

## Magothy River Sailing Association

Pre-Cruise Destination Report

Dates: 21-22 June

Cruise Title: Rhode River Cruise

Destination: Rhode River (Chart 12270, Green "7"  
latlon = 38:53:00 N, 76:31:24 W [deg:min:sec])

Navigation: (From Schellenberger\*, pp.224-25) A heading of 240 degrees from Thomas Point Light brings you to green #1 then red #2 at the 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 the 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."

Anchorage: "Holding in the area is excellent; the heavy mud bottom provides good security with any type of anchor." "The best place to drop the hook is to the east of Big Island, unless there is a strong easterly wind. (Or 9 million SOS sailors already clogging up the anchorage! – ed. note) In that event simply run around the north side of Big Island and anchor in its lee."

Look for *Paradox* just east of Big Island.

### Activities:

Demonstrations of superior anchoring technique welcome and appreciated, the rest of us will provide entertaining examples of running aground as an emergency stopping technique. Take notes.

Bring eats to share and BYO, Paradox will have emergency back-up beer, wine and chips. Hope to see a crowd, please email Gabriella Belli at [gbelli@vt.edu](mailto:gbelli@vt.edu) or Bob Krapfel at [bkrapfel@rhsmith.umd.edu](mailto:bkrapfel@rhsmith.umd.edu), or call 202-262-0617 with questions or to confirm the wonderfulness of your presence. ☺

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