

MAGOTHY RIVER SAILING ASSOCIATION

PRE-CRUISE DESTINATION REPORT

DATES: 9-10 June

Title of Cruise: Rhode River Cruise

Destination: Rhode River (Chart 12270, Green "7" latlon = [38° 53' 0" N 76° 31' 24" W](#))

Navigation: (From Shellenberger*, pp. 224-25) A heading of 240 degrees from Thomas Point Light brings you to green #1 then red #2 at mouth of the West River, one mile north of Curtis Point. A course of 284 degrees from red #2 takes you to the red #2 at mouth of the Rhode River. "Be sure to honor red "2" unless you enjoy kedging off shoals." Proceed generally northwest up the river past green # 3 and red # 4 . "...give the green "7" light, where the Rhode River bends sharply to the west, a wide berth as you approach it. As you clear the marker you will have a clear view to port of the anchorage among the islands." See e-chart below:

<http://map.marineplanner.com/mapping/chart/chart.cfm?lat=38.8818170493&lon=-76.5327738664&lchart=12270>

Anchorage: "Holding in the area is excellent; the heavy mud bottom provides good security with any type of anchor." (Hah - *Paradox* will be the test of this theory!) "The best place to drop the hook is to the east of Big Island unless there is a strong easterly wind. In that event simply run around the north side of Big Island and anchor in its lee."

Look for *Paradox* (Catalina 36) just east of Big Island.

Activities:

The usual merriment, imbibing, and general mischief followed by impromptu COB drill (non-swimmer volunteer will add realism). Bring eats to share and BYO all you can drink.

Historical Theme:

As you have fallen in the clutches of a pair of profs. there is homework (take-home quiz)!!

1. What supersecret NSA eavesdropping installation masquerades as an innocuous YMCA camp?
2. In what year did the cover story of a land gift by _____ of _____ acres take place?
3. Nearby Galesville was founded in what year? Lord Baltimore's _____ lodge in Galesville was called?
4. Capt. _____, great great grandson of _____ in the year _____ converted two old hulls into replicas of the Ark and the Dove, which ships had brought first settlers to Maryland 300 years earlier. The great great grandfather named above made _____?

Email answers to bkrapfel@umd.edu by 7 June midnight. Prizes awarded to all who score 100%☺
Reservations aren't necessary, but would appreciate knowing who is coming in case we need to notify folks with changes due to weather. Either email or call Bob & Gabriella at 301-951-5291.

**Cruising the Chesapeake: A Gunkholer's Guide*, 3rd ed., William H. Shellenberger, International Marine/McGraw-Hill, 2001