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*The West/Rhode Riverkeeper Announce the  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West & Rhode River Kayak Race & Fun Paddle*

Shady Side, MD, March 6, 2008 — The West/Rhode Riverkeeper announces the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *West/Rhode River Kayak Race & Fun Paddle & Wade-In* to be held in conjunction with the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center Open House to be held on Saturday, **May 17, 2008**. Join your community in this celebration of the West/Rhode Rivers.

The Kayak Race and Fun Paddle will be supported by Chesapeake Paddlers Association. Two paddling courses have been planned to include paddlers of all levels. The 4 mile Kayak Race will start at Discovery Village at 9:00 am and finish at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (S.E.R.C.). The 2 mile “Fun Paddle” will start at Camp Letts in Edgewater at 9:30 am and finish at S.E.R.C. Kayaks are available to borrow. The awards presentation for the races will take place at approximately 11:30 a.m. presented by Riverkeeper, Bob Gallagher. The race sponsor, Eastern Mountain Sports (E.M.S.) will be on hand at the Finish Line in the E.M.S. tent to visit with all participants.

The West/Rhode Riverkeeper Annual Wade-In will follow the races at 11:00 am. The SERC Open House goes from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30. There is a race entry fee of \$10.00 for members of West/Rhode Riverkeeper or Chesapeake Paddlers Association and \$15.00 for non-members. Please register early, spaces are limited. For a registration form and additional information on the Kayak Races and Wade-In go to: [www.westrhoderiverkeeper.org](http://www.westrhoderiverkeeper.org) or contact Amy Colhoun, 410-507-6028. For information on the S.E.R.C. Open House go to: [www.serc.si.edu](http://www.serc.si.edu) or call 301.238.2737.

*West/Rhode Riverkeeper, Inc., is a community-supported conservation organization affiliated with the Waterkeeper Alliance. We focus on enforcement of environmental laws by patrolling the rivers to identify and stop illegal sources of pollution and we hold those responsible accountable. We work to reduce legal pollution through advocacy, education and restoration of habitat.*