

CPA Paddler Profiles ~ Lucy Chen Turner and Roy Turner

Interview by Rick Wiebush

Name: Lucy Chen Turner and Roy Turner

Lives in: Clarksville, Maryland

Real job:

Lucy: Department of State, IT Program Manager

Roy: Department of Agriculture, Agronomist

Member of a Piracy? Plan to paddle with Pier 7 Piracy Paddlers.

Paddling Buddies: Michael Aaby

Number years paddling: Two

How did you get involved in kayaking? We built a skin-on-frame kayak with Cape Falcon Kayak and figured that we needed to learn how to paddle them.

How did you learn to sea kayak? We took a couple of lessons with Potomac Paddlesports and a few private rolling lessons with CPA member Julio Perez during the winter.

Any formal training or ACA/BCU certifications: No

Boat usually paddled: We paddle yellow skin-on-frame kayaks (F1 design). They are 14 feet long and 23 inches wide. The framework is made out of western red cedar, the skin is 9 ounce ballistic nylon and coated with two-part polyurethane. The F1 is designed by Brian Schulz. His design was inspired by the Mariner Coaster, using Inuit hunting kayak technology.

Type paddle used: Greenland

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking? Canoe, but it has been a while since we paddled our canoe.

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities? We love bike riding, enjoy long trips such as the Allegheny passage and C&O Canal (Pittsburgh to Washington, DC). We like rides such as the Seagull Century, Bay to Bay rides and Tour Du Port. We like skiing Colorado. Our empty nest has led us to our newest venture, beekeeping.

How often do you paddle in summer? We paddle two to three times a week.

Do any winter paddling? Not yet. **Go to pool sessions?** We go to the Catonsville YMCA, Goucher College and Laurel pool sessions.

Favorite local paddling location: Rocky Gorge Reservoir

Favorite non-local location: Potomac and C&O Canal

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why: Delaware Bay because we got to test the kayaks we built for the first time. First we could not believe we built a boat, and second, they handled beautifully! It was the start of a great hobby!

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why:

Lucy: Getting trapped under my boat at the pool.

Roy: I fear having to wet exit in open water then having a flooded boat out there.

Bucket list trips: Don't have a bucket list trip but would love to paddle many places such as Newfoundland, San Juan Islands, the Panama Canal and the Everglades.

Three things you like most about paddling?

It can be relaxing.

It can be challenging.

Something we can have fun doing together.

What do you like about CPA? It is a great source of information, and people are always willing to help others.

One thing other people find interesting about you: We love to travel and spend time with our grown up kids.

