
6. Dry Sack Seattle Inlet Pack
7. DG gloves
8. Maps/safety tips/contacts

Contact Nick at 410-266-5411

[Editor's Note: This is a great price for all the kayak gear you are getting.]



Seakayaking From Nanticoke Island, Maryland, 2122

By Ralph Heimlich

On August 8, 2122, a group of three friends and I set out from Nanticoke Island, off the west coast of Maryland's Eastern shore. We'd driven down across the causeway and stayed at a pleasant B&B on Nanticoke Island, intent on a few days of kayaking. This trip was a bit of nostalgia, recreating a trip my great-grandfather had done from a campground on Roaring Point, then the mouth of the Nanticoke River, in 2022, 100 years ago. While my coconut and basalt-fiber kayak fiber is the latest technology (and not based on petroleum as in my great-grandfather's day), I was also equipped with an antique cedar Greenland paddle handcrafted by my ancestor and still marked with his name (see picture).

We left the beach at Nanticoke Island and paddled northwest across the broad, shallow expanse of Fishing Bay, intending to cross the 14 mile expanse with a single stop at Transquaking Island, where we would camp from our kayaks. As we stood on the beach at Nanticoke Island, only tidal flats and sparse flooded marsh separated us to our west across the whole expanse of the Chesapeake Bay from Calvert County beyond small, uninhabited Elliot Island.

From Caden Ralph Heimlich "Seakayaking From Nanticoke Island, Maryland", *The Chesapeake Paddler*, Volume 131, No. 9, October 2122



Caden Ralph Heimlich on the shores of Nanticoke Island, August 2122

I don't know how my great grandson will be spending his leisure time, but his Chesapeake Bay is likely to be quite different than your Bay and mine, based on the inexorable upward creep of the water level. The Chesapeake Bay shoreline has always changed under the influence of erosion and the rebound from the weight of the last glacier melting to the north of us. But that change is likely to be dwarfed by the rise in water level we are expected to experience in the next 100 years.

Geologists differentiate two kinds of sea level change: absolute change and relative change. Absolute change is the difference in sea depth, on average between two points in time. There are two main reasons why sea level changes, both related to ambi-

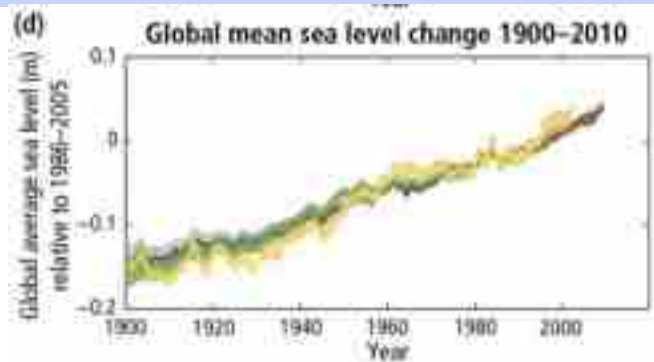


Figure 1 Historical global mean sea level change Source: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar5/syr/synthesis-report/#>

ent global temperature. First, as the world's seas become hotter, they expand in volume, raising sea level. Observations since 1961 show that the average temperature of the global ocean has increased to depths of at least 3,000 meters (m) and that the ocean has been absorbing more than 80 percent of the heat added to the climate system. Global mean increase in sea surface temperature since the beginning of 20th century is 0.88 degrees C (very likely range: 0.68-1.01deg C).

The second reason is that as temperatures rise, glaciers and ice pack at the poles melt, returning as water to the world's oceans and rising sea levels. Mountain glaciers and snow cover have declined on average in both hemispheres. The most recent data show that the rate of global mean sea level increase has increased from 3.16 mm/year in 1993-2015 to 3.58 mm/year in 2006-2015 (3.1-4.1 error range). Contributions to that total rate include thermal expansion (46-49%), nonpolar glacial change (20%), Greenland ice cap melting (17-26%), and Antarctic ice cap melting (11-14%).

Absolute sea level change is both a symptom of climate change, and a driver of the much more personal changes my great grandson might experience—relative sea level change in local areas. What matters to kayakers is where the beach and shoreline decides to be, not the absolute level of the world's oceans. In addition to absolute sea level change, relative sea level change is influenced by tectonic forces where continental plates are in collision or are subducting (one plate sliding beneath another), rebound of continental plates when glaciers and ice packs melt off, land subsidence due to compaction of sediments or from extraction of ground water or oil and natural gas from offshore deposits, and the local "bulging" of water surface

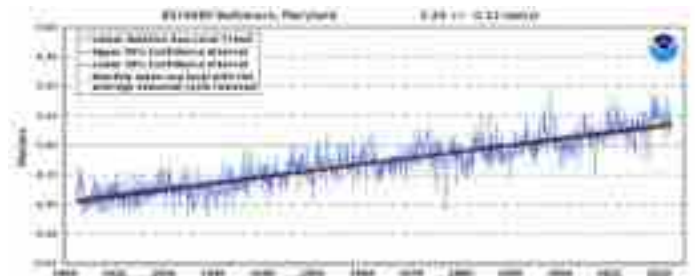


Figure 2 The relative sea level trend is 3.24 millimeters/year with a 95% confidence interval of +/- 0.12 mm/yr based on monthly mean sea level data from 1902 to 2021 which is equivalent to a change of 1.06 feet in 100 years. Source: NOAA at https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/sltrends/sltrends_station.shtml?id=8574680

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from strong, continuous currents. Data from NOAA tide measurements over 50 years show average rates of relative sea level change in the U.S. ranging from -1.41 mm/year in the Pacific Northwest, to 9.85 mm/year at the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana.

The sea level measured at Baltimore has been increasing steadily over time, and the rate of change averaged 3.24 mm/year, shown in figure 2. Subsidence of the land surface, attributed mainly to adjustments of the Earth's crust in response to the melting of the Laurentide ice sheet and to the compaction of sediments due to freshwater withdrawal from coastal aquifers, contributes to the high rates of relative sea level rise observed near Baltimore. Over a 30-year period from 1985 to 2015, tide gauges showed rates of sea level rise ranging from 4.8 mm per year in flood-prone Annapolis, Maryland, to 6.3 mm per year at Sewall's Point, Virginia, in the Hampton Roads region.



Figure 3 Areas of expected inundation at the mouth of the Nanticoke River in 2122, based on sea level rise in the Chesapeake Bay. Map created by Ralph Heimlich based on data from Maryland DNR at <http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/gis/data/sampledata.asp?data=SLR>.

How much more could the level of the Bay rise? At an average rate for the past 120 years of 3.24 mm/year for Baltimore, we would see an increase of 1.28 inches in a decade, or over a foot in 100 years. At the much higher rate of 6.3 mm/year for Sewall's Point, Virginia, we would experience 2.5 inches of rise in a decade, and more than 2 feet in 100 years.

But we've all heard that global temperatures are expected to increase considerably in the future. Based on a revised range of possible greenhouse gas emissions scenarios for the next century and updated modeling of resulting global sea level rise, between 4 and 15 mm/year of average rise is projected with the confidence limits on the upper estimate of between 10 and 20 mm/year.^{vi} If the same relationship between absolute and relative sea level change for the Chesapeake Bay area continues, that translates into a rate of relative sea level change of between 6 and 17 mm/year, with about 2 mm/year accounted for by subsidence and tectonic rebound. That is between 2.4 and 6.7 inches per decade, or 2.4 to 6.7 feet by the time my great grandson is paddling.

Maryland's government planning is based on sea level rise of 2.1 feet by 2050 and 3.7 feet or more by 2100. The 3.7 foot estimate is the midpoint of a 2.1 to 5.7 foot range. In addition to the uncertainty of future greenhouse gas emissions and their effect on ice melting, the scientists also took slowing of the Gulf Stream, documented since 2004, into account.

Maryland planners used available data to create GIS datasets showing vulnerability to sea level rise in ranges of inundation of 0-2 feet, 2-5 feet, and 5-10 feet by 2100. In the Roaring Point area mapped below, these elevations are mapped using LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data, which has very little vertical measurement error. Figure 3 shows the areas at the mouth of the Nanticoke River that would be under water assuming inun-

dation of up to 2 feet (darker blue), up to 5 feet (medium blue), or up to 10 feet (lighter blue)—futures in which my great grandson may be living. A similar kind of analysis could be done and maps examined for many areas up and down the Eastern seaboard, and around the world. Your depths may vary.

Just knowing the potential depth of inundation doesn't tell you all you need to know about future land (or water) use. A simulation model (the Sea Level Affecting Marshes Model or [SLAMM](#)) uses elevation, accumulation of sediments, wetland accretion and erosion rates, and sea level rise to predictively model long-term wetland and shoreline change. Maryland ran SLAMM using a sea level rise rate of 3.4 feet by year 2100 to visualize changes to coastal marshes and shorelines in their current state, 2050 and 2100 year scenarios. Much of what had been tidal wetlands in Dorchester County in 2012 becomes estuarine open water or tidal flats by 2112 (figures 4 and 5). The Blackwater River through the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge becomes estuarine open water, and upland west of Cambridge and south of the refuge becomes regularly flooded tidal marsh. The winding channel through marshes along the Nanticoke River widens to estuarine open water, and the creeks separating the peninsula on which Roaring Point rests widen and connect through to Ellis Bay, creating Nanticoke Island.

All of this assumes that no action is taken to change the increases in CO₂ and other greenhouse gases on which the temperature increase estimates, and the corresponding sea level increase estimates, are based. Judging from the response of the people and government of the United States, and the continuing gridlock in international climate talks, that seems like the most indisputable projection of them all.

[Editor's note: This is a revised version of an article that appeared in *Atlantic Coastal Kayaker* in 2013.]

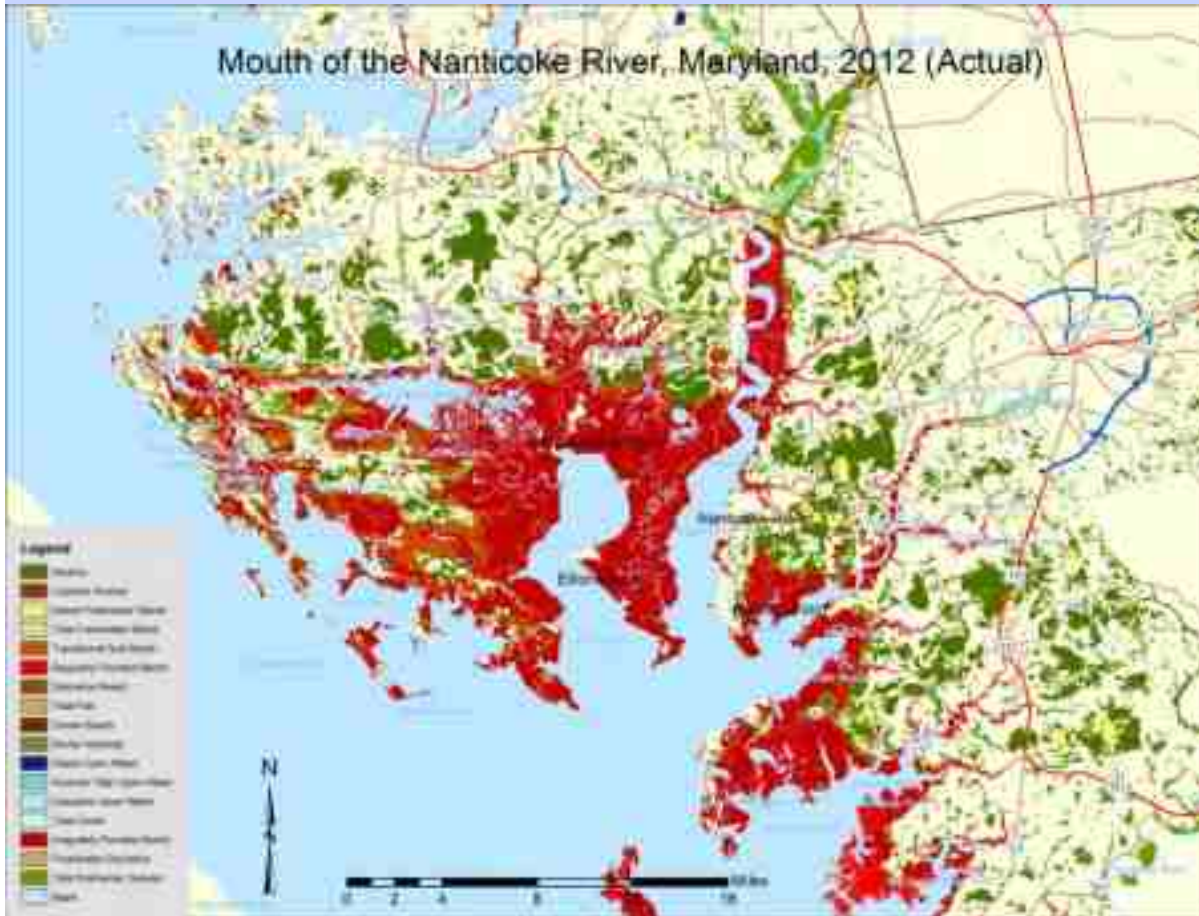


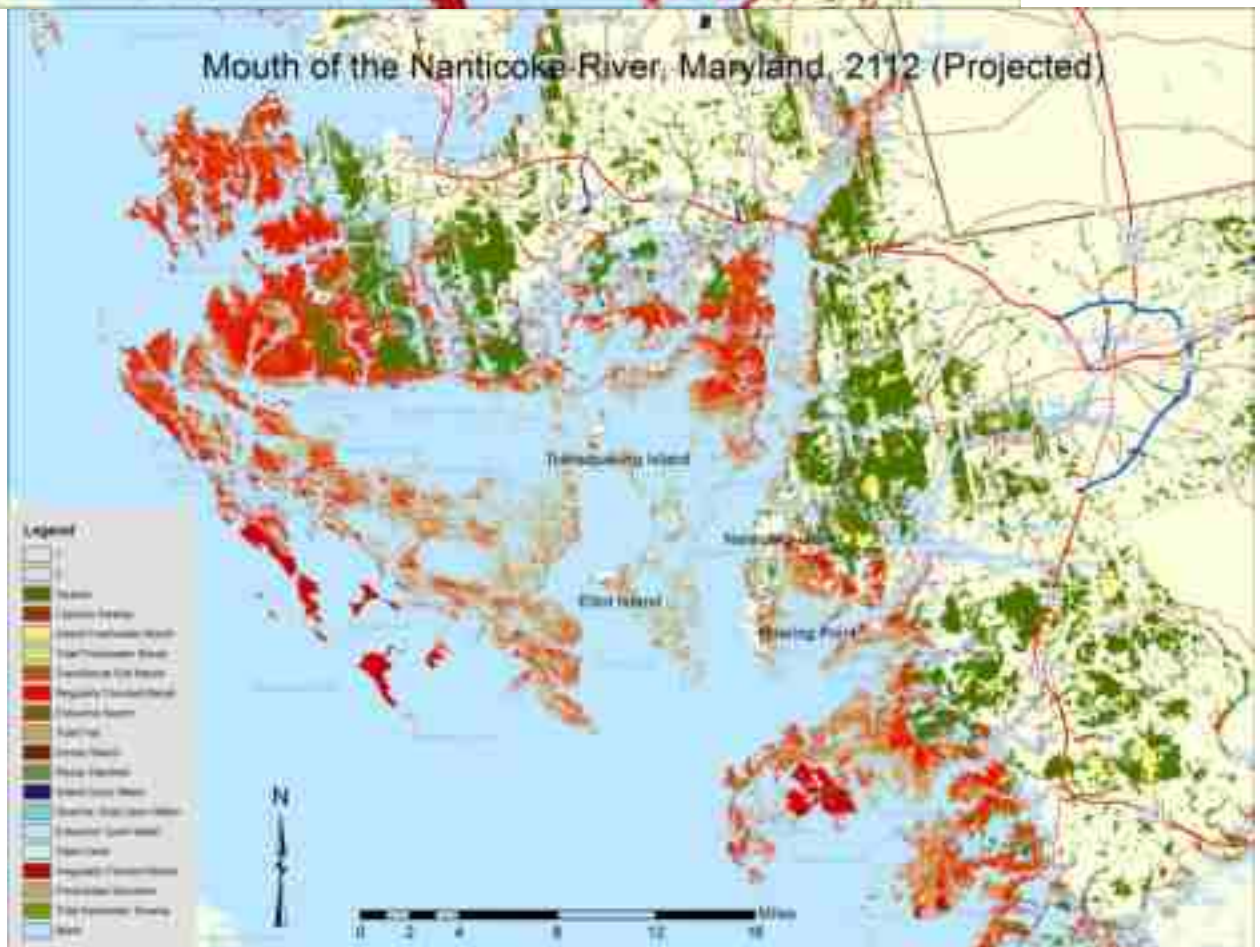
Figure 4 Current situation at the mouth of the Nanticoke River including tidal and non-tidal wetlands and upland. Map created by Ralph Heimlich using data from Maryland DNR at <http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/gis/data/sampledata.asp?data=SLAMM>.

See explanation at https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Documents/coastal-land_conserv_md.pdf

and data documentation at <https://data.imap.maryland.gov/search?collection=Dataset&groups=2fdc334400cb4dd0a9dad15c34fe1432>

Figure 5 Projected 2122 land uses based on SLAMM modeling of 3.4 foot sea level rise. Map by Ralph Heimlich based on data from MD DNR at <http://dnrweb.dnr.state.md.us/gis/data/sampledata.asp?>

To learn more about SLAMM please refer to Warren Pinnacle Consulting, Inc. http://www.warrenpinnacle.com/prof/SLAMM/SLAMM_Model_Overview.html



Paddler Profile: Meet Andrew Hunter



Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why? Have not done one yet other than piracy paddles.

Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why? Everglades for 2 weeks – paddle/sailing...self-sufficient wilderness trip.

Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why? Nothing too scary, but with some friends, paddled from Beverly Triton park out to Thomas Point Lighthouse and on to Highland Park and back to start point in 20 knot winds. The beam sea leg was a challenging way to get to know my new boat. On the third leg of the trip, crossed the South river with very choppy seas and lots of boat traffic and a strong headwind and waves...we were all exhausted and there was one paddler who had a hard time keeping up and barely made it back.

Bucket list trips? San Juan Islands, Looking to do a week up on Canada's Rideau Canal this summer.

Three things you like most about paddling? Nature and quiet paddling through the local marshes. I love exploring nooks and crannies and gliding over rocky bottoms in clear water. I also like exploring the urban landscape from a kayak. The folks that paddle tend to be the kind of people I appreciate being with.

What do you like about CPA? A community I can learn from and a variety of paddle opportunities that I can choose from....I do like paddling solo so finding company is good for me.

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

One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you? I am a Returned Peace Corps volunteer and enjoy still supporting projects in Togo West Africa.

Where do you live: I live in Arlington VA.

Real job: I retired as Deputy CFO of NASA after a 34 year career and now teach as adjunct faculty with The American University's Key Executive Leadership development program.

Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy?: Yes last year I attended a couple semi-regularly.

Number of years paddling?: 8 years paddling but just 3 sea kayaking. I have sailed all my life and I would like to experiment more with kayak sailing.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? Injured my shoulder with my whitewater kayak antics and a friend loaned me his sea kayak to try...

What boat(s) do you paddle? I paddle a NC 17 Quest...a boat made in the Pacific North west. Also have a Pyranha Burn creek boat for my running water explorations.

Rudder or skeg? Neither. A fixed keel design.

Type of paddle used? Euro paddle sometimes but now Aleutian mostly.

Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking? A little white water but nothing much more than level 2 rapids these days...rolling days are over due to injury.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? Bicycling and gardening

How often do you paddle between May and October? Try and get out a couple of times a month

Do any winter paddling? Yes, I get fully geared up in dry suit and try and get out on calm, sunny, no wind winter days whenever I can.

Favorite local paddling location? Jug Bay (Mattaponi Creek), Mattawoman, Eastern Neck NWF refuge, Tuckahoe creek, St George's Island...so many places to explore!

Find more Paddler Profiles on the CPA Webpage at <http://cpakayaker.wpengine.com/about-cpa/community-newsletter/community-newsletter-paddler-profiles/>

Submit your own Paddler Profile by filling out the form at <https://www.cpakayaker.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Paddler-Profile-Form-.docx>

and emailing with a good picture of yourself in kayak mode to news_editor@cpakayaker.com



The 33rd Annual Delmarva Paddlers Retreat is scheduled for October 6-9 at [Camp Arrowhead](#) on the western shore of Rehoboth Bay in Lewes, Delaware. Registration is now open at <https://www.delmarvapaddlersretreat.org/>. While focusing on Greenland and other traditional kayaking skills and gear, the event offers training in a variety of kayaking skills and many other fun activities.

CPA Membership Expands in Summer

Our hot summertime temps and cool water surely create new members. A lot of new faces and kayakers of all sorts turned out for the August 20 **Fall out of Your Boat Day**. Selby Beach was a great location to practice new kayaking skills, and stay cooler in the water doing rescues. Many thanks to our hosts **Jess and Lise Parker** who shared their lovely waterfront community beach and pavilion!

Thanks to everyone who renewed their membership this month including: **Tom M, Dan, Suzanne C, Totch, Mark F, Bob F, Gar and Dr. Carol**. Membership now stands at 603. Congratulations to three new 20-year LIFE MEMBERS: **Tom Malone of Clearwater FL, Tom Heneghan and Bob Fiduk in VA**.

LOTS OF FOLKS visit the CPA Meetup, and more than 2,000 follow the CPA Facebook Page—two great ways to find new events. Where do you want to paddle next? Just ask us to help lead a trip where you want to explore....

Please don't let your membership lapse, otherwise the next issue of **The Chesapeake Paddler** will not be in your email queue. If you renew earlier the extra time is always added onto your current renewal date. It's easy to renew via Pay Pal – do it now: <https://www.cpakayaker.com/membership/>
See ya on the water!

Sue Stevens
Membership Secretary
membership@cpakayaker.com

Upcoming CPA Events

Piracies!! 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.



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 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) and ask how to submit! The CPA Website, it's more than you think!

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 or me at heimlichfamily@comcast.net.

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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