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## **Cruising Itineraries from Solomons Island, MD**

Just inside the mouth of the Patuxent River, Solomons Island, Maryland is not only one of the top cruising destinations on the Chesapeake Bay, but truly the gateway to cruising the Middle Bay.

Whether you're looking for a daysail or full week's cruising, we recommend several itineraries to consider in your planning. Most are very "do-able" in a mid-size cruising sailboat with 4-6' draft. Naturally, your boat, crew skills/interests and the weather all play significant roles in your cruise planning, so flexibility is key. Plan ahead, use up-to-date charts and weather information, and call ahead for local conditions and marina reservations where possible.

### **Items of Note:**

Solomons location: N 38° 19.58' W 076° 27.62'

### Reference Charts:

Solomons, Patuxent River: Chart 12264

Southern Potomac River: Chart 12285

Crisfield, Smith, Tangier: Chart 12228

Reedville, Rappahannock: Chart 12235

Herring Bay, Knapps Narrows: Chart 12266

Choptank: Chart 12263

South River, Eastern Bay: Chart 12270

Annapolis: Chart 12282

### Weather links:

<http://www.sailsi.com/weather.htm>

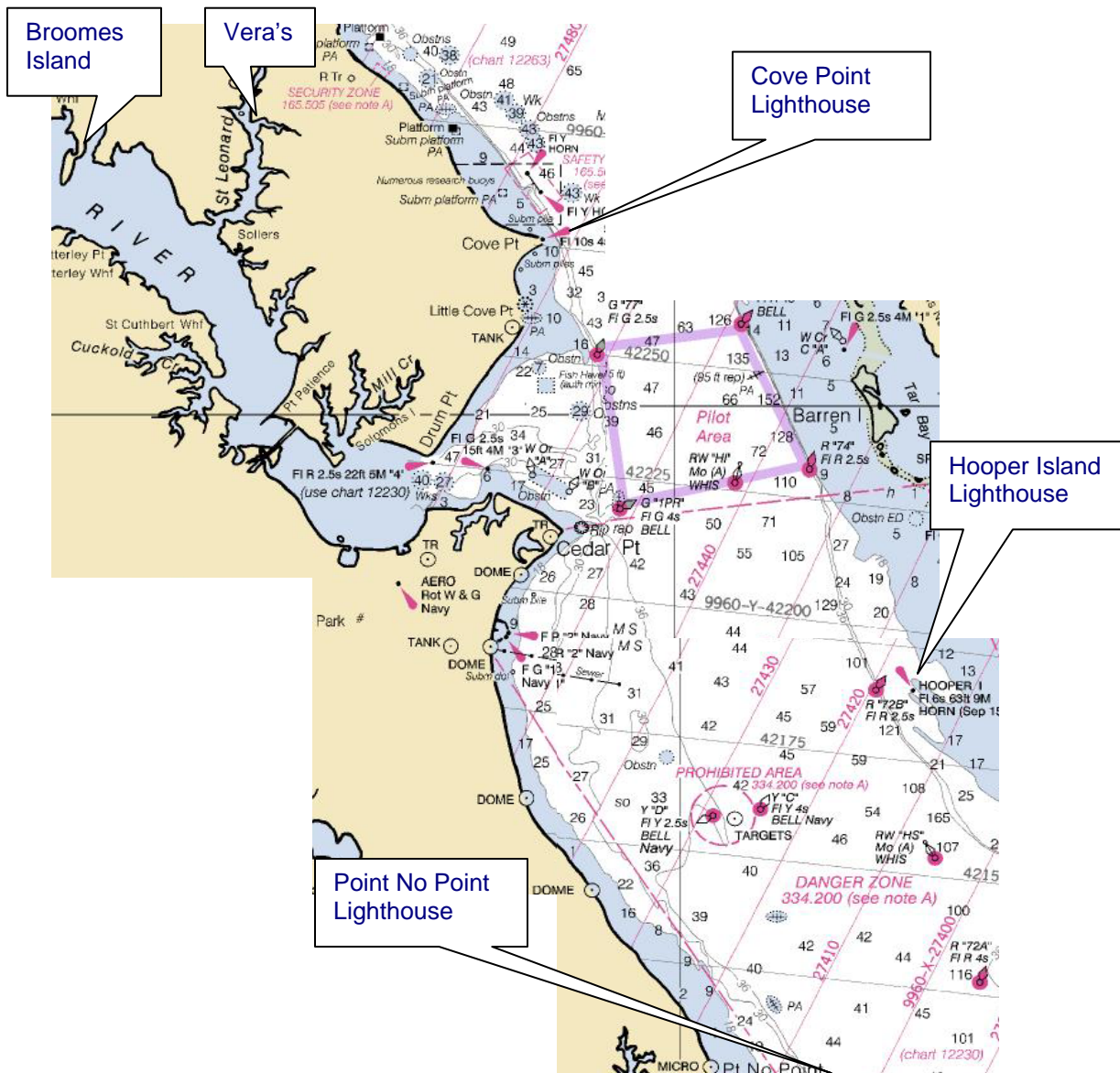
### Note:

Distances: listed in nautical miles, and are approximate on navigable path

Chartlets: used for illustration purposes, and not to be used for navigation

## Daysails\* from Solomons Island, MD

- 1 Lighthouse Tour: Drum Point, Cove Point, Hooper Island Lighthouses, return (28 nm)
- 2 To Hooper Island Lighthouse, return (22 nm)
- 3 To Point No Point Lighthouse, return (32 nm)
- 4 To Cove Point Lighthouse, return (15 nm)
- 5 Up Patuxent River to Broomes Island, return (19 nm)
- 6 Up Patuxent River to Vera's, St Leonard Creek, return (18 nm)
- 7 Race: Whatever boat is nearby!



\* All distances approximate, round trip from Solomons  
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### 2-Day Cruises

- 1 Solomons to Oxford (marina or anchorage)
- 2 Return to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Deale/Herring Bay (marinas)
- 2 Return to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to St Leonard Creek (anchor/marina at Vera's White Sands)
- 2 St Leonard Creek to Broomes Island to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Knapps Narrows (marina, or anchor NE of Knapps)
- 2 Knapps Narrows to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Little Choptank (anchorage)
- 2 Return to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Potomac, anchor Smith Creek
- 2 Return to Solomons

### 3-Day Cruises

- 1 Solomons to Crisfield
- 2 Crisfield to Tangier Island
- 3 Tangier Island to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Crisfield
- 2 Ferry daytrip to Tangier or Smith Island
- 3 Crisfield to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Yeocomico River
- 2 Yeocomico to Tangier Island
- 3 Tangier Island to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Reedville (Great Wicomico)
- 2 Reedville to Tangier Island
- 3 Tangier Island to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Oxford
- 2 Oxford to Herring Bay
- 3 Herring Bay to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to Oxford or Cambridge (Choptank)
- 2 To Knapps Narrows (or anchorage Harris or Broad Creek)
- 3 Return to Solomons
  
- 1 Solomons to St Mary's River (anchorage or marina)
- 2 Explore historic St Mary's City, anchor or marina overnight
- 3 Return to Solomons



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5-Day Cruises

- 1 Solomons to Oxford
  - 2 Around Tilghman Island to St Michaels
  - 3 Anchor in Wye River
  - 4 To Herring Bay
  - 5 To Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to Deale/Herring Bay
  - 2 To Annapolis
  - 3 To St Michaels
  - 4 To Knapps Narrows or Oxford
  - 5 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to Oxford
  - 2 To St Michaels
  - 3 To Wye River
  - 4 To Herring Bay
  - 5 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to Crisfield
  - 2 To Tangier Island (or Ferry trip to Smith Island)
  - 3 To Onancock
  - 4 To Reedville
  - 5 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to St Mary's City
  - 2 To Reedville
  - 3 To Crisfield
  - 4 To Tangier Island
  - 5 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to Reedville
  - 2 To Rappahannock River: Irvington, Urbanna or Deltaville
  - 3 Rappahannock River
  - 4 To St Mary's River or Point Lookout (Smith Creek)
  - 5 Return to Solomons



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7-Day Cruises

- 1 Solomons to Cambridge
  - 2 Cambridge to Oxford
  - 3 Around Tilghman Island to St Michaels
  - 4 Anchor in Wye River
  - 5 To Annapolis – marina or mooring
  - 6 To Deale/Herring Bay – marinas
  - 7 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to St Leonard Creek/Vera's White Sands
  - 2 Daysail Patuxent River near Solomons, dock SYC
  - 3 To Oxford (anchorage or marina)
  - 4 To Annapolis
  - 5 To St Michael's
  - 6 To Deale/Herring Bay
  - 7 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to Reedville
  - 2 To Rappahannock River: Irvington, Urbanna or Deltaville
  - 3 More Rappahannock
  - 4 To Onancock
  - 5 To Tangier Island
  - 6 To Crisfield
  - 7 Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to St Mary's
  - 2 To Reedville
  - 3 To Rappahanock River: Irvington, Urbanna or Deltaville
  - 4 To Tangier Island
  - 5 To Crisfield
  - 6 To Solomons – marina or anchor Mill Creek
  - 7 Daysail up Patuxent River, Return to Solomons
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- 1 Solomons to Potomac (anchor Smith Creek)
  - 2 To St Mary's City, anchor or marina stay overnight
  - 3 To Yeocomico River
  - 4 To Reedville
  - 5 To Tangier Island
  - 6 To Crisfield
  - 7 Return to Solomons