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## Welcome to Our Winter 2020 Boat Show Edition

Many boaters and potential boaters will pick up this magazine at either the Baltimore or Greater Philadelphia Boat Shows. If it is the first time you picked a copy up, welcome. If you have been reading us for the past six years; thank you for helping to get us established, and helping us grow. WOW, it is time for a whole new decade of boating on the Upper Bay. I've been attending boat shows for more than five decades as a boater, and have been working at the shows for more than two decades. Nothing beats the winter blues better than coming out to see all the new models at these warm indoor shows.

You should be able to find the perfect boat at one of these two shows. They offer entry level crafts for first-time boaters and larger vessels to trade up to as well. My family got hooked at a show when I was ten. They bought a few boats when I was young, and even bought a waterfront home. I've owned six through the years, and now my daughter and son-in law are continuing that tradition. So be careful folks, I guarantee there is something for everyone at the shows, and you too will be hooked.

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# Seeing Clearly in 2020

By Wendy Gilbert – Features Editor

I'm a Monday morning person.

I like a fresh start to my work day.

Of course the week starts with Sunday in American as opposed to Canada, so technically I should probably say that I'm a Sunday person.

Last month, the first day of the month was on a Sunday. That was a serious double bonus.

I keep a 6x9-inch notebook with me at all times. Within its confines are my notes for each quarter of the year.

My plans, to do lists, appointments, confirmation numbers and much more is carefully written down. For a writer, I run a lot of numbers and those are faithfully recorded for 3 months. I also re-record data from the previous quarter if need be.

If any of you have a Fitbit and I trust that you do, you are aware of the weekly report. I love my report and have been jotting down the results faithfully every week. I'll be the first to admit that I don't always love the results I'm recording, but I am true to myself – for more steps or less.

I boil these weekly reports down to the essentials and compare them to previous weeks, months, and now years.

Those reports have led to my recording other day-to-day data and trust me, the lists go on.

The New Year 2020 having barely begun begs for some new ideas.

Why not track boat outings and pleasure cruises instead of just the maintenance work and responsibilities?

Why not look back on this next year and decade with our eyes open to the positive, good and pleasurable? It is often said that our hearts and minds follow what we focus on. So as much as it is to run numbers on steps and miles, this year I plan to record (very faithfully) things like destinations visited, waterfront restaurant dinners enjoyed, sunset cruises, mornings spent fishing and humble afternoons on the Flats.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and Merry Boating Season in 2020!

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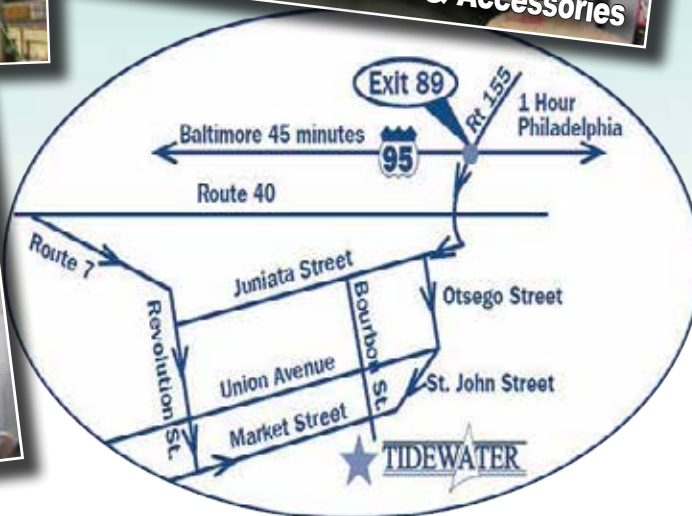
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# Free Environmental Seminars for Marinas

By **Wendy Gilbert**- Features Editor

When the Clean Marina program first burst onto the scene about 20 years ago, achieving certified status was a big deal.

Magazines, newspapers and eventually online sources lauded the owners and managers of marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs throughout Maryland's myriad waterways. I still have clippings and remember my interviews!

The program was developed in 1998 by a committee comprised of marina and boatyard operators, state and local government officials, academics, and boating groups with the goal of reducing nonpoint source pollution from marine facilities and recreational boats.

It may not seem like it, but it's still a very big deal. The results of those early changes have been more than noteworthy. All of us are enjoying a cleaner and healthier environment thanks to both the folks who created the program and those who now comply with it.

And the Clean Marina Program goes on.

This February those same owners and managers of marinas, boatyards, and yacht clubs are invited to attend a free seminar to learn about becoming certified Maryland Clean Marinas. The program will provide details on commonly needed permits and plans, and an informative session on the impacts of plastic marine debris on Maryland's waterways.

Seminars are scheduled Feb. 5 at Bush River Yacht Club, Abingdon; Feb. 7 at the Annapolis Recreation Center; and Feb. 11 at Richardson Maritime Museum, Cambridge.



All workshops will run from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and advanced registration is requested by contacting Program Coordinator Donna Morrow at [donna.morrow@maryland.gov](mailto:donna.morrow@maryland.gov) or 410-260-8773.

The Maryland Clean Marina Initiative recognizes and promotes environmentally-responsible marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs. The program is coordinated by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in partnership with the marine industry.

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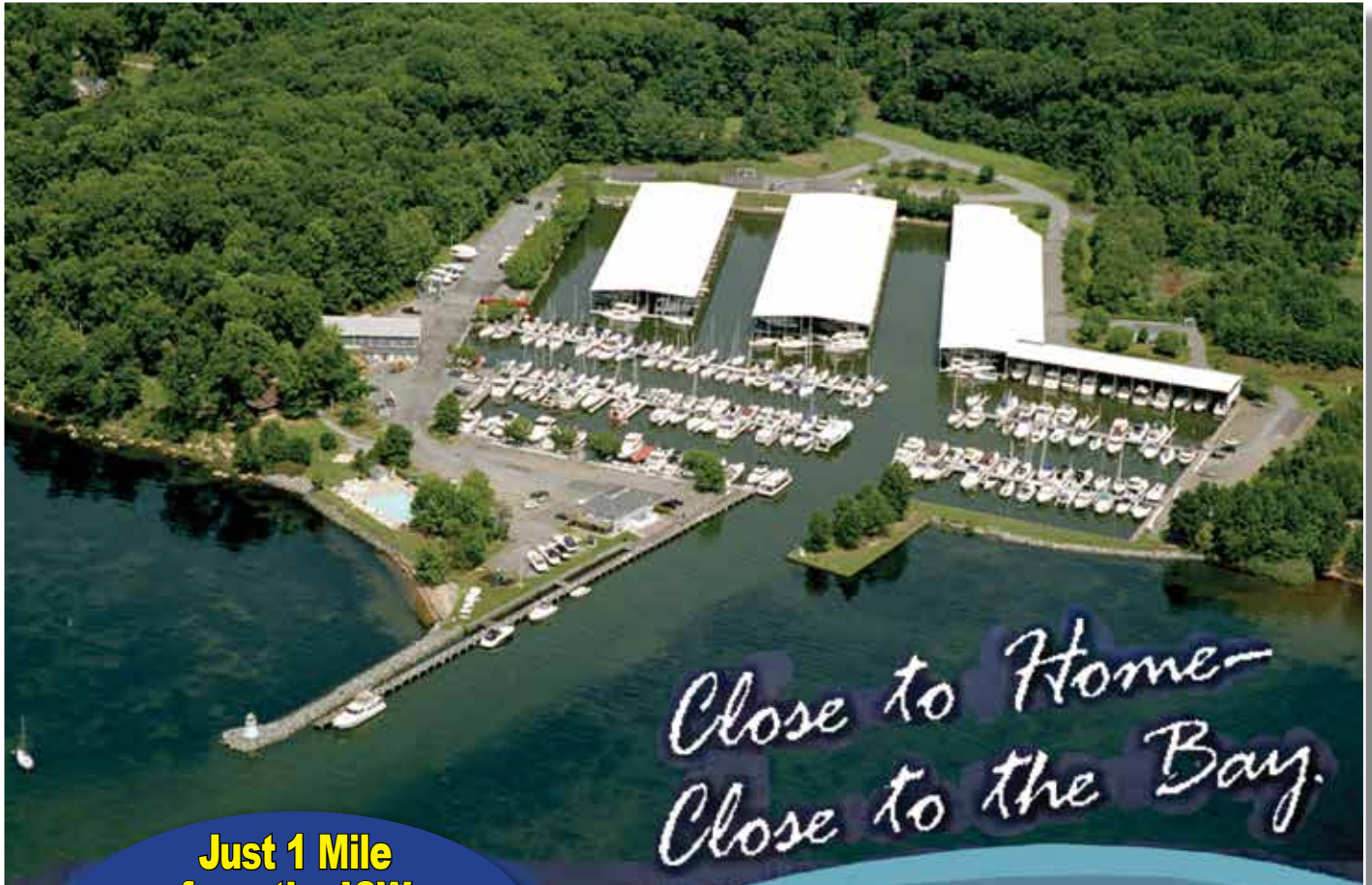
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# A Daysailor's Dilemma

by L Alan Keene

During these cold late winter nights, many boaters like to lean back in their recliners and think of those special times they've had out on the water over the years. Here's one that I've looked back on often on those frigid winter nights. I shared it with SAIL magazine back in January of 2010 and with Upper Bay Boating today...

"Honey, don't do that, PLEASE!", my first mate of 40 years pleaded. "We could get in there and lose our wind or even worse, get blown into somebody and tear up both our boats! Please, PLEASE don't try it! Let's call somebody. That's what tow boats are for!"

Barely aware of Peg's pleadings, I unscrewed the second spark plug from it's seat, replaced it with a new one from the emergency box, and then yanked hard on the starter rope ten or twelve more times. Not a spit. Not a sputter!

I couldn't believe it. That Johnson Sailmaster had never, NEVER let us down in almost 15 years of sailing the Bay. I had exhausted my limited troubleshooting skills and I knew it. A decision had to be made.

With the motor tilted up and the prop out of the water, we were sailing along at about 3.5 knots under our small genny. The wind, I guessed, was a steady 10 to 12 knots out of the south and the sky was clear....but like most August afternoons on the Chesapeake, severe thunderstorms were forecast for later in the day.

Do I call for a tow or do I try to sail into our slip? The decision for some would have been easy, but for me, not so. As a daysailor for the better part of 30 years, the last fifteen spent sailing our Capri 25 on the Chesapeake Bay, I've had the opportunity to learn sailing the old fashioned way.... by trial and error. Since no one in our circle of friends had ever sailed back in '81 when we bought our first little sailboat, private instruction simply wasn't an option. It was seat of the pants or nothing.

What drew me to sailing, in spite of my inexperience, was the self reliance the sport required. Changing conditions demanded changing tactics, and if the captain wasn't up to the new challenges, he or she risked embarrassment at the very least and personal peril at the worst. That little element of danger was exciting.

Not knowing a main sheet from a bed sheet, we shoved off on our very first sail in an Oxford Dinghy, on a little creek behind the Maryland town that gave the boat her name. Bouncing from one piling to the next in that little gunter rigged dinghy, I gradually began to get the feel for it. With a steady breeze and a willing crew, the accidental jibes just

didn't seem to matter. We were hooked.

For the next decade, with our little ten footer strapped to her trailer, we'd set off on many a summer weekend to sail the back bays, rivers, and ponds of the Delmarva Peninsula. With only a main and a centerboard to command my attention, it didn't take long to learn the ropes....or rather the rope.

Graduation to our Capri and our new sailing venue took a little more time. Not only did we have a few more ropes to tug on, but we found ourselves sailing a body of water

that could go from placid to pugnacious in a matter of minutes. A Spring afternoon spent struggling to stay upright, following the quick passage of a dry cold front, taught us that lesson early on.

For the most part, though, we've faced up to the challenges that confront a Chesapeake Bay daysailer, and faced them with some modicum of success. Most challenges, that is, with one major exception. We had never returned TACKFUL to her slip under sail.

"Please don't try it, Hon!", Peg implored, realizing that her words were falling on deaf ears. "What if the wind dies? What if another boat blocks our wind? We'll be sorry if we try this!"

And her concerns were justified. We would have to sail down a narrow channel into a 240 slip marina, past three docks, down a 45 foot wide fairway, past 35 boats that share it, and come to a controlled stop in our 12 foot wide

slip. All on an outgoing tide. I knew it wouldn't be easy.

While I'd like to say that my decision was based purely on reason, the simple truth is that ego, with a heavy dose of parsimony, played a bigger role. Not being a racer, I wasn't accustomed to "up close and personal" while under sail, so as I set the jib for our tack down the channel my heart did the racing for me.

Lady luck was with us that afternoon. The wind eased but didn't die, not one boat left it's slip as we approached, the tide helped kill our speed as I thought it would (the "reason" part of my decision), and a dock mate, seeing our plight, helped keep our bow pulpit from banging into the dock box as we entered the slip. We didn't touch a thing! Not a bad outcome, all things considered.

After a few congratulatory words from our nautical neighbor and some appreciative words from us for his timely assistance, my wife turned to me and said, "I'm REALLY IMPRESSED!" And then, with a wry smile, she added, "But I wasn't worried, you know. I knew you could do it all along!"



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# Cruising the Wye River

By Captain Mark Galasso

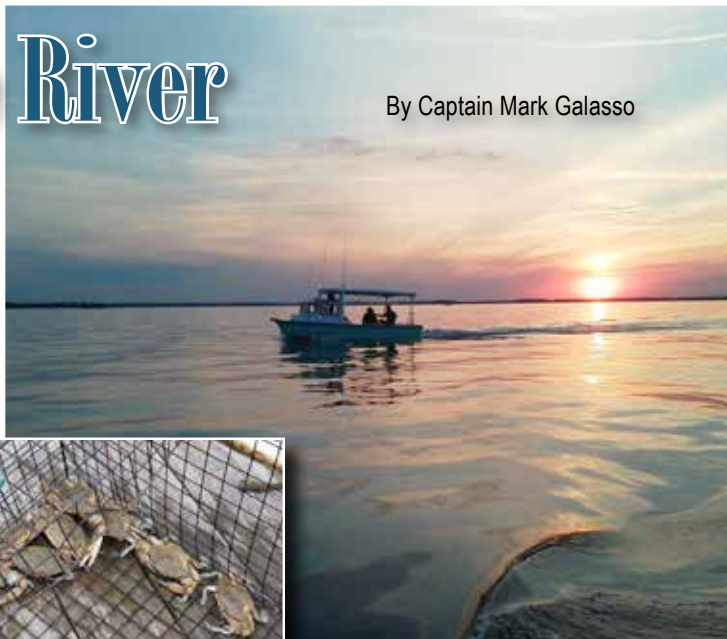
One of the true gems situated within the Chesapeake Bay is the Wye River. This river and its many creeks and backwaters winds through Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It is distinct among large mid Bay river systems in that it has almost no commercial access other than a few waterman's anchorages giving local crabbers and oysterman access to the Rivers rich fish and shellfish bounties. The Wye River is home to some of the largest oysters and crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its close proximity to the Eastern Bay allows waterman access to those areas as well.

If you prefer not to be too far from the hustle and bustle of ports with hotels and restaurants Kent Narrows to the north and St. Michaels to the south are just a few nautical miles from the mouth of the Wye. Two of the things that make access to the Wye a little dicey are there are no marinas to get fuel on the river and with the exception of Wye Landing there are no good boat ramps available to launch trailered boats.

So let's take a little tour of the area. If you're coming from the upper Bay and your vessel drafts four feet or less you can come through Kent Narrows and down into the eastern Bay. As your coming through the Narrows it is a good time to fuel up at Mears or Piney Narrows and get provisions at the Kent Narrows Boatel just north of the Kent Narrows Bridge. There is also a great boat ramp in the Narrows. If your vessel is larger and you don't want to deal with the draw bridge or the current you may want to cruise along the West side of Kent Island and come around Bloody Point and up into the Eastern Bay. From the Kent Narrows Bridge to the Mouth of the Wye is about 8 miles. If you hug Kent Island and come down the "Bay Side" and up EBay the trip is about 22 miles to the mouth of the River. Coming up the EBay side if you need to fuel up the mouth of the Miles River and St. Michaels is just four miles southeast of the mouth of the Wye River and has access for larger vessels.

As you approach the mouth of the Wye the first thing you notice is Bennet's Point Light, a small privately maintained white light house on the west side of the mouth of the River. Look at your charts and follow the day markers. The Wye River has a nice deep channel but like many Chesapeake Bay rivers there are also a lot of shallow points and sand bars. About a mile and a half inside of the mouth the River it splits. If you keep going straight Bennet's Point will be to port and Wye Island will be to starboard for the next three miles. This is the "Main" Wye or Wye River West and though all the land to port is large private homes most of the land to starboard is owned by the State of Maryland and is open to the public. There are a few sandy beaches on the Wye Island side where one can relax and swim. Just remember to only leave footprints!

If you go 90 degrees to starboard after entering the river you enter Shaw Bay which Narrows down to the Wye River East. Shaw Bay is only about one square mile but is a popular rafting area for sailboats originating from Annapolis and Ports on the Western Shore. On some summer weekends there may be dozens of boats swaying at anchor just east of Bruff's Island and the old Johnson and Johnson Estate. This is the Talbot



County side of the river and goes up into Wye Mills and Tunis Mills. Here the River Narrows and bends around Wye Island. Circumventing the Island is about a 12-mile run. Before the east and west rivers meet again at Aspen

Institute and Quarter Creek you go under the Wye Island Bridge. This is a fixed bridge with a vertical clearance of only 10 feet and is the only land access to Wye Island. Prior to arriving at the bridge you pass to starboard two large estates. One was built for Chef Boyardee's son and his wife back in the 1980s on DeCoursey Cove. This 22,500 square foot mansion sits on 18 acres. It was sold to Morgan O'Brien founder of Nextel back in 1999. The other is the old Wye Plantation, home of Arthur Houghton Jr., President of Stuben Glass. The Houghton's donated much of Wye Plantations grounds, 1,100 acres, to the State in 1979. Much of the land north of Wye Island is now owned by the University of Maryland and is part of the University of Maryland agricultural Extension office. Here some of the largest Black Angus bulls in the world are bred and can be seen feeding in the open farmland surrounding Wye Plantation. As you continue up the main stem of the Wye River you pass numerous estates and old farms. One can only guess what celebrities call these mansions home! The main stem of the river actually meanders for 10 miles before it becomes canoe and kayak waters prior to going under Route 50 at the Prime Outlets at Queenstown.

This is just a brief tour of one of the most famous rivers on Maryland's Eastern Shore. If you're in to nature it just can't be beat. Bald Eagles soar everywhere. Fishing and crabbing is some of the best in the State. Migratory waterfowl abound here all winter. You can drop anchor in sheltered waters and feel like your rubbing elbows with the rich and famous. And whether you're watching the sun set after popping a cork on some Dom Perignon aboard a 50-foot Catalina or you've got a center console, a Bud Lite in a koozie and a basket full of Blue Crabs the Wye River is a great place to unwind and relax.

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# Shows, Flea Markets and Sales

By Tim Sherman

Let's face it. Most of us would rather be doing something in warm confines than be fishing when the air temperature is close to the freezing mark. Sure, there are diehards that will be on the water as long as the ramp where they launch isn't frozen in. You can bet they are out looking for white perch, chain pickerel, or bass. For the rest of us, there are other things we can do to occupy ourselves during winter downtime.

Through the winter months there are numerous boat shows, flea markets, and tackle shop expos. Locally, these events start out with the Baltimore Boat Show in late January, then meander through volunteer fire departments where local fishing clubs make tables available for tackle crafters to sell their wares and club members to sell gently used gear. Somewhere in the UBB readership area, you can find some sort of an event from late January through mid-March.

Even if you are not in the market for a new boat, it's fun to see all the new boat designs, gizmos, and gadgets at the boat show. You may find a new product that will enhance your boating experience or make fishing a little easier. You can also find the latest in electronics. It is amazing how we have come from the days of flashers to being able to identify the species of fish, and making waypoints and fishing structure on the touch screen.

Fishing flea markets are well-attended. You will find tables full of tackle. Many of the vendors are members of the club hosting the event, who are looking to part ways with gently used tackle. Often you will find your favorite lure in good shape because the angler couldn't find the knack for catching fish on it. He or she is usually willing to part ways with it for less than the retail price.

The same can be said for rods and reels. Bass anglers look to upgrade their tackle for a competitive edge and offer the older models to the bargain shoppers. With rods and reels, it's always a good idea to give the tackle a thorough once over. Sometimes the guides on rods will need to be replaced and reels may need a good cleaning. That is the great thing about fishing flea markets. Prices can be negotiated. You may be able



to find deals on bulk tackle, like soft plastic baits, hooks, and fishing line.

You will also find custom tackle makers at these events. These craftsmen offer specialty lures that are as good as those produced by major manufacturers. Some of the lures are designed to mimic baitfish in local waters, while others resemble tried and true favorites. Custom rod builders are great to talk with if you have a special need. They can build a rod to your specifications from length, power and, action, down to type of guides, color of guide wraps, reel seat, and handle material.

We can't get to all of these winter events, but there is more to do. Tackle maintenance is critical now before getting back on the water in spring. Some things are easy. Some may need a professional's assistance. We can strip old line from our reels and wind on new. Look through your tackle box for lures with rusty hooks. Take time to replace them now.

Bass fishermen know the usefulness of a skirted lure. Jigs, spinnerbaits, and chatter baits all have them. Those that sit in the bottom of the tacklebox for years have an issue ... rubber band fatigue. You will know it when you take out the lure and the skirt strands fall into your hand, or if the skirt pulls off of the lure easily. The band has either stretched or broken. It's well past time to replace the skirt. Your favorite tackle shop has premade skirts and the flea market tackle crafter you met at the flea market can hook you up with a custom skirt. Did you get his card?

Last but not least, area tackle shops host a variety of special sales during the winter months. This is the time for them to blow out aging inventory and showcase new products to the market tackle. Many times they will have factory representatives and industry professionals on hand to answer questions about products or give fishing advice.

Just because you are not on the water this time of year doesn't mean you can't be active in fishing. Rummage through your tackle to get it prepared for the upcoming season. Support your local fishing clubs and tackle shops by attending their events. Your first fishing trip of the year will be here before you know it.





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# Boat Show Opportunities

By Doug Dawson

## Great Deals

Boat Shows are a great opportunity to get special deals, rebates, and incentives on new boats, accessories, trailers, dinghies, gifts, clothing, knick-knacks, electronics and more—all kinds of “stuff” for your boat. But (and there is usually a “but”), Boat Shows can be confusing, overwhelming, and intimidating, unless you know how a Boat Show is put together, so go prepared.

What is a Boat Show?

Show Organizers organize and advertise boat shows. The purpose is to bring together companies with marine products and services, and provide an environment, under one roof or in one harbor, where they can “Show and Sell” to you.

Boat shows occur all around the world and can serve as an excellent boat buying resource for comparing different models and brands. Boat Shows also allow you to communicate directly with both dealers and manufacturers.

Shows also promote boating knowledge, safety and protecting the environment today for tomorrow’s boaters. You’ll find many other exhibits and seminars, where you can learn all this and much more.

## The Representatives

The exhibitor who pays for the space could be a manufacturer, a distributor, a marina/dealer, a broker, or even paid temporary staff or a combination thereof. If a boat manufacturer is renting the space, it will have factory representatives working the booth, as well as marina salespeople representing the various marinas/dealers, who are franchised to sell that brand. These marinas often bring staff from their marinas to work the booth—the owner, salespeople, service staff, family or friends to help out.

When you walk into the booth, you should see a list of marinas represented. You will be able to identify the people working the booth by reading their name tags or simply asking them their position.

Sometimes you will find that you are talking to a service technician, who may not be a great salesperson, but you can

usually learn a lot. Their expertise is service (not sales) and can give you very detailed and technical answers—things you may not learn from a salesperson. Learn all you can from all the people you talk to. Don’t be too quick to discount someone’s knowledge, just because they’re not “slick”.

Two decades ago, when I was dumped into a shark pit booth full of too many hungry salesmen, I donned a manufacturer’s ball cap and carried a chamois, as I worked my way around a particular boat. I couldn’t believe how the boat buyers bypassed various salespeople and came directly to me for boat info and pricing. I appeared “non-threatening”. It turned out to be a “win-win” for me and for the boaters. So, don’t judge how much people may know by their appearance.

When talking with a sales rep, be honest about your level of boating knowledge and experience. Be straight and they will respond with a positive attitude and answer questions at the appropriate level.

Ask questions, to determine which type of boat is best for the activities you and your family want to participate in.

Ask lots of questions like what equipment is included in the Boat Show special. The more you ask, the more the salesperson feels knowledgeable, and the more they’ll tell you, and the more you’ll learn. Ask the same questions of several reps at different booths. You’ll be surprised how much more you will learn.

Be sure to try out the boat’s physical attributes. Don’t just stand beside it and admire it, get aboard. For example, sit at the helm, sit on the toilet, lay on the bed etc. Is it ergonomically designed for you and your family or someone with totally different dimensions?

## Compare

Take advantage of the fantastic opportunity at boat shows to view hundreds of NEW boats and other products on display with knowledgeable people to answer your questions. Your plan should be to start with many offerings and narrow down to a short list, expending as little energy and travel time as possible—Boat Shows help you accomplish this.





There are lots of opportunities to explore and discover every type of boat. Once you're in the Boat Show door, you are free to compare. It is easier to compare makes and models, because they are only a few minutes apart, rather than hours and miles apart. Buyers often walk back and forth across the aisle at boat shows many times, as they compare features and benefits.



tions answered and equipment lists to compare here, can save you miles of driving, money and frustration later.

## Be Prepared

After reading "Buy A Boat With Confidence and Save Money", you will be confident to step into the booth and ask intelligent questions, rather than being too timid to leave the safety of the "Red

## Homework First

Too many boaters buy the wrong boat and are sorely disappointed later. All this could be avoided with a little homework ahead of time.

A few examples:

- The kids needed a head, but the bowrider they bought didn't have one.
- The cottage taxi boat didn't have a big enough motor and was too bulky for skiing at the cottage.
- The guy who fell in love with and bought a narrow beam mid cabin cruiser, but it wasn't roomy enough for his family of "large" people. It looked suitable to him at the boat show, but when his family was aboard, it was tippy and wouldn't perform under the load. Worst of all, it turned out to be an "excuse me" boat. Every time they moved, they had to say "excuse me", because of the small space. We know families this has happened to and they had to cut their holiday short to buy a larger boat to suit them.
- The bed was too short leaving the feet hanging over the end.
- There wasn't enough room for the knees, when sitting on the head/toilet.

Don't end up buying the wrong boat. It could cost you plenty to unload it during the first season.

Don't waste valuable time buying a boat, that doesn't "FIT" your needs. Do your homework first.

### New Boats at Boat Shows

Buying a new boat at a boat show is a simpler process, if you have financing in order. Visit your friendly loans officer to determine how much you can spend on a boat, payments and interest. This is similar to pre-arranging a mortgage, before house-hunting.

Once at the Boat Show, shop the boats in your price range. You will be prepared to compare finance deals—perhaps your bank representative will offer a better deal at the show.

When you are trading in your used boat, the salesperson will set a time afterwards to come and inspect your trade, so the deal likely won't be finalized until then.

### Used Boats

If you are looking for a used boat, check with the marinas, brokers and multiple listing services who are exhibiting and request specification sheets for boats of interest. Having all your ques-

tions answered and equipment lists to compare here, can save you miles of driving, money and frustration later.

Carpet" (aisle carpet) for fear of asking "dumb questions". You will also know the type of boat that is right for you, your family and your planned activities, before you get to the Show, and you can narrow down your list of requirements from many to several, so that you have a more manageable list to research thoroughly.

Ask questions, compare, try them out and buy knowledgeably to obtain the right boat for you and your family at the right price.

Take the time to identify your primary and secondary activities and then match up your planned activities with the right type of boat.

Will your primary activity be waterskiing, day cruises, day sailing, fishing, overnight trips, weekend trips, week trips, longer cruises, cottage taxi, skiing, boarding, tubing, speed, or a combination? What will your secondary activities be? Do you want a boat for fishing, but also want to go on overnight trips from time to time? Do you want a cottage taxi, but still want to be able to take day long trips and ski at the cottage?

## Conclusion

To get the most out of a Boat Show, go prepared. Knowing how much you can spend and what type of boat you are looking for, will not only save you time, but will also save you a lot of money.

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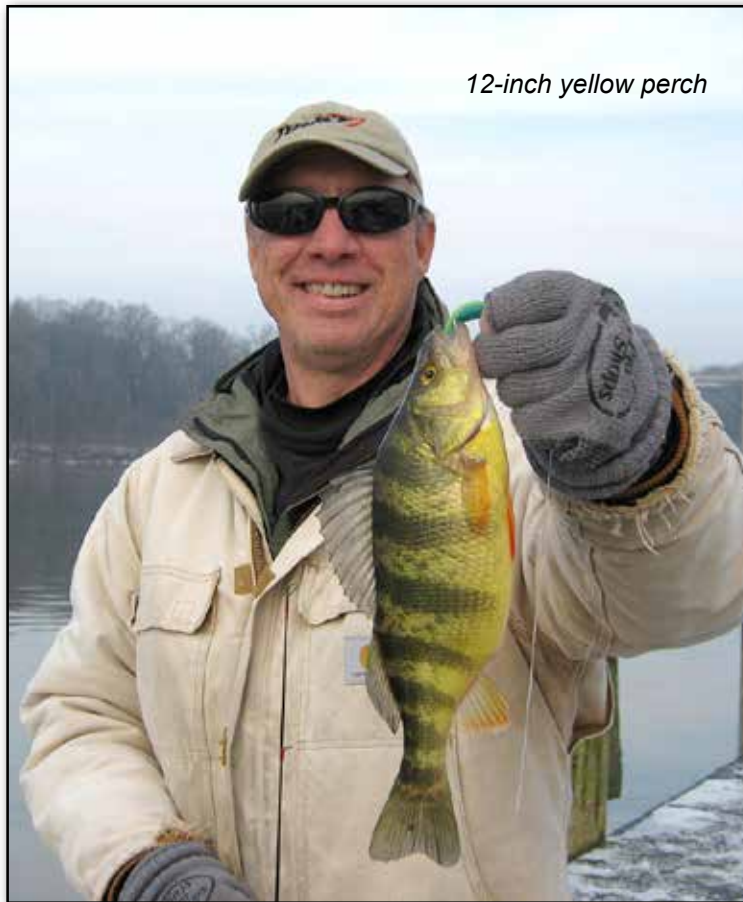
# Wintertime Fishing Tips

By Tim Campbell

Winter weather fishing is not the most pleasant outdoor experience for some folks because it's cold, windy and could snow any minute. Most rational people think braving the cold to catch a fish is crazy. And yet, winter is a great time to catch fish, big fish too. Many species will bite an artificial lure or take a live minnow such as largemouth bass, catfish, chain pickerel, crappie, striped bass, white perch, and yellow perch. Some of the biggest fish of my life have come in January, February and March including big striped bass, fat blue catfish and plump citation size yellow perch. A few of my fishing buddies have also caught their personal best fish in the dead of winter. I'm thinking of Lee Haile who caught his Maryland State record non-tidal chain pickerel on January 2, 2015. Another noteworthy catch is the current Maryland State record largemouth bass. It was caught by Justin Riley on January 26, 2008 from the tidal Potomac River and weighed a whopping 11.2 lbs!

One secret to successful winter fishing is preparation. Tip #1 is being ready. Who wants to be fumbling around looking for tackle on a cold, dark morning? Gather your gear and tie on your lures the night before. That way, as soon as you get to the water you can start fishing. It's a rookie mistake to forget something critical like a landing net or a pair of clippers. Have your tackle bag and rods by the door so you can grab them on the way out. Don't put your tackle in the vehicle or boat the night before the trip. Lengthy exposure to extreme cold degrades monofilament line.

Besides getting a good night's sleep and eating a hearty breakfast, dressing properly is the best defense against the cold. Tip #2 is dress in layers. Long underwear, flannel lined pants, two pair of socks and duck boots are a good start for keeping your feet and legs warm. Four or five layers of clothing for your mid-section should suffice. Nowadays there are new hi-tech materials that aren't too bulky and wick away mois-



*12-inch yellow perch*

ture to help hold in the warmth. I wear a knit hat over a baseball cap with a Buff around my neck to cover my face. Fishing with gloves is clumsy although fingerless gloves work well. Place a chemical hand warmer pack inside your gloves for extra warmth. Those things stay warm for up to 10 hours.

Fish are cold water creatures. Their body temperatures are the same as the water temps and so their metabolism slows way down in colder water. Therefore, fish don't need to eat as often in the winter. Tip #3 is fish slowly. Most fish are not going to chase a lure in cold water. Big fish are particularly lazy. Fish lures vertically rather than horizontally. Let the

lure sit just off the bottom. Bouncing and jiggling the lure slowly with short rod strokes is worth a try. Some effective vertical lures include blade baits, jiggging spoons and plastic grubs. Sometimes a fish will just sit there after it takes a lure and the angler doesn't know a fish is on the line until he reels it in.

Consider enhancing your lure with a piece of worm or a live minnow. Having some bait on the lure is often the difference between catching and not catching fish. Tip #4 is use bait or scent for added attraction. Artificial scents such as Spike-it or Smelly Jelly work well all year, but especially in winter.

You've probably heard the saying, big baits for big fish, and it is often true, however I recommend downsizing your lures in the winter. Tip #5 is use small lures.

Finally, it is important to use sharp hooks. Sluggish fish don't bite aggressively in wintry water temps. Sharp hooks are another difference maker. This tip applies to all seasons, but it is especially important in the winter. Tip #6 is use sharp hooks.

Fishing is fun but there are many dangers in this sport, so fish with a friend and always wear a personal flotation device (PFD), especially in cold weather. Not only will it help keep you warm, it might save your life. Make use of these wintertime fishing tips. There are big fish out there waiting to be caught.





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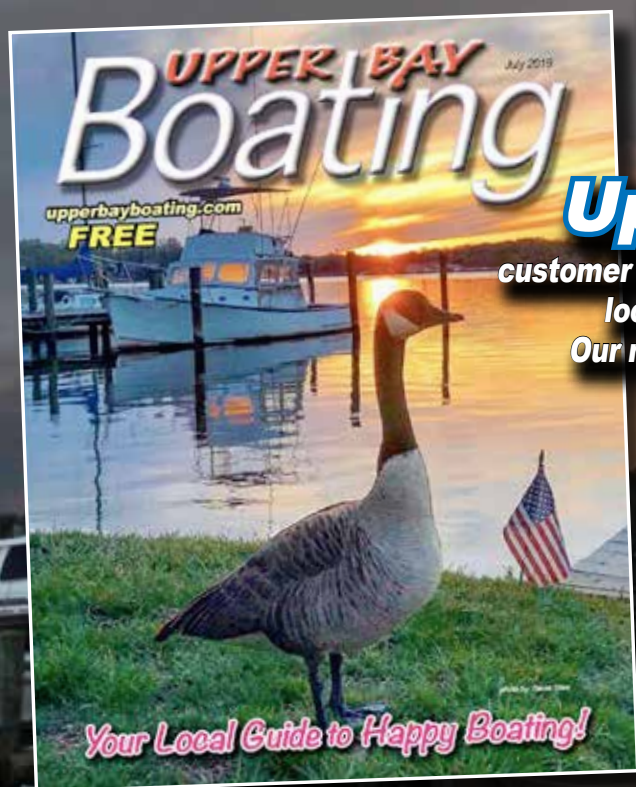
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Boat shows offer families a way to explore options for enjoying life on the water. According to David Posner, President of Royal Productions, "The current economic climate provides exceptional bargaining possibilities for boat shoppers." He continued, "We're looking forward to seeing many boating families at the show. Adult admission is \$10; ages 16 and under are admitted free. A special admission of \$5 for adults will be in effect on Friday from 5 pm to closing.

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While some may think that enough organizations already exist to help improve our environment, this is a case where the more groups and people involved, the better. The environment and the health of the Chesapeake Bay are very important issues, life sustaining issues and while one person alone can begin to make a small impact, the need for people to come together, communicate, share and collaborate on ideas and projects is necessary to make significant social change. MWF is up to the challenge of working with existing organizations and helping new groups form so we can all make a positive impact.

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## Maryland Waterways Foundation



*George and Lisa Ritter*

cleanups, work with the Baltimore County Police Marine Unit to retrieve and destroy abandoned boats and is also developing informal educational programs to create much needed behavioral change. There are many changes we all need to make to improve our environment and so many thoughts and ideas to learn together and share to enhance our waterways. We will be working with our youth with a summer internship program for college environmental students and with Venturing Crew 726 and Sea Scout Ship 7117 to gain hands on experience.

The organization needs volunteers to participate in cleanups, to identify of areas needing cleanups. MWF is also working together to share your knowledge and experience. MWF can offer service-learning hours and has volunteer opportunities for all, regardless of age, disabilities or race. We are also in need of startup tools and equipment for our cleanups.

MWF is currently applying for grants but is also a foundation, defined as an organization created and supported with money that people donate in order to do something that helps society. Any help and participation are greatly appreciated

The future of our environment and quite frankly our planet is an urgent issue, a life or death issue. While it is so important that we each individually implement changes in our lifestyles which will in turn make a small impact on the environment, we need to come together to make the significant changes necessary to ensure a safe and vibrant future for our children.

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# What Floats Your Family Boat?

The opportunity to buy a new boat is on the horizon. Local boat shows, and winter off season sales, create a flotilla of choices. If you are looking for a family boat, here are some ideas.

Chesapeake Bay boating is full of family heritage and traditions. Many of us spent summers and time fishing, crabbing, hunting, skiing, and celebrating our wonderful watersheds. These family memories made us want to pass the traditions onto the next generations.

Water is magical. The smells, sounds, feel, and pleasure we harvest from water environs renews us, rewards us, and relaxes us. Family boating means shared fun, work, and adventure. It is also about problem solving, education, safety, and working together.

Choosing the best boat for your family needs to be a team effort. Everyone's input is important. Before you go boat shopping, ask everyone to write down what kind of boat they want. Does the boat need to be fast, comfortable, stable, shallow, portable, simple, or...?

Consider where the boat needs to be used and stored. Is it towable or does it require a marina or dock? How big or small will be determined by the family size. What accessories are needed? What safety considerations are important? Where do you want to use the boat? What is your budget? What kind of boating do you enjoy?

Once you have an idea of what everyone likes, you can narrow the wants and needs down into a realistic shopping list. The choice should be a consensus of what everyone enjoys. The final selection needs to be from everyone's dream.

## CANOE & SKIFFS

Start small. If you are just getting into boating. The portability and simplicity of a paddle, oar, or wind powered craft may be perfect. You can crab and fish the back bays easily. A small motor will power you to your trotline, hunting blind, or fishing hole. While using a smaller craft, you are learning what will be needed for future choices.



By Montana Grant

## PONTOON BOATS

Family excursions are perfect on a safe platform such as a pontoon boat. They come fully equipped with everything from bathrooms, lounges, covers, and motors. The newer tri-hulls are more stable in rough water. Flounder fishing and crabbing can be great fun. If you just want to anchor and swim, the pontoon is a great platform.



## JET BOATS

Jet propulsion has come a long way. The lack of propellers are safer and require less maintenance. These motors are not as efficient as propellers but they certainly have power and allow you to travel in more shallow areas. They are strong enough to tow skiers and tubes.

## SAILBOATS

Not everyone wants to go fast. The joy of wind power brings you closer to nature. The silence and smooth travel of a sailboat requires different skills and teamwork. Motors are often small and just used for docking or navigating to the open water. These boats can come with full comforts or be more spartan. Dedicated sailors love this choice.



## BOWRIDERS

These spacious, and fast boats, have the power to haul skis, tubes, and rafts. They offer full comfortable features and are versatile. Models from 16-30 feet can meet your needs. Full facilities, galleys, and covers offer comfort but are not the best choice for overnight use.

## CABIN CRUISER

This motel on the water offers family vacation options. You can travel, recreate, and overnight using the same boat. Options and accessories are unlimited. You can go more rustic or fully outfit your recreational adventure.

## WALKABOUTS

This traditional family boat has been around for years. The full hull seating allows everyone to spread out. They are perfect for fishing, as everyone can find their lucky spot. The walk-through console adds protection when needed, with safe mid keel access to the bow. With the right motor, power will not be a problem. This is a great boat to cruise to your favorite beach or anchorage.

Often, budget is a very limiting factor. Purchasing a boat is just the start. Registration, fuel, marina fees, licenses, and additional gear need to be considered. There is always something that will need repaired, maintained, or replaced.

Find a boating mentor that can also give you valuable insight. Many dealers will hook you up with a boat they want to sell you, but a mentor can advise you to get a boat you really need. Maintenance, repair, and safety tips on using your boat are critical.



Consider investing in a boat that has a great resale record. You may not want to keep your first boat forever. Make sure that the craft you buy can be easily resold, traded, or swapped for future upgrades. This idea allows you to invest in a

boat that meets your family needs now but can grow with the family in the future.

Owning a boat is great. The family all have an investment. Many families simply become too busy to use their investment together. They lack experience, skill, or time to take advantage of their toys. Switch roles every time you launch so that everyone knows everything about the boat. If someone gets sick, hurt, or can't go, another crewman can take over.

The greatest mistake that you can make in buying a boat is to not use it! Find the time, press the opportunities, make special events happen. Otherwise, your boat just becomes a black hole that takes up money and space.

Spending time on the water draws family together. Go with the flow!

**Montana Grant**

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# Discover Boating Buying Boat Financing: Helpful Information for Boat Buyers

by Discover Boating

**R**esearch boat financing and boat loans, and you'll discover that financing a boat is faster and easier than many people assume. Buying a boat isn't nearly as difficult as one might guess and arranging boat financing usually not very different from financing a new car.

Just how much will the monthly boat loan payment cost you? Check out our online Boat Loan Calculator to get an idea. Once you've determined the exact model you want to buy (the Boat Buyer's Guide can help with that) and you know the purchase price, you'll have to choose a lender.

To finance a boat, you can go in one of three directions:

- **Arrange financing through your boat dealer**
- **Get a loan from your bank**
- **Take out a loan with a lender specializing in marine financing**

Most people simply work through their boat dealer, since dealers have plenty of experience setting up boat loans. Plus, it's in the dealers' interest to make sure the process is smooth, fast, and painless. Still, some other buyers will opt for financing the boat by taking out a home equity line, second mortgage, or a personal loan from their bank. This can lead to a lower interest rate but the down-side to this option is that it can also add paperwork and make the transaction a bit more complex. It may be worth considering, however, because you might also enjoy some tax benefits by structuring the deal this way.

You may also find the best deal by working with a third-party lender who specializes in boat loans. Members of the National Marine Lenders Association focus on financing boats, and may be able to arrange a deal with lower down payments, faster decisions, longer financing terms, or lower monthly payments. Our How to Get a Boat Loan guide has more details on all of these aspects of boat financing.

If you qualify for a car loan, you most likely will for a boat loan as well.

Here are some requirements:

- **Credit rating**
- **Debt to income ratio**
- **Job and homeownership stability**
- **Net worth**

Again, when considering all these factors a company specializing in boat loans generally acts more or less the same as a company making loans on new cars. Take your credit rating, for example. If it's 700 or above, that box is a cinch to check. If it's in the upper-600-range you still shouldn't have a problem getting financing but you may get charged an extra nickel on the interest rate. Scores lower than that can become problematic. As for the other factors, you may have to provide some information (such as a personal financial statement, or verification of employment).

## Modern Boat Financing Options

Even if you have the cash to buy a boat on the spot, it's important to consider your loan options. Financing can help you maintain liquidity, but more importantly, it might also help you get into a more expensive "dream boat" that might otherwise seem out of reach. And boat financing today is much different than it was in the past. Boat loans used to be more limited in duration, but today terms of 10 to 20 years are quite common. Interest rates are amazingly low. And the down-payments required these days can range anywhere from no-money-down to 20 percent.

Remember, however, that if you can swing shorter terms and a higher down payment, you're likely to get even more favorable interest rates. Larger loans often get a more favorable rate, too—so in some ways, buying the more expensive boat can actually "save" you money. At least, that's one way of looking at it. But in our humble opinion, all of these aspects of boat financing and boat loans are a lot less important than the bottom line: you, friend, get a brand-new boat—and life is about to become a whole lot better. Now that's what we call "favorable terms."

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## New Years Resolutions

By tradition, at some time during the first few days of January most of us pause to reflect on our previous New Year's resolutions. A New Year's resolution is a promise made to one's self to continue a good practice or to change an undesired behavior to accomplish a personal goal. In my case, I promised myself that following my retirement in May 2019 I would begin to exercise regularly and get out on the Bay to do some serious kayaking. I failed on both points. So, this year I have no choice but to look back and try to honestly re-evaluate why I failed. Then, take steps to make sure I do better this year.

After due consideration, the principle reason seems to be that I had no firm plans. During the run up to my retirement date there was much work to be done. I had to finish open tasks at work so that I did not leave work for my co-workers. As any government worker who has gone through this phase of life knows, retirement brings with it lots of uncertainty. How will the loss of a salary effect our lifestyle? What is the appropriate retirement package? Have I selected a health care program that will pay for my family's growing need for doctor's visits and the inevitable hospitalizations? Research, research, research. Compound this with the transition to Medicare that is rate-limited by having to deal with multiple government agencies and you have a very real recipe for potential disaster, or so it seemed. There was no time for a regular exercise program, let alone time to go out in the evening and kayak.

And then I retired.

Wow. What a transition. The first realization that hits you is wonderment. How did you ever accomplish anything around home while you were employed? The lawn needed mowing, the garden needed planting and weeding, trees needed trimming. There were a million little repair jobs that had been neglected and now needed attending to. In a misdirected attempt to relax, I decided I would treat myself to something I looked forward to each day; a healthy, home-cooked breakfast. I tried to eat each morning on my back porch, weather permitting. Then, I could sit for a while and put together the day's itinerary.

But I found myself back in the same old conundrum. I filled as much of my day with projects and odd jobs as time would allow. There were not enough hours in the day.

In July my wife insisted that we each take out a gym membership. She said we needed to get ourselves in shape physically and become more active. As of December 31st, neither of us have set foot in a gym.

OK, it's January again and time to firm up some resolutions. Where did I go wrong last year? First, I am in my early 70s. My biggest mistake was to not consider this fact. I tried to cram too much into my days, leaving no time to go to the gym or to get out on the water. Second, I realize that although I had a plan to exercise mornings at home, my heart wasn't really into it. AADD, or age-onset attention deficit disorder, created too many distractions. And probably the biggest reason was procrastination. I gave high priority to things I found easy to do, and too little priority to the things that required effort.

My New Year's resolutions for 2020 remain the same as last years. What I hope will be different is how I approach them. Exercising regularly requires effort. Kayaking regularly requires commitment and effort.

My wife and I have a regular gym membership. Step one towards achieving my first goal is to go to the gym and work with the staff to develop an exercise program. To accomplish the second goal, I resolve to do a better job of managing my time. Relaxation has to move forward on my list of priorities. My wife and I have talked about working more vacation time into our lives. We would like to experience more of this great country we call home. Locally, I resolve to spend more time paddling the great Chesapeake Bay. This summer, if you see an old gray-haired guy paddling an orange over white kayak named "Chesapeake Voyager 1", with a wooden cane tucked under the bungees on the foredeck, give me a shout. I would love to hear if you have had similar difficulties in keeping your New Year promises, and what changes you have made to your life style to do better this year. Until then, keep the right side up and paddle hard. See you on the water – or maybe, in the gym.





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# Live Aboard

by  
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## Where to Go?

So going into the spring and a new year, we figured it might be a good time to do some planning for Spring cruising and destinations here on the Chesapeake, particularly some of the less built up destinations you might try. So, drag out the marine maps, guys, because we've got some recommendations. Ready?

If you look at the eastern shore of our wonderful estuary, you'll see in the upper right corner a shoreline dotted with the mouths of multiple rivers and creeks and a not a whole lot else. Lucky for us, these are some of the most beautiful anchorages on the bay, deep enough for sailors, with available fuel and food stops and some really wonderful protected spaces should things turn gnarley. And, since all these inlets are west-facing, you'll get some of the most spectacular sunsets you've ever seen. Let's take a look.

Start just north of the bay bridge and Kent Island. You'll come across Tolchester Beach. No real inlet here, but a great beach you can swim or dinghy to in good weather, some very pleasant beach bars and restaurants, and a great place for a day of swimming. Just north of there, you'll find the opening to:

### Fairlee Creek

The opening to Fairlee Creek is sometimes tricky, and yes, you'll have to hug the shore like the charts say, but once inside, there's a sheltered anchorage. The space is dominated by the Great Oak Marina and Resort, with fuel and food and a tiki bar. Good place to tank up, both yourself and the boat, as some of the other inlets are a lot less developed. Next up:

### Worton Creek

Wharton Creek is the first really decent anchorage headed north. The bottom is a mixture of sand and clay, with pretty good holding. There are also (at least when we were there last) a LOT of fish, so bring your rod.

### Still Pond

Next up the coast, you'll find the entrance to Still Pond. The south shore of the outer mouth of the creek offers a good anchorage, with decent depth and reasonable protection from swells from the bay (barring NW winds), and some wonderfully unspoiled coastline.

If you need a bit more protection, follow the markers (CAREFULLY) through the (EXTREMELY NARROW, TWISTY) channel into the inner part of the creek. You'll have to hug the starboard shore going in if you draw more than about three feet (we draw five, and by "hug" I mean close enough to reach out



*A Ketch comes into Worton Creeek at Sunset Follow the channel into the creek and you'll find a couple of marinas and a dockside restaurant. We usually make Worton Creek our first overnight when sailing northward.*



*Skipjack Cove Marina after some gnarly weather.*

and touch people's docks. Fortunately we encountered a kind local resident in his john boat that showed us the way. Once inside, though, you'll find ten feet of VERY protected water (there were 55MPH winds on the bay that night. We got none of it.) and lots of unspoiled shoreline. There's also a Coast Guard station there if you get into trouble. Next we typically run up to the

### Sassafras River

I could do an entire book on the river alone. The mouth of the river is broad, over a mile across, with a good 12 feet of depth pretty much throughout. Just inside, on the southern shore, you'll find the community of Betterton, which has a lovely sand swimming beach, a free dock (sailors may find it challenging due to depth and position, but you can always anchor off the shore and dingy in), public showers and restrooms, and a sweet little town with restaurants overlooking the river. This is just the introduction to the treat that is the Sassafras.

Follow the channel markers east into the river proper. You'll find literally miles of unspoiled shoreline, multiple good anchorages, and some of the most beautiful waters you'll see in this neck of the woods. A few miles in, you'll come to civilization again, with Fredericktown and Georgetown separated by a drawbridge (functional) across the river, fuel docks, well-equipped marinas, transient slips, some wonderful dockside restaurants, and some very, very nice people. We ducked into a transient slip to avoid some heavy winds and spent some lovely evenings at some very nice dock bars.

### That's Just a Sampling

Head north from the Sassafras and there's even more to uncover. There's the Bohemia River with lots of marinas and decent dining (hm, I'm sensing food as a theme here). There's the long, tidal (if you can't plane, plan on hitting this going into high tide or you'll face a whopping head-on current) stretch to the C and D canal and Chesapeake City, with it's city dock, lagoon for anchorage, and a plethora of great restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and sites to visit (great place to have folks meet you when you're on the cruise.). We'll save those for another day.

The Chesapeake is full of amazing places to visit and drop the hook. Look forward to seeing you out there.

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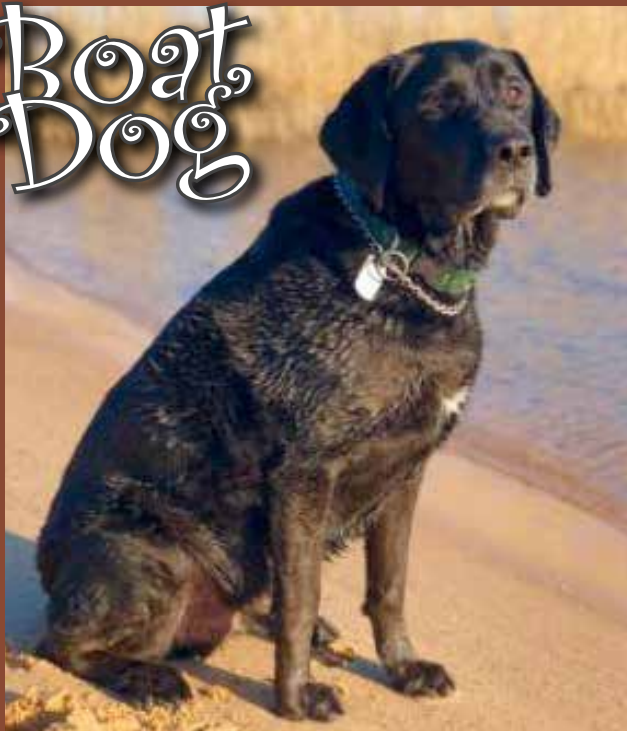
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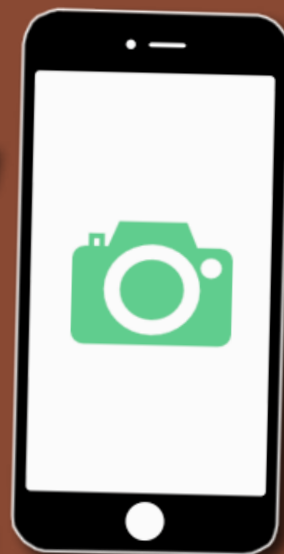
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