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West River Sailing Club
Galesville, Maryland

Notice of Cruise – Gibson Island Cruise – Aug 15-16

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General Description:

At a distance of less than 20 miles from the West River, cruises to the Gibson Island Club off the Magothy River have proven to be very popular. Plans for this year are similar to last, so we're hoping for another good turnout. Arrangements have been made for tying up at the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron's docks, followed by cocktails on the dock, then dinner at the Gibson Island Club. Cruisers are asked to take a slip or mooring for the night at the GIYS harbor facilities. They can accommodate up to 25 boats; the docks are like new, the boathouse facilities excellent, the staff professional, and the fees reasonable.

Details of Activities:

Eagle Cove offers plenty of room for anchoring and/or rafting in advance of the event. However, you are encouraged to proceed directly to docks of the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron anytime after noon. Plan to spend the night at the GIYS docks (they strongly discourages individuals approaching via dinghy). Price for docking this year will be \$2/ft. For those who prefer a mooring, they run \$1.50/ft when available (several usually are).

We will gather for cocktails in front of the "Boathouse" at 5 PM. Bring your drinks, but hors d'oeuvres aren't necessary – we want to avoid the traditional big spread, which typically doesn't leave much room for dinner.

Dinner will follow by special arrangement at the nearby Gibson Island Club. This involves a walk of about a half mile and many have found this to be a very pleasant part of the evening. We expect to have access to a golf cart for those for who may find the walk challenging. Again this year, we have

arranged for a buffet with salad, choice of two entrees, desert and coffee, served in the private “Trophy Room”. Price of the dinner will be under \$35 per person including gratuity. The Club will keep separate tabs for each boat for cash bar and dinner. Captains should be prepared to pay by cash or personal check following dinner; the Club does not accept credit cards.

Last year, we had a very successful potluck breakfast on Sunday (in lieu of heavy hors d’oeuvres Saturday evening). We would like to repeat that activity, and encourage everyone to bring something to share for Sunday morning. We’ve traditionally gathered there, and making it a brunch seems to be a good idea.

Activity after brunch Sunday is open for any one of a number of options, including anchoring in Eagle Cove for a quiet day, slipping into Annapolis harbor for several hours in town or simply sailing back to our respective docks or moorings.

Navigation and Mooring Arrangements:

Eagle Cove is a delightful little bay that is not identified on any charts. It is located about 8 NM northwest of the Bay Bridges, which in turn, are about 9 NM from West River G1A. Sail into the Magothy River, then head north towards Dobbins Island in Sillery Bay. From “G-1” east of Dobbins Island, swing to starboard and pass through the Magothy Narrows around the north end of Gibson Island. Passage through the Narrows is well marked with at least 8 feet of water, and empties into Eagle Cove. For anyone arriving early, Eagle Cove has plenty of depth and room for anchoring and/or rafting.

The GIYS docks and Boathouse sit on the long causeway connecting Gibson Island to mainland Maryland. The causeway allows for a spectacular view of the bay looking east. The docks can be reached by continuing about ½ NM past Eagle Cove, following the private navigation markers. After the 2nd green pylon, turn to port and proceed past the yachts moored in the inner harbor. The GIYS harbormaster and/or his crew will assist in the docking. Cruisers need not reserve a slip; simply notify the Cruise Leaders that you are coming (see RSVP below.) Payment for your slip or mooring will be via cash or check (no credit cards) directly to the dockmaster.

Deadline for RSVP'S:

Cruise Leaders will be finalizing arrangements with the Gibson Island Yacht Squadron and Gibson Island Club approximately two weeks in advance of the cruise date, so please RSVP no later than the **3rd of August**. Respond via email or phone to Don Mueller – see above. There may be an Evite issued, but if so, we request that you also respond directly to us. We will need a count for both dockage and dinner. For the former, please provide name and size (length, beam & draft) of your boat. For the latter, provide number of people.

Radio Watch Plan:

The Cruise Leaders will monitor VHF channels 9, 16 & 74 continuously between the hours of 10 AM – 2 PM Saturday, August 15, 2009. At 11:15 AM, a general call will go out on Channel 74 to the “West River Cruisers” from “Atalanta” soliciting the presence and position of participants. This process will be repeated at 1:15 PM Saturday.

Process for Coordinating Revisions to this Notice:

Questions can be directed to the Cruise Leaders at any time via email or cell phone (see above). Any changes to the information in this NOC will be distributed by email to members who have indicated intent to participate.

This is a rain or shine event. In the event of foul weather, arrangements will be made for participants who choose not to sail to be received on Gibson Island via “land cruiser”. In either case, we will rendezvous at the Boathouse on the causeway at 5PM.