

Memorial Day Cruise to the Granery Creek on the Wye River

The destination for the Memorial Day Cruise will be Granery Creek on the Wye River to again join the Eastport Yacht Club and the Chesapeake Bristol Club for the Cut-Throat, Competitive Olympic Games at the Wye River DNR Lodge and Grounds. This is the fourth year that we have been invited to join these two clubs for this fun event. According to previous year's attendees, it has always been a great success. The events to be held on Sunday will include dingy races in the morning, the funny Olympics in the afternoon, followed by the awards ceremony and dinner. A flyer for the list of events will be available on the MRSA website.

On Saturday evening, there will be grills and picnic tables available for anyone who would like to barbeque ashore and socialize with members of the three clubs. It is "Bring your own everything including charcoal and starter".

This year MRSA will sponsor two events for the weekend. The first event will be a judging of a scavenger hunt type event for the best equipped boat. The second event will be part of the silly Olympic Games.

While there will not be a completion for the best dressed boat in the anchorage, the event will occur on a holiday weekend so plan to show your patriotism by dressing your yacht. Plan to have your boat decorated by mid-morning on Sunday.

The grounds are a perfect setting for the event with open grounds for the events, walking trails for those who want to shake out the kinks for the sail on Saturday and a covered pavilion for the dinner and evening entertainment. Granery Creek is a well protected creek located just beyond Shaw Bay and Dividing Creek as you go up the East Branch of the Wye River. However, Granery Creek will fill quickly with the three clubs attending, so come early. If the creek is full, the River is well protected with good holding in the area adjacent to the Camp Grounds.

The dinner will again be an awesome Barbeque Chicken dinner and Potluck so bring a plate to share. The cost of the dinner will be approximately \$20.00 per person. Bottled water will be provided throughout the day. If you prefer soda or beer, it's BYO.

The highlight of the weekend is the silly Olympic events. There will be about 4- 6 events and each participating team will be comprised of four athletes? As in the past, each club will help with the management of the events by supervising one of the events for about an hour. When you are not supervising an event, you should participate as a competitor.

Plan to come by boat but if it is too far for a sail, then it is easily reached by car. Directions by land and sea will be available on the MRSA Website. See you at Granery Creek on Memorial Day Weekend. Cruise Leaders: Rich and Toni Hughes. Please keep in mind that no pets are permitted on the park grounds.

2008 Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 24th Raft up
Sunday, May 25th activities start at 9:30 a.m.

Directions by Land and Sea to the DNR Lodge at Wye Island

BY LAND: (allow at least 45 min.)

1. Take Rt. 50 East, approximately 13 mi. from the east end of the Bay Bridge
2. Turn right on Carmichael Rd (at sign for the NWRA and Aspen Institute)
3. Stay on the "main road", which becomes Wye Island Rd along the way
4. About 4 mi. after leaving Rt 50, you cross a small bridge onto Wye Island
5. Continue on the "main road" past a sign saying "Wye Island NRMA Conference Lodge, Trails", etc
(Do not turn off main road here onto Wye Hall Drive)
6. About 1.5 mi. from the bridge, turn left at sign on your left for "D.N.R. Conference Lodge"
7. Turn left and follow the road to the end

BY SEA (THERE IS NO LAUNCH SERVICE SO BRING A DINGHY)

Coordinates are: N 38.53.20 and W 76.08.36.

1. Follow the chart up Eastern Bay, Miles River and Wye River East to Granary Creek
2. Stay in the river until you can see straight up the middle of Granary Creek; turn left and enter
3. There is seven to eight feet of water in the center of the creek fairly far up and around the back of the island. Rafting is possible, but please don't block the entrance channel.

The Lodge is just inside the entrance on the left- which is also a good anchorage spot.