Friday, August 14
Hospitality Room open
Boatyard Tour at Yacht Maintenance (group 2)*
Kool Ice Seafood Processing Tour (group 1)*
Cambridge Historical Museum Campus
Classic Motor Museum, St. Michaels, MD
Lunch at Union U.M.C, St. Michaels, MD
Bellevue to Oxford Ferry
Scottish Highland Creamery Ice Cream Shop
(on your own)
Dinner on your own

Saturday, August 15
Hospitality Room open
Adkins Arboretum
Farewell Lunch—Suicide Bridge Restaurant-
Paddle Wheeler cruise on Choptank River

Registration is limited to 45 vehicles.
Opens: March 2, 2020
Deadline: July 1, 2020

Host Hotel

Holiday Inn Express
2715 Ocean Gateway
Cambridge, MD 21613
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AACA RATE $119 per night plus tax

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Farewell Luncheon and Paddle Wheeler Cruise

The tour will end with a luncheon cruise (crab cakes again! Oh, bother!) on the "Dorothy Megan", a paddle wheeler operated by the Suicide Bridge Restaurant. Suicide Bridge, an actual name, crosses Secretary Creek. The boat cruises from Secretary Creek out to and on the Choptank River.

You can see more about the “Dorothy Megan” at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=iOTTh1Zz

Saturday August 15, 2020

Adkins Arboretum
A Chesapeake Native Garden

Adkins Arboretum’s 400 acres of woodlands, meadows, wetlands, and gardens offer visitors a beautiful setting in which to enjoy the Eastern Shore’s native uplands. Native spring blooming plants should be at their peak.

Schedule of Activities

Wednesday, August 12
Skipjack Excursion/Tour (optional–limited space)
Richardson Maritime Museum (optional)
Check In & Registration at host hotel
Hospitality Room open
Dinner on your own
Strawberries & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 13
Hospitality Room open
Boatyard Tour at Yacht Maintenance (group 1)*
Kool Ice Seafood Processing Tour (group 2)*
Harriet Tubman Museum Tour
Catered Lunch at Old Salty’s, Fishing Creek, MD
Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge Tour & Talk
Dinner on your own

BAY LIFE:
Exploring Rivers, Marshes and Woodlands of Maryland’s Eastern Shore
New Dates:
August 12-15, 2020

Hosted by the
Eastern Shore Region
and
Bay Country Region
**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

**Early Bird Activities**

**Skipjack Nathan Two-Hour Sail**
Long Wharf dock, Cambridge, MD

The *Nathan* is a 45’ authentic skipjack, typical of sailing vessels used for harvesting oysters throughout most of the 20th century.

We have tentatively reserved a special charter for 3:30 pm. This will allow time for the sailing trip and dinner on your own and be back at the Holiday Inn for opening dessert party at 7:30 pm. The charter is $700 for 20 people. If the 20 person capacity is not met, the charter will be cancelled. If interested, please send a separate check for $35 person (made out to the 2020 Eastern Division Tour) when you submit your registration. The first 20 requests will be honored. Driving directions will be mailed to you. A refund will be made if the trip is cancelled.

**Richardson Maritime Museum and Walking Tour**
Cambridge Historic District

A 1 1/2 hour tour has been arranged for 1:30 pm on Wednesday. The tour departs from and returns to Richardson Maritime Museum (www.richardsonmuseum.org). This tour can be done in conjunction with or separate from the Nathan trip. There is a 5-person minimum for this activity, but no maximum. This fee is $10 per person, payable as part of your registration check.

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**Thursday, August 13, 2020**

**Yacht Maintenance Company Boatyard Tour***

Thursday's fun will begin with a brief tour of a local, working boatyard that still uses a marine railway to haul boats for repair.

**Kool Ice Seafood Processing Tour***

Established in 1972, Kool Ice & Seafood Company Inc. provides local fresh seafood and ice to domestic and international markets. It is a local *crab house* where commercial picking and packing should be underway if the crabs cooperate (that's early in the season!).

**Harriet Tubman Museum Tour**

The Harriet Tubman Museum & Park was started by local community members in the 1990s as part of a grassroots effort to preserve and promote Harriet Tubman's legacy. It has become a major regional attraction and includes information about Harriet Tubman's life.

**Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge**

Blackwater NWR is home to the largest natural population of formerly endangered Delmarva fox squirrels and is also home to the largest breeding population of American bald eagles on the East Coast, north of Florida. There will be a video and talk about how nature has shaped this tidal wetland as a prime location for viewing eagles and osprey. (Blackwater is also a vital wintering ground for migratory birds).

***NOTE: The Yacht and Kool Ice Tours will be split into two groups (Thursday & Friday) due to site size constraints.***

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**Friday, August 14, 2020**

**Cambridge Historical Museum**

The Cambridge Historical Society acts as a living repository for Cambridge's tradition and history. Included is a tour of their early buildings and exhibits. Dorchester County was home to seven Maryland governors, most especially Governor Hicks who kept Maryland in the Union during the Civil War era.

The Society encourages research and involvement in these efforts by its members and the community at large. In so doing, it promotes a better understanding of history as an important factor in the everyday affairs of the City and its residents.

**Classic Motor Museum**
St. Michaels, MD

Here you will find motoring classics of all kinds, including fine examples of the cars that have fueled American’s love affair with the automobile.

**U.M.C. Luncheon**

Enjoy a little history and lunch, that will be served by church members, at the Union United Methodist Church. This great historic African-American church has served the St. Michaels, MD area for over 160 years.

**Oxford - Bellevue Ferry**
St. Michaels, MD

Return home will be via the Oxford–Bellevue Ferry, a service linking Bellevue, Maryland with Oxford, Maryland across the Tred Avon River. The ferry began operations in 1683 and is thought to be the oldest privately owned ferry service in the United States.