

2009 ROCK THE BAY POKER RUN

Welcome to the 7th Annual Rock The Bay Poker Run

Fun is the order of the day, but safety is the key to a great Poker Run. You will find our rules on an attached page and they are for your safety, the safety of the other participants and the safety of your crew. Adhere to them to insure a safe and fun day on the water, break them and your day with us will be short.

ROCK THE BAY POKER RUN ENFORCES A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION DURING THE RUN OR AT LUNCH BY THE CAPTAIN OR CREW. If you are found to be drinking alcohol at breakfast, during the run or at lunch, your sticker will be removed, you will be disqualified and ejected from the run. You are out – no refunds, no dinner and your card hands are forfeited – no exceptions will be made.

Rock the Bay adheres to the Poker Run 10 Commandments. They are:

- 1. Absolutely no alcoholic beverages until the Poker Run is OVER.**
- 2. All participating poker run boat occupants must wear PFD's**
- 3. Driver must wear ignition safety switch lanyard(s) while the boat is underway**
- 4. No sitting on top of the seats or on sunpads when the boat is on plane**
- 5. Break starts up into groups based on speed**
- 6. Medical/rescue personnel monitoring channel 68**
- 7. No passing the pace boat**
- 8. Minimum separation of 100' fore-and-aft and 50' side-to-side between boats when on plane**
- 9. Written instructions/charts handed out by organizer with appropriate speed limit and safety notations.**
- 10. Strict speed limits in congested areas.**

Please find the schedule and rules below.

We will be starting the Poker Run in four waves – each wave is limited to 25 boats and our Dock Master will be waving boats out into the staging area. We are not breaking up the field based on speed as we've done in past years. If you want to wait for a friend in a later wave, pull off to the left of the staging area and the dock master will take 'waiting' boats into account when filling out a 'wave'

A pace boat will be leading each wave down the North East River at no more than 35 MPH to Jackson's Marina where the bay opens up and you may increase to your cruising speed.

If you pass the pace boat you will be immediately disqualified from Rock The Bay.

The first wave will depart at 10:20 with subsequent waves starting at 10 minute intervals.

Anyone caught operating their boat recklessly; cutting other boats off, disobeying no-wake zones, putting others at risk or disobeying minimum separation rules will be immediately removed from the run.

Make no mistake about our resolve when it comes to operating a safe event. If you break our rules – you're gone.

Please remember that the start of the Poker Run is always the most challenging time as numerous boats come up on plane and establish a lane for running. Please be very cautious at this time.

A chart of the course along with GPS Positions for all card stops is included in your registration package.

Please insure that you or your passengers raise a hand over your head when coming off plane to let following boats know of your decrease in speed. This is vital, but do so in a safe manner.

We will be rafting up at the Anchor Marina and also at our lunch stop. Please insure your bumpers are inflated properly and to lash boats together tightly. The key to proper rafting is to have all the boats lashed together tightly and move as one.

Be respectful of other's boats and remove your shoes when walking across someone's bow or cushions.

All participants are required to wear PFDs at all times when on the water. In addition, captains must wear safety lanyards to their engine kill switches when running.

Safety and Fun are our Number One Priorities!

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION:

Registration begins at 12 Noon on Friday and is available until 8 pm. **This is a pre-registration event only and you must pre-register in advance of the event.**

DIRECTIONS FROM I95 TO THE ANCHOR MARINA:

The Anchor Marina and Nauti Goose Saloon are located in the town of North East MD - I95 Maryland Exit 100 (Route 272 South). Follow signs for RT 272 South and travel across RT40. Proceed over the bridge and through the traffic light in town. After proceeding through town look for the Anchor Marina sign on right. Turn right on Susquhannock Drive and stay to the right. Turn right into the marina and stay to the left and get in line for the ramp. The ramp is managed and you'll be directed to the appropriate ramp based on activity and length of boat.

LAUNCH RAMP:

The launch ramp is available at the Anchor Marina located next door to the Nauti Goose restaurant. There is **NO RAMP FEE to launch for Rock The Bay Participants**. Your registration kit includes a weekend ramp pass and free trailer parking.

FUEL:

89 and 93 Octane fuel is available at the Fuel Dock at the Anchor Marina. The fuel dock will be open until 7 pm Friday night and re-opens at 7 am Saturday morning.

THE ANCHOR MARINA DOES NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS! – THEY ACCEPT CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS ONLY!

TRUCK & TRAILER PARKING:

Truck and trailer parking is available at the Anchor Marina where you'll be launching your boat. There is no charge to store your truck and trailer on Friday and Saturday nights.

WELCOMING PARTY & PIG ROAST – 7 PM

The welcoming party and pig roast begins 7 PM at the Nauti Goose Saloon. We hope to see you there!

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SATURDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 – 10:00 AM REGISTRATION

7:30 – 9:00 BUFFET BREAKFAST AT THE NAUTI-GOOSE SALOON

9:15 – 10:00 DRIVER'S MEETING (MANDATORY) – Boat numbers will only be given to drivers in attendance – If you don't attend the meeting you are not participating.

10:00 – 10:20 Drivers return to boats and prepare for departure

10:20 AM First Wave departs and subsequent waves depart at 10 minute intervals.

Proceed to first & second card stops and collect tokens for cards 2 & 3

12:00 – 3:00 PM Lunch Stop @ Mears Point Marina – Red Eye's

1:30 PM Rock The Bay Bikini Contest Takes place poolside at Mears Marina. The Bikini Contest is for Poker Run participants only.

3:00 Depart Mears Marina for last card stop and return to the Nauti-Goose.

Proceed to Final Card Stop at Fairlee Creek.

REMEMBER – WE ARE NOT GOING INSIDE THE CREEK THIS YEAR. THE CARD STOP WILL BE AT THE FAIRLEE CREEK OUTER MARKER.

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6:00 PM Card Opening Begins

9:00 PM Awards & Prize Presentations

REMEMBER: At Rock The Bay you can purchase additional cards if you are not happy with your hand. You can purchase additional cards ONE TIME for a hand after all five cards are opened. You can purchase 1, 2 or 3 cards for \$20, \$30 and \$50 respectively after discarding the same number of cards from your hand. You may also purchase additional hands for \$75 at any time prior to the card table closing.

ROCK THE BAY POKER RUN

Rules and Regulations

- 1. A Poker Run is not a RACE!**
- 2. Personal Floatation devices must be worn by all participants at all times. PFD's must be Coast Guard approved and conform to an individual's size and weight.**
- 3. Pace Boats are of major importance and all drivers must comply with and follow the lead behind the pace boat. A minimum distance of 300 feet must be maintained.**
- 4. Passing the Pace Boat results in immediate disqualification.**
- 5. ALCOHOL MUST NOT BE CONSUMED during the course of the day by anyone on the boat.**
- 6. Identification stickers must be temporarily affixed to the boat in a visible position near the helm.**
- 7. All participants will be issued wrist bands which must be worn at all times. No wrist band = no access to meals, parties, etc – no exceptions.**
- 8. Drivers must wear ignition safety tethers for the safety of everyone on board.**
- 9. Participants must look behind to signal a speed reduction or come off plane by all on board waving their arms over their heads and should always obey no wake and speed limit restrictions.**
- 10. In the case of a breakdown or accident, participants must hold their position as best as possible. It should be noted that, in many jurisdictions, it is the law, as well as a courtesy, for oncoming boaters to slow down and check with a disabled boat.**
- 11. For the safety of the crew and other boaters, participants must pick a lane and stick to it. A safety zone of at least 200 feet on all sides is recommended. Lane changes must be accomplished in a safe manner. Always check!**
- 12. Participants must ensure that their boat carries sufficient fuel to reach the next scheduled stop.**
- 13. Participants must also use caution and prudence when slowing down or stopping to pick up a card token.**
- 14. All boats must follow the applicable Coast Guard regulations as well as federal, state and local laws and regulations.**

15. Every boat must carry a safety kit that conforms to local regulations. This safety kit should include:

1. First aid kit	2. Flares
3. Bottled water	4. Sun screen
5. VHF Radio	6. Additional clothing
7. Cellular phone	8. Anchors and lines

16. Non-compliance of any of these rules and regulations will results in disqualification.

17. A disqualification may results from:

- 1. Dangerous operation of a boat as may be verified by witnesses**
- 2. Failure to attend the Riders Meeting**
- 3. The operation of a boat that fails an on-demand safety check by a Poker Run safety official.**
- 4. Abusive action of language, deemed inappropriate to the spirit of the event**
- 5. Drinking of alcohol during the run**
- 6. PFD's not worn.**

18. The decision of the safety official and/or the safety Committee will be final.

**WE TAKE YOUR SAFETY SERIOUSLY
AND WE EXPECT YOU TO TAKE OUR
RULES SERIOUSLY!**

ROCK THE BAY POKER RUN EMERGENCY NUMBERS & INFORMATION

Rocks The Bay Organizers do not provide towing services nor do we deliver fuel in the event you run out. If you break down you must contact a towing service or make arrangements with friends in advance to tow you or bring you fuel.

- **The event organizers will be monitoring channel 68**
 - **Sea-Tow (recommended) 410-335-6818**
 - **US Coast Guard Search & Rescue: 800-418-7314**
 - **Union Hospital Elkton MD: 410-398-4000**
 - **Maryland DNR Marine Police: 410-260-8888**
 - **US Coast Guard Still Pond: 410-778-2201 or Channel 16**
 - **Emergency Medical Assistance: Channel 16 & be prepared to give location**
 - **US Coast Guard Cellular Emergency Number: *CG**
 - **Rock Hall Fire & Rescue: (410) 639-7222 or 911**
 - **Vessel Assist Towing: 800-207-5651**
 - **Anchor Boats: 410-287-8280**
 - **Nauti Goose Saloon: 410-287-7880**
 - **Rock The Bay General Number: 610-529-9670**
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