

DeFever Cruisers

2016 Rendezvous Solomons, Maryland

October 7 – 10, 2016

The next big Rendezvous is October 7 – 10, 2016. Our venue is Spring Cove Marina and the Holiday Inn Solomons Conference Center and Hotel located in historic Solomons, Maryland. If you can't come by boat, fly into Reagan National Airport or Baltimore-Washington International Airport, or take the train to DC. Both are about 1½ hours drive away. Usually, half of our attendees travel by land or air from around the world.

The registration cost per member is estimated to be about \$150. (We're working on the budget now.) Registration forms will be available in early spring.



Spring Cove Marina

The timing of this rendezvous is perfect for those of you cruising the wonderful Chesapeake Bay and joining the many southbound cruisers departing for warmer weather. Spring Cove Marina is offering DF Cruisers a special rate for fuel, hauling, bottom painting and new zincs. Also, Solomons, MD is spectacular at this time of year, with its autumn color, local activities, eateries and art venues; and it's a hop, skip and a jump from our nation's capital. Bonus! The Annapolis Power Boat Show opens Oct. 13th.

Everyone who attended the 2015 Rendezvous at North Palm Beach, FL will tell you how much fun it was! Rendezvous scheduling changes allowed everyone more time to socialize and enjoy local venues. The 2016 rendezvous will build on that success and will offer many opportunities to relax with friends and new acquaintances. Here's the preliminary schedule summary:

- Friday, Oct. 7th: Arrival Day. Registration, Docktail Party and Flea Market at the marina.
- Saturday, Oct. 8th: Morning Seminars, Afternoon "Open Boats," Evening Dinner and Live Auction at Solomons Island Yacht Club.
- Sunday, Oct. 9th: Morning Seminars and Silent Auction, Afternoon "Open Boats," Flare and Signal Device Training.
- Monday, Oct. 10th: Last Day. Patuxent River Cruises on a Century Old Skipjack, Private tour of the Calvert Marine Museum, Evening Goodbye Dockside BBQ.
- Thursday, Oct. 13th: NOTE: First day of the Annapolis Power Boat Show.

Spring Cove Marina is rated 5 stars on Active Captain. The Wheelhouse Bar and Grill at poolside has a full service bar with a good menu. There are many other restaurants within walking distance of Spring Cove Marina and the marina offers complimentary local transportation by van. The special DFC slip rate will be \$ 2.00 per foot, fourth night free, and discounted electricity. Weekly and monthly discounted rates are also available to DFC. You can call the marina to reserve your slip right now at (410) 326-2161, but be sure to say "DeFever Cruisers" for the special rate. Our first night Docktail party at the marina will include a boaters' flea market so bring some of those wonderful treasures that you've been storing in your boat or garage. **The Solomons Island Yacht Club** will open their doors to the DF Cruisers on Saturday night for cocktails and dinner. And, by popular demand, we will once again have the fabulous Live Auction!

Holiday Inn Solomons Conference Center is a short walk from Spring Cove Marina and will be the venue for our seminars and silent auction. It's an easy walk from the marina to the hotel. Holiday Inn amenities include on-site Isaac's Restaurant & Pub, Fitness Center & Sauna, Tennis Courts, Jr. Olympic Pool, and Marina with boat slips. Many rooms offer beautiful water views. DFC has reserved 30 King or Double bed rooms at a special price of \$129.00 and 5 suites at \$159.00. The weekend of October 7th will be busy at Solomons, so make your reservations now (410) 326-6311.

The United States (Annapolis) Power Boat Show starts October 13th, just three days after our rendezvous ends. In its 44th year, this is the world's oldest in-water powerboat show. Those who are traveling by boat can easily make the trip north to the Annapolis area in approximately 4 hours. By car it will take you an hour and fifteen minutes. If you decide to attend the show, we recommend that you make slip or hotel reservations now.

The Calvert Marine Museum will be the focal point of our Monday activities. It's an exceptional museum featuring the history of the Chesapeake Bay area. We will have a private tour of the museum and a cruise on one of the historic vessels. Special exhibits include the Drum Point Light, the bugeye *Wm. B. Tennison*, and the J. C. Lore Oyster House. The latter two are National Historic Landmarks. It will be a relaxed day with friends.



The Calvert Marine Museum – Private Tour and Historic Vessel Cruise on Monday

Start your Summer Cruise planning to the Chesapeake Bay now. May is a good time to arrive in the Bay. You'll miss some of the April rains and arrive as the weather begins to warm. The Bay has such wonderful historic locations to visit. As you enter from Norfolk, you'll be amazed at the US Navy warships. Be sure to check out Hampton and the eastern shore at Crisfield and Onancock. If you have time, head up the Potomac and visit our nation's capital. Lastly, travel north on the Bay to the very popular St Michaels, MD and Annapolis. There is much to see, so make this your year to head to the Chesapeake.

If you have never attended one of our rendezvous, don't hesitate. Usually about 30 percent are "first-timers." About half the people arrive by boat and the rest fly or drive. Last year, members traveled from 14 states, Australia, and Canada. It's always a friendly crowd of the nicest people who will make you feel very welcome. As a first-timer, you will be "adopted" by a host couple who can answer questions before and during the rendezvous and introduce you to interesting people. A DeFever Cruisers Rendezvous is a wonderful opportunity to make lasting friends, learn more than you expected, and really enjoy the experience. We will soon be seeking volunteers to help ensure this is another outstanding rendezvous.

Registration forms will be sent to the membership in the early spring and posted on our website under Upcoming Events.

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