

Walk ON THE Water Side

In a community that sits where the Susquehanna River meets the Chesapeake Bay, the shoreline is a treasured asset. As our community grows and develops, some lucky folks are able to live on the water. They might choose living on a boat, in a condo, or a beautiful historic home.

The rest of us also desire to be on or near the water and Havre de Grace offers ample opportunity to do so. With five area marinas, and five city parks, residents and visitors can enjoy walks along the shoreline, beautiful picnic areas, and room to throw a Frisbee or fly a kite, playgrounds or a quiet place to sit and enjoy the passing boats, wildlife, and ever-changing view.

Add the Susquehanna State Park to our north and Swan Harbor Farm to our south, and the connection to the water is abundant. Our neighbors across the Susquehanna River — Perryville, Port Deposit and North East — add the final enticement to cause you to want to hang out in our area for much longer than a day!

From the water:

Beginning to our south, there is a beauti-

ful new pier at Swan Harbor Farm — a great starting point to paddle, sail or motor along the back channel towards the city. If you keep a watchful eye, you'll not only see heron and a variety of ducks and geese, but also hawks and bald eagles.

As you leave the back channel you'll enter the City Yacht Basin (below Tydings Park), here you'll find slips for 275 boats, a launching ramp plus transient docking. You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses and fuel. The Promenade Grille is just steps away from the water. Call ahead and they'll have it ready for you to pick up.

This marina is also homeport for the Skip-jack MARTHA LEWIS. You'll see this magnificent living museum throughout the season introducing school children to the Chesapeake Bay environmental challenges, carrying folks for lighthouse and photo tours, celebrating

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Mothers Day, Fathers Day, 4th of July and even a wedding or two. She's available for a wide variety of public and private charters.

As you continue along the shore, you'll pass the Concord Point Lighthouse and see a new pier that's open to the public at Heron Harbor. It's a beautiful structure with a unique view of the lighthouse. The Penn's Beach Marina at Heron Harbor offers 110 slips, a ships store, and pump-out station to name just a few amenities. This marina also offers transient slips.

Not far is the Marina at Log Pond, operated by the same folks as Water

Street Marina at the north end of the city. Log Pond has 68 slips and will also accept transient boaters for daystops, including kayaks, canoes and dinghies.

Within a stone's throw is the Tidewater Marina. Total slips are 160 with transient docking available. You'll notice scores of masts, but in-season you may be surprised to learn that about half the boats are powerboats. The modern, new store at the marina is a full service store for repairs, supplies, clothing and accessories for your boating experience. It's also a great store for hiking, biking and walking gear.

Jeff Andrews, Tidewater Marina man-

ager, explains, "Groups of boaters often meet here. They seem to really enjoy the historic charm of Havre de Grace. They especially like the fact that they can walk to restaurants, museums, shopping and pubs. Or they can stay right at their slip and enjoy a quiet evening."

While I sat in the second story office gathering information for this article, I looked out the window to watch a pair of hawks gliding over the marina. They were certainly majestic seeing them at eye level.

Tidewater Marina is also one of Hunters top 5 dealers internationally and one of Maryland's largest boat dealers.

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BaySail on the Chesapeake is located at Tidewater Marina and offers a unique asset to our area. Offering a sailing school for everyone from beginners to advanced and a yacht charter service, if sailing is in your future, you might want to drop in and chat with them. They are also members of Sailtime Fractional Sailing.

Next to Tidewater Marina is Hutchins Park. Here you'll often see the Lantern Queen paddle wheeler. Folks are nearly always fishing off this busy pier where you may delight in finding the Sultana or Pride of Baltimore tied up as well.

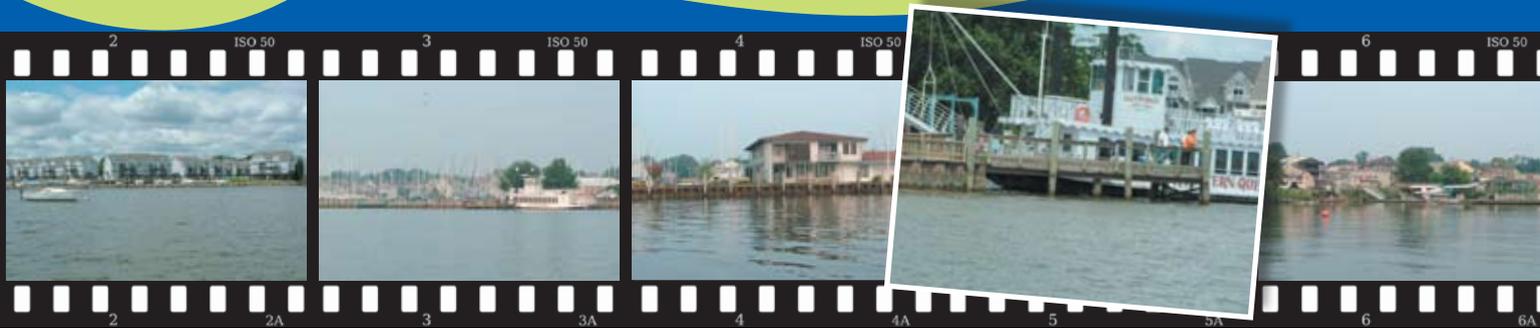
Don't be surprised if you see some folks in wetsuits diving into the water around the area. Less than a block from the pier at Hutchins Park is The ScubaCenter. This business sits behind the Save-A-Lot grocery store. Offering a retail store as well as classes in a number of certified programs, the area welcomes this diverse business.

Beyond the next set of condos you'll notice the long seaplane dock jutting into the water. A couple seaplanes are often there. Next to it is the private dock for Tidewater Grille Restaurant. This is a busy area in the summertime. Kayaks, jet skis, sailboats and power-

boats of all sizes have been seen waiting for a turn at the dock. Even more interesting is to be there when a small helicopter lands to drop off its passengers so they can enjoy some fine dining. If you're a train enthusiast, you're in for a treat. An Amtrak will pass by quite regularly. This area is most definitely a very interesting 'transportation nook.'

Near where the Amtrak Bridge meets the land, you'll find the kayak and boat ramps at Jean Roberts Park. Right around this area you'll see lots of fishermen in their bass boats, canoes and kayaks as well as along the shore.

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Moving north, you'll see an area that's been recently cleared for condos. (And even visitors know that Price's Seafood is located in this area on Water Street.) Next you'll notice an intriguing little houseboat nestled in a cove.

Just beyond the houseboat is Water Street Marina, part of Havre de Grace Yacht Sales and Marina (also owner/operator of Log Pond Marina). There are 40 slips here with at least two dedicated to large transient boats (40-50 feet). They also are a full service marina with amenities.

Just beyond Water Street Marina you'll see a unique building that is

Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House. The history of the effect of transportation during the early days of the canal and railroads on our city's history can be traced here. The canal lock is being restored and hopefully the pier, destroyed by Hurricane Isabel, will soon be rebuilt. North Park begins here and offers shoreline fishing, hiking and biking trails, and a great picnic and playground area.

As you head up river, you'll see more fishing along the shoreline. From here you can visit Garrett Island, Perryville, Port Deposit, or Lapidum.

From the shore:

It might seem that I've ignored the landlubbers. But that wouldn't be true. First of all, nearly all the marinas offer amazing views from their locations. And you're welcome to walk in and check it out. Of course, we ask that you honor the folks who live and/or keep their boats there. These are not open to the public.

Each of the museums along our shores offers spectacular views of the waterfront. Take a camera because these views cannot be captured at any other location.





The parks give you walking, hiking and in some areas biking plus perfect locations to let the little ones run off their energy! The Promenade, a 3/4 mile wooden boardwalk, is nationally known for its waterfront view. After being destroyed by Hurricane Isabel, its been rebuilt and you'll find locals and visitors alike enjoying the sites and sounds.

There are many activities that happen in our parks from the Skipjack Bull & Oyster Roast, Maritime Festival, War of 1812 Re-enactments, Decoy Festivals, Hospice Regatta, Shakespeare in the Park, Art Festival, Seafood Festival, Children's Art Festival and of course



the Independence Day celebrations. If I missed any, just check our Calendar of Events.

Many of the parks offer public parking including Jean Roberts, David Craig, Hutchins and Tydings Parks. The end of nearly every street offers a view of the water and, quite often, there's a bench where you might sit and enjoy a moment, meditate or read. Several

restaurants have water views, from inside and outside. If you're strolling through town, many street benches scattered throughout the city offer a view of the water.

We are blessed with a great waterfront. We hope you'll enjoy your stay. And most importantly, we hope everyone will carry away whatever remains of their boating, picnic or walk. Take lots of photos, but leave no footprint. Let's each of us leave our visit even cleaner for the next person. Remember it really does 'take a village' to maintain our community and to keep the Chesapeake Bay alive! 🧑

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A special **THANK YOU** to the following:

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www.KarlsBassinAdventures.com
410-459-7445 (cell)

John Stephens of Stephens & Stephens Clocks

www.Clockology.com
410-939-3334

for their enthusiasm and willingness to share their boats. What fun to be taken on tour of their favorite spots along the shoreline of beautiful Havre de Grace. Thanks, guys!

MARINAS – all marinas are within walking distance of downtown — And have picnic areas within the marina or very close by.

T - transient slips | **F** - fuel | **P** - pump out
S - store | **L** - boat launch

City Yacht Basin – TFPSL

410-939-0015

HdG Yacht Sales & Marina

410-939-2161 or 410-939-2221

Log Pond – T

Water Street Marina - TFPS (Full service)

Penn's Beach Marina at Heron Harbor – TP

410-939-4444

Tidewater Marina – TFPSL (Full Service)

410-939-0951

PARKS (see map)

David Craig and Jean Roberts Parks

Union Ave & Water Street – near Amtrak Rail

Hutchins Park

Foot of Congress Street at St. John

North Park & N. Park Trail

(not far from HdG Marina at Water St.)

Erie & Conestee Streets (Lock House area)

Tydings Park (above City Yacht Basin)

Also the entrance to the Promenade ? mile boardwalk

Commerce Street

Swan Harbor Farm

From HdG take Rte 40 to Oakington Road

Follow signs

410-939-6767

OTHER

BaySail – located at Tidewater Marina

Sailing School and Charters

410-939-3869

The following are all located near the City Yacht Basin/Tydings Park

Concord Point Lighthouse

Foot of Lafayette Street
410-939-9040

HdG Decoy Museum

Giles Street
410-939-3730

HdG Maritime Museum

Lafayette Street
410-939-4800

Skipjack MARTHA LEWIS

Docked at City Yacht Basin
410-939-4078

Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House

Conestee Street
410-939-5780

The ScubaCenter

Congress Street (*behind Save-A-Lot*)
410-942-0202