



CDSOA Chesapeake Fleet

Spring Cruise

May 16-22, 2008

Please respond by "May 12th!"

Questions? Contact Fleet Captain Neil Kozlowski Ph: 410-757-5759; Email: CDSOA_Chesapeake_Fleet@comcast.net

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Spring is here! Is your boat ready yet? If not, you had better get started! The first Chesapeake Fleet cruise is scheduled to begin on Friday, 16 May in Aberdeen Creek/South River.

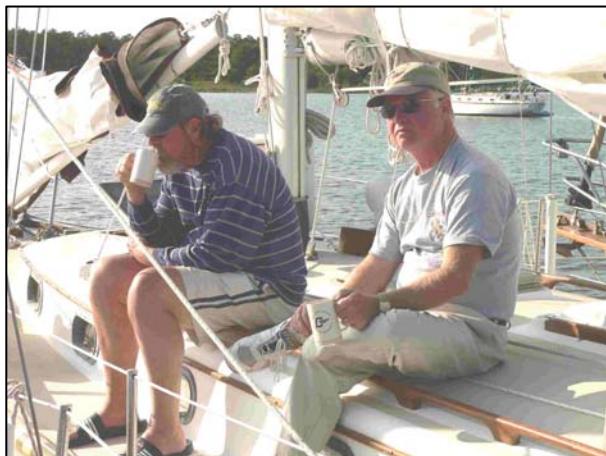
SPRING CRUISE

Start Date: 16 May 2008

Friday	Aberdeen Creek/South River
Saturday	Whitehall Bay
Sunday	Rhode River
Monday	Shipping Creek/Eastern Bay (Bad weather alternative: Shaw Bay)
Tuesday	Lloyd Creek/Wye River
Wednesday	Hunting Creek/Miles River
Thursday	St. Michaels (Awards Dinner at St. Michaels Crab & Steak House)

In case you don't recall the cruise plan, or you didn't save your January/February MASTHEAD, on Saturday the cruise will take us from Aberdeen Creek to Whitehall Bay, which is a nice anchorage just north of the Severn River. Sunday we will sail past the historic screw pile Thomas Point lighthouse to the Rhodes River. From there we will hop, skip and sail across the Chesapeake Bay, then up Eastern Bay to Shipping Creek on Kent Island's southeastern shore. From Shipping Creek it should be a leisurely sail to Lloyd Creek on the south shore of the Wye East River. Staying in the eastern shore area, we will then amble over to the Miles River and anchor in Hunting Creek. Hunting Creek is one of the quieter anchorages relatively close to St. Michaels, which generally "vibrates" with all the tourist activity during the summer weekends. Happily, we will be going to St. Michaels on Thursday for our infamous "Awards" Dinner. Of course, each night while anchored out, with the exception of the awards dinner night, we will be getting together to

review the day's happenings and partake in a little sustenance and libation. On Thursday, it will only be a very short sail to St. Michaels so we can arrive early and spend a majority of the day seeing the sights, which are many. There is the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum which has wonderful displays on waterfowl hunting, boat building, and oystering, just to name a few. It also has the cottage style Hooper Strait lighthouse which was restored and furnished in period furniture to show the lighthouse keeper's world. This lighthouse was moved to the museum after 75 years on station! There is also the town center with its many and varied "shoppes". St. Michaels truly does have a little something for everyone.



Peter van der Kam and Bob Ohler enjoying the moment.

So, did I whet your appetite to get out there and get your beautiful Cape Dory ready to sail on the spring cruise? As an added incentive, and I believe one of the best parts, the cruise is also the opportunity to meet again with your sailing "buddies" that you have missed all winter.

Ah yes, think about it. What could be better than having a cool drink, a little tasty snack, while sitting on a Cape Dory and exchanging good "yarns" with your sailing friends. Life with boating friends and a boat IS good!

OK, I've done my best! Now YOU have to get out there and get your boat ready to sail! I hope to see you on the water in your beautiful boat on Friday, the 16th of May in Aberdeen Creek.

Please plan on joining the group on any day to have some fun. However, if you plan to join after the first night, it would be prudent to check that there have been no schedule changes. The fleet monitors **VHF channel 71**. If a call to "**Cape Dory Fleet**" gets no response, try calling the Fleet Captain Neil Kozlowski at (mobile) **443-994-2863**.

You don't have to be a member of CDSOA to join in the fun. If you are not a member and think you may want to participate, don't hesitate to call the Chesapeake Fleet Captain at (Landline) **410-757-5759** before the scheduled start of the cruise so we can be on the lookout for you.

**Please let us know if you're planning to join us for the cruise by contacting
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