



Fleet 5



Annapolis Sailboat Show Friday, Oct. 9th to Sunday, Oct. 11th, 2009

The Annapolis Sailboat Show has been a favorite Fleet 5 event for most of the last 14 years. And this year will be no exception as we coordinate the event with LISCA. We (Doug Smith & Thom Reeves) are coordinating the social activities (food) (it is the 18th year that we have made the trip!) and David & Naomi Isaacs have set up the hotel reservations. The show offers the chance to see all the latest Catalina Yachts and hundreds of others. We have the opportunity to climb aboard fully rigged sailboats in the water and check out the latest designs and equipment used on these yachts. In addition there are hundreds of equipment suppliers in tents all around the Annapolis Town Harbor area. To top it off, Columbus Day Weekend is usually sunny and warm in the Chesapeake making it a wonderful trip to enjoy the scenery and foods of the bay area. The crab cakes are rated the best in the world. You can order your show tickets on line at:

www.usboat.com/us_sailboat_show.php



We have reserved rooms at the Comfort Inn, 4500 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD 20716 (Phone number: 301-464-0089). Contract name: **LISCA /Fleet 5.**

CUT OFF DATE: Wednesday, September 9. Rooms are \$105.30 + 11% tax for a non-smoking room with either two double beds or one king bed. Currently, 10 rooms are reserved. They are available on a first come, first served basis. We may or may not be able to get additional rooms if needed. When you reserve, please be sure to email me at dnisaacs@verizon.net - so I can keep track.

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For those of us who have made reservations at the Comfort Inn in Bowie, MD (4500 Crain Highway) it is located on the south west corner of the junction of US Routes 50 and 301, about 10 miles west of Annapolis. The fastest route from the New York area is usually via I-95 south to Baltimore. As you approach Baltimore bear left for the Harbor Tunnel (I-895). After the tunnel go about 1-1/2 miles and turn off at the I-97, exit 6. Take I-97 south about 17-1/2 miles to US Route 50 west/301 south. Go about 8 miles to where Route 301 splits off and take the 301 south exit (Richmond). After going around the cloverleaf travel south about ¼ mile to the first traffic light. Turn right and right again up the service road to the Comfort Inn.

For those arriving early enough we will be having Friday night dinner at Rip's Country Inn, 3809 North Crain Highway about a quarter-mile south of the Bowie Comfort Inn on the east side of the road. (301-262-0900). **Contact Thom & Doug (cell: 631-766-8587)** when you get to the hotel. There are no reservations.

Fleet 5 has a tradition of a 9:00 Saturday morning breakfast at Buddy's Crabs and Ribs on the second floor over The Banana Republic, at the foot of Main Street directly opposite the show. It offers a full buffet of all your breakfast treats for one low price. It can't be beat. We also like going there because it gets us in town before the parking garage fills up. The show, filling the Annapolis Town Marina, opens at 10:00 a.m. with members often congregating around the Catalina Yacht Owners' Booth where we may be able to chat with Frank Butler, Sharon Day and Gerry Douglas. We then spread out across the show with our own agendas and shopping lists in preparation for next season's sailing. Small groups meet informally for lunch here and there and discuss what they have seen so far.

We are no longer allowed to have our traditional tailgate party in the Municipal Garage. But Catalina Yachts may be hosting an owner's appreciation party again which we can attend on Saturday after the show.

Saturday night dinner will be at The Chart House (with a salad bar to die for) in Annapolis at 7:00 pm. The Chart House is just a water taxi ride across from the boat show. Be at the taxi dock at 6:30 pm. **We have a very limited space so get your reservation in ASAP so you don't miss out.** Absolute deadline is October 4th. If you wish to attend contact Doug.

If you wish to return to the show on Sunday we suggest that you go early to get parking as we do on Saturday. At Buddy's Crabs and Ribs the fresh omelets, waffles, etc. are better on Sunday than Saturday! Thom & Doug will be leaving early on Sunday morning and "flying" like snow birds to Florida.

All in all it is a wonderful fall weekend. Some of our high rollers enjoy stopping at Atlantic City on the way home with gambling money they didn't spend at the boat show!

Have a great show!

Any questions? Contact us at **631-208-1977** (ccreagh@optonline.net). We will have our cell phone **631-766-8587** with us throughout the weekend.

IMPORTANT!

When you have made your reservation please contact me ccreagh@optonline.net or 631-208-1977 and tell me what dates you have reserved.

Thanks

Doug