

Good Old Boat Regatta Amenities 2011 - A bit of an orientation for those who are participating for the first time. **Welcome!**

The Place

Sailors Wharf, the headquarters for the Annapolis Good Old Boat Regatta (GOBR), parties, meetings, and other stuff is a private residence on Mill Creek with a marina that includes about 20 boats on a private dock. It is not a full service marina. No showers, not daily rental slips, no swimming pools, and the like. Just a friendly bunch of folks in a great location with a yard big enough to host our socials for the GOBR. We will have renta-potties (No Charge!) available in the parking lot for use during the GOBR. We are in a neat country atmosphere at the end of neat country-style road, but not far from churches, schools, shopping, and the hustle-bustle of Annapolis.

The Parking

Sailors Wharf has a small lot at the end of the street (down the little hill) and some parking available on the road. We are not allowed to use the gravel cut-out in the woods across the street from Sailors Wharf. The available parking is not meant for our kind of crowd, so we request/plead that you car pool with your crews as much as possible.

The Parties

We will have free beer and wine and soft drinks, plus Dark And Stormy(s) for those so inclined. We have a lot of hors-d'oeuvres, but we are not providing a full dinner. If meals are needed, there are carry out places in the area we can provide contacts for. A great part of the awards and party is the sit-in music fest on Saturday evening. GOBR people are more talented than one might think on first look. :-]

Everyone will get a skippers' bag that includes a copy of Good Old Boat Magazine, GOBR information, and some other goodies.

The Mooring

Boats can anchor out in well-sheltered Mill Creek right next Sailors Wharf. We are not far up the creek from Cantler's Riverside Inn on the same side. You will see a Good Old Boat banner hanging from the porch of the last house in row of houses to port. There is a bit of a cove on that side if you go too far – a low bridge where creek ends if you really go too far. If you are anchoring for the party and overnight, please bring your dinghy since we only have one ferry boat, and limited help to run it. We have places to stick your dinghy during races (or you can tie your dinghy to your anchor line to hold your place when you go out). The ferry "schedule" for parties is 4-9 PM Saturday, and 4-8 PM Sunday on the hour and half hour. On Friday evening and in the AMs, we will be ad hoc on ferry availability. Every boat will be parked in easy hailing distance (within a few hundred feet of the party site).

The Idea

The GOBR is as much of a celebration of boats and people as it is a sailing regatta. The GOBR is meant to be a fun time in which Shearwater Sailing Club can break even on costs (all volunteer labor) or at least not take too big a bath. Within that limitation, we do what we can. Many thanks to those who assist and support us.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Bob and Cindi Gibson, Alfred Poor, Charlie Husar, Shearwater Sailing Club, and the GOBR Gang

A Sailing Note: For non-spin classes (all handicap classes are non-spin), one headsail only used on forestay. It must be hanked or continuously attached (i.e., no cruising chutes). A cutter sail is OK if your boat is rigged that way, but must be hanked. Mizzen staysails are OK for you ketch and yawl folks.