



MAPA Newsletter

Mid-Atlantic Paddler's Association
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Members & friends invited to the Bennett's Creek Bash & Membership Meeting

Bennett's Creek is Sunday, April 7th at Bennett's Creek Park in Suffolk. Check-in at 8am with race start at 9am. All boat types and SUPs are welcome. Bring a dish to share for the post-race cookout. Membership meeting and Board elections will take place during lunch.



2019 Local Races

- March 20, St Paddy's Day KIS race, Newmarket Creek, Hampton
- April 7, Bennett's Creek Bash, Bennett's Creek, Suffolk
- April 17, Bennett's Creek KIS race, Suffolk
- April 27, Smithfield KIS race, Smithfield
- May 5, Scout Races, Nike Park, Isle of Wight County
- August 3, Paddle for the Bay, Ocean View, Norfolk
- September 1, Chickahominy Challenge, Lanexa
- October 6, Seaford Challenge, York County

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BECOME A MEMBER

Basic - individual \$20;
family \$30; military or
student \$10

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OUTRIGGER

individual \$50; family
\$75 (includes Basic
MAPA membership)

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PAYPAL

Send via PayPal "send
money to friends or
family" to
Canoe_Dude@cox.net

MAPA Events



Bennett's Creek
Sunday, April 7



Paddle for the Bay
Saturday, Aug 3



Chickahominy Challenge
Sunday, Sep 1

Register via
PaddleGuru.com

MAPA practices

There are paddling opportunities nearly every day of the week except Monday and Saturday. OC-6 at Hampton University Tuesday and Thursday at 5 pm, and Sundays at 3pm. Sunday morning at 7:30 at Bennet's Creek, and at Windsor Castle Park. Wednesday at Bennett's Creek at 3:30, and at Newmarket Creek at 4:30.

Distance Practices

April 27 KIS race in Smithfield will have a 10 mile option. War stories were told about an epic paddle on the North Anna river last year.



Outrigger Races (selection of various ECORA and other sponsored races)

1. June 1, 2019 Bay Bridge Paddle Annapolis, MD
2. June 15, 2019 Monumental Canoe Race Washington, DC
3. July 13, 20 19 Blackburn Challenge Gloucester, MA
4. September 1, 2019 Chickahominy Challenge Lanexa, VA (MAPA-organized)
5. October 13, 2019 Molokai Hoe Molokai, HI
6. October 6, 2019 Seaford Challenge Seaford, VA (MAPA-organized)

Races in Other Places

1. April 13, 2019 Kumo' Ou, Washington Canoe Club, Washington, D.C.
2. April 28, 2019 Run of the Charles Boston, MA
3. May 25 – 27, 2019 General Clinton Canoe Regatta Cooperstown, NY
4. July 13, 20 19 Blackburn Challenge Gloucester, MA
5. July 27 & 28, 2019 Ausable River Canoe Marathon Grayling, MI
6. Aug 8 – 11, 2019 USCA Nationals Warren, PA
7. Aug 2020 USCA Nationals Newaygo, MI

President's Corner

The end of the winter paddling season with its neoprene, drysuits and heavy layers is finally in sight! MAPA Officers and BOD have been busy this winter and we have a lot to pass on for MAPA members and followers. I think we're ready to stop sitting at our computers and get on the water!

Here's a quick look at what's in store for 2019...

Website - A few weeks ago Rusty learned our old website host (e-teamz) is in the process of shutting down, so he immediately started researching new options and found a new host and platform. After a quick juggling act, he was able to redirect our web address and get the ball rolling for our new site. Since then, Rusty, Susie and I have been scrambling to learn the new platform and set up our site with a new, updated look. We still have more to work on, but several parts are up and running. Enjoy Susie's video on the header while checking out MAPA history, list of put-ins we commonly use, info about how to join or renew memberships and our race schedules. We're trying to develop the website as a resource for race info, currently there are menus for MAPA races, Outrigger Races, and "races in other places". If anyone has a race they want added send me the info and I'll add when possible. Visit the website at www.mapa1.net.

Races - the first day of spring is only a few short weeks away which means it's time for the St. Patty's Day, 3rd Wed, 1st day of spring KIS race at Newmarket Creek! After the St. Patty's Day KIS race, our next race is the Bennett's Creek Bash and annual membership meeting at Bennett's Creek on April 7th. Details coming soon from Rusty.

Dues - It's that time of year again! We've tried to make it easy and give everyone options for paying dues. Check the website for info about using PayPal, sending checks, or paying at the Bennett's Creek Bash, and what you get for being a member. One of the many benefits is having a say in how the club is run by joining the club's leadership and being able to vote in the election...

Elections - MAPA Officers and Board members are on two-year cycles, with half of the officers and BOD ending terms each year. This year the Vice President (Tim), Treasurer (Rusty), and two of the Board Members (Jim F. & one "open") terms will end. Nominations for these positions can be sent to me (VicSorensen@gmail.com). If nominating someone, please check with the person to be sure they want the position. Nominations will be accepted until March 31st and the election will be held April 7th at the Bennett's Creek Bash.

Practices - The practice schedule is getting full! There are practices "scheduled" almost every day so check the schedule on the website and watch for updates on Facebook. Find something that fits your paddling goals and time, and join us welcoming spring and our prime paddling season. Last minute changes and practice plans will usually be posted on Facebook, if you plan on paddling and want company post it on Facebook!

I look forward to seeing everyone on the water... paddle safe, paddle often & paddle hard!

Vic

MAPA Membership

Membership dues are typically paid before the Spring/Summer season begins. MAPA dues can now be paid online via www.PayPal.com. Using PayPal, send money to Mid-Atlantic Paddlers Assoc. via email address: Canoe_Dude@cox.net. Use the "Send money to friends or family" option, enter the Dues amount, and then enter the membership type you desire in the "Add a note" block. See information on membership types in the next paragraph. There is no fee if you send money from your bank and make sure NOT to check the box for "Paying for Goods or Services". There is a small fee for using your credit card.



Dues:

"Basic" MAPA membership - individual \$20, family \$30, individual Military or Student \$10

"Outrigger" - individual \$50, family \$75, (includes "Basic" MAPA membership)

Membership includes the following: 1) ACA membership at a reduced rate (PAC discount) via ACA website; 2) rent club boats for nominal \$5/month charge; 3) free entry to monthly and special MAPA KIS (Keep It Simple) Races; 4) reduced entry fee for at least three other local races; 5) Quarterly Newsletter; 6) Monthly Practice schedules; 7) Race calendar; and 8) discount at several local outfitter shops.

MAPA can benefit from your purchases on Amazon

Using smile.amazon.com, you can add Mid-Atlantic Paddlers Association as your charity of choice. For every purchase, MAPA receives a 0.5% of purchase donation from Amazon.

MAPA Work Party - March 17

Paddle, repair boats, and share potluck lunch at Jim Perry's farm.

2019 MAPA Board of Directors

A Call for Nominations for these Positions

Open Positions: Vice President, Treasurer, and two At-Large positions

Terms are April 2019 through March 2021

Send Nominations to Vic, VicSorensen@gmail.com