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POTOMAC RIVERKEEPER NETWORK LAUNCHES THE *SEA DOG*

*Vessel Will be Floating Lab, Enhance Capability to Patrol, Monitor Water
Quality and Bacterial Levels*

Washington, D.C. – March 19– Potomac Riverkeeper Network (PRKN) today launched the *Sea Dog*, a 42 foot Chesapeake Deadrise, which will enhance PRKN's capability to protect and defend the Potomac River and be used to patrol, to do water quality monitoring, and to be a floating classroom for environmental education.

Nancy Stoner, PRKN president said, "A Riverkeeper is the eyes and ears and voice for the river that he or she works to protect. A key part of the job is patrolling the river, identifying pollution sources, and then working to stop the pollution. Potomac Riverkeeper Network is so fortunate to have this new resource thanks to an extremely generous donation by retired Admiral J. Paul Reason and his wife Dianne."

Stoner continued, "We are also grateful to the Peterson family. The biggest expense for a large boat like this is where to dock it. And boat slips on the Potomac are expensive. The Petersons own National Harbor, which has a marina with a currently vacant slip large enough for Sea Dog. Another match made in heaven. The Petersons, also great supporters for river conservation, donated a slip for the next year, and we were in business.

"So, now it's ours, and we plan to make the most of it. We are so excited about the programming that we can do with it to show off our greatest asset – the Potomac River – and to step our efforts to find and stop pollution so that the river and everyone who uses it can thrive."

About Potomac Riverkeeper Network

Potomac Riverkeeper Network is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization with three regional Waterkeeper branches: Potomac Riverkeeper, Upper Potomac Riverkeeper, and Shenandoah Riverkeeper. Our mission is to protect the public's right to clean water in our rivers and streams. We stop pollution to promote safe drinking water, protect healthy habitats, and enhance public use and enjoyment.

For more information, visit [our website](http://ourwebsite.org).

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