

2023 DeFever Cruisers Rendezvous - St. Michaels

April 28 through May 1, 2023

We are pleased to announce that the next official DeFever Cruisers Rendezvous will be held in historic St. Michaels, Maryland from Friday, April 28th through Monday May 1st, 2023. Please plan to celebrate old relationships and forge new one's next spring as we gather to share friendship, information and experiences.

St Michael's Maryland, population 1,300, is one of the Top Ten Best Small Coastal Towns per USA Today. The town dates back to the mid-1600's and is a charming place to spend some time. The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is a must visit attraction.. Learn about its storied past with a visit to the St. Michaels Museum and the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Walking tours are also available. St. Michaels is centrally located between Ocean City and Washington, DC, and just 70 miles from BWI Airport.

St. Michaels Inn is located minutes from exciting attractions, from boating on the Bay to shopping in historic downtown. The rendezvous will be held its Conference Center. The Inn offers guests a comfortable, quaint experience unlike any other in the area. 92 well-appointed spacious, comfortable rooms have all been recently been updated. Each room is equipped with flat screen TVs, refrigerators, microwaves. The historic town of St. Michaels is located just 1 mile away.

Those arriving by boat will be moored at the famous St. Michael's Marina located on the "town side" of the harbor and just 1.6 miles from the Inn and conference center. With 55 transient slips, the docks can accommodate vessels ranging in size from 25' to 220' with 10 feet of water depth. The friendly St. Michaels Marina's staff is ready to make your visit a memorable one.

Preliminary Schedule:

Friday April 28: Late afternoon: Arrivals and Check-in.

Evening: First-Timers Reception, followed by welcome reception and dinner for all at the Inn.

Saturday April 29: Educational seminars in the morning. Lunch included. Open boats in afternoon. Evening reception, crab feast and program at Foxy's Harbor Grille.

Sunday April 30: Educational Seminars in the morning. Open Boats in afternoon. Evening reception and cocktails, dinner and program.

Monday May 1: Breakfast in morning. Free to explore St. Michaels or optional Boating Excursion. Optional lunch at a St. Michael's restaurant. Free time as you wish. Evening farewell reception and dinner at Waterside Restaurant.

How to Attend: Start thinking about how you will attend next year. Come by boat, car, scooter or plane. Cruisers should arrange their cruising plans to include stops in the Chesapeake Bay next spring. If coming by boat, please consider participation in the popular "Open Boats" portion of the rendezvous. Any way you can... plan to join us for an unforgettable event. We are anticipating many "first timers." Members who have never attended a rendezvous will receive a special welcome and meet their experienced hosts who will make your visit welcoming and enjoyable! A DeFever Cruisers Rendezvous is a wonderful way to make new friends, rekindle long standing relationships, learn from seasoned cruisers, visit boats, and have a great time. Don't miss this rare opportunity to connect with like-minded people from near and far.

The dates are set but schedule details, cost, and registration information are in process.

See you next Spring! - Steve and Katrina Schmidt, Chairs

Steve Schmidt