

CCBA Long Cruise 2021

The Lower Islands of the Potomac

or

To St. Clement's and back again

September 18 - 25

After a fantastic destination-based cruise last year, this year we're going for maximum time on the water with an adventure to and up the Potomac reaching the birthplace of Maryland where the *Ark* and the *Dove* landed in the spring of 1634; St. Clement's Island.

Marc Cruder, our Cruise Commander is taking a well-deserved hiatus from herding cats this year and has appointed a committee of volunteers to do this year's planning in his stead. He suggested a trip south to the islands of the lower Potomac after last year's trip north.

After a reconnaissance trip, it was determined to drop Cobb Island off the itinerary. As one committee member put it "It would be a snooze". When scouting for a party of a dozen it's best to avoid those.

To make the distance down and back between weekends, a couple longish days have been set on the run south while we're still fresh. An additional day has been added to the return trip. In all, it's three days down, two on the river and two or three back depending on your preference. While the itinerary is firm, there will be flexibility for weather conditions. Better to have fun than be a slave to a plan.

There are also plenty of opportunities for trailer sailors to drop in and for those who'd like to join us for a day or more either with your boat or as crew. We'd love to have our brethren from the south join us for at least part of the cruise. Also, there is opportunity for our friends ashore to join us in Solomons for a get together.

So here it is;

Locations are listed as the day's destination. Mileages are approximate as determined by software so those will vary. Marinas are listed as suggestions for overnights and/or provisioning. Anchoring is always an option. Those who wish to get a slip, please make their own reservations.

Day 1 – Saturday, Sept 18; Dun Cove

On Harris creek off the Choptank, 38°44'N, 76°19'W

Anchorage, no services

Day 2 – Sunday, Sept 19; Commodore Flesner's Riverside Resort - 37nm

On St. Leonard Creek off of the Patuxent river approx. 8nm above Solomon's
38°7'N, 76°29'W

Day 3 - Monday, Sept 20; Smith Creek – 37nm
Just inside the Potomac, 38°7'N, 76°24'W
Point Lookout Marina 301-872-5000
All services, restaurant nearby

Day 4 – Tuesday, Sept 21; St. Clement's Island – 22nm
St. Patrick's Creek off St. Clement's Bay 38°14'N, 76°45'W
Colton's Point Marina – 301-769-3121
All services, no restaurant

Alternate anchorage at Canoe Neck Creek, 1.5nm north
Frank Morris Point restaurant?? 301-769-2500

Day 5 – Wednesday, Sept. 22; Coan River, VA – 23nm
Off the Potomac 37°59'N, 76° 28'W
Lewissetta Marina 804-529-7299
Basic services
Look for the *Black Panther*.

Day 6 – Thursday, Sept. 23; Solomon's – 30nm
Off the Patuxent 38° 19'N, 76° 27'W
All services
Spring Cove Marina 410-326-2161, Back creek
All services, restaurant

Day 7 – Friday, Sept. 24; Hudson Creek – 25nm
North side of Little Choptank 38°33.5', 76° 15'
Anchorage only
Or
Home – 40nm to Hartge or Island View.

Day 8 – Saturday, Sept, 25; Home – 32nm to Hartge or Island View

VHF Channel 72 is the preferred coms channel. Please chime-in at noon and 5pm as a status check.

Butch Miller is the contact for the cruise. Feel free to call or email for any questions, concerns or further details. Please be sure to let him know if you're coming.

We're looking forward to a fantastic time. Hope you can join us.

Your 2021 Cruise Committee,
Butch, Fred and Phil