Baltimore Bicycling Club’s 49th Annual
Delaware-Maryland Flatlands Tour
Dedicated to the memory of Dave Coder (7/6/1955 - 2/14/2004)

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Event Coordinator: Ken Philhower (410-437-0309 (H) or bbcflatlands @ cablespeed.com)

Place: Bohemia Manor High School, 2755 Augustine Herman Highway (Rt. 213), Chesapeake City, MD

Directions: (See below.)

Time: Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. and ends promptly at 9:15 a.m. so volunteers also can enjoy riding. Check-in and register at the ride start before the rides. No pre-registration.

Suggested Group Start Times:
7:30 a.m. -- Century (104 miles)
8:00 a.m. -- Metric Century (101 kilometers / 65 miles)
8:30 a.m. -- Half Century (53 miles)
9:00 a.m. -- Chesapeake City to Odessa (36 miles)

Fee: BBC members $5.00; non-members $6.00. Includes cue sheet, map, snacks, and use of portable toilet.

Important: No sag service is provided, so riders must be prepared to handle any bicycle problems they encounter. Bring water (2 bottles recommended), spare tube/patch kit, sunscreen, and money for food and drinks. Bicycle helmets are required.

Note: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on school grounds at all times.

RIDE DESCRIPTIONS (subject to change):
These rides are primarily on flat terrain. You will cycle on paved roads in rural Maryland and Delaware through farmland and natural wetland areas, as well as a few residential areas and small towns. There are stores for food and water on each route.

Century (104 miles): This route was changed in 2014 to avoid going through Chesapeake City.
Route heads east into Delaware, then turns south along the Delaware River wetlands to Port Penn and Leipsic. Turning west, the route pauses briefly for a lunch stop in Cheswold, then passes through Kenton and Hartley and back into Maryland. The final leg returns north through Millington, Sassafras, and Warwick and back to Chesapeake City. Lunch is available at a convenience store near the midpoint of the route. Please note: Before lunch there is a 40-mile section with no stores, so be sure to carry plenty of water.

Metric Century (101 kilometers / 65 miles): After passing through Chesapeake City, this route heads east along the C&D Canal into Delaware, then turns south along the Delaware River wetlands to Port Penn. After the lunch stop in Townsend, DE (mile 37), the route returns to Chesapeake City via Sassafras, MD and Warwick, MD. This ride does not go through Middletown, DE.

Half Century (53 miles): Follows the metric century route for the first 37 miles to the lunch stop in Townsend, DE. The route returns northwest through Warwick, MD and back to Chesapeake City. This ride does not go through Middletown, DE.

Chesapeake City to Odessa (36 miles): Ride to historic Odessa, DE. Optional tours of historic buildings are available. Food is available at a convenience store at along the route (mile 13). This route is appropriate for experienced Casual and 10-mpg riders.

Note: A 3/4 Century ride (79 miles) may or may not be offered this year depending on road conditions.

AFTER THE RIDE...

Visit the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Museum to learn about the canal's 190-year history. The museum is located at 815 Bethel Rd. (Rt. 286) on the eastern edge of Chesapeake City, and is open Mon-Fri 10am-3pm (year-round) and Sat-Sun 11am-4pm (Memorial Day through Labor Day only). Admission is FREE.
For more information, visit https://chesapeakecity.com/cd-canal-museum/.

For information on accommodations and dining in Chesapeake City and surrounding Cecil County, visit the Chesapeake City web site at https://chesapeakecity.com and/or the Cecil County Tourism office web site at http://www.seececil.org.
Directions: From Baltimore, take I-95 north to exit 109A (Rt. 279 south) and go 3 miles to Elkton. Turn left at Rt. 213 south. Cross Rt. 40 and continue 6 miles to Chesapeake City. Cross the C&D Canal Bridge and continue 1 mile. Turn right at traffic light into Bohemia Manor High School. Please allow at least 1-1/2 hours to get there from Baltimore. (It's about 65 miles.)

From Annapolis, take US Route 50/301 east across the Bay Bridge and continue 10 miles. At the 50-301 split, continue straight on Rt. 301 north (toward Wilmington) for 32 miles. Turn left on Rt. 313 north and go 3 miles to Galena, then go straight at the traffic light onto Rt. 213 north. Continue on Rt. 213 north for 13 miles (about 2 miles past the light at Rt. 310), then turn left at the traffic light into Bohemia Manor High School. Please allow at least 1 hour and 45 minutes to get there from Annapolis. (It's about 70 miles.)

From Washington DC, take Beltway Exit 19A, US Route 50 East, 20 miles to Annapolis, then follow Annapolis directions above.

From Wilmington, DE, take I-95 south to exit 1A, Rt. 896 south toward Middletown (last exit before toll -- last exit in Delaware). Go 3 miles on Rt. 896, then turn right on Rt. 40 west and go about 5 miles to Elkton, MD. Turn left on Rt. 213 south and go 6 miles to Chesapeake City. Cross the C&D Canal Bridge and continue 1 mile. Turn right at traffic light into Bohemia Manor High School.

From Dover, DE, take DE Rt. 1 north just beyond Odessa, DE to Exit 142 (Rt. 896). Turn left on Rt. 896 north, cross US 13 at the light, and go 4 miles. Cross US 301/DE 71 at the light, continue straight on Churchton Rd, which becomes Rt. 310 in Maryland, and continue to the end. At the light, turn right on Rt. 213 north and go 2 miles, then turn left at the next light into Bohemia Manor High School.

From Salisbury, MD, take US 13 north to Dover, DE and follow Dover directions above.