

Paddler Profile: Susan Green

Lives in : Washington, DC

Real job: Retired lawyer; newly minted photographer

Do you Regularly Attend a Piracy? I am an intermittent member of both POG and POSL

Number of years

paddling: Eleven

How did you get

involved in sea

kayaking? A friend suggested we rent kayaks at Fletchers and go up the canal one Sunday. I loved experiencing the canal from that vantage point but wanted to be able to paddle in more interesting and challenging environments. As I started to expand my kayaking destinations to the Potomac, the Patuxent, and other places nearby, I realized that I would need to

learn to paddle correctly and also to purchase a kayak. Brian Blankenship provided my friends and me our first lesson and, after attending a boat demo day, I started looking for a Tempest 165. I purchased my kayak in the summer of 2006 and I've never looked back! It's still my only boat.

What boats do you paddle? Wilderness Systems/ 165 Pro (Kevlar composite)/ Blue over White

Rudder or skeg? Skeg

Type paddle used: Mostly Greenland but still use my Euroblade for surf.

Do you do any other type of paddling besides sea kayaking ? No

Do you regularly do any other outdoor activities ? I cycle and hike regularly

How often on average (per week or month) do you paddle in summer between May and October? At least twice a week.

Do you do any winter paddling? Mostly pool sessions for skills practice

Favorite local paddling location: Thomas Point Lighthouse

Favorite CPA trip you've ever been on and why: Ralph Heimlich's Fall Chichominy trip. I've attended this trip a number of times. The state park where we camp is lovely, the beastly heat of the summer is over, and there are any number of paddles that can be taken from



the landing there. There is also sightseeing to be had at nearby Jamestown.

Best paddling trip/experience ever and why ? I greatly enjoyed paddling in the environs of Tangier Island a few years ago. The

expansive vista during the open water crossing to Watts Island from Tangier was impressive. It felt a bit like being in the desert -- with endless water and sky. The island and its people are unique. I hadn't had the chance to experience that type of island culture before.

Scariest/most dangerous trip/experience and why ?

Thanks to safety-conscious CPA trip leaders, I haven't had the misfortune of being on a scary or dangerous CPA trip

Bucket list trip(s):

Alaska, Norway, Pine Barrens. There are so many places I want to paddle!

Three things you like most about paddling? I love being outdoors, it's peaceful, and I love seeing the wildlife.

What do you like about CPA? I like that the club is run by a team of incredibly generous and talented volunteers. I also appreciate the emphasis on safety.

One unusual, non-paddling thing other people find interesting about you:

You would have to ask them. However, I never graduated from high school. ♠

Do you know a paddler who would make an interesting profile? Contact Bob Browning at: BBBrowning43@verizon.net