

D/5 2008 SAIL REGATTA AND FALL FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN ROCK HALL MARYLAND

District's Sail Regatta and Fall Festival will be held this year 10-13 October, Columbus Day Weekend, at Haven Harbour Marina in Rock Hall MD. All members of USPS are invited to include Sail, Power, Trailer Boaters and Highway Mariner RV'ers with activities for everyone to enjoy. Those who wish to come by car may stay at many local Bed and Breakfasts and Motels in Rock Hall and nearby Chestertown, see list in the footnotes. A limited number of RV's may stay in the Marina; contact D/Lt Gary Kirts for the specifics. The slip fees in the marina are \$2.10 per foot, contact the Dock master at the Marina, Ben Armature @800-506-6697 to make your reservations. For trailer boaters, a very good state ramp is available in Rock Hall Harbour. Good anchorages in SWAN CREEK, a short dinghy ride to the marina, can make the event more cost attractive. So, everyone can come in many ways, on any days to enjoy the many fun and educational activities planned for this four day Fall Weekend.

Now, let's start with Friday, the day of first arrivals. After docking and registration, all will gather for the first social get-to-know party at the Reception Center. Bring BYOB and Hor D'oeuvres to share. Coolers will be iced to provide cold drinks for your beverage donations. Coolers will stay iced for the weekend. Dinner will be on your own. Grills are available to cookout in the picnic area. Those who wish to go to dinner may assemble and carpool to many good local restaurants. Saturday AM early is the Fishing Derby. Our fish expert D/1st/Lt Bernie Karpers and Friends will have boats available to go fishing in the Rock Hall vicinity. If fish are out there Bernie will Catch'em, otherwise you will drink a lot of beer. Saturday, also brings the onset of a two day Poker Hunt on LAND in the Rock Hall community. Use the Green Trolley, or whatever means you can surmise to follow the clues and collect your winning pokers hands while seeing the interesting attractions around the town. D/Lt Rich Norris will play the Poker Hands Sunday night at the banquet, so you have two days to complete the adventure. Saturday afternoon will also be DAY ONE of Lawn Games in the Gazebo area. D/Lt Ginny Brown and Friends will have challenges ready for all willing to participate, including Croquet, Shuffleboard, Horseshoes, and Bocci Ball. Captains will meet late Saturday afternoon for instructions for the sailboat races on Sunday. Anyone wishing to ride a sailboat during the race will be welcome and added to the crews.

Come Saturday night enjoy our second cocktail get-together and talk about the days encounters. Enjoy beverages from our iced coolers, BYOB or purchase as cash bar from Paradise Bar and Grill. It's your choice. A hearty buffet prepared by Pruitt's Swan Point Inn will provide the sunset evening meal on the upper deck of the reception center. Sunday morning arise to a Pitch – in breakfast and FISH FRY....maybe. A coffee and juice bar will be provided and a last minute captains meeting will be held, as post time for the sailboat race is near. D/Lt Stu Myers and Friends have prepared this year's race and will captain the committee boat to the start line. The 2008 Sail Regatta begins at 1000. In the afternoon, after the race DAY TWO of the lawn games will commence and champions will be determined.

Come Sunday night for the BIG affair, which will be held as a Sit-down dinner at Pruitt's Swan Point Inn ¼ mile walking distance from the Marina. Your reservations will have selected your dinner, but not before a sumptuous variety of Hor D'oeuvres and cash bar during our third cocktail get-together at the restaurant. This will be a great evening filled with good times, good food and great awards for racing and lawn games for all. And the Poker Hand winner will be determined Monday AM we will repeat the Pitch-in Breakfast with coffee and juice bar. All will be tired and ready to depart for home.

This weekend will be long remembered.....Don't miss it this year!

Places to Stay:

Rock Hall

Mariner's Motel 410-639-2291

Swan Point Inn 410-639-2500

Inn at Osprey 410-639-2194

Black Duck Inn (B&B) 410-639-2478

North Point Marina 410-639-2907

Moonlight Bay 410-639-2660

Chestertown

Holiday Inn Express 410-778-0778

Comfort Suites 410-810-0555

Driftwood Inn 410-778-3200