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## **Announcing the Big Bay Hunt**

A secret diary ... hidden clues ... a Chesapeake adventure is waiting for you!

**Baltimore, MD** *Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay* and *Marinalife* are pleased to announce the inaugural Big Bay Hunt, a treasure quest on the Chesapeake shores during the 2014 summer season.

People across the mid-Atlantic region are invited to unravel a centuries-old maritime mystery based on a recently unearthed diary of a sailor named Matthew Clement Henry. Follow in his footsteps to decipher cryptic messages from the pages of his diary and figure out what he was seeking on the Bay.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, boaters, families and people with a thirst for adventure will visit nine waterfront restaurants, bars, and tiki lounges on the Chesapeake Bay where mysterious clues are stashed. They'll gather clues from each location to reach a final solution. Winners receive prizes at the end of the summer. Hunt destinations:

- **Big Owl Tiki Bar** in Grasonville
- Bridges Restaurant in Grasonville
- Cheshire Crab Restaurant in Pasadena
- Hard Yacht Café in Dundalk
- **Little Havana Restaurant** in Baltimore
- Passages Bar & Grill in Rock Hall
- The Point Crab House & Grill in Arnold
- Rowboat Willie's Dock Bar in Sparrows Point
- St. Michaels Crab & Steak House in St. Michaels

"The clues are challenging and fun to figure out. It's all about exploring fantastic Bay destinations while enjoying a unique adventure and friendly competition," say Susan and Bill Wade, authors of the Big Bay Hunt and the travel guides, *Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay*.

"Marinalife is excited to partner with the Wades and offer a unique challenge to our members cruising the Chesapeake Bay this summer," says Joy McPeters, President/CEO of Marinalife.

The Big Bay Hunt (May 23 - September 1, 2014) is free and open to the public. To register visit <a href="www.marinalife.com/treasurehunt">www.marinalife.com/treasurehunt</a> and get instructions, sponsor locations and a printable treasure map for your hunt. Pick up a copy of the Marinalife Chesapeake Bay Edition at your favorite marina for a treasure map and more details about the hunt.

For more info and a press kit, go to <u>www.crabdecksandtikibars.com</u> or contact Susan Wade at <u>susan@crabdecksandtikibars.com</u> or (202)531-7135.

#### **About the Big Bay Hunt Partners**

*Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay* is a series of travel guides that cover 300+ waterfront seafood restaurants, crab houses and tiki lounges located on the Bay or its tributary rivers and creeks in Maryland and Virginia. Authors, Susan Elnicki Wade and Bill Wade, have 20+ years experience in the publishing business and hope to make enough money from the Big Bay Hunt and their books to buy a boat. To learn more, visit www.crabdecksandtikibars.com

*Marinalife Magazine* is a cruising concierge and the leading source of marina information for the U.S., Canada, Bahamas, Caribbean, and Central America. Marinalife is the first and only company to bring together the boating community to offer marina information and provide a unique centralized online booking system. To learn more, go to www.marinalife.com



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Chesapeake Bay in the early 19th century, when young Matthew Clement Henry left his family's sleepy tobacco farm in Southern Maryland to seek his fortune in Baltimore.

The bustle of city life suited Matthew, but news of unrest around the Bay troubled him. British ships plundered towns and farms along the shore, causing heartache for his family back home. After a raucous night of cavorting with sailors and cursing the King in a Fells Point tavern, he signed on with the U.S. Navy.

And so his adventures began. Matthew sailed around the Chesapeake Bay and chronicled his voyages in a diary. Cryptic notes on the pages of his diary revealed Matthew had a secret quest that was linked to his patriotic duty.

One ill-fated night, a storm blew across the Bay and sank Matthew Clement Henry's ship. There were no survivors. A trunk carrying his diary washed ashore and was stored in the attic of a home on the Eastern Shore. Centuries later, his diary was discovered and

handed over to the Chesapeake Maritime Historical Society.

As historians read the brittle pages of Henry's diary, they marvel at their good fortune to see a snapshot of Bay life in the 1800s. But the strange notes in the diary have stumped them. What was Henry searching for? Using his diary as a guide, naval archaeologists retraced Henry's journey and created a list of ports he visited. Experts investigated each location, but the mystery remains unsolved.

#### Join the Hunt. Solve the Mystery.

Matthew Clement Henry was looking for something. Marinalife and Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay invite you to join the Big Bay Hunt to unravel the mystery and figure out what he wanted to find.

Here's how it works: The Big Bay Hunt map shows Chesapeake Bay locations mentioned in Matthew's diary. You must visit each of the modern day locations, but you don't have to go to them in any particular order. At each location, find the Big Bay

a summer adventure is waiting for you!

Hunt clue and solve the diabolical puzzle. The solution to eight of the nine clues is a single word. Enter each one-word solution in the KEY and then combine the eight words for the final solution—something M.C. Henry was seeking.



Matthew Clement Henry

A clearly marked Bonus Clue is also included, but the solution is not a single word. Warning: this one's tough. Enter this solution in the KEY as an added bonus to help vou solve the mystery.

The Big Bay Hunt lasts from May 23 to September 1. Once you unravel the mystery, e-mail your final solution to hunt@marinalife.com. Winners will receive prizes at the end of the summer. Visit marinalife.com/treasurehunt to register now. It's free, and it's gonna be fun! Good luck!

#### **Find Clues at Big Bay Hunt Locations**

These Chesapeake restaurants have partnered with Marinalife and Crab Decks & Tiki Bars of the Chesapeake Bay to share secret clues for the hunt. See the map for their exact location.



## **™BIG BAY HUNT**



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#### 1. Little Havana

1325 Key Highway Baltimore, MD 21230 Lat. N 39° 16' 29", Long. W 76° 36' 11" DOCK BMC at Harborview Patapsco River

#### 2. Hard Yacht Café

8500 Cove Road Dundalk, MD 21222 Lat. N 39° 15' 4", Long. W 76° 29' 20" **DOCK** Anchor Bay East Marina

#### 3. Rowboat Willie's Dock Bar

9033 Cuckold Point Road Sparrows Point, MD 21219 Lat. N 39° 14' 2", Long. W 76° 24' 6" **DOCK** Bill's Yacht Basin Back River

#### 4. Cheshire Crab Restaurant

71701 Poplar Ridge Road Pasadena, MD 21122 Lat. N 39° 7' 38", Long. W 76° 28' 24" DOCK Pleasure Cove Marina Bodkin Creek

#### 5. The Point Crab House & Grill

700 Mill Creek Road Arnold, MD 21012 Lat. N 39° 4' 4", Long. W 76° 30' 42" DOCK Ferry Point Marina Magothy River

#### 6. Passages Bar & Grill

20880 Rock Hall Ave. Rock Hall, MD 21661 Lat. N 39° 8' 24", Long. W 76° 14' 59" **DOCK** Haven Harbour Marina Swan Creek

7. The Big Owl Tiki Bar 3015 Kent Narrows Way South Grasonville, MD 21638 Lat. N 38° 58' 8", Long. W 76° 14' 44" DOCK Mears Point Marina Kent Narrows

#### 8. Bridges Restaurant

321 Wells Cove Road Grasonville, MD 21638 Lat. N 38° 57' 57", Long. W 76° 14' 35" **DOCK** Bridges on Kent Narrows Kent Narrows

### 9. St. Michaels Crab & Steak House

305 Mulberry St. St. Michaels, MD 21663 Lat. N 38° 47' 6", Long. W 76° 13' 15" DOCK St. Michaels Marina

POTOMAC RIVER

#### **ABERDEEN**

HAVRE DE GRACE

#### **EDGEWOOD**

BALTIMORE SAN

SPARROWS

CHESTERTOWN

ROCK HALL

**CENTERVILLE** 

**GRASONVILLE** 

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**KEY** 

Combine the eight words for the final solution ... at last!

#### **FINAL SOLUTION:**

**EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO** hunt@marinalife.com BONUS .

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