

Chesapeake Paddler



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Nominations for CPA Officers Due

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. This year, in addition to balloting at the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 7** Nominate someone who you think will help play an active role over the next year to vote on issues, create fun activities, and keep the participation of the club lively through 2011. The descriptions of the officers in our By-Laws read:

The Steering Committee. The property and business of the club shall be managed under the direction of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee will make all decisions about operational activities of the club, unless specified otherwise in these bylaws. As a rule, routine decisions about specific club activities will be the responsibility of the individuals managing those activities, but they may be overridden by the Steering Committee if needed. The Steering Committee will determine which events are to be considered official CPA activities. If appropriate, it may set standards for such determinations so that it need not consider each activity, and it may then delegate to individual club members the responsibility for applying those standards to determine whether specific activities are official CPA activities.

The Coordinator shall have overall responsibility for administration of the club and will be a primary point of contact for the club. S/he

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Lisa and Maryrose Take Manhattan

By Maryrose Whelley

On August 28, Lisa Arrasmith and I joined a group making the second Manhattan Circumnavigation for 2010. This paddle was coordinated by members of the Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club with help from the Downtown Boathouse. A third CPA paddler, Mike Free, Pirate Captain for Pirates of the North, also joined the paddle. Mike drove in from New Jersey early on Saturday morning. Lisa and I car-pooled up on Friday and shared a room at the 1920s- vintage Y at 5 W 63rd St. All of three of us completed the entire paddle. Thanks to everyone who lent equipment, training support, and moral support. I really appreciate every bit of it.

The paddle was a great experience with a group of very nice people. The trip planners and leaders have done this trip enough to know how to maximize the pleasure and minimize the problems. There were 20 kayaks: 2 tandems and 18 singles. We launched from pier 40 (at Houston St and the Hudson River) at 8:30 AM and were back at the same pier by 6 PM traveling counter clockwise some 31 miles around Manhattan. We had two long rests totaling 3 hours where we got out of our kayaks to wait for the tide. We had another 30 minutes of rests to regroup and/or wait for other larger boats.



Maryrose in the Big Apple photo by Danielle Scarpazza

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The kayaking pod paddled rounded the Battery and let the fast currents of the East River carry us north. There was some chop at the Williamsburg Bridge on an otherwise calm and brilliant August day. Once on the other side of Manhattan, we crossed under the Manhattan Bridge and headed for our first rest stop at Hallet's Cove in Queens on the East River—opposite Manhattan and the northern tip of Roosevelt Island.

We relaxed with other paddlers next door at Socrates Sculpture Park. Here we waited until the tide would be slack at Hell's Gate, where we could cross the treacherous body of water peacefully and avoid the whirlpools and the confusing and strong currents for which it is infamous.



Lisa approaching the Brooklyn Bridge *photo by David Gottlieb*



David Gottlieb and I dancing on the dock at the Peter Sharpe floating boat house to the salsa music coming from the park across the Harlem River *photo by David Gottlieb*

The Harlem River took us north to Inwood and the floating Peter Sharpe Boathouse, built by Bette Midler's non-profit organization, NY Restoration Project. Here we had our second lunch before returning to our kayaks.

About a mile north, we turned west and paddled through the Spuyten Duyvel channel at the northern tip of Manhattan. Crossing under the low railroad bridge we returned to the Hudson River. Heading south, we were dwarfed beneath the last, and most beautiful bridge (George Washington), as we made our way back to Pier 40, where we had begun our circumnavigation of Manhattan Island.

Thanks to Jerry Blackstone and Steve Blumling for organizing yet another successful circumnavigation of Manhattan Island. Thanks to Victor Gonzales for volunteering to be ground support and taking care of our one sick paddler.

Links to pictures from various participants:

Todd Patton: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=67084&id=1036443310>

Carol Shahini: <http://share.shutterfly.com/action/welcome?sid=0lcMmrFqzasXgA>

Lisa Arrasmith: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=2079487&id=1354063519&l=54a4b3ec3d>

David Gottlieb: http://web.me.com/david_gottlieb/DG/Manhattan_Circ_2_%282010%29_Photos.html

Daniele Scarpazza: <http://picasaweb.google.com/dpscarpazza/20100828ManhattanCirc#>

CPA Annual Meeting, Sunday November 7 Save the Date



The CPA Annual Meeting will once again be held in College Park, MD, on Sunday, November 7, 2010. There will be a pre-meeting paddle from Bladensburg Park and the meeting will begin with a pot-luck and pizza lunch. Elections will be held and important business before the club will be discussed. Purchase CPA logowear shirts, stickers, patches, and other stuff. Open Air Wear will overrun sports wear items at deep discount. Come and enjoy the food and meet your fellow CPA paddlers wearing clothes that aren't neoprene. Imagine guys without skirts and girls wearing them! Find out why this room has RED walls. PARTICIPATE.