



Chesapeake Bay Cruising Area

Annapolis Bay Charters Location

Annapolis Bay Charters is located at The Port Annapolis Marina on Back Creek. Back Creek offers easy access to the Chesapeake Bay.

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. More information about the marina is at <https://portannapolis.co/>.

At any time during your charter, you may return to use your slip and the facilities at no additional cost.

Chesapeake Bay Cruising Resources

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 highly suggest getting a cruising guide before you plan your trip. A couple of options for good cruising guide books are:

- *Dozier's Waterway Guide*, Mid-Atlantic or Chesapeake Bay versions. You may purchase a guide from a West Marine store or online at <https://westmarine.com/buy/waterway-guide--chesapeake-bay-2018-cruising-guide--18850313?recordNum=3>. This guide will be onboard your charter boat along with a set of charts.
- The Atlantic Cruising Club has an electronic version that is a very good source as well. Purchase at <http://www.atlanticcruisingclub.com/Store/Category/1>.

A good source for charts to use while planning is OceanGrafix. The link to Chart 12280 for the Chesapeake Bay is <http://oceangrafix.com/chart/detail/12280-Chesapeake-Bay>.

Planning Your Cruise

To assist you making your cruise perfect for you and your family and friends, we compiled a list of top places to visit along with web links, contact information, and a distance map. You will find there are numerous creeks and coves throughout the Chesapeake Bay that provide nice, quiet anchorages.

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

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

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

USEFUL LINKS

Annapolis

- Visitors Bureau - <http://www.visitannapolis.org>
- Annapolis Harbor Master, downtown marina - <https://annapolis.gov/165/Harbormaster>

Talbot County includes St. Michaels and Oxford

<http://www.tourtalbot.org>

St. Michaels

- Town of St Michaels - <http://stmichaelsmd.gov/>
- 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.harboreastmarina.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, or Tangier Island.

Crisfield

- Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.crisfieldchamber.com>
- Somers Cove Marina - <http://somerscovemarina.com/index.html>

Smith Island

<http://www.visitsmithisland.com/>

Tangier Island

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

Weather Links

- Sail Flow - <http://www.sailflow.com>
- NOAA wind forecast model for the Bay - <http://www.noaa.gov/>

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