

93. Cruise on a Classic

You don't need a boat to get on the water in style. Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons is home to some grand classics that gladly give you permission to come aboard for a couple of hours — at prices you can afford.

Cruise on *The Wm. B. Tennison*, a Chesapeake sailing craft converted to power in 1906. The *Tennison* worked as a buyboat, visiting fishing boats to buy their catch.

One-hour cruises through the Solomons harbor and under the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge departs from Calvert Marine Museum Wed.-Sun. 2pm, Sat., Sun. 12:30 and 3:10pm (July and Aug.) and 3:10pm Independence Day and Labor Day. \$7 w/age discounts: 410-326-2042 ext. 15.

Or cruise through history guided by the museum's *Coby Treadway* on 90-minute Sunset Supper Cruises with appetizers. Light supper following at the museum: Sat. June 17, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2, 5-7:30pm, \$50: 410-326-2042 ext. 41 or email mccormmj@co.cal.md.us.

Sail on *The Dee of St. Mary's*, one of the last skipjacks constructed on the Chesapeake. Built in 1979 for the commercial oyster fishery, *The Dee* became a floating classroom when the oyster population dwindled. Sails Sat. June 24, July 29 and Aug. 26 and Sun. July 9 and Aug. 13, 2:30pm. \$25 w/age discounts; no children under 5: 410-326-2042 ext. 4.

Both boats can be chartered.

94. Lance a Lot at Summer Jousting

Modern day knights and maidens hold lances aloft as they gallop down a 160-yard track, spearing three small rings at breakneck speeds. Watch these bold jousters aim for precision victories at the Calvert County Jousting Tournament.

In its 151st year, the joust at Christ Church in Port Republic is the oldest and often biggest jousting event in Maryland. The historic event includes a church bazaar, a country supper, music and lots of fun and cheer.

Maryland's oldest state sport began in medieval war games, but jousting's local history is much more modest. In 1950, knights and noble steeds were not on the forefront of Maryland minds. In 1962, jousters took the ring when Governor J. Millard Tawes signed a bill making jousting the first Maryland State Sport.



The State Sport starts in grand style with knights and ladies parading on their armored steeds onto the field of competition. Colorful cloth seals symbolizing hometowns or family names embellish saddles. Knights are called forth to charge into the games as a trumpet blasts above the fanfare.

Knights and ladies compete equally, vying for the title in each of four divisions as they aim for the hanging rings. The winners are crowned at the grand coronation ceremony that ends the day.

Gallop down to Christ Church, and experience the fun that makes jousting Maryland's oldest and longest running state sport.

Aug. 26 at noon: www.christchurchcalvert.org/tournament-2.