



VYC 2023 Gloucester Point Cruise Overview

“Diamonds on the Half Shell”

August 17-20, 2023

Your Cruise Directors look forward with enthusiasm to our August gathering on Sarah Creek. We have commitment for up to 20 slips with deep waters and floating docks just steps away from the pool, from our dining venues and from the York River Oyster Company.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Arrivals with warm greetings will be followed by informal cocktails provided by the VYC Fleet Captain, and a Scoots bar-b-que dinner around at the pool. Swimming optional.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Brace for the inaugural Virginia Yacht Club *“Age-Appropriate Team Triathlon.”* The entire event will be observable from the banquet facility deck overlooking the pool and the marina.

- A single length of the 60-foot YRYC foot pool life jackets required. Wet suits, face masks, snorkels, flippers and headgear optional.
- A quarter-mile bike ride around the parking lot ... big-tired, unisex, beach cruisers with helmets will be supplied.
- A one eighth-mile perambulation in the parking lot ... graceful jogging and expressive strolling encouraged.

Two or three person teams, selected from registrations and announced in advance, will start and complete each leg in unison. Times will come into play only in the event of a tie in teamwork and crowd appeal.

After lunch on your own, a bus will transport us to VIMS for a program updates, a Q&A and a tour of the new aquaculture facility focused on oyster health and propagation.

Cocktails and dinner will be upstairs in the banquet room with balcony overlooking the pool and the marina, courtesy of the York River Oyster Company.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

In the morning Captain Bill Berger will begin piloting his 52-foot, Gloucester-built, Southern Rock deadrise between the T-head of the marina and Yorktown’s waterfront to a farmer’s market, a crafts market, live music, 5 eating walk-to and refreshment establishments and historic Yorktown village.

Following lunch on your own, the Director of the Gloucester Museum will deliver a history of Gloucester from its indigenous peoples up through British settlement, Gloucester’s roles in the Revolution and Civil Wars, and the history of boating and fishing in nearby waters.

Cocktails and a seated buffet dinner will again be courtesy of the York River Oyster Company, with reminiscing and dancing to 60’s to 70’s music from the Phun Docs band.

SUNDAY AUGUST 20

Fond departures at captains’ convenience.