

## Chesapeake Voyaging Expeditions at the Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival XXXIV



*October 5-8, 2017*

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, St. Michaels, MD

To continue to expand this year's MASCF experience, we're 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 1300, after a noon check-in, on Thursday, October 5 for a 9nm **overnight gunkhole/camping experience on Wye Island**—up the head of Solo Cove on the north side of Wye Island, just west of the Wye Narrows fixed bridge—returning Friday, October 6. Safety boat supported.
2. Leave CBMM at 0900, after an 0800 check-in, on Thursday, October 5, for an **unsupported circumnavigation of Wye Island**, joining the above group for an overnight gunkhole/camping experience on Wye Island. Return Friday, October 6, 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, after an 0700 check-in, on Thursday, October 5, for an **unsupported circumnavigation of Kent and Wye 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) and 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 into the Miles River to return to St. Michaels and CBMM.

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](http://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 7, we 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 at **1600 on Wednesday, October 4** for all participants entering the circumnavigation of Kent and Wye Islands.

### **Necessary Equipment:**

All participants need to show certificates of personal insurance or that some evidence of insurance is in place.

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

