ACTIVITY FOR LOCALS TO TRY
CAPTAIN BARRY’S BAY CRUISE
Captain Barry’s Bay Cruise out of Chincoteague is the most entertaining eco-tour around. Blowing on a conch shell as his pontoon boat passes a waterfront bar, he pulls up his crab traps to see what’s in them, and hops in the saltmarsh to look for squiggly stuff. A lot of it’s show for the kids, but even locals will learn something from this energetic, water-loving captain with a Manhattan accent. 757-336-6508, www.captainbarry.bigstep.com

REaders’ Choice

Best outdoor festival:
Town Point Virginia Wine Festival, Norfolk

Best golf course:
Cypress Point Golf Club, Virginia Beach

Best place for kids:
The Children’s Museum of Virginia, Portsmouth

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
THE MUSE—WRITING STUDIO AND WORKSHOPS
Have an itch to put your great American novel down on paper? The Muse can help break through that bit of writers block with workshops for new writers and graduate-level-type studios for seasoned professionals, as well as one-on-one consultations. The Muse offers guidance in creative nonfiction, fiction, memoir, poetry, screenwriting, spiritual writing and more. Class sizes are small and limited, so sign up early. If your inner author hesitates and you just want to get your feet—er, hands—wet, The Muse also holds readings, performances and open houses for the public.

WAY TO GET OUT ON THE WATER
KAYAK FISHING
In their quest to find more creative ways to hook up with the Chesapeake Bay’s ever-elusive species, local anglers are turning to, well, lighter tackle. Kayak fishing is quickly becoming a popular way to enjoy the region’s aquatic resources. Dropping a line from a one-person