



Chesapeake Bay Cruising Area

At ABC, we feel planning your sailing itinerary should be a personal decision based on your interests and timetable. If this is your first time on the bay, we would highly suggest getting a cruising guide in advance to help plan your trip. A good cruising guide book is Dozier's Waterway Guide, **Mid-Atlantic or Chesapeake Bay**, which you can buy at a West Marine store, or <http://www.waterwayguide.com> http://www.waterwayguide.com/editions.php?area=chesapeake_bay_2009 This is the guide that will be onboard the boat along with a set of charts.

For another option, The Atlantic Cruising Club has an electronic version that we feel is a very good source as well. <http://www.atlanticcruisingclub.com/guide.aspx?id=14>

Here is also a good source for charts. This link should give you Chart 12270. <http://www.oceangrafix.com/o.g/Charts/Atlantic/NOAA-Nautical-Chart-Chesapeake-Bay-Eastern-Bay-South-River--Selby-Bay.html>

Annapolis Bay Charters is located at The Port Annapolis Marina on Back Creek. This is a full-service marina with a pool, private bathhouses, breakfast/sandwich shop, picnic/grilling areas, water-taxi service to downtown shops and restaurants, parking. <http://portannapolis.com/aaa/index.html> At anytime during your charter you may come back and use your slip and the facilities at no additional cost. And Back Creek offers easy access to the Chesapeake Bay.

To assist you with these decisions, we have compiled a list of top places worth visiting, along with web links, contact information, and a distance map. You will find there are lots of creeks and coves throughout the Chesapeake Bay that provide nice, quite anchorages. For marinas and ports of interest here are a few suggestions:

Southern Route Ports of Interest: West River/Galesville, Herrington Harbor North, Herrington Harbor South, St Micheals, Tilghman Island, Oxford, Cambridge, Solomons Island

Northern Route Ports of Interest: Rock Hall, Chester River/Chester Town, Baltimore Harbor, Georgetown, Sassafras River

I hope you will find this information helpful in planning your vacation on the bay. And as always, feel free to contact us at anytime with your questions.

LINKS:

Annapolis Visitors Bureau

<http://www.visitannapolis.org>

Annapolis Harbor Master – downtown marina

<http://www.ci.annapolis.md.us/info.asp?page=1320>

Talbot County includes St Michaels and Oxford

<http://www.tourtalbot.org>

Town of St Michaels

<http://www.stmichaelsmd.org/index.htm>

St. Michaels Marina

<http://stmichaelsmarina.com>

Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum

<http://www.cbmm.org>

Town of Solomons

<http://solomonsmaryland.com/things-to-do-in-solomons.html>

Marinas: <http://solomonsmaryland.com/solomons-businesses.html>

Town of Rock Hall

<http://www.rockhallmd.com>

Chestertown

<http://www.chestertown.com> <http://www.kentcounty.com/paddling/chestersouth.htm>

Baltimore Inner Harbor marina

<http://www.innerharboreastmarina.com>

Aquarium at Baltimore Inner Harbor

<http://www.aqua.org>

For longer charters (7+days), you may consider visiting the beautiful, remote areas of Crisfield, Smith Island, and Tangier Island.

Crisfield Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.crisfieldchamber.com/cityofcrisfield.htm>

Crisfield – Somers Cove Marina

<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/eastern/somerscove.html>

Smith Island

<http://www.smithisland.us/marina.htm>

Tangier Island

<http://www.tangierisland-va.com/island>

Distance

FROM	TO	nautical miles	statute miles
Annapolis	Baltimore Inner Harbor	27	31
	Chestertown (bridge)	35	40
	St Michaels (FLR 2)	25	29
	Oxford (Town Creek)	32	37
	Solomons (Mollys Leg)	45	52
	Crisfield (basin)	80	92
Baltimore Harbor	Rock Hall (R 8)	23	26
	Chestertown (bridge)	42	48
	Annapolis (city basin)	27	31
	St Michaels (FLR 2)	45	52
St Michaels	Baltimore Inner Harbor	45	52
	Chestertown (bridge)	30	35
	Annapolis (city basin)	25	29
	Oxford (Town Creek)	30	35
	Solomons (Mollys Leg)	45	52
Oxford	Baltimore Inner Harbor	52	60
	Chestertown (bridge)	49	56
	Annapolis (city basin)	32	37
	St Michaels (FLR 2)	30	35
	Solomons (Mollys Leg)	35	40
Solomons	Annapolis (city basin)	45	52
	St Michaels (FLR 2)	45	52
	Oxford (Town Creek)	35	40
	Crisfield (basin)	43	49

Weather Links:

Sail Flow

<http://www.sailflow.com>

http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/ofs/cbofs/wind_forecast.shtml

- a NOAA wind forecast model for the Bay.