



ANNAPOLIS CRUISE
SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2009
MIKE & PAM EPPRECHT

Ahoy Mates

Time to turn our attention to the fall cruises and in particular the Annapolis Cruise. The following is the schedule for the Annapolis cruise.

Wednesday Sept 23, 2009: Assemble in Whitehall Bay to position us for an early morning attack on Annapolis. The exact location will depend on the weather forecast. If calm, we will anchor in the eastern end of the bay south of R4. If weather is coming, we will go up Whitehall Creek and anchor at the junction with Ridout Creek. There will be an informal cocktail party on Eagle at 1700 which means bring all of your own stuff. Note that the Baltimore Cruise will be ending that day and those planning on both cruises will join us.

Thursday Sept 24, 2009: We will depart at random to seek mooring in Annapolis Harbor. The moorings have to be vacated by noon, so they usually become available from early morning until noon. Those boats 35 feet and under can go under the Bridge to Eastport and pick up one of the 20 moorings there with little competition. There are also moorings further up Spa Creek for boats up to 45 ft in length. 6 at Wells cove near G3 and 5 at Truxton Cove further up. The water taxi services this area.

The day will be free to enjoy Annapolis. The Cruise Captain's Party will be aboard Eagle at 1700 til 1900. Make sure you have life jackets for everyone aboard your dinghy along with the registration, drivers license, appropriate lights if underway after dark and a whistle. The harbor patrol is very picky and will fine you for failure to comply.

Friday Sept 25, 2009: We have arranged for a tour of St John's College starting in the morning. After that we suggest visiting the Naval Academy museum which just



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opened in early August after a total rehab. The Museum is very near Gate 3 which is at the end of Maryland Avenue. The model ship exhibit in the museum is very well done. Lunch is available in the lower level of the Officer's and Faculty Club which is also just inside Gate 3 and is open to the public for 1100 on Monday through Friday. There are also tours of the Naval Academy leaving from the Visitor's Center just inside Gate 1 which is at the end of King George Street. Maps are included in this package.

We have a group dinner arranged at the Boatyard Bar and Grill in Eastport. Please indicate your interest in joining us for this dinner. You can take the water taxi to the Eastport side of the harbor and it is a short walk. The Boatyard does not take reservations but will help a group get seated together. Please be there promptly at 1800. They will do separate checks if you sit with your spouse.

Saturday Sept 26, 2009: The morning is open since kickoff is at 1530 against Western Kentucky. The tailgate will start about 1400 at a classmate's RV. It is shown on the attached map of the stadium. I have 20 tickets together in the North End Zone which is easily accessible from the tailgate and 4 more with my season tickets. This will be a special game since this is the 50th anniversary of the first game played in the stadium to the day when Navy defeated William & Mary 29-2 on Sept 26, 1959. The 1959 team that played that game will be honored at halftime along with all time Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium team which was selected by fans earlier this year. This game should be a great event. After the victory, we can return to the tailgate for more refreshments. The Annapolis Buses offers free rides for anyone with game day tickets.



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Sunday Sept 27, 2009: Everyone sails to their home port or next destination.

Communciations: VHF Channel 71 will be used.

Annapolis Water Taxi: Operates from 0930 to 2300 on Thursday, 0930 to 0100 on Friday, 0900 to 0100 on Saturday and 0900 to 2300 on Sunday. The can be contacted on VHF 68 and 410-263-0033

WIFI: Is available in the Harbor at no charge.

GAME AND TAILGATING EXPENSES: The game tickets were \$24 a piece but to get that rate, I had to order 20 tickets. Otherwise tickets are \$32 each. At the time of ordering, I had 19 people say they wanted tickets, so I am assuming that those 19 will be responsible for paying for the tickets ($\$24 \times 20 = \$480 / 19 = \$25.26$). If additional people signup and we exceed 20, I have an additional 4 tickets with my season tickets that can be used but we will fill the 20 seats first. The tailgate is \$25 per couple which include food, drinks including beer and wine. I will bill you after the event when we know who did what.



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