

ICOYC 2023 Cruise of the Chesapeake

September 27 – October 6, 2023



The Annapolis Yacht Club cordially invites ICOYC members for a 9-day cruise on our beautiful Chesapeake Bay.

The Chesapeake Bay is a large, historic, and beautiful estuary (200+ miles long and 30 miles at its widest point) in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States. The “Bay” is considered one of the most delightful cruising areas in the United States. In particular, its Eastern Shore, where our cruise will focus, is renowned for its quiet, pastoral scenery and attractive little towns, which make it a desirable destination for all boaters. The Chesapeake Bay itself is welcoming with its soft bottoms, limited tide range and little current. The cruise will begin and end in Annapolis.

The cruise will be hosted and organized by the Annapolis Yacht Club, a full-service, year-round, private yacht club that provides its members high-quality programs which include sailboat racing, sail and power cruising, a vigorous junior sailing program, educational and social events, a fitness center, and first-class dining facilities. AYC is proud of its new clubhouse, newly rebuilt from the fire that occurred two months after the 2015 ICOYC cruise. We also have two new facilities – the Sailing Center and the Activity Center.

As a special treat, the United States Powerboat Show is scheduled on the closing weekend so you can browse to your heart’s content.

Our Cruise Planning Committee has put together a great week of activities. We look forward to hosting ICOYC members at the Annapolis Yacht Club providing you with a fun-filled week on the Bay.

C. Edward Hartman III
Commodore

Itinerary Overview

Date	Destination	Miles	Activities	Links to Destination
9/27/2023 Wednesday	Annapolis	0	Registration Tour of US Naval Academy Opening reception at AYC Dinner on your own	https://www.visitannapolis.org/
9/28/2023 Thursday	Dun Cove	22-30*	Late registration at AYC 8am - 10am Cruise to Dun Cove Anchorage Host boats raft up with BYO happy hour Dinner on own boat	
9/29/2023 Friday	Cambridge	18	Cruise to Cambridge Tour Cambridge Dinner at Cambridge Yacht Club	https://visitdorchester.org/cambridge-md/
9/30/2023 Saturday	Cambridge	0	Lay Day Dinner on own Stay at marina or cruise to La Trappe Creek anchorage	-
10/1/2023 Sunday	Oxford	12	Cruise to Oxford Informal sail race to Oxford Guided Tour of Oxford Oyster Roast at Tred Avon Yacht Club	https://portofoxford.com/
10/2/2023 Monday	St. Michaels	28 to 36*	Cruise to St. Michaels Activities at Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum BYO happy hour w/talk by author Dinner on own	https://www.stmichaelsmd.com/
10/3/2023 Tuesday	St. Michaels	0	Lay day Tour St. Michaels on your own Guided Tour of Museum Catered dinner	https://cbmm.org/
10/4/2023 Wednesday	Shady Side	23	Cruise to Shady Side Activities at Chesapeake Yacht Club Dinner with live music	https://www.chesapeakeyachtclub.org/
10/5/2023 Thursday	Annapolis area	8 to 12	Cruise back to Annapolis area Individual small group anchorages assigned On shore dinner at AYC host homes	
10/6/2023 Friday	Annapolis	2 to 4	Closing reception at AYC Dinner included Local Chesapeake Bay Entertainment	

* The longer distances reflect transiting around Black Walnut Point whereas the shorter, more challenging transit due to water depth, would be through Knapps Narrows

General Information

This cruise was originally announced for the Fall of 2022, but COVID concerns reduced registrations, so it has been rescheduled for the Fall of 2023. Two days have been added on the front end of the cruise to allow for an additional port – Cambridge, Maryland.

We have had significant interest from ICOYC members so we encourage registration as soon as possible as it will be first come, first served. The cruise cancellation policy is liberal to allow time for members to arrange for charter boats and accommodations. There is no cruise cancellation fee prior to May 1, 2023, 11:59PM Eastern Daylight Time - US. Charter cancellation policies vary among the charter companies.

The expectation is that most ICOYC visitors will charter boats. Charter information has been included in this announcement. Some AYC members have offered a cabin on their own personal boats to allow for ICOYC members who don't wish to charter to be able to attend. In addition, we are asking that ICOYC members who have an extra cabin and are willing to share it with an ICOYC member to note that on the registration form. Anyone who is interested in staying on another boat should complete that section on the registration form. These spots will be limited in number.

The cruise has been moved to one week earlier in the Fall so that the boat shows will not interfere with arrivals. The closing weekend of the cruise is during the Annapolis Powerboat Show. AYC members have been asked to open their homes to ICOYC participants before and after the cruise.

All boat captains need to make their own marina reservations. Marina information is included in this announcement, but reservations don't need to be made until the Spring.

The activities as described are subject to change as necessary. There will be regular email updates to registered participants with a final cruise guide delivered shortly before the cruise.

Please note: This cruise will take place as planned unless some dire unforeseen emergency arises. ICOYC members need not be concerned about AYC canceling the cruise in the unlikely event registrations are low. Travel insurance is always recommended for emergencies.

The Cruise Chair is Sue Pitchford. Any questions should be directed to her at sue.pitchford@gmail.com.

Registration – due by January 15, 2023 for non-AYC members

The fleet is limited to 12 ICOYC (non-AYC) boats or approximately 70 non-AYC members. At this time, registrations are only being accepted for non-AYC members. AYC members will register once non-AYC members have completed registrations. The registration fee is \$750 (US currency) per person. This includes six dinners, including one with alcoholic beverages, the opening reception plus several included tours. It is not necessary for participants to attend all of the events. However, if you choose not to attend any events, the registration fee will not be reduced. The payment for the registration fee must accompany this application for your registration to be complete. Registration is done using an online form at the link at the bottom of this information sheet. We reserve the right to add a small amount to the registration fee in the event that prices escalate more than anticipated.

The registration form is to be completed and registrations fees paid by all participants for themselves and their spouses/guests so that we can capture contact information for all the participants. Contact information is important so that we can update participants directly and not through the designated boat captain. One person needs to be designated as captain of the boat and he/she will complete the boat and charter information as it is received. Once registration is concluded, the participant will receive an RSVP via email. The RSVP doesn't guarantee a space as it is possible that the cruise could be oversold. A final confirmation will be sent as soon as possible.

In the event that the cruise is oversold, your registration fee will be refunded. There will be a waiting list and notification will be sent when space is available.

When you register, you will not likely have been able to complete the boat charter reservations. It would be helpful to know who plans to cruise together on the charter boats. If you have that information at the time of registration, please include it. Please send us the updated information as you know it.

All updated registration information should be sent via email to the AYC Finance Officer, Mercedes Bucelato at mbucelato@annapolisyc.org.

Cruise Cancellation Policy

If a registrant finds that it is necessary to cancel this registration, the cruise cancellation request must be submitted to the AYC Finance Officer by August 1, 2023 11:59PM Eastern Daylight Time - US. Prior to May 1, 2023 100% of the registration fee will be refunded. Between May 1, 2023 and August 1, 2023, 50% of the registration fee will be refunded. If there is a waiting list and someone from the

waiting list registers and pays, the remaining 50% will also be refunded. After August 1, 2023 no refund will be given unless there is a waiting list and someone from the waiting list fills the spot.

Charter Information

ICOYC members are encouraged to act quickly to contact charter companies. While the charter companies may not have their 2023 inventory available now, early contact is important. This is the reason for the liberal cruise cancellation policy.

There are two charter companies based in Annapolis that have both monohulls and catamarans.

Waypoints Yacht Charters

222 Severn Avenue, Suite 36, Bldg 15, Annapolis
Contact: Traci Denhardt 443-203-4107 traci.denhardt@waypoints.com
<https://waypoints.com/contact-us/>

Dream Yacht Charters: 800-991-1776

7080 Bembe Beach Rd #211, Annapolis
Contact: Dawn Fingers 857-330-4330 (Clearwater, FL)
Dawn.fingers@dreamyachtcharter.com
www.dreamyachtcharter.com

The following are two additional charter companies based outside of Annapolis:

Haven Charters, Rock Hall, MD	www.havencharters.com	18 NM from AYC
Sail Solomons, Solomons, MD	www.sailsi.com	45 NM from AYC

Shuttles will be available between the Annapolis charter locations and AYC. If a charter is arranged from other than Annapolis, the Cruise Committee will arrange for docking either at AYC or at a member's home.

Marina Information

Participants are responsible for making their own marina reservations. Slips have been set aside at each of the marinas. Detailed information on marina contacts is in the description of the ports of call and will be updated as necessary. Anchoring is also available at each port of call.

Airport Information

There are 3 airports that serve the Annapolis area. Taxis and Ubers are available at each of the airports. Distance is miles to AYC.

- (1) BWI - Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport – 25 miles
- (2) DCA - Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport – 45 miles to AYC
- (3) IAD – Dulles International Airport – 62 miles to AYC

Traveling on an ICOYC Member's Boat

There may be an opportunity for an ICOYC member to travel with an AYC member on his/her boat or with another ICOYC member on a charter boat. While there is no guarantee at this time that it will be available, if you wish to explore the possibility, please note that on the registration form. You will receive a follow-up email to answer some additional questions.

Accommodations Before and After Cruise

The US Powerboat Show runs from Thursday October 5 through Sunday October 8 which coincides with the end of the ICOYC cruise. Hotel availability at the beginning of the cruise should be easily available but limited at the end. Information on Annapolis area hotels can be found at <https://www.annapolis.com/hotels/> AYC's main clubhouse address is 2 Compromise St. Annapolis MD 21401.

AYC is offering the option of staying at a local home either before and/or after the cruise. While there is no guarantee at this time that homes will be available, if you wish to take advantage of this, please note that on the registration form. You and the homeowner will receive each other's contact information in order to make arrangements.

FYI, the US Sailboat Show runs from Thursday October 12 through Monday October 16.

Weather Information

Weather on the Bay in early October is generally pleasant with daytime temperatures in the low 70's and moderate winds. That being said, temperatures can sometimes range between the low 50's and the high 80's, and cold fronts or thunderstorms can result in higher winds and choppy seas. While early October is still within the Atlantic Hurricane Season, the upper Bay where we will be cruising is over 50 miles from the outer East Coast, so our risk is considerably lower than the Atlantic Ocean coasts to our South.

Weather briefings will be provided at each cruise venue for the Bay and the next day's destination.

Detailed Itinerary

The following describes the daily activities as they are currently known. Please note that details and times are subject to change. You will receive additional information after your registration is confirmed.

Additional optional activities will be added at a later time.

Wednesday, September 27 Annapolis, MD



Annapolis, the capital of Maryland, is 350 years young. It is a vibrant city, proud of its colonial heritage, while offering visitors the latest in dining, accommodations, shopping and entertainment. Annapolis is home to the United States Naval Academy and St. John's College, a liberal arts college with a history going back to 1696. With more surviving 18th century buildings than any other city in the United States, visiting Annapolis is like stepping back in time to the days when the city was a colonial seaport. Annapolis has some of the finest examples of colonial homes, including the Hammond-Harwood House and the Charles Carroll House.

Known as America's Sailing Capital, the city is located on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and is a paradise for water lovers, famous for its crab cakes, lighthouses, and 500 miles of gorgeous shoreline. Our neighborhood of Eastport, across the bridge from

downtown Annapolis, retains much of its old maritime character, showcased at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. More information is available at <https://www.visitannapolis.org/>

ACIVITIES PLANNED FOR ANNAPOLIS

- Onsite registration at Annapolis Yacht Club
 - 11 AM – 7:30 PM
- United States Naval Academy tour - time TBA



- The United States Naval Academy is the collegiate training facility from which a large number of US Naval Officers graduate. Like many colleges, it occupies a large campus in Annapolis and is marked by numerous historical buildings and monuments. It is also one of the hallmarks of the city. We have arranged a private tour of the Academy for ICOYC visitors. The tour is conducted for groups of up to 15 and will take about 90 minutes. Notably, the Academy also has a magnificent museum which contains exhibits and memorabilia from the history of the US Navy, and a world class collection of handmade ship models. The museum can be enjoyed either after or in lieu of the tour. There will not be shuttle service available from AYC to the Naval Academy. Please plan to walk one-half mile to the pedestrian entrance at Gate 1 for the walking tour.
- Registered participants will receive additional information with a request to sign up for this tour at a later date
- 5:30 pm Opening Reception at Annapolis Yacht Club
 - Appetizers
 - Beverages on personal credit card
 - Dinner on your own

Thursday, September 28 Scenic Anchorage – Dun Cove



Dun Cove is a beautiful anchorage, situated on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR DUN COVE

- Onsite Late registration Annapolis Yacht Club
 - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
- Travel to Dun Cove, a scenic anchorage off the Choptank River
- Multiple AYC member boats will raft together and host a happy hour – BYOB appetizer and beverage
- Travel to host boat raft by dinghy or request a ride
- Dinner on your own boat

Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30 Cambridge, MD



Located on the broad Choptank River, Cambridge dates back to 1684, making it one of the oldest colonial cities in the state of Maryland. Originally a seaport community, it has a rich maritime heritage that can be explored in museums and through historic district tours. When James Michener was researching his novel *Chesapeake*, he reportedly called Cambridge's High Street one of the most beautiful streets in America. He modeled his fictional city Patamoke after Cambridge. Many of the gracious homes on High Street date from the 1700s and 1800s.

Several downtown art galleries regularly feature work tied to the one-of-a-kind traditions of the Chesapeake – shipbuilding, sailing, fishing, crabbing, waterfowling and more.

The *Underground Railroad* was an historically vital operation for helping slaves escape and migrate to the northern United States before the Civil War. Harriet Tubman, the central figure in operating the *Underground Railroad*, was born near Cambridge, and a museum honoring her stands in the heart of the downtown district. Excellent tours and informative lectures are available there.

The Horn Point Oyster Hatchery, part of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science is one of the largest oyster hatcheries on the East Coast. Over the past decade, spawning oysters at the Horn Point lab has resulted in the deployment of over one billion oyster spat to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay in the hope of slowing the oyster decline and restoring the health of the Bay.

An excellent source of information about Cambridge is available at:
<https://visitorchester.org/cambridge-md/>

The cruise will be based at the Cambridge Yacht Club. They operate a large marina on the bank of the Choptank River, within walking distance of downtown Cambridge. They have deep water slips for boats of all sizes. Reservations using Dockwa via CYC's website at <https://cambridgeyachtclub.com/boating>

Alternate marina:

Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin. Reservations can be made using Snag-A-Slip at <https://www.cambridgeyachtbasin.com/>

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR CAMBRIDGE

Friday, September 29

- Arrive in Cambridge in early afternoon. Tour Cambridge on your own or if sufficient interest, a Harriet Tubman tour can be arranged. Registered participants will receive additional information with a request to sign up for this tour at a later date
- Dinner is planned at the Cambridge Yacht Club. Beverages on personal credit card

Saturday, September 30

- Enjoy Cambridge or if sufficient interest, a tour of the Horn Point Hatchery can be arranged. Registered participants will receive additional information with a request to sign up for this tour at a later date
- Dinner on your own
- Either stay at your marina or cruise to beautiful La Trappe Creek for an evening at anchor



Sunday, October 1 Oxford, MD



Oxford is the second oldest town on Chesapeake Bay (second only to Annapolis), first formed in 1666 and formally chartered by the Colony of Maryland in 1683. Oxford and

Annapolis were the only two Ports of Entry on the Bay in the early colonial period. Oxford's economy centered around tobacco plantations, the Bay's harvest (oysters, crabs, and rockfish) and commerce.

After the American Revolution Oxford declined and is today a small (population 651 at the last census) sleepy "Eastern Shore" town centered on its watermen and tourism. Old period houses, a small museum, and one of the oldest working "wooden" boatyards on the East Coast of the US, Cutts & Case, which features Stanley Rosenfeld's famous boat, "FOTO", the vantage point for most of his famous nautical photographs, are just a few of its historic landmarks.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR OXFORD

- An Informal sail race from Cambridge to Tred Avon Yacht Club (TAYC) (details to be available at onsite registration)
- Early afternoon: Arrive @ TAYC – slip reservations to be made previously by individual skippers – tayc@goeaston.net or (410) 226-5269.
- Alternate Marinas within easy walking distance of TAYC
 - Safe Harbor Oxford (410) 226-5101
 - Campbell's Boatyards (410) 226-5592
- Excellent anchorages are available
- Optional walking tour of historic Oxford – sign up at onsite registration.
- Cocktail party on TAYC second deck overlooking the beautiful Tred Avon River – Oysters on the half shell and special TAYC baked oysters as hors d'oeuvres. Beverages on personal credit card
- "Taste of the Chesapeake" buffet dinner on the main deck
- Smith Island Cake dessert – announce Sail Race winner(s) – Preview of St. Michaels visit.

Monday, October 2 and Tuesday, October 3 St. Michaels, MD



Named one of the Top 10 Best Small Coastal Towns in America by USA Today, our visit to this gem of the Eastern Shore will take you back in time. Local lore calls it “The Town that Fooled the British” because during the War of 1812, residents hung lanterns far from town to avoid cannon fire from British ships. Featured prominently in the hit movie “Wedding Crashers”, St. Michaels is the perfect stopping point to continue your exploration of the Chesapeake Bay. St. Michaels offers shopping, a distillery, brewery and winery, a Classic Car Museum, hiking trails, bicycling and much more.

Marina and Events Location: Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, 213 N. Talbot Street, St. Michaels, MD.

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) campus spans 18 acres. 10 of the museum’s buildings are open to the public as exhibit areas, offering interactive exhibits that detail the area’s natural, social, and economic history, with a focus on maritime technologies and industries. As the only museum solely devoted to the history of the Chesapeake Bay area, the museum holds the largest collection of Bay area historic watercraft, preserving more than 100 ships and ship models, along with a variety of artworks and artifacts related to maritime industries on the Bay.

- Information Sheet for CBMM:
 - http://cbmm.org/pdf/2014_Brief_Overview_CBMM_web.pdf
- Contact information to reserve dock space: Josh Atwood: dockmaster@cbmm.org; (410) 745-2916 (Price TBD)
- Reservations taken beginning March 2023 (Requested that ICOYC has all dock space)
- Alternate marinas:
 - Harbor Inn Marina & Spa (15-minute walk to cruise events, bikes available for use): <https://www.harbourinn.com/marina/boat-slip-reservation-request/>
 - St. Michaels Marina (10-minute walk to cruise events): <https://stmichaelsmarina.com/marina/>
 - Higgins Yacht Yard (8-minute walk to cruise events): <http://www.higginsyachtyard.com/>
- Excellent anchorages and water taxi/shuttle services are available

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR ST. MICHAELS

Monday, October 2

- Arrival time flexible, check in by 4:00 PM
- Welcome reception, CBMM Boat Shed. BYOB. Mixers, ice and cups and light snacks will be provided. Please bring an appetizer to share with your beverage(s) of choice

- Meet author and AYC member Mike Dodd, author of “Chesapeake Bay Odyssey: 23 Ports of Call with Historic Perspectives”
- Dinner on own, short walk to town (lots of available restaurants): <https://www.stmichaelsmd.org/list/category/restaurants-bars-112>

Tuesday, October 3

- Docent led tours of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum
- Reception - open bar and light appetizers in the CBMM Boat Shed
- Catered buffet dinner including beverages
- Wednesday AM – depart at your leisure for Chesapeake Yacht Club

Wednesday, October 4 Chesapeake Yacht Club Shady Side, MD



The Chesapeake Yacht Club is located on the scenic West River in Shady Side, MD. It is one of the oldest clubs on the Chesapeake Bay and is known as one of the Bay’s hidden gems. Small, friendly and family-oriented, it will be remembered as a fun stop on the cruise.

Chesapeake Yacht Club’s marina facilities include a wide variety of fixed and floating slips. New floating docks have recently been added to accommodate a large number of catamarans. Reserve a transient slip by sending an email to chesapeakeyachtclub@verizon.net. A transient slip form will be emailed to you to fill out and return.

Excellent anchorages are also available.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR CHESAPEAKE YACHT CLUB

- Arrive in the early afternoon and kayak or dinghy exploring creeks or relax on the expansive lawn taking in the view

- Cocktails on the deck watching the sunset, followed by a classic eastern shore BBQ chicken dinner with all the fixings and more. Live music will accompany dinner
- Beverages on personal credit card
- Thursday AM: Depart for Annapolis

Thursday, October 5 Annapolis area



Barbeque (BBQ) is one of the most American of foods and Thursday night of the cruise will give small groups from the various yacht clubs a chance to enjoy a barbeque dinner at the waterfront home of an AYC member. The casual evening of drinks and dinner starts at 5:00 with a cocktail hour. Bring your own alcoholic beverages and the hosts will provide water, soft drinks and ice. Dinner at 6:00 will feature several types of BBQ served with side dishes and, most importantly, barbeque sauces. The venues will be on the Western Shore and within about 10 miles of Annapolis. Overnight accommodations will be anchorages with dinghy service provided as needed or limited docking.

Anchorages and participants will be pre-assigned, and you will receive assignments and directions upon check-in. Any change requests can be managed at that time.

Friday, October 6 Annapolis

- 5:30 pm Closing Reception at Annapolis Yacht Club
 - Appetizers and dinner
 - Beverages on personal credit card

Optional Activities

US Powerboat Show October 5-8, 2023 <https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/united-states-powerboat-show/>

US Sailboat Show October 12-16, 2023 <https://www.annapolisboatshows.com/united-states-sailboat-show/>

Additional information

Sue Pitchford is the Chair of the ICOYC 2023 Cruise of the Chesapeake Committee. For clarification or information not contained in this announcement, please contact Sue Pitchford at sue.pitchford@gmail.com

Registration link

<https://form.jotform.com/213184684237056>