

Chesapeake Voyaging Expeditions at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival XXXIII

September 29-October 2, 2016

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum ★ St. Michaels, MD



To continue to expand this year's Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival (MASCF) experience, CBMM is offering an opportunity to explore the Chesapeake Bay's Eastern Shore via expedition voyaging at three levels comfortable to each participant. All voyages leave from and return to CBMM's stunning waterfront campus in historic St. Michaels, MD.

Voyages:

1. Leave CBMM at noon on Thursday, September 29 for an **overnight gunkhole/camping experience on Wye Island**—up the head of the beautiful Dividing Creek on the Wye East River—returning Friday, September 30. Safety boat supported.

2. Leave CBMM at 0900 on Thursday, September 29, for an **unsupported circumnavigation of Wye Island**, joining the above group for an overnight gunkhole/camping experience on Wye Island. Return Friday, September 30, with the safety boat.
(Filter: masts will need to be dropped to pass under Wye Island Bridge— fixed 10-ft vertical and 43-ft horizontal clearance).

3. Leave CBMM at 0800 on Thursday, September 29, for an **unsupported circumnavigation of Wye and Kent Islands**.
 - a. At 0700 there will be a roll call for all participants. Following that, all participants will launch their boats. The event will start at 0800, with all boats lined up together in Fogg's Cove.
 - b. The first leg takes you out the Miles River, around Tilghman Point.
 - c. Head across Eastern Bay, to pass under the southern end of Kent Island at Kent Point (Bloody Point light). Eastern Bay is open water and liable to be quite rough depending on wind strength and direction.
 - d. Head north on the western side of Kent Island; you'll pass under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.
 - e. Round Love Point (northern tip of Kent Island) to head east across the Chester River. This is open water and can be very rough depending on the strength of the prevailing SW or NW breezes, especially where it piles into the Chester River.
 - f. Continue east across the Chester River to pass Eastern Neck Island/Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge to port. Transit a narrow cut through Eastern Neck Narrows, beneath a bridge (fixed 6-ft vertical clearance and 23-ft horizontal clearance).
 - g. Head south to Kent Narrows – this takes you under a drawbridge with an 18-ft vertical clearance when closed. The tidal flow through Kent Narrows is fast – 2.5+knots – you'll need to transit with great caution and attention to the tide tables.

- h. Continue heading south down Prospect Bay and enter the Wye River to the east. You'll be circumnavigating Wye Island in a clock-wise direction. Masts will need to be lowered at Wye Island Bridge (fixed 10-ft vertical and 43-ft horizontal clearance).
- i. Exit the Wye River and head south in to the Miles River to return to CBMM and St. Michaels.

The voyaging events are open to all MASCF registrants, and the price includes all the fun of MASCF, and dinner and prize giving on Saturday night. MASCF participation information is at www.cbmm.org/mascf, with registration at \$85 for CBMM members, \$110 for non-members, \$35 children 6-11, and free 5 and under.

On Saturday, October 1, CBMM will also have sailing and kayaking/rowing races.

Free camping on CBMM grounds is available, with lots of local hotels and B&Bs also available. Bring the family, if not joining you on the voyages, there's plenty for them to do at CBMM and around town, with great ice cream stores, restaurants, and local exploring!

Skippers' Meeting:

There will be a skippers' meeting in CBMM's Van Lennep Auditorium at 1600 on **Wednesday, September 28** for all participants entering the circumnavigation of Wye and Kent Islands.

Necessary Equipment:

Those participants in Voyage 3 will need to show that they have the following equipment:

- Charts (MapTech #44, or NOAA 12263 & 12272, or *Chesapeake Bay: Maryland & Virginia Chartbook* (latter ideal for larger sailing craft))
- Waterproof VHF radio
- Cell phone
- PFD
- Knife on PFD
- Appropriate navigation lights
- Dry bag with dry clothes—not to be worn while on the water
- Some form of sleeping system/emergency bivvy bag
- All safety equipment as specified by the Coast Guard, local regulations and common sense.

Recommended equipment:

- PLB/EPIRB
- GPS
- SPOT

