

CRUISE TO NOWHERE

An overnight sail from Stonington To Stonington under as controlled conditions as possible.

Saturday, July 11th

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT

The idea of an overnight sail is daunting to many.

The experience is uplifting to many who have done it.

WE WILL ONLY DO IT IF CONDITIONS ARE CLOSE TO IDEAL.

We encourage each vessel to have the maximum number of crew possible. Different circumstances (no boat, size of boat) will seem to limit participation. We hope vessels that will participate might make berths available thus making for a safer and more shared experience.

This will not be a stress event, apart from being on the water over night, approximately 17 hours. We intend for all boats to stay in visual and VHF contact throughout the night.

July 11th was chosen for its proximity to the Full Moon. We'll experience only about 1 hour of total darkness. See sidebar.

We'll leave at 1700 on the 11th and return at 1000 on the 12th. Breakfast at the club.

In conjunction with this cruise there will be 3 pre-cruise events. The first 2 are optional. Attendance at the third is mandatory.

First, April 25th, members are invited to attend a workshop on sailing at night sponsored by the Stonington Cruising Club.

Second, May 30th, members are invited to attend a presentation at the Mystic Seaport Planetarium, highlighting what we'll see in the night sky on July 11th.

Third, July 11th, participants are required to attend a pre-cruise safety and communications meeting at the club at 1530.

So please log onto [the club's web site](#) and under 'Members' Corner' click on 'Cruising'. The first 2 items (note the **NOW**) in the list are 'Boat Registration' and 'Cruise Waiver'. You can register on line but you need to print, sign and fax or deliver the waver to the SHYC Office by May 1, 2009.

So kindly help us with our planning. Please sign up for the cruise as soon as you can. **Signing up costs and commits you to nothing - but assists our preparations.**

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Important Information

TIDES

July 11th	High	Low
Stonington	12:28	18:37

July 12th	High	Low
Stonington	00:40	06:55

THE RACE - CURRENTS

July 11th

14:56	Slack, Ebb Begins
17:59	MAX Ebb
21:05	Slack, Flood Begins
23:55	MAX Flood

July 12th

03:01	Slack Ebb Begins
06:16	MAX Ebb
09:23	Slack Flood Begins
12:19	MAX Flood

July 11th

Sun Set	20:22
Twilight Ends	
Civil	20:55
Nautical	21:36
Moon Rise	22:28
Phase: Waning Gibbous	
	84%

July 12th

Twilight Begins	
Nautical	04:10
Civil	04:52
Sun Rise	05:25

Expected course is SE from Lord's Passage. Threading between Montauk and Block.