

SEAS Monmouth Columbus Weekend
Friday October 6 – Monday October 9, 2023
Cruise & Cruising Course Information and Application

Description

For both the cruise and the cruising course, the itinerary will begin on Friday evening, October 6, with your arrival at the boats in Rock Hall MD's Haven Marina, perhaps after a day at the Annapolis Boat Show just across the Bay. We will depart on Saturday, October 7, for our three-day cruise, returning on Monday, October 9 in the late afternoon. We'll spend one evening with our four boats tied together and anchored in a quiet cove watching the sunset and sipping cocktails, and the other evening at one of the Chesapeake's bustling ports -- Annapolis, St. Michaels, or Baltimore Inner Harbor. The actual destinations will be determined that weekend after consultation amongst the skippers and review of the weather forecast for the weekend.

If you've never been on a cruising boat before, your skipper will brief you beforehand with what to expect, what to bring, and what not to bring. A couple of notable items: non-marking shoes, and soft-sided luggage (duffels) – there is no storage room for hard-sided bags. In addition, you'll take part in all of the boat's onboard duties from sailing to food prep and clean-up. The boats are all in the 38'-40' range with 5 people aboard each cruising boat and 6 people aboard each cruising course boat.

The cruising course provides members with an opportunity to put into practice everything they've learned in classroom sessions, by spending a weekend on a cruising boat in the 38'-40' range, operating the boat during the day and sleeping aboard at night (*the cruising course follows the same weekend itinerary as the cruise, described above*). There will be two experienced SEAS skippers/instructors aboard each boat, and four students. The weekend is preceded by four evening classroom sessions and one practice session on our 30ft Catalina keelboat, "SEAS the Breeze," (see the schedule at <https://www.sailseas.com/Monmouth/classescalendar.htm> for Sept/Oct. 2023), at which you will learn about the features and operating principles of the boat, as well as general sailing skills, including navigation. You will also hear about what to expect, what to bring, and what not to bring. You will receive a copy of The Annapolis Book of Seamanship, as well as navigation tools and a sample navigation chart.

Costs

All costs are per person. There are two components to what we need to collect:

1. The cost of the charter itself. This is the anticipated final cost for the weekend, other than food and some incidentals such as fuel and any slip fees if the boat goes into a marina for one of the nights. For the cruising course this charter cost amount also includes the cost of the instructional materials and the course fee. As mentioned above, the cruising course boats will have a total of 6 people aboard, whereas the cruise boats will have 5 per boat.
2. A security deposit which we must provide to the charter company. This covers any damage that happens to the boats during the weekend, up to a predetermined limit per boat. SEAS Monmouth funds a portion of this security deposit and assumes a portion of the cost for any damage, but we still need to collect money from each attendee. Assuming little or no damage (any costs incurred are spread amongst all participants, not just those on the affected boat), this security deposit is refunded a few weeks after the cruise, meaning that the final cost for the weekend will be close to the amount described in item 1.

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Deadlines

We cannot cancel boats with the charter company after mid-August; therefore we need firm commitments from participants by August 16. If we do not have enough people to fill the boats we will cancel the unfilled boats at that time.

This application is for (check one):

- Columbus weekend cruise
 Columbus weekend cruising course students
 Columbus weekend cruising course instructors (must have prior approval)

	Cruise	Cruising Course Students	Cruising Course Instructors
Charter cost	\$417	\$515	\$353
Security deposit (refund expected)	\$173	\$173	\$173
Total payment due by August 16	\$590	\$688	\$526

Name: _____
Telephone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Signature _____

By signing the form you accept and agree to abide by the SEAS Monmouth Cruising Policy, which is available for review at:

http://monmouth.sailseas.com/downloadable_documents/manpolicy.pdf

Note: the cancellation deadline in the policy is changed from 30 days prior to 45 days prior, because the charter company has made this change to their policy.

\$150 deposit required with the application. Please get your deposit in early to help us assess and meet club member interest in the cruise. The balance is due (charter cost plus security deposit) by **August 16** in order to meet our financial obligations to the charter company.

Mail application with check payment (payable to "SEAS Monmouth") to:

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