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Marinas in Gloucester, VA: Boating in Chesapeake Bay Country

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(GlawStoor) Gloucester, Virginia was once a Colonial port town and fishing village. Gloucester was also a refuge from city life for Colonial Burgesses who visited Gloucester for a their summer retreat. Rosewell plantation was once a stunning a country estate in Gloucester, sitting on the banks of the York River. At this country estate honored guests like Thomas Jefferson were entertained. Rosewell still sits on the banks of the York River, but it was burned in 1916 and is in ruins, with only a portion of the structure remaining.

Cruising the waterways in the area of Gloucester Virginia is pleasant and fun. There are lots of places to stop along the way. Just across the York River from Gloucester is Yorktown, which recently unveiled a newly renovated waterfront complete with shops and restaurants, a beach, and walkway.



Gloucester is populated with lots of marinas, so the boater looking for a Chesapeake Bay excursion in this area will not run short of supplies or fuel. There are a few great seafood restaurants where boaters may tie up and drop in for a bite to eat, too.

Boaters who love the Chesapeake Bay and are interested in retiring, relocating, or purchasing a second home here will be pleased to know there are lots of waterfront properties and waterfront estates which include a pier to dock a boat. Many estuaries and small tributaries feed the York River, offering secluded places along the waterfront for homes and properties that often date to the Colonial era. If you or your loved one would like to visit some waterfront properties, e-mail me at vonmor1@cox.net or call me at 757-288-4685 and I will be happy to show you that Gloucester is indeed a great place to retire, relocate, or purchase a second home, especially if you're a boater.

Crown Pointe Marina

9737 Cook's Landing Road, Gloucester
804-642-6177

This Marina provides York River access. Boaters will find wet slips complete with water and electric, dry storage, a ship's store, and restrooms with hot showers. For recreation boaters can take a swim in one of the two outdoor swimming pools. Fueling services at this Gloucester marina include gas & diesel.

Holiday Marina

3143 Holiday Marina Road, Gloucester
804-642-2528

Boaters can find gas and diesel fuel at this marina. Other amenities include restrooms, a full service boat yard, and 38 transitory boat slips. There is York River Access from the Holiday Marina, too.

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Jordan Marine Service Inc.

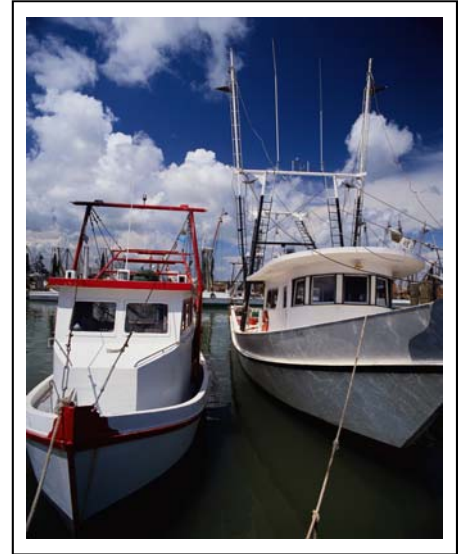
<http://www.jordanmarineservice.com>
7804 Jordan Road, Gloucester Point VA
804-642-4360

Twenty transitory slips are available at this marina that specializes in fixing and maintaining boats on Sarah's Creek, which intersects with the York River. In case boaters are broken down, a complete boating repair service is available. A railway and a lift are available at Jordan Marina. Full bathroom facilities are also available at this marina.

Severn River Marina

<http://www.severnrivermarina.com>
3398 Stonewall Road, Hayes, Virginia
804-642-6969

For the boater who wants to dock closer to Mobjack Bay, the Severn River Marina, located on a tributary of the Mobjack Bay, is a great alternative. For boats needing repair the marina has a 75 ton travel hoist, full service repairs and maintenance. Visit the ship's store, dock at one of the 52 wet slips which include pump outs and water and metered electricity, or use the dry storage. Rest room facilities have showers. A crab deck which overlooks the water is available for cookouts and picnics. The Severn River Marina provides boaters access to Mobjack Bay and the York River.



Ware River Yacht Club

<http://wryc.tripod.com/>
Gloucester VA
804-693-4125

The Ware River is another tributary of Mobjack and Chesapeake Bays. A clubhouse and restroom with showers are some of the facilities here. This yacht club caters to sailboats, too.

York River Yacht Haven

<http://www.commonwealthyachts.com/>
8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester Point, Virginia
804-642-2156

In 2005 Chesapeake Bay Magazine readers selected York River Yacht Haven as the 3rd best marina on the Chesapeake Bay. The River's Inn Restaurant is located here, and fresh catches are available every season of the year. York River Yacht Basin provides a nice view of Sarah's Creek and the York River. There are 300 boat slips, a marina store, restrooms and fueling facilities available here.



Protect your home while you're on vacation by Bob Stuber

No home security system is 100% accurate. Home safety expert and former police officer Bob Stuber says that one of the easiest ways to protect your home is to make it look as though you never left.

Be careful about who you tell that you're going to be leaving town. It's especially important to not talk to strangers about your trip.

Don't call and have your newspaper or your mail stopped, because you don't know who's going to get that information.

Don't let uncollected newspapers and mail pile up. Ask a trusted neighbor or friend to pick them up for you.

Put lights outside your home on a motion detector. A burglar can only assume somebody saw him and is calling the police. That increases your safety factor by 50%.

Alarm company employees have sensitive information about you and your family. Make sure the company you use screens their employees and does a thorough background investigation.

If you have an alarm, make sure it is on when you leave.



Blackbeard and his Ghostly Pirates

From www.vaghosts.com



So, what does the notorious pirate Blackbeard have to do with Williamsburg?

Actually, quite a bit.

- A prevailing legend holds that Blackbeard's massive skull was later made into a drinking vessel used by thirsty imbibers at the Raleigh Tavern in Williamsburg.
- One of the more noted trials in Williamsburg's history found several members of Blackbeard's crew guilty of heinous crimes. They were hanged on the town's outskirts.
- There are witnesses who have reported hearing ghostly sounds of the executed pirates years, decades and even centuries after they were publicly executed.

Blackbeard, whose real name was either Edward Teach, Thatch, or Thach, reigned terror along the Virginia and North Carolina coast lines for years in the early 1700's. Of all the cutthroat pirates who sailed during these turbulent times, Blackbeard was considered the cruelest and most evil of all. He killed indiscriminately, and was feared not only by others sailing the coastal waters, but even by his own officers and crewman.

Save Energy and Money this Summer: Tips for Using Utilities Wisely

- Use window or ceiling fans instead of the air conditioner. They use less energy.
- Use electricity during off-peak hours to reduce the load on your utility. Some utilities offer time-of-use rates, so changing your behavior can save you money. Off-peak hours 9 p.m. - 6 a.m.
- If you have to use the air conditioner, set the thermostat to the highest comfortable setting. 78 degrees (F) works for most people.
- Save washing clothes/dishes and showers for the early morning or evening time, when it's cooler. These activities build up humidity, when air conditioners work to remove humidity.
- Set refrigerator temperatures between 37 and 40 degrees (F). Keep the refrigerator stocked; it takes more energy to cool an empty fridge. Use a thermometer to verify temperatures.
- Dry your clothes on a line, outside in the wind and sun, instead of in the dryer.
- Shut off or unplug lights, computers and other electronic appliances when you're not using them.
- Lower the temperature on your electric water heater to 120 degrees (F). Turn it off when leaving for extended periods of time. Gas water heaters must be set to the "vacation" setting.
- Use a microwave, pressure cooker, toaster oven or BBQ instead of the stove. They use less energy and prevent excessive heat build-up in the house. Cook in the mornings or evenings when cooler.
- Close blinds, drapes or window coverings on the south facing windows. This reduces the amount of heat build-up in the home. Properly adjust window awnings for optimal shading.
- Clean, clean, clean...your coils on the refrigerator, the exhaust/lint from the dryer, the dust on the lights, the debris in/on the air conditioning unit, the filter on your AC unit, the frost in your freezer. Your equipment will last longer and you'll save energy and spend LESS money!

www.energyideas.org



We are very excited to announce the launch Elaine's newest website, Virginia-Estates. The website will focus solely on equestrian and estate properties in Eastern Virginia and will include detailed and essential information on Virginia Counties and the Hampton Roads Region.

The website will be up and running in the coming weeks, we will be sending you more detailed information very soon.



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Ask Elaine. . .

Dear Elaine,

If land is purchased with deed restrictions and the land is subsequently sold to another person are the deed restrictions still binding?

Donna, Newport News

Dear Donna,

The deed restrictions are recorded with the deed at the courthouse. If this is the case then yes they do indeed convey. That is how it works in Virginia. I would contact the courthouse in the city or county and have someone help you look up the deed in the deed book to see. The information is public and you may look up any deed.

Thanks for Asking,

Elaine

Please send any questions for Elaine to voncannonrealestate@cox.net or please call us at (757) 564-1557

Shrimp Pasta Salad BBQ recipe

With its light Asian-inspired dressing, this salad makes a great light summer supper or a terrific picnic side dish.

- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons black sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon minced fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon wasabi powder
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 12 ounces capellini or very thin spaghetti, cooked and chilled
- 24 large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 large red onion, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- 2 zucchini, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 8 green onions, trimmed
- Non-stick cooking spray for spraying vegetables
- 18 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- Salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill weed



In small bowl, combine orange juice, vinegar, honey, garlic, sesame seeds, ginger, dry mustard, and wasabi powder. Gradually whisk in olive oil and sesame oil until well blended. Pour dressing over chilled capellini; toss to coat.

Thread shrimp on six 12-inch skewers. Spray shrimp, red onion slices, zucchini slices, and green onions with cooking spray. Grill vegetables 5 to 10 minutes or until crisp-tender, turning once halfway through grilling time. Grill shrimp 4 to 5 minutes or until pink, turning once halfway through grilling time. Remove skewers and vegetables from grill. Separate red onion into rings; slice green onions diagonally. Combine pasta, shrimp, red and green onions, zucchini, and tomatoes. Toss well. Season with salt to taste. Sprinkle with dill weed. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

www.weber.com