

The Virginia Yacht Club members are a well-traveled group. Several members have contacted me about the Holiday Party date and the date for the Asphalt Cruise so they can plan other trips around these events. Below are dates and locations for the first two events for the upcoming year. Registration information will be sent out later, but we hope you will mark these dates on your calendar.

The annual Holiday Party will be held at the Kingsmill Resort on Friday, December 13. PC Kerry and Betsy McCarter have graciously agreed to serve as our sponsors and hosts for a "Colonial Holiday Celebration." For those of you who might need overnight accommodations, arrangements have been made at the DoubleTree Hotel near the entrance to the Kingsmill Resort. We have negotiated a nightly rate of \$104.00.

The "Asphalt Cruise" will be held in Sarasota, Florida, March 4-8 at the Art Ovation Hotel. The hotel is a Marriott Autograph Collection Hotel. We have been able to negotiate a group room rate of \$239.00 per night. The rate includes free valet parking and the destination fee has been waived. Randy and Carolyn Graham and Ron and Micki Pugh will be serving as Cruise Directors. Registration for the trip will be sent out later, but early hotel reservations are recommended since this is peak season for the Sarasota area. The hotel reservation number is 888.236.2427 or 941.316.0808.

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