## **Cruising Sailors of St. Michaels**



We are the Cruising Sailors of Saint Michaels.

Why not think about sailing with us? We cruise together, mainly around the Chesapeake Bay. Our Members have varying degrees of experience and different size boats, but all enjoy sailing and sharing the fellowship of other cruisers.

Our history goes back to 1971 when seven sailing couples met to organize a club dedicated to cruising the Bay and beyond. Since then we have organized well over 300 cruises on almost every navigable bay, river, and creek on the Chesapeake Bay. Our cruises have occasionally extended beyond the Bay to Philadelphia, New England, New Bern (NC), and down the ICW to Florida. Some of our members have also sailed together to the Bahamas.

Outside the normal sailing season we have occasional informal onshore activities. We have a summer picnic and an annual banquet-awards night in December or January. These events are optional, but well attended.

While some of our members have joined local yacht clubs, CSSM is not affiliated with any of them, and membership in one is not required.



Our focus and goal is to have fun sailing.





To join our group, we ask that you have a sailboat in Talbot County or an adjacent county. Since we are a sailing club, we also ask that each prospective member participate in six (6) cruise nights with us in a single season or two consecutive seasons, to make sure it's a mutual fit. Members pay annual dues (currently \$35) and abide by our Guidelines (see our website). After becoming a member, our only requirement is the participation in four (4) cruise nights each season.

We are looking for individuals who enjoy sailing and who:

- Are friendly, flexible, and fun to be with;
- Enjoy cruising in company and having sundowners after a day of sailing, mainly at anchorages, occasionally at marinas;
- After joining, are willing to participate by leading a cruise of our members, at least every other year;
- Are willing to join our leadership team at some point and hold an office in the club.



For more information, please visit our website at:

## http://cruisingsailors.org

The website highlights our sailing adventures and other laid back social activities. The website can also help you contact a club member to see if what we do works for you and your sailing interests.

So if you have a sailboat and want amiable sailing company, we would love to have you join us!