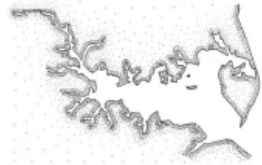


Magothy River Association



Magothy River Day

Magothy River Day 2011 is a celebration of the discovery of the Magothy River 403 years ago by Captain John Smith. We hope this day will serve as a reminder that the River and the Bay were, once upon a time, both pristine and accessible to all. While we can never fully restore these waters to their former bounty and ease of public use, the Magothy River Association remains committed to the basic goals of cleaner, healthier waters and greater public access.

Thank you for your participation today. We hope your day will be enjoyable, safe and informative.

Dobbins Island Ownership and beyond

While the Magothy River Association continues to work toward public ownership of Dobbins Island, we must remind everyone that the Island, inside of the mean high water mark, is private property. The right to quiet enjoyment of one's property is to be respected. Especially here today we ask that all participants in the day's events remain cognizant of the private ownership of the island. Please do not venture beyond the beach. The court has ruled that the distinction between public and private land is the vegetation line and we ask that you observe it as such. Also, please be respectful of all property owners along the water's edge and on Little Island as well.

Alcohol and Boating

We really don't need to be reminded about the dangers of alcohol use while boating. However, we have been granted a permit for a marine event and are responsible for a number of elements of its conduct. Please drink responsibly and use a designated driver for your boat, and your car at evening's end. Please be respectful of the rights and enjoyment of others. If rowdy activity is disrupting the afternoon, please contact the Natural Resources Police at (410) 260-8888 .

Boating Regulations and other Safety Tips

Please be aware of all the legal requirements related to operation of your vessel. Night time operation requires navigation lights and a visual distress signal. Equipment, registration and operating requirements can be found on the web at http://www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/safety/md_req equip.pdf

Personal floatation devices (Life Jackets) are required based on the size of your boat and the age of its occupants. Pay special attention to these requirements and if you are unsure about your requirements, contact the Natural Resources Police. The NPR Safety Education phone number is (410) 643-8502 and questions can be emailed to customerservice@dnr.state.md.us

SWIMMERS & BOATERS – Please be aware that swimmers are likely to be in the water around Dobbins Island. As a boater please use extreme caution; as a swimmer, please swim near the sandbar or close to your own boat.

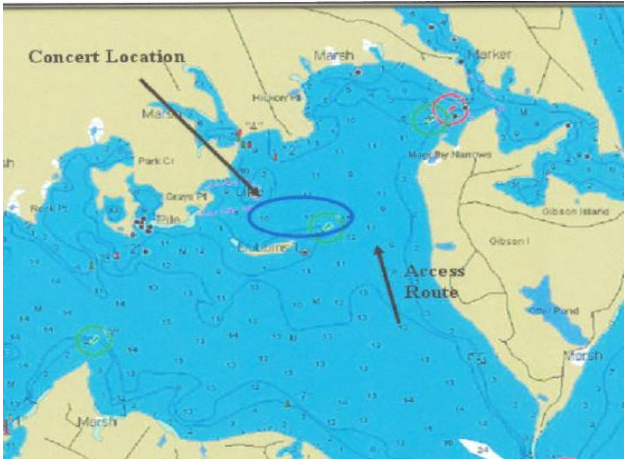
ANCHORING - Please be prepared with proper equipment to anchor your vessel. Allow a safe distance between boats. Be aware of anchor lines at all times.

Do Not Pollute – Use Proper Pumpouts

Do Not Pollute – Contain Litter on board

For Clean Boating Tip see the DNR website at <http://www.dnr.state.md.us/boating/cleanmarina/sources.html>

Slow Down !!! Move Cautiously!!!



Anchor Sites – Activity Area – Channel Markings – Parade Route
Please anchor in designated areas, do not block channel access.

Magothy River Day – Events Schedule

- 12:00 p.m. - Boat rendezvous at Dobbins Island
- 1:00 p.m. - Band concert on-the-water, featuring the Nautical Wheelers

Excerpt from the website of “The Friends of Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail”

“The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail follows the routes Captain John Smith’s explored in 1607-1609 as he mapped the Chesapeake and established relationships with the American Indians he met. It is the nation’s first entirely water-based national historic trail, and like the 16 other National Historic Trails, it takes trail travelers along a route of national historic significance..... Get out on the trail to see the region's remarkable maritime history, unique watermen and their culture, diversity of people, historic settlements, and on-going efforts to restore and sustain the bay as the world's most productive estuary. “

Dobbins Island is not a part of the of the Captain John Smith Trail, but the Magothy River Association has been working hard to make this happen.

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The Magothy River Association is an all-volunteer group representing about 46 communities along the Magothy River Watershed. We devote our efforts to projects that protect the welfare of the river and its inhabitants, such as restoration, water quality monitoring and land use issues. Two very active committees, Stormwater Management and Government Affairs have enhanced our land based efforts. MRA also recognizes the need for public access to the River. The Magothy is woefully lacking in places for fishing, swimming, kayaking or just a stroll along the shore. If you do not own waterfront property or live in a water privileged community, you might not be lucky enough to ever see the River. There is some hope on the horizon. Beachwood Park is County owned property on the North Shore that has been under utilized. In spite of the lack of public funding, MRA is pursuing small upgrades at Beachwood to make it more accessible. On the South Shore, Spriggs Farm has been purchased for public use and will hopefully provide even greater opportunities for enjoyment of the magnificent Magothy. Please join us as a member, or consider a donation to support specific activities.

THE BAND-The Nautical Wheelers

The Nautical Wheelers roots are Island Music (especially Jimmy Buffett) but they also perform a variety of other music from country to classic rock. Lead singer, Mike Philip, known for fronting the ultimate Jimmy Buffett tribute band (Captain Quint) puts on a show with the Nautical Wheelers that you will not forget. Dennis Buchholz also formally of Captain Quint has many years of entertaining experience and is known for his quality acoustic guitar sounds.

Our thanks to Ferry Point for all their help with Magothy River Day!!!



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