

MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

PRE CRUISE DESTINATION REPORT

DATES: 29-30 JUL

TITLE OF CRUISE : CORSICA RIVER CRUISE/RACE

DESTINATION: 39° 5' 55" N 76° 7' 28" W Chester River, Conquest Beach, SE of N20.

Navigation: Straight forward as per the racing instructions. Cross the Bay, up the Chester River to N 20, then SE about 0.4 nm.

Anchorage: Off the north shore of Spaniard Neck.

Activities: Where can you enjoy an idyllic anchorage, a pavilion, a blue grass band, a delicious chicken and corn-on-the-cob barbecue, dinghy racing, big boat racing, dancing and the usual MRSA camaraderie all together, on one day, in one place?

If you guessed the Corsica River Cruise/Race on July 29th and 30th you're right...sort of. Neither the cruise nor the races go to the Corsica River. Rather, the anchorage is 0.4 miles Southeast of N"20" on the Chester River on the North side of Spaniard Neck. If this sounds confusing, a peek at the chart will make it perfectly clear.

It's also perfectly clear that everyone who participates in this event raves about it. It's just a great party with great food!

The event takes place in the pavilion at Conquest Beach and is hosted by the Corsica River Yacht Club. You can't arrive too early because there are dinghy races going on all day. The serious partying begins with the blue grass band *Bittercreek* starting at 1645. Dinner starts at 1700 and is served until 1930. A dance band will play from 2000 to 2300. WOW!

Please let Marianne and Dick Kammann know if you will attend and have dinner (410-647-4332). We have to give CRYC a dinner count to secure the \$15 per dinner discount price. The price goes up to \$18 at the site and there is no guarantee there will be enough; those paid in advance get first "bite".

Again this year we plan to have a cruiser's fun race independent of the sanctioned CBYRA race. This will be a non-spinnaker event. We'll give you a PHRF rating for the day if you don't have one. Come on out and try your hand at it. There's no yelling; no pressure at the start; and no protests. Sailing instructions will be sent to everyone who wants to participate. Please let us know.

And there will, of course, be prizes for the top cruising racers and maybe even for other activities worthy of recognition!

Contact: Dick or Marianne Kammann, 410-647-4332 or email: marichkamm@cablespeed.com

Racing Instructions:

Corsica River Cruising Race
Saturday, July 29, 2006
Special Race Instructions

Entry Due: Anytime! In the event that you notify SPARTREK at the start, you will be permitted to race, but you will be given an “unresearched” PHRF rating if you don’t have one. (In fact, we may be tempted to assign a rating based on your finishing position.) There is no entry fee or entry form. To enter, merely contact Dick or Marianne Kammann.

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Rendezvous: In the vicinity of Baltimore Light at the mouth of the Magothy River.

Start: The start will be based on GPS time and the starting line will be a bearing to Baltimore Light. There will not be a committee boat at the left end of the starting line. The line will be approximately 300 feet long. Should the left end of the line be favored, anyone starting far to the left to gain an advantage will be appropriately chastised in public at the awards ceremony. The starting line will be a line from the center of Baltimore Light going north on a bearing of 010 degrees M. (Or when a boat, on the north side of Baltimore Light sees the light bearing 190 degrees M.) The starting sequence will begin at 1030 GPS time and will be as follows:

(The starting sequence is a courtesy only. If one or more of the starting sequence signals are not sounded, or are sounded improperly, the sequence will continue on GPS time and the start will take place as planned at 1040 hours. The start can only be delayed by a general announcement from SPARTREK on VHF Channel 71)

1030 SPARTREK will attempt to sound one long blast on the horn.
1035 SPARTREK will attempt to sound two long blasts on the horn.

1040 SPARTREK will attempt to sound three long blasts on the horn. **This is the start!**

Any boats that cross the line, after 1039, but before the starting 1040 will be notified on VHF channel 71, by SPARTREK, that they are **over early** and will be required to complete a 720 degree penalty turn at their earliest convenience to exonerate themselves.

(The 720 must include two tacks and two jibes.) Anyone starting before 1039 must return and restart properly. Anyone starting prematurely and not exonerating themselves as above will be publicly ridiculed at the awards ceremony.

- Finish:** When Government mark N"18" is abeam (and you are in the Chester River.) You are responsible to take your own finishing time (GPS time) and report it to Dick or Marianne Kammann as early as possible at the dinner party. Mark N"18" is in the Chester River, NW of the mouth of the Corsica River. Race may be shortened to accommodate the dinner hour (and to reduce stress and frustration on the part of cruisers who are not accustomed to drifting in sweltering heat.) If shortened, instructions will be given to all racers on VHF Channel 71 and as below.
- Shorten Course:** If there is any chance that racers will not be on time for the fabulous dinner party, the race will be shortened. Racers should monitor VHF channel 71 from one-half hour before the race and throughout the race. SPARTREK will broadcast on Channel 71 to "all MRSA cruising racers" that the race is being shortened; and will include a new finish mark in the broadcast. This broadcast will be repeated several times and, hopefully, will be answered and acknowledged by all boats racing. If the race is shortened, you are to take your finishing time when the shortening mark is abeam and within five boat lengths. The race can only be shortened to a "mark of the course".
- Course:** Leave Love Point Light to starboard. (Fixed Lt. Fl 6s 35ft 7M) to enter the Chester River. Then round marks C"7", C"9", and G"11" to port, and N"14" to starboard. These are the "marks of the course".
- Other:** This is a non-spinnaker race. Double headsails will not be permitted. Using a pole to attach to a headsail is also not permitted.
- Protests:** None will be allowed. None will be heard. Anyone allegedly violating rules of the road, the racing rules, or the rule of common sense, may be subject to, among other things, public ridicule at the awards ceremony.
- Awards:** Probably!