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Chesapeake Station 2025 Fall Cruise October 16 - October 20, 2025

Thursday, October 16,

The Cruise will start in Solomons Maryland on Thursday October 16. Boats may anchor in Mill Creek or may arrange for a mooring or slip at Safe Harbor Zahniser, <https://shmarinas.com/locations/safe-harbor-zahnisers/> Tel No: 410-326-2166, Ask to speak to Dave Lipscomb the dockmaster. His email is: dlipscomb@shmarinas.com The charge for a slip is \$2.80/ft.

There will be an opening cocktail party with Rum Keg for Cruise attendees and others travelling by auto under the tent at Safe Harbor Zahnisers, 245 C Street Solomons MD from 1700 to 1830. Cocktails will be BYOB, and attendees are asked to bring an appetizer to share. Dinner will be on your own in Solomons. The following restaurants have been recommended by the staff at Zahnisers:

Boomerang's Original Ribs <https://www.loveribs.com/>

The CD Café <https://www.thecdcafe.com/>

Lighthouse Restaurant <https://www.lighthouserestaurantanddockbar.com/>

Island Hideaway <https://www.theislandhideawaysolomons.com/>

LaVela Italian Restaurant <https://www.lavelaitalian.com/>

Port Captain: David Morrow 443-994-0522, davidamorrow@me.com

Friday October 17.

The Cruise will then depart Solomons on Friday and head south for Mill Creek Virginia off the entrance to the Wicomico River, a distance of 40 miles. If the winds are favorable the Sunny Neff race will be held on this day. Race instructions to be provided to participating yachts. Mill Creek (Lat 37°47'28.5" N, Lon 76°19'25.7" W) is a lovely quiet anchorage off the southern mouth of the Wicomico River. There we will be joined by **Nellie Crockett** for a traditional Chesapeake Station Rum Keg Raft-Up. **NOTE this is Nellie Crockett's 100th birthday year, Congratulations to Ted and Mimi.** Participants are encouraged to bring appetizers to share with the group. See Chart attached for Mill Creek location

Port Captains: Susan and Bev Crump

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Saturday, October 18

On Saturday, the fleet will head south to Windmill Point and then up the Rappahannock River to the Corrotoman River, a total distance of 31 miles. The Sunny Neff Race and/or the Henry Race may be held on this leg if conditions are favorable. Race Instructions to be provided to participants.

CHE Members Bill and Lydia Strickland have graciously offered to host the fleet at their home for drinks and a buffet dinner consisting of beef tenderloin with rolls, smoked salmon, roasted vegetables, pasta salad and/or a green salad, cheese and fruit board, and dessert. The address for drive-ins is: 4421 Black Stump Road, Weems, Virginia 22576. Anchorage is at Lat: 37°41'58.7" N, Lon: 76°27'46.6" W. Several slips may be available to participants for smaller boats, if water depth permits. There is abundant easy anchorage off the Stricklands pier. The event at the Stricklands home will start at 1730 will include wine and beer although the rum keg will be present. BYOB otherwise. Cost of the event will be \$55 per person. Drive ins are welcome. See chart attached

Port Captains; Bill and Lydia

Lydia: 804-869-3686, lstrick74@gmail.com

Bill: 804-314-6897, wjstrick64@gmail.com

Sunday October 19

On Sunday October 19, the fleet will cruise down the Rappahannock River and north to Dividing Creek, a distance of 27 miles. The Sunny Neff Race and/or the Henry Race may be held on this leg if conditions are favorable. In Dividing Creek, the fleet will anchor in the vicinity of Lat: 37°44'17.5" N; Lon: 76°19'49.2" and dinghy ashore. See attached charts of Ditchley anchorage and pier.

There is a ¼ mile stroll to the Ditchley Cider Works, 1571 Ditchley Rd, Kilmarnock, VA 22482, where we will enjoy a tour of the restored home and current cider operation followed by drinks and a catered dinner consisting of Grilled Teres Major, roasted herbed chicken breast , wild rice pilaf , broccoli spears, dinner Rolls with honey butter and duck egg pumpkin cheese cake, all locally sourced from the farm. Wine and cider provided. Cash bar for other drinks. Cost will be \$80 per person. The tour is anticipated to start at 1600 with drinks at 1700 and dinner at 1800.

Ditchley is a traditional Virginia plantation home, full of history and romance. The current owners, a retired navy captain and her husband a retired navy admiral, have painstakingly restored the property and now operate it as a working farm, orchard, cider works and hospitality venue. Truly a unique location. See <https://www.ditchleyciderworks.com/> for complete information.

Port Captain: Tad Thompson

804-240-4993, tad@silinsurance@gmail.com

Monday, October 20

On Monday, the fleet will disband although participants are urged to cruise together whether proceeding north or south. Places in the area that may be of interest are:

The Tides Inn, Irvington, 480 King Carter Dr, Irvington, VA 22480, <https://tidesinn.com/>

Town of Urbanna, <https://urbannava.gov/pages/tourism.php>

Town of Onancock, <https://www.onancock.us/>

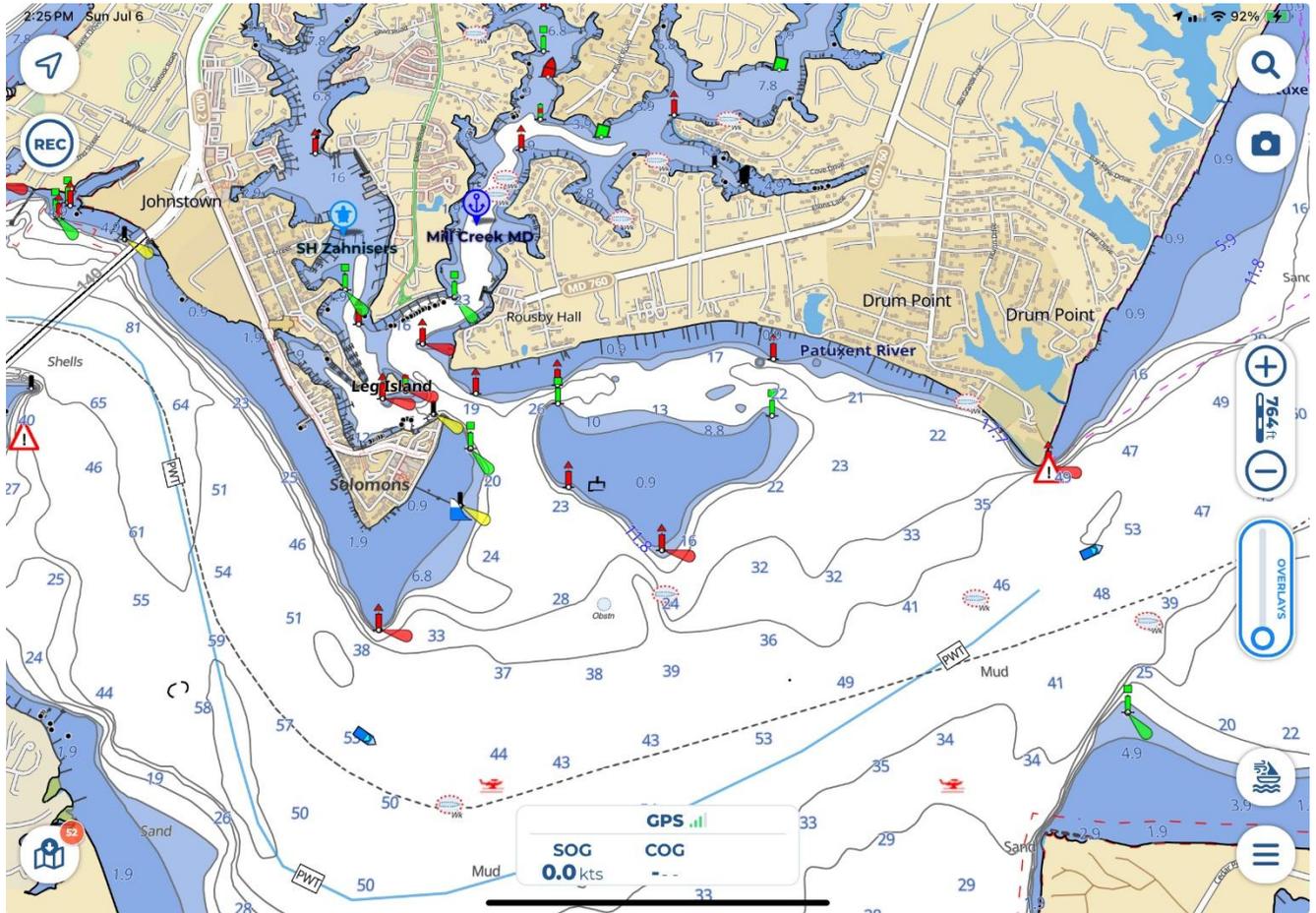
Town of Reedville, <https://www.rivahguide.com/5-things-to-do-in-reedville/>

Tangier Island, <https://www.tangierisland-va.com/>

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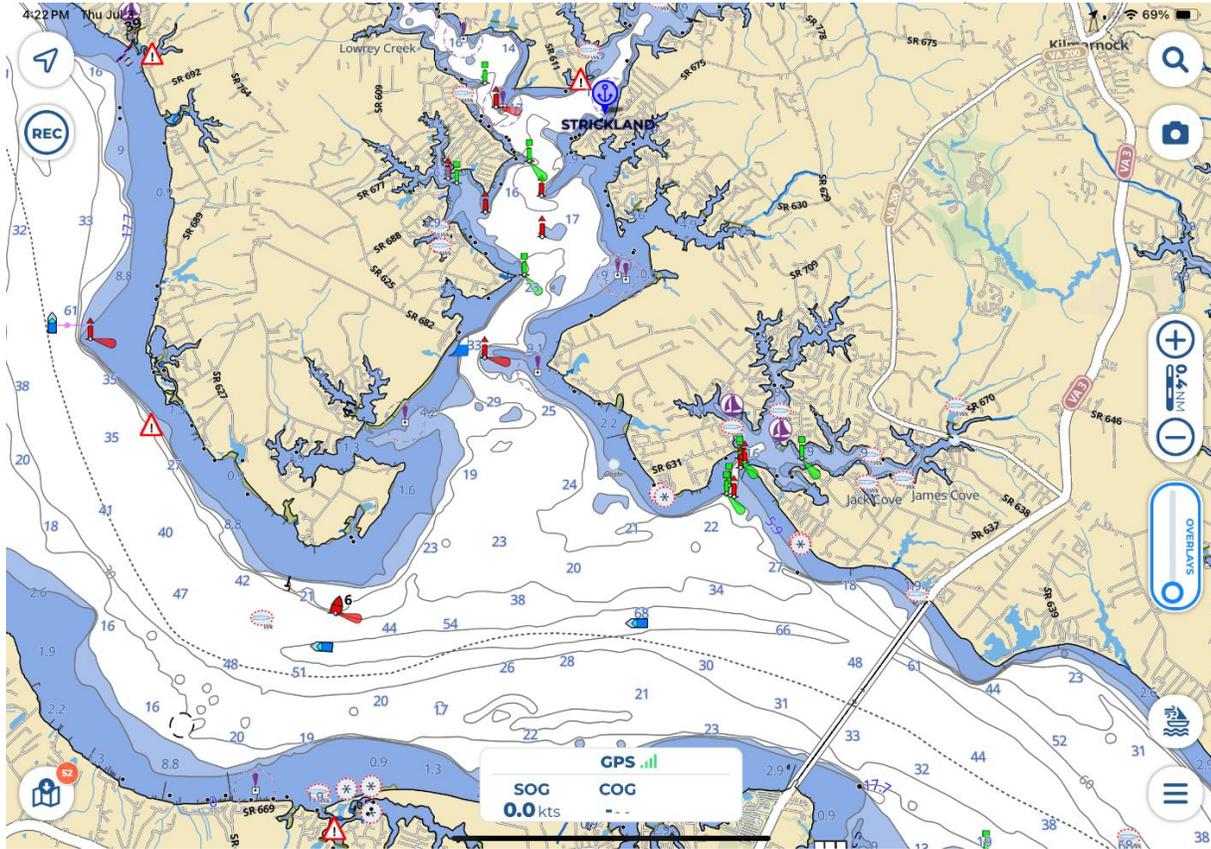
In addition to the participant fees described above there is a \$30/boat fee to cover rum keg, ice, supplies, etc.

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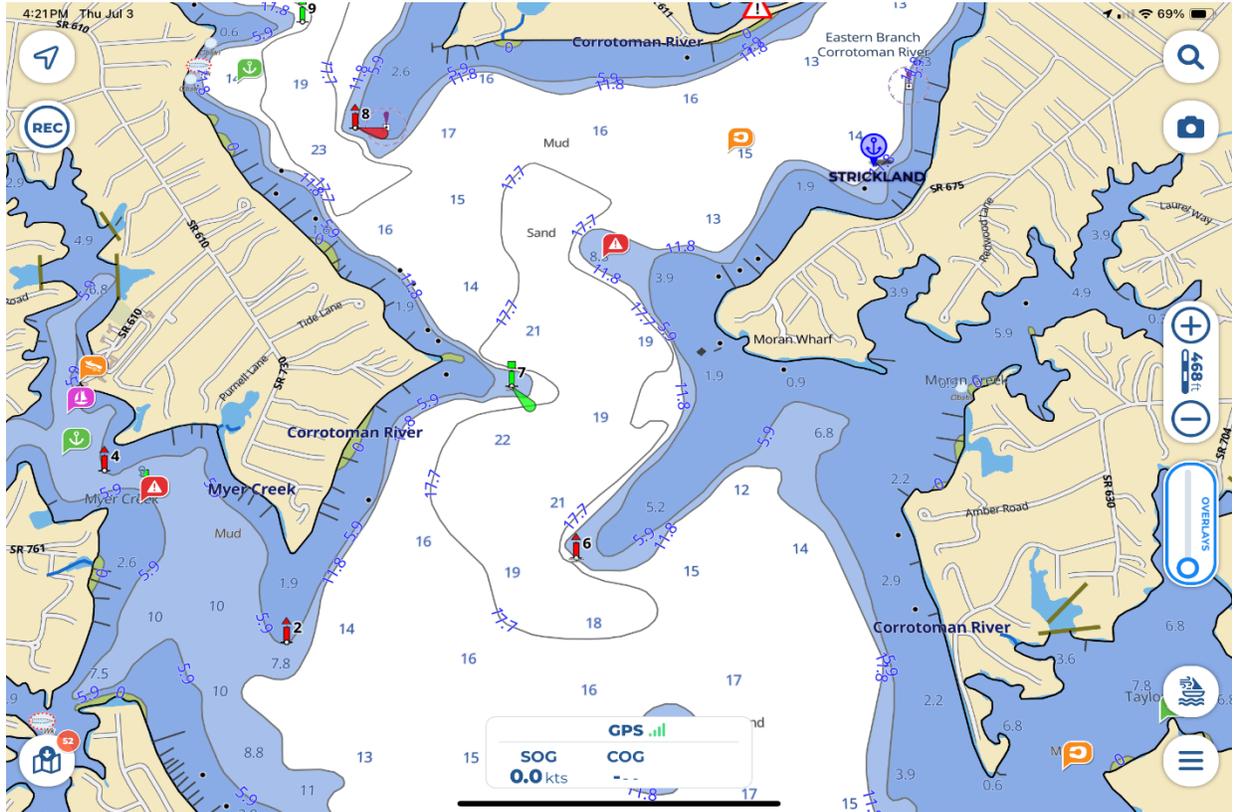
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CORROTOMAN RIVER OFF THE RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER

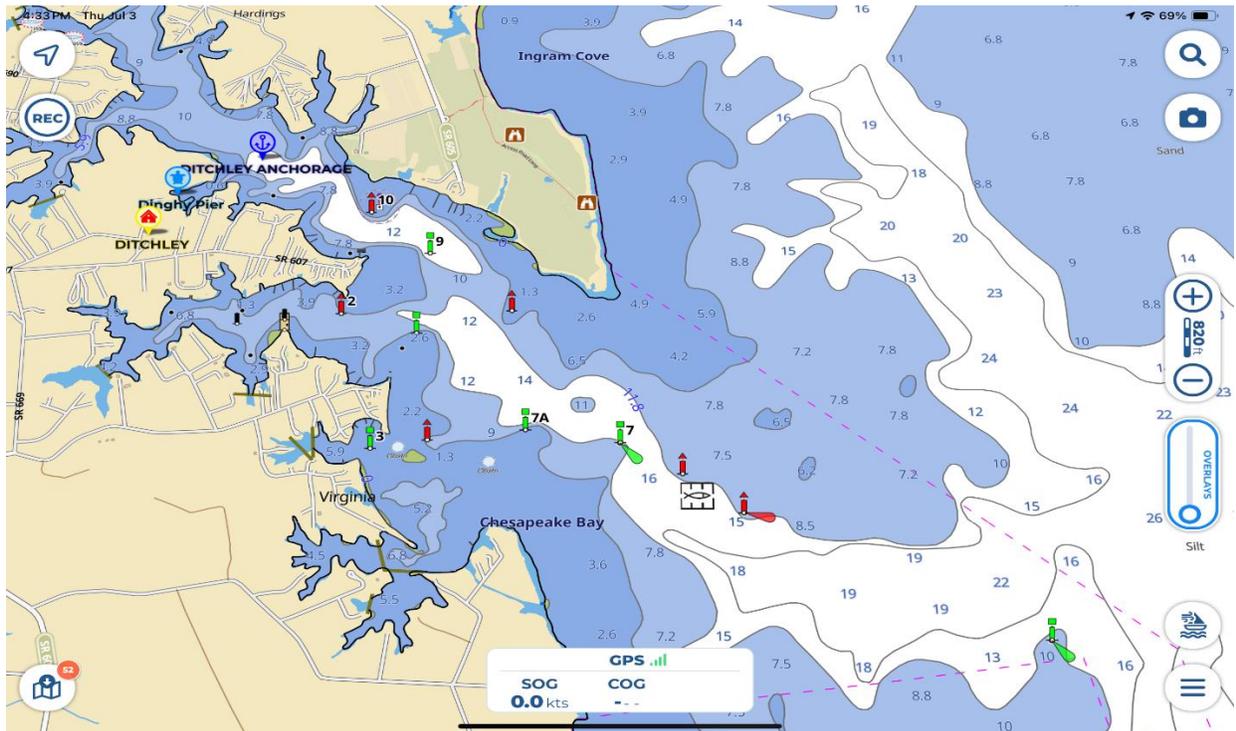


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DITCHLEY ANCHORAGE IN DIVIDING CREEK



DITCHLEY CIDER WORKS PIER AND VENUE

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