



CDSOA Chesapeake Fleet

2007 Cruise Schedule

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The Chesapeake Fleet plans three one-week cruises this summer. All start in the Annapolis, Maryland area and are designed as short, easy cruising, equally well suited for a vacation or a sailor relatively new to cruising. Boats of all sizes are welcome and we anticipate several outboard powered sailboats coming and hope to see more this year.

ONE NIGHT STANDS

We know that many people have trouble getting away for a whole week, so we particularly invite crews that can only come for an overnight or a weekend. If you are a CDSOA member, but haven't been on a cruise, you will feel at home with everyone very quickly. We find almost all of the boats that join us for a tryout wind up becoming regulars on our cruises.

DOES SIZE MATTER?

In the last few years, we have been seeing more boats under 30 feet on our cruises and hope for even more this year. We get a great mix of sailors, with always somebody that I can learn from and always someone to give advice or help with a problem. We always seem to have one day where a motley crew goes from boat to boat, hoisting crew to the top of the mast—something that is much easier with many hands. If you are a fan of *'Yard Talk'* and would like a tour of "Acadia", the boat featured in most of the articles, please join us.

TRANSIENTS WELCOME

We know that many people have heard of the wonderful cruising on Chesapeake Bay and cruise from their home ports to the Bay. If you plan to cruise on the Bay, please plan to join us for part or all of a cruise. It can be a great way to learn cruising locations and secrets from people that have cruised the Bay for decades. A word of warning though, one couple planned to join us for only one night but enjoyed the cruise so much that they stayed with us practically the whole cruise and started talking about moving their boat to the Bay. If you know of any non-CDSOA boaters with a Cape Dory, invite them to join us as a try-out. We also know of at least one boat that invited non-boat owners to crew on one of our cruises . . .and then had the crew go out and buy a Cape Dory.

ONE OF THE ENTIRE CATALOG

A goal this year is to see how close we can come to having at least one of every type of Cape Dory sailboat made participate in one of our cruises this summer. At the present time we have at least the possibility of having the following types participate:

36, 33, 330, 30, 30 Motorsailer, 27, 25(outboard), 14, and 7. (Yes, there is a Cape Dory 14 and a Cape Dory 7!). We particularly need a 22 and a Typhoon. I've seen a Typhoon overnighing in Jewel Cove in Maine and I won't admit that Chesapeake Bay sailors aren't as tough—but if you prefer, contact me and we'll get you a bunk on one of the other boats. We're particularly looking for some of the more obscure boats. We need, for instance a 30 Ketch. Also, I've heard of, but never seen a 36 Ketch or a 22.

THE BEST RESTAURANT IN TOWN

For the last few years, we have been doing group meals in the evenings. One boat (or two, if we have a lot of boats) supplies the main course; every other boat brings a side dish such as salad, vegetable, or appetizer. Dishes should be large enough to feed 8-10 people. We preplan the first night with a few boats that will arrive early. The rest of the boats needn't provide anything that night, so boats can arrive late and still have a meal waiting, but don't have to cook. After that we plan around whatever the cooks want to prepare.

THE SECOND BEST RESTAURANT IN TOWN

The last night of the cruise (Thursday, so that anyone who needs to get home has Friday to do so) is our traditional "Awards Dinner" at a shore side restaurant. We have a meal together and afterward humorous awards are given out. Often folks that can't make the cruise join us for the dinner. If you plan to come to the restaurant dinner, whether you are also coming on the cruise or

not, please let Cruise Director Dave Hepting know, so that we can make the appropriate number of reservations and make sure you have a place at the table.

NO SHOES, NO TIE, NO PROBLEM

The Chesapeake Fleet doesn't have a fee to participate in the cruise, nor do we require a firm reservation. But it does help, for planning purposes, to have a good idea how many boats are coming. If you are coming or if you might come, a call to Cruise Director Dave Hepting at 352-250-6773, is a big help. (The number is a cell phone, so you can usually reach me, even on the water. If you have a Verizon cell phone, it is a free call. We are liveboards in the summer, so contacting us by E-mail often doesn't work well). But if you find out at the last moment you can make the cruise, don't worry, just show up.

CRUISE CHANGES/CONTACTING CRUISING FLEET

Prudent seamanship dictates that we may have to adjust the schedule during the cruise due to weather, or for other causes. If you are joining the cruise after it begins, please contact us to verify our location. You can call us on **VHF channel 71**, which we use as our working channel during the cruise, (hail "**Cape Dory Fleet**") or Cruise Director Dave Hepting's cell phone: 352-250-6773.

QUESTIONS—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact **Dave Hepting** at **352-250-6773**, email **dhepting@pocketmail.com** or (October to May): 929 Royal Oak Blvd, Leesburg, FL 34748; or (May to October): Box 485, Grasonville, MD 21638.

2007 CRUISES

Our present scheduled cruises for 2007 are:

SPRING CRUISE

Friday	June 8	Rhode River
Saturday	June 9	Langford Creek (Chester River)
Sunday	June 10	Swan Creek
Monday	June 11	Hart-Miller Island
Tuesday	June 12	Magothy River
Wednesday	June 13	Little Round Bay (Severn River)
Thursday	June 14	Galesville (West River)

[Note: For the women participating in the reading discussion group, the book for the Spring Cruise is *I Feel Bad About My Neck* by Nora Ephron.]

SUMMER CRUISE

Friday	July 20	Aberdeen Creek (South River)
Saturday	July 21	Whitehall Bay
Sunday	July 22	Rhode River
Monday	July 23	Shipping Creek (Eastern Bay) [Bad weather alternative: Shaw Bay]
Tuesday	July 24	Lloyd Creek (Wye East River)
Wednesday	July 25	Hunting Creek (Miles River)
Thursday	July 26	Marshy Creek (Kent Island Narrows)

FALL CRUISE

Friday	Sept. 7	Dividing Creek (Wye East River)
Saturday	Sept. 8	Harness Creek (South River)
Sunday	Sept. 9	Hudson Creek (Little Choptank River)
Monday	Sept. 10	Dun Cove (Choptank River)
Tuesday	Sept. 11	La Trappe Creek (Choptank River)
Wednesday	Sept. 12	Peachblossom Creek (Tred Avon River)
Thursday	Sept. 13	Oxford (Tred Avon River)