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# **Overnight Assateague Kayaking Trip**

#### By Barbara Southworth

What was great about kayaking camping with Jim Zawlocki and Maxine Mead at Assateague? This version of Jim's almost-annual trip, my first, featured delightful weather, unlike last year's, cancelled unequivocally due to high winds and much rain.

Early Saturday morning the first weekend in May, the pale pink and yellow sunrise sky, Bay and Bridge aglow gave way to eerie fog enveloping towns, farms and forest driving east to the National Seashore's permit office, where the three of us met up. Maxine camped at the State Park Friday evening as per the original plan, while Jim and I, tied to tasks at home later than hoped, enjoyed scant traffic on our separate routes.

True to form, Jim had prepped us well in advance with all we needed to know about permits, the 11-mile out and back route, maps, itinerary, and what to bring, including head nets for legendary mosquitos. We secured back-country permits for the Green Run paddle-in site as soon as the office opened, and launched on a by-then calm, blue-sky day.

Shallow transparent water, unruffled except by our semilanguid strokes, mirrored puffed clouds low on the western horizon, and revealed sponges on the bottom and a skate



zooming by. How very fine too, were the temperatures, warming from low 50's to 70-ish.

A breeze, mostly a headwind, picked up in the afternoon, making us extra glad to make land and explore our home for

the night. Mosquitoes weren't really an issue, courtesy perhaps of that breeze.

Green River, the third in the string of bayside paddle-in sites,



was all ours with a decent privy (if only Kent Island were so equipped) and a picnic table apiece. We spread our gear and pitched tents, then Jim and I headed for the ocean, while Maxine kicked back and held the fort (against no other campers so intrepid.)



2023 Assateague Camper (Barbara Southworth)

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# From the CPA Coordinator

# **Every Paddle is a Practice**

#### Paula Hubbard

It's been a busy start to the paddling season. SK 102 was a success in spite of the weather. I had the pleasure of instructing a great group of students and there was a lot of learning happening that Saturday. So what happens now? The learning won't stick unless it is reinforced by practice. Practicing is easy, but I've heard every excuse for why people don't want to practice. You may not want to practice, but guess what, every time you paddle you are practicing. You can practice good technique, the things you learned in SK 102 or in your last class or you can practice and reinforce your old habits. Guess which one will give you the most im-



provement in your skills.

How can you turn every paddle into a practice? One method is to focus on one thing. Today I'm going to work on my forward stroke, getting the blade out of the water sooner and



not dragging it. Maybe do that for a while, then focus on pushing with your feet. If you are paddling fast, you can do some S turns to slow down focusing on sweep strokes or bow rudders. During breaks work on your draw strokes to raft up.

Use buoys, pilings, docks and natural obstructions to make

precision turns. See if you can weave through pilings, turn around buoys, and sideslip past crab traps. Make your paddles and practices a game to keep it interesting.

When it is hot, you can cool off by doing a wet exit instead of getting out of your boat and then jumping into the water. Find a buddy and practice assisted rescues. Try different self-rescues to see what works the best for you. Make it FUN! Fortunately in CPA you have many experienced paddlers who will help with your practice sessions.

Sometimes the best way to practice is just to mess around in your boat. Try to paddle from the back deck, Can you stand up in your boat, play games, and get wet.

"Believe me my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats." Says ratty to mole in Kenneth Grahame's classic novel 'The Wind in the Willows'.

#### Fall Out of Your Boat Day

There is an ideal time and place to work on your rescue skills. Fall out of Your Boat Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The water is getting warmer and this is your chance to do wet exits, get back into your boat, and just play in a safe and supportive environment. You will have the option of just paddling



(remembering that every paddle is a practice) or working on falling out of your boat and getting back in, or maybe a little of both. I will be there to assist people who are working on rescue skills, and practicing a bit myself.

Make sure you are signed up on Meetup (<a href="https://www.meetup.com/the-chesapeake-paddlers-association/events/289234912/">https://www.meetup.com/the-chesapeake-paddlers-association/events/289234912/</a>) sign a CPA Waiver (<a href="https://www.cpakayaker.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CPA-Waiver-4\_01\_2021.pdf">https://www.cpakayaker.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/CPA-Waiver-4\_01\_2021.pdf</a>) and send it to Bill Smith (<a href="mairied-ma

See you all on the water



Paula Hubbard – CPA Coordinator

### **CPA SKILLS Practice:**

#### **FALL OUT of YOUR BOAT DAY**

CPA returns to the South River - Selby-by-the Bay Community Club house beach.

CPA will be guests at a private community beach for this special skill event. We will have access to the lovely waterfront club house with sandy beaches, restrooms, and grassy



areas under shade trees. There are open areas in the sun for watching the festivities. The club house will hold all in the event of rain.

Please join us for a potluck style lunch 11-2 PM. CPA is providing paper plates, utensils, ice, soda & cold water. Please bring your favorite food/snacks to share: salads, cookies, cupcakes, cold fixings, subs, brownies, wings, desserts all are welcome. This event is limited to the first 78 people registered on the CPA meetup website. This skills opportunity is aimed at CPA Members seeking more open water skills practice.



2022 CPA Fall out of Your Boat— ( Ricardo Stewart)

There will also be on-water activities, and this will be a great time to learn wet exits, rescues, and basic kayaking skills.



For those who already know some rescue skills, this is also a good chance to practice what you learned and learn new techniques. Recently, a lot of people have found the heelhook paddle float self-rescue to be easier than the standard method let's practice!

Several local members will be leading short trips to explore this part of South River & around Turkey Point Island.

There will be Gear Swap trade opportunities: bring any of your leftover kayaking gear/ paddles/ racks/etc.

CPA logo shirts will be available in assorted sizes.

And, of course, it is simply fine to just show up, paddle, and hang out.



( Brian Blankinship)

For event planning purposes an RSVP on the <u>CPA Meetup</u> <u>Page</u> is required to attend this event.

CPA waivers are required to attend. Waivers can be found on CPA website on Trip Policies page or by following this link to CPA-Waiver-4 01 2021.pdf (cpakayaker.com)

#### **Meeting Announcement**

# Spriggs Farm Park Public Meeting 6 pm Wednesday, July 12, 2023

By Lisa Arrasmith

The revised design for Spriggs Farm Park shoreline is set for public review. The meeting is at 6 pm on Wednesday, July



12, 2023 at the Broadneck Public Library Community Meeting Room at 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. The library is off College Parkway in Cape St. Claire. Unfortunately, the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks is no longer offering virtual attendance. We have to go to the library for an in-person presentation. Spriggs Farm Park is the only public water access site on the south shore of the Magothy River. This meeting is important.

Why is going to this meeting important? Two prior designs for Spriggs effectively eliminated public water access at the park. We pushed back and Rec & Parks did a re-design. This meeting is our only chance to review the revised design and make sure that it protects and improves public water access. Most of the attendees at these meetings are usually people who live near the park, who often oppose public water access in the park. Remember Halloween 2015 just after Spriggs Farm Park opened? A private lock was placed on the park gate and a car with a sign on it saying the park was closed was parked in the middle of the road to block access to Spriggs.

Department of Public Works meeting notice: <a href="https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/engineering/meeting-20230712.pdf">https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/engineering/meeting-20230712.pdf</a>

Summary of 2021 meeting: <a href="https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/capital-projects/Projects/spriggs-farm-park-on-the-magothy">https://www.aacounty.org/departments/recreation-parks/capital-projects/Projects/spriggs-farm-park-on-the-magothy</a>

Spriggs Farm Park website: <a href="https://www.aacounty.org/">https://www.aacounty.org/</a> locations-and-directions/spriggs-farm-park-on-the-magothy

See you there.

# FT Smallwood Kayak Launch Cleanup! Friday June 16th 9AM

#### By Lisa Arrasmth

#### **Non-CPA Event**

Green Trust Alliance a locally based nonprofit conservation group, <a href="https://www.greentrustalliance.org">https://www.greentrustalliance.org</a>, partnering with AA County Rec & Parks, has requested kayaker help with a cleanup of the east kayak launch area in Fort Smallwood Park.

This kayak launch was created in 2021 and provides access to the more sheltered Rock Creek. The Green Trust Launch cleanup will clear the area around the launch of invasive plants and pick up trash caught in the <u>phragmites reeds</u>.

The cleanup is on **Friday, June 16, 2023 from 9 am to noon**. Green Trust will provide drinks and snacks and may provide lunch. Green Trust will provide gloves and some tools, though they say volunteers are welcome to bring their own. Post cleanup Green Trust envisions an easy paddle on Rock Creek.

Participating in this targeted cleanup will demonstrate that CPA is willing to help care for the launch sites that we encouraged the county to open.

More information can be found on our <u>CPA Meetup site</u> however this non CPA sponsored event, be sure to register with the greentrust alliance. REGISTER AT THIS EMAIL: halle@greentrustalliance.org NOT ON the MEETUP

# Heads Up for Homeport Farm Park, Spriggs Farm Park, and Jack Creek Park

#### By Lisa Arrasmith

Heads up for Homeport Farm Park, Spriggs Farm Park, Jack Creek Park. Be sure to use the Gate Access Request Form on the Anne Arundel park website to get the gate code every time you use these parks. Ask everyone in your group to do a separate request for the gate code.

Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation & Parks claims that Homeport Farm Park, Spriggs Farm Park and Jack Creek Park are underutilized parks based on the number of gate code requests.



Contact AA County Rec & Parks Website for Access to Car Top Boat Launch (Trotter)

Why does this matter? If Rec & Parks says a park is underutilized, look out! It's a vacant lot waiting for a building. Remember in 2022 Rec & Parks tried to turn Homeport into an athletic facility for two private clubs by sneaking a rowing center through the public boat ramp account. To accurately reflect park usage request the park gate code every time you use one of these parks and ask everyone in your group to do the same.

BTW, a rowing center aka "community boathouse" at Homeport has not been officially ruled out by Rec & Parks. Remember, folks, "community boathouse" is the rowing industry's Trojan Horse for a rowing center.

That's how we lost Jack's Boathouse on the Potomac in Georgetown, that's what's happening with the upcoming Arlington Boathouse on the Potomac in Virginia. Keep your eyes open.

#### Jack Creek Park website:

https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/jack-creek-park

#### **Homeport Farm Park website:**

https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/homeport-farm-park

#### Spriggs Farm Park website:

https://www.aacounty.org/locations-and-directions/spriggs-farm-park-on-the-magothy

#### **Update on Galesville Wharf Construction:**

#### **By Gary Trotter**

Car top canoe and kayaks access to the West River has been greatly enhanced with improvements implemented as part of the <u>Galesville Wharf & Pier Rehabilitation Project P567400</u>. The Galesville Wharf is located on the West River near Tenthouse Creek at 4847 Riverside Drive in Galesville MD.

The Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works at the request of the Department of Recreation and Parks have completed implementation for the major design components of this project. Landscape completion and dates for official ribbon cutting ceremonies TBD.



Major design components of the project included repairs to the existing 160 ft recreation pier; repairs and improvements to the existing 10 car parking lot; and improvements to the soft canoe/kayak launch area.

Parking lot improvements included resurfacing and restriping of the existing 10 spaces with one designated as ADA van accessible. The relocated van accessible ADA space is centered in the parking lot to creates a clear path for cart transport of boats from the parking area, along a resurfaced walking path, to the soft launch. If I am not mistaken the permanent port-a-potty type restroom was relocated outside of the parking area to create space for the ADA van side door access.

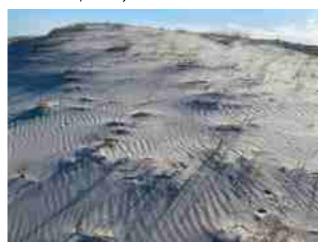
Soft launch improvements included the replacement of sand to create a gentle slope from the newly paved cart path to the water. A stone groin was built for containment of the sand.

The launch and pier are currently available for use, and although I haven't taken a boat to the water, a visual inspection of work completed shows a significant improvement compared to the pre-construction soft launch.

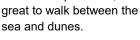
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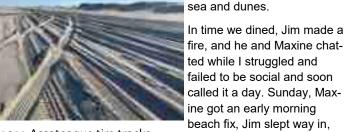
Jim called the walk overland to the ocean "the gauntlet" which anyone who has experienced the island's other mascots besides ponies (did I mention headnets) will understand. The very-smallbut-very-persistent land animals were surprisingly well behaved, causing me to wonder if the insect apocalypse has reached a new inflection point.

We were also surprised by the "life form" that has overtaken the



beach - ORV's, evidenced by super highway looking tracks travelled by high dollar rigs passing intermittently to and fro- much more a thing, than either of us recalled from the past. Still, so





2023 Assateague tire tracks

fire, and he and Maxine chatted while I struggled and failed to be social and soon called it a day. Sunday, Maxine got an early morning beach fix, Jim slept way in, and Maxine and I chilled at

the site, taking our time preparing to depart. Back on the water sometime after noon (very chill) we looked forward to a tail wind. First Jim, than almost Maxine, except for her bright lime CPA top, became distant specks, while I used half my energy to stay on track. So much for the tailwind.

It was grand to be out there with ponies and pines. Mentioning it to someone I learned of some Assateague history, during the era of fly-in hunting and vacation lodges, documented by photographer Allen Sklar. Green Run was the site of the biggest lodge, former site of a Coast Guard station which explains the decrepit building at the landing. Here's a picture: (https://

www.assateaguephotos.com/Other/The-Old-Assateague-Island/i-5Lg6w8f/) This site features lots of fascinating pictures, detailed drawings and captions from memories of those who were there shortly before the National Seashore.

# **Upcoming CPA Events**

# Piracies are back!! Check out the one nearest you, and take time to visit other **locations**

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



Pirates of Patuxent 2023 (Daniel Wells)

events such as trips, classes, Piracy paddles and registration info.



Pirates of Sugarloaf 2023 Riley's Lock (Ricardo Stewart)

All participants should download the updated CPA Waiver before participating in any Club activity.

# Beverly-Triton Ribbon Cutting 2023

#### **Photo by Rich Stevens**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> Bill Smith, Paula Hubbard and others, led a group CPA Paddlers from Mayo Beach Park to the Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the Beverly-Triton Nature Park. The ceremony sponsored by the Anne Arundel Recreation & Parks and was intended to commemorate the opening of a public beach at the Beverly Triton Nature Park. Rick Anthony, former Anne Arundel Recreation & Parks Director and long time advocate for public access to Beverly-Triton Beach, was the guest of honor. Guest speakers and dignitaries in attendance included County Executive Steuart Pittman; current Director of Recreation & Parks, Jessica Leys; Shannon Leadbetter District 7 Council member; and Mike Lofton chairman Public Water Access Committee.



On this beautiful spring day guest speakers celebrated the culmination of forty years of struggle to open the waterfront park in Anne Arundel County. According to a contemporary article in the December 14<sup>th</sup> 1984 Washington Post, the 340-



acre parcel at Beverly-Triton beach was originally purchased, as a passive recreation facility, for \$3.25 Million with federal, state and county funding. For various reasons, including a history of segregation and a tendency of resistance to public park access by some local residents, the park remained

closed to the general public until 2016 when it was reopened as a nature preserve. This summer with the anticipated completion of a \$6 Million project to include a parking lot and bathhouse the beach portion of the park is scheduled to be open to kayakers and swimmers. Rick Hutzell's May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 column in the Baltimore Banner "At long last, a oncesegregated beach reopens on the Chesapeake Bay" documents a more complete history of this public park.



Our own photo journalist Rich Stevens documented this event with photos graciously shared in Google Photos: <u>Beverly-Triton Ribbon Cutting 2023 - Google Photos</u>

CPA acknowledges efforts of Lisa Arrasmith and other members for 10 years of dedication to this project.





# Elk Neck Camper 2023

#### **Photo By Ralph Heimlich**

Nice three days of paddling from Elk Neck SP. The weather was better than we deserved, given the forecast. Dinner out at the Nauti Goose in North East because we expected rain (which didn't materialize). Paddled 5 miles on Friday PM at Northeast Beach in the park, 13.74 miles from Perryville Community Park (Stump Point) on Saturday, and about 6 from North East Community Park on Sunday. Many thanks to all who participated. The rest of my pics online at <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/uqtl\_tnFH14GSGKeE">https://photos.app.goo.gl/uqtl\_tnFH14GSGKeE</a>











#### **Paddler Profile:**

#### Meet Gregory Pokrywka MD, aka "Wudder-Dawg

**Lives in:** Odenton MD, Tho most of time spent working in Towson MD!



Real job: Gregory S Pokrywka MD FACP FNLA FASPC NCMP

National Lipid Association (NLA) Lipid Specialist. Prevention of Cardio Metabolic Disease and Women's Menopausal Health. <a href="https://www.BaltimoreLipidCenter.com">www.BaltimoreLipidCenter.com</a>!

**Do you regularly attend a CPA Piracy?** Wish I could but limited by time and other activities.

Number of years paddling? Since 2008.

How did you get involved in sea kayaking? Started out with 8' rec boat joined CPA and WEKC because I realized I had no idea what I was doing, and I wasn't doing things safely!

What boat do you paddle? P&H Cetus.

Rudder or skeq? Skeq, of course!

Type of paddle used: GearLab Kalleq.

Do you do any other paddling than sea kayaking? Nope.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? Spend a lot of time organizing and leading trips for the area's most active Sea-kayaking club, the WatersEdge Kayak Club Meetup, which I have led for ~ 10 years now. Spend ~ 5 hours /week training in the gym. It's The key to living a long and healthy life. Also "herp" (reptiles and amphibians), ski, hike/ruck, camp and travel! Activities limited by working ~ 80 hours/week! Fearless advocate of making outdoor activities

available not only to retired/nonworking folks, but to the rest of us who work full-time!

How often do you paddle between May and October? Twice/week at least!

**Do any winter paddling?** I lead more public winter paddles than anyone else in this area that I am aware of (there are private "cliques "of paddlers apparently doing winter paddling also)

**Favorite local paddling location?** Smith Island! It's 'pure magic. I now lead expeditions out there at least twice/year.

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why? My first experience was at Canton launch 2008. I told the Leader I used a skirt and had never done a wet exit. He ordered me to do one right there at the yucky /filthy launch site. He said 'because you seem like a good Dude, you can keep your mouth closed under-water! I will never forget it (Boy, has the Baltimore Harbor been cleaned up since then!)

Coolest paddling trip you've ever been on anywhere and why? Smith Island / Maine (Stonington)/ Alaska (Kenai)/ San Juan Islands kayaking with the Orca. Shear natural beauty and remoteness.

Scariest/most dangerous paddling trip/incident and why? The first paddle ever was in rec boat solo to Hart Miller. Trapped by storm and boat almost filled up and sank with rainwater. Motivated me to join CPA and WEKC!

**Bucket list trips?** Europe, back to Alaska! Participate more in retirement (If I live to it!) in public advocacy for public kayaking access in the Baltimore area.

Three things you like most about paddling. Being with nature, the People I've met and befriended. WEKC is my "tribe"!

What do you like about CPA? Learning new skills form others, and the instructional classes.

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

One unusual non-paddling thing we'd be surprised to know about you. Despite my prudent diet, I am in love with chocolate peanut butter ice cream, and now know virtually every creamery on the Eastern Shore by heart!

#### Wanted: More Paddler Profiles

Paddler Profiles are a newsletter feature designed to feature...YOU! We'd like to know more about CPA members and this is your chance to tell us more about your paddling experience, what draws you to the water and what else is going on in your life.

Just fill out the few simple questions <u>here</u> and <u>send us</u> a recent photo of you in paddling mode. We'll do the rest, and soon all your CPA paddling buddles will know more about you.

For a complete roster of past Paddler Profiles, see the CPA Website here.

## **Local Non-CPA Events:**

#### Kiptopeke Sea Kayaking Symposium

By Rick Wiebush

Registration for the 11th Annual Kiptopeke Sea Kayaking



Symposium (KSKS), September 22 - 24, 2023, is now open. As those of you who have been there before know, it is a fabulous event. Those of you who haven't been there need to come and find out why paddlers talk about this event so glowingly.

- Great weekend.. my skill set and confidence has been exponentially expanded.. Thank you.
- Never had so much fun feeling like I was just mugged. What an event - everything was perfect, weather, lodging, company. I rate it 10's across the board.
- •(What I liked best was) the quality of the instruction .... I really enjoyed the camaraderie encouraged by staying in the lodges together and by meeting challenges together, etc. I was so glad there were paddlers of all levels. EVERYONE WAS SO FRIENDLY!

As always, there are courses for all skill levels from novice to very advanced. Coaches come from all over the east coast to teach at Kiptopeke. They include Dale Williams and Kathryn Lapolla from GA, Jeff Atkins, Ashley Brown and Bev Coslett from SC, James Kesterson from NC, Rick Wiebush, Paula Hubbard and Laurie Collins from MD, Brian Blankinship and Tom Suppan from VA, as well as Drew Trousdell (FL), Chris

Raab (NJ) and Mike Cavanaugh (NY).

There are several new courses this year including Reading the Water (Dale Williams), a tough circumnavigation of Fisherman's Island (Drew Trousdell), a couple of Ashley's creative maneuvering and rescue courses, and a new series of Teach and Trek courses that will be run by Rick, Kathryn, Laurie, and Tom. Plus, we are again offering past favorites like Wreckage in the Wave Train (Jeff, Ashley) and Redpoint (James Kesterson), Intro to Surf (Drew, Laurie, Bev) and Women's Strategies (Paula Hubbard). And, rolling, rolling





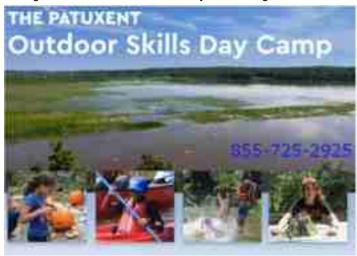
and more rolling!

This is a not a CPA sponsored event.

For More Information you can access course descriptions and the registration form through the Cross Currents website: Cross Currents Sea Kayaking | Kiptopeke Symposium

Patuxent Riverkeeper wants to mentor young River "keepers".

Join a unique youth experience next to the Patuxent River celebrating nature and the Patuxent ecosystem through a multi-ethnic,



multi-cultural week-long experience! Welcoming children from all walks from ages 10–16 years old. Our special focus is on drawing environmental knowledge and wisdom from many walks—including indigenous, African-American, and other less served and less empowered communities. Our daily theme is "mentoring in nature" and we have recruited a team of skilled adult mentors to work with our kids who will learn to fish, navigate with a compass, tie knots, foraging for native plants, explore nature crafts, archeology, geology, drumming, yoga, backpacking, birding, wildlife tracking, and much more. Each day a new adventure, and new things to learn about being competent and at home in nature as well as good stewards too.

Camps run from 9am until 4pm Monday through Friday with three 2023 sessions:

June: 26th-30th July: 17th-21st

August: July 31st-August 4th

For more information, Email us at: info@paxriverkeeper.org

Where: Patuxent Riverkeeper • <a href="www.paxriverkeeper.org">www.paxriverkeeper.org</a>

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\*A project of Patuxent Riverkeeper, Spring of Light and other partner

#### In Case you Missed it:

## **Baltimore County Government**

May 9 at 2:54 PM

Happy ribbon cutting of the County's FIRST substantial boat ramp project in fifteen years, as well as the construction of the first canoe/kayak soft launch at Merritt Point Park - 7710 Dunmanway, Dundalk, MD!

The new double boat ramp provides enhanced accessibility for residents & this first soft launch for kayaks and canoes improves access for a wide range of water and paddle sports!

Thanks for the support, <u>Maryland Department of Natural</u> Resources.

There is no fee to access Merritt Point Park, or for the use of the ramp or launch facilities.

https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/parks-directory/merritt-point-park



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Merit Point Park Boat Ramp



Merit Point Park—Canoe Kayak Soft Ramp Right of Pier

#### 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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