



THYC Picnic Cruise

- When:** Saturday June 26th. 4:00 PM
- Where:** Little Round Bay on the Severn River
Home of Tom and Nancy Futch
- By Land:** 1035 Park Road
Crownsville, MD. 21032
(410) 923-3737 Home
(410) 279-0707 Tom's Cell
- By Sea:** Approximately 6 miles up Severn River. Anchor in Maynadier Creek and dingy around Mathiers Point to Futch's (chart on back). THYC Banner will be seen on property. You'll see Tom's boat "Wampum" in lift at base of property. Ride up lift or brave the steps.
- Bring:** Your meat to grill and an appetizer, salad, or side dish to share. Dessert to share optional. Grills, utensils, dishes, condiments, beer & wine provided
- Questions Or Help:** Fleet Captain Troy DiLemme (609) 610-1719
Vice Commodore Chris Houpt (610) 639-4266
"Music Man" R-7

Come early and picnic with us on a private estate on St. Helena's Island in Little Round Bay FRIDAY night 6 PM. Hot dogs, burgers, condiments, etc. provided by THYC. Bring a dish to share and your drink of choice. Access by dingy only. See Beth Fulton for details (443) 463-4776 "Mulligan" R-16

**(Past Members - have you paid your 2010 renewal membership dues?
Prospective New Members – there is still time to join before this event!)**

LITTLE ROUND BAY on the Severn River

Just about every creek on the Severn provides a comfortable anchorage in good deep water. The Round Bay area, five miles up the river, has several favorites, including Little Round Bay and St. Helena Island.

There's good protection all around St. Helena Island. Just don't anchor in the cable area directly west of the island. When the weather is really "sticky," perhaps you could drop your hook inside the protecting arm of Long Point. The shores here are fairly well settled, but you will be protected from any nor'wester in midsummer.

The Navy maintains a submerged mooring system in Little Round Bay to use when severe storms threaten its small-craft fleet in Annapolis, but better hurricane anchorages are farther upstream. Let's not tell the Navy.

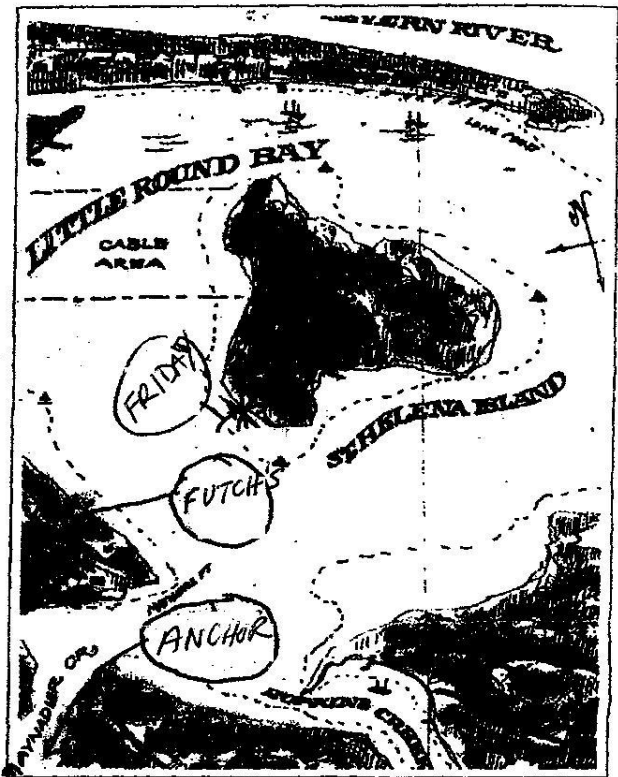
There are several houses and private docks on St. Helena Island, too; and we've been told a gambling casino operated there in the distant past.

In Brown's Cove, west of St. Helena Island, Smith's Marina offers gas, ice, repairs and haulouts. There is seven feet of water at the fuel dock.

Other choice spots to anchor are in Hopkins Creek and Maynadier Creek, SSW of St. Helena Island.



From NOAA Chart 12282—not to be used for navigation.



If you draw over three feet, give a wide berth to the shoal jutting out just opposite Mathiers Point. Stay mid-channel until you round the sandspit at the entrance to Hopkins Creek, then circle around to port, where you can drop your hook. The sand bar will keep any wave action at bay while it permits the breeze to find you, even on a hot summer's night. Water depths range to 11 feet, and the shoreline has few houses and little activity.

But if you want to find a really good anchorage on a hot summer night, turn west around Mathiers Point into Maynadier Creek. The channel leading around this point is an ample 14 feet or more, and the creek opens up inside with depths of eight to 10 feet. The bottom is soft mud and provides good holding ground. There are some very fine homes along the shore of this bay-like creek. Extensive marshes along its south and west shores suggest a dense mosquito population, so be sure you have insect repellent and good screens on your companionway.

Round Bay itself is wide enough for good sailing and small enough to offer protection from heavy seas. It is a beautiful body of water, about two miles across at its widest point.

Normally this part of the Severn River is busy with water-skiers and small boat regattas. Weekends afford the heaviest traffic; weekdays more solitude. J