Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary

https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/mallows-potomac

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Mallows Bay-Potomac River

Photo: Cyrus E. Phillips
Structure for Fish and Wildlife

Photo: Eric Packard

Photo: Kevin Thomas
April 6, 1917: U.S Enters World War I
The Call for 1000 Ships in 18 Months!
A Nationwide Priority
Major Jobs Program and Community Development
Nearly 300 Built
Rapid Expansion of the Merchant Marines

Sea Training
The U.S. Shipping Board needs 50,000 young men to train as sailors, firemen, coal-passers, oilers, water-tenders, cooks and stewards in the new Merchant Marine.

Recruiting Service
United States Shipping Board
Custom House, Boston, Mass.
Henry Howard, Director

The United States Merchant Marine in World War I
Ships, Crews, Shipbuilders and Operators
Greg H. Williams
Mallows Bay, circa 1925
Ship Breaking Operations (Three!)
Maritime Cultural Landscape:
Indian Tribes, Watermen, and Defense/Security
Community Nomination to NOAA (2014)

MALLOWS BAY-POTOMAC RIVER

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY NOMINATION

September 2014

Map 1 of 1: Mallows Bay - Widewater Historical and Archaeological National Register District NOAA Chart 12288

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National Trust for Historic Preservation
SavingPlaces.org
Sanctuary Co-Management

Maritime and Cultural Heritage

Recreation, Tourism, Economic Development

Natural Resource Management

Photo: Matt McIntosh
The “Model Home” for Mallows-Potomac
The 14th National Marine Sanctuary

This flagpole is dedicated to commemorate the designation of

Mallows Bay-Potomac River National Marine Sanctuary

Designated
September 3, 2019
Local, National and International Media
For Immediate Release
2017-195
Friday, June 23, 2017 - 8:10am

Kayak Tours Available at Mallows Bay Park
Commercial Tours
REI, Potomac Riverkeeper, Smithsonian

Kayak Tour - Ghosts of the Potomac: Mallow’s Bay

RIVER PALOOZA
MALLows BAY “GHOST FLEET” PADDLE
Science, Monitoring and Technologies: New Water Quality Buoy!
New Interpretative Water Trails!

POINTS OF INTEREST

1. **LAUNCH POINT**
   A boat ramp at locations south of Mallows Bay can serve small craft of any size; access to the Potomac River is open from 5:30 AM to dusk permitted.

2. **ACCOMAC**
   A 65-foot-long concrete block, named after a Virginia town, was built by the US Navy to function as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was converted into a restaurant.

3. **BENZONIA**
   Named after a town in Michigan, the US Navy built this concrete block for use as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was dismantled and reused for other purposes.

4. **MOMO**
   Named after a Japanese ship, this concrete block was used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was converted into a park.

5. **TAYLOR**
   Named after a town in Michigan, the US Navy built this concrete block for use as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was converted into a park.

6. **THREE SISTERS**
   A group of three concrete blocks, each named after a town in Michigan, were used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, they were dismantled and reused for other purposes.

7. **FLOWERPOCKET WRECKS**
   A group of three concrete blocks, each named after a town in Michigan, were used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, they were dismantled and reused for other purposes.

8. **GRADY’S SPIT**
   A concrete block used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was converted into a park.

9. **SS ARAPAHA**
   A 65-foot-long concrete block, named after a town in California, was used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was converted into a park.

10. **THE THREE SISTERS WRECKS**
    A group of three concrete blocks, each named after a town in Michigan, were used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, they were dismantled and reused for other purposes.

11. **NORTH BEND**
    A concrete block used as a dockyard during the war. After the war, it was converted into a park.

12. **MALLOWS BAY**
    The self-guided tour of the Ghost Fleet of Mallows Bay consists of 16 points traveling around the bay using the Burnt Basin. To reach the Accomac from the launch point is a 7-10 minute paddle, and the complete route requires 1.5-3 hours and covers 2.5 miles.

WARNING:
- Paddlers at their own risk. Warning signs and personnel are present. Do not paddle alone or in cold weather. Do not paddle unless you have the means to call for help.
- No swimming or fishing.
- Do not remove any of the markers or buoys from the area.

Please respect the site and its history.
Strengthening Educational Opportunities:
Advanced Technologies and Career Opportunities
Strengthening Educational Opportunities: Environmental Literacy
Community Engagement:
Annual Trash Clean Up at Mallows Bay Park

Get into Mallows Bay Day!
4th Annual Trash Clean Up and Family Fun Activities

Saturday, October 7, 2017
12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Rain Date: October 8 at 1:00 pm
Mallows Bay Park
1410 Wilson Landing Rd, Nanjemoy, MD

4th Annual Trash Cleanup

Bring your kayak or walk the shoreline
Kayaks provided free of charge first come, first served by Atlantic Kayaks
The first 100 volunteers receive a free cooling towel from Charles County!
For more info: http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/event/3740/show

Family and Public Kayak Tours
Net Seining and Fish Identification
Mallows Bay History Walks

Nature and Bird Watch Hike
Food Truck
Exhibits
(WMM History, MD (MM) Scales and Tides, Foss 43, MD Archaeology, and Wreck Mapping Simulation)

Event Sponsors

For more information visit www.friendsofmallows.org
Showcasing Federal – State – County – Community Partnerships

Congressman Hoyer

House Natural Resources, NOAA Budget

Outdoor Recreation Roundtable

Thank you!

Community Champions

Accokeek Foundation
Alexandria Seaport Foundation
Alice Ferguson Foundation
Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
American Canoe Association
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Calvert Marine Museum
Charles County Archaeological Society
Charles County Chamber of Commerce
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Chesapeake Bay Commission
Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Chesapeake Bay Trust
Chesapeake Conservancy
Chesapeake Paddlers Association
Citizens Advisory Committee,
    Chesapeake Bay Program
College of Southern Maryland
Conservancy for Charles County
Council for Maryland Archaeology
Diving With a Purpose
Friends of Mallows Potomac
Institute of Maritime History
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Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society
Mason Springs Conservancy
Mattawoman Watershed Society
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Partnership for the Mallows-Potomac NMS
Piscataway-Conoy Tribe
Port Tobacco River Conservancy
Potomac Conservancy
Potomac Riverkeeper Network
Preservation Maryland
Quantico Yacht Club
REI
Smarter Growth Alliance for Charles County
Sotterley Plantation
Southern Maryland Audubon Society
Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium
Southern Maryland Paddlers
Southern Maryland Sierra Club
Southern Maryland Waterscape
Sport Fisheries and Tidal Fisheries
Advisory Commissions
St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Team River Runner
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

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    Chesapeake Bay Office
Virginia Dept. of Conservation and Recreation