

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.