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MAY 28-31, 2025

BALTIMORE MARRIOTT WATERFRONT





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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

THE 88TH DUCKS UNLIMITED NATIONAL CONVENTION

BALTIMORE MARRIOTT WATERFRONT, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND





BOB SPOERL

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE DUCKS,

With great pleasure, I invite you to join your Ducks Unlimited friends at our 88th National Convention in historic Baltimore. DU's National Convention is our biggest volunteer celebration! This is your DU and your convention!

The Baltimore Marriott Waterfront, our host hotel, is perfectly situated on the Inner Harbor and tucked into Baltimore's upscale Harbor East District. With commanding water and city views, this location is hard to beat. Surrounded by award-winning restaurants, high-end shopping, and steps from one of Baltimore's water taxi stops, you can easily navigate to the area's top destinations.

Our schedule begins with our "Taste of Baltimore" opening night party. Water taxis or buses will shuttle you on a quick trip across the harbor to the Baltimore Museum of Industry. This vibrant museum is the perfect backdrop for our party. With its expansive patio on the water and historic "streets of Baltimore" inside, this will be a fun night! Thursday night is the President's Council Dinner or dinner-on-your-own. Our entertaining Wings Over Wetlands Awards Dinner with dueling pianos is Friday night, with the Gala reception, dinner, and live auction on Saturday.

Our business session, which has Our Waterfowling Heritage as its theme, takes place on Friday and Saturday mornings. With more interactive segments and timely reports, we are busy creating an informative and fun business session.

When it comes to tours, Baltimore does not disappoint. From our Gettysburg Battlefield tour to Annapolis history and a private Naval Academy tour, no trip to Baltimore would be complete without a city tour; this one is both by boat and walking, with stops at Fort McHenry and Fells Point. With our proximity to the Chesapeake Bay, how about a trip to Havre de Grace and a visit to Charles Jobs' workshop and the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum?

Join us! We are celebrating our history, heritage, and lifestyle.

Your DU is strong! I look forward to welcoming you to Baltimore!

FOR THE DUCKS,

**BOB SPOERL
PRESIDENT, DUCKS UNLIMITED**

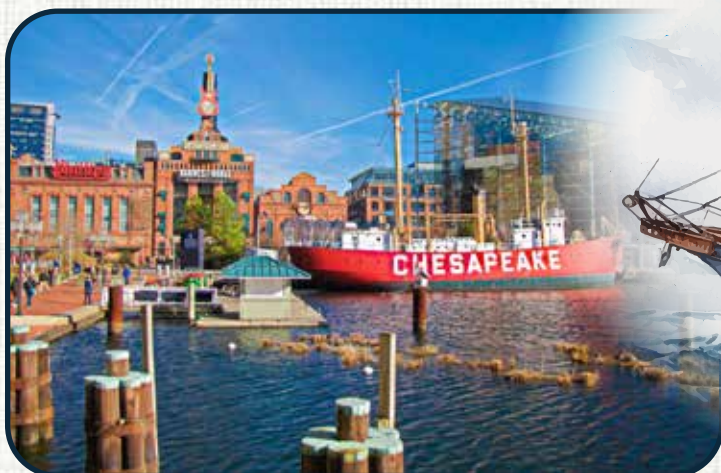


**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 28-31, 2025,
AND JOIN YOUR DU FRIENDS IN BALTIMORE.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

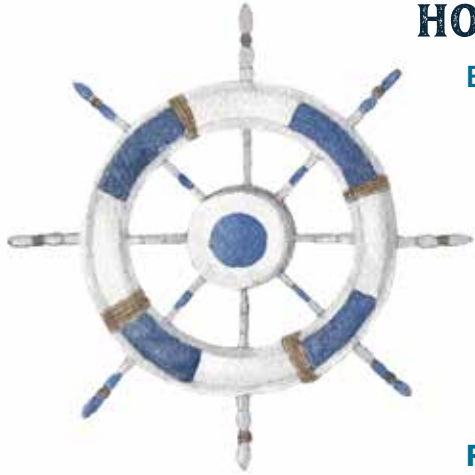


Rarely do we embark on a city so full of history! Baltimore is that rare jewel. From its waterfowling heritage to the amazing part it played in forming this nation, Baltimore has it all. Famous for its Maryland blue crabs, crab cakes, and oysters, Baltimore is also home to world-class dining. Many eateries feature diverse international flavors, including some of the best Italian restaurants around. It is sure to satisfy all tastes! We have been busy planning and shaping our 88th convention and are excited for you to preview what is in store for you. Should you have any questions, we look forward to hearing from you!

Pattie Kempka
DU's Managing Director of
National Meetings and Conferences
pkempka@ducks.org



HOTEL & AIR INFORMATION



HOST HOTEL

Baltimore Marriott Waterfront
700 Aliceanna Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202



Room rate: \$195, no resort fee

Self parking: \$28 per day **Valet parking:** \$49 per day

Cancellation Policy: Reservations must be cancelled at least 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid a one night's room and tax charge.

Reservations must be received by Friday, May 2, 2025



AIR TRAVEL

Delta is proud to partner with Ducks Unlimited for flights to our National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland. Fly into Baltimore (BWI), Washington D.C. (DCA or IAD) and take advantage of a 2-10% discount. Go to Delta.com, enter your travel destination and date and select Advance Search to enter DU's meeting event code, **NY3R5**. You may also call Delta Conferences and Events® at 1.800.328.1111* Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (EST) and refer to Meeting Event Code **NY3R5**.

*Please note there is not a service fee for reservations booked and ticketed via our reservation 800 number.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

The Baltimore Washington International Airport is only a 15-minute ride from the hotel. Uber, Lyft and taxi cabs are readily available from BWI.

**For all hotel and air questions, contact:
Convention Central at 901.758.3843**

Visit convention.ducks.org
for booking link or
call 1-888-511-7809

**Group Code: Ducks Unlimited
88th National Convention**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Pre-Convention tour of Gettysburg
Gathering & DU pin trading – cash bar



WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Tours
Committee Meetings
Opening Night Party at
Baltimore Museum of Industry
Hospitality

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Tours
Committee Meetings
DU Board Luncheon*
DU Board of Directors Meeting
Presidents Council Reception and Dinner*/
Dinner on your own
Hospitality



FRIDAY, MAY 30

Morning Coffee and Pastries
General Business Session I - *hosted by Purina*
Tours
Committee Meetings
Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Reception
& Dinner - *hosted by Western Spirits*
Hospitality

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Morning Coffee and Pastries
General Business Session II
88th National Convention Reception, Gala,
and Live Auction



*by invitation only



TOURS



BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG



Pre-Convention Experience:

TUESDAY, MAY 27: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM



For three days in 1863, Union and Confederate forces met in the fields, hills, and ridges of Gettysburg in the turning-point battle of the American Civil War. This historic battlefield is just over an hour from Baltimore. We will depart for the Museum and Visitor Center to follow the events from the war's first shots in the film *A New Birth of Freedom*. You will then immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Pickett's Charge in the iconic **Gettysburg Cyclorama** before hopping back on the bus with Eric Lundblade, licensed battlefield guide. Eric will take us on a 2 ½ hour bus tour where we will get out and experience the battlefield. Boxed lunch is provided.



TOURS

DECOYS OF HAVRE DE GRACE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



Just miles from Baltimore, located on the banks of the Susquehanna Flats, is the small town of Havre de Grace. During this tour, you will visit Charles Jobes' workshop and the Havre de Grace Decoy Museum with its wonderful collection of Chesapeake Bay decoys. After touring the Decoy Museum, we will gather in their second-floor exhibit space for lunch before heading back to the hotel.

ANNAPOLIS AND NAVAL ACADEMY TOUR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28: 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 29: 8:45 AM – 2:00 PM

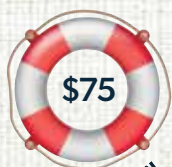


Take an easy walking tour through the beautiful, historic center of Annapolis, Maryland. Visit the iconic Maryland State House where the Treaty of Paris (1783) was ratified, and General Washington resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief. Get a taste of life in colonial Maryland in the 18th-century mansion and beautiful gardens of William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence. After your tour of the Paca House, enjoy lunch on the patio overlooking the beautiful Paca home gardens. Exiting the garden gate puts you on the grounds of the US Naval Academy (1845). Here, you will experience the grandeur and traditions that shaped this institution and its midshipmen.





TOURS



PER PERSON



BABE RUTH BASEBALL TOUR

THURSDAY, MAY 29: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

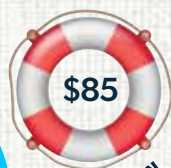
FRIDAY, MAY 30: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Baseball and Baltimore go together like peanuts and Cracker Jacks! From the earliest days of the major leagues in the 19th century to now, America's national pastime has a long and storied history in Charm City. On this walking/driving tour you'll visit the site of Memorial Stadium, where Oriole greats like Brooks Robinson and Jim Palmer won championships. Next you will see Oriole Park at Camden Yards, the ballpark that changed baseball, where today's birds continue their quest for the World Series. A highlight will be a self-guided tour of the birthplace of Babe Ruth, the game's first real superstar and most prolific slugger!

BALTIMORE WATER TAXI AND WALKING TOUR

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

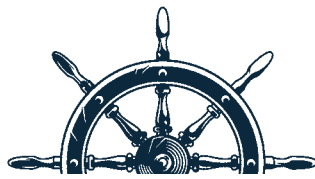
THURSDAY, MAY 29: 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM



PER PERSON



Hop on board your private water taxi as you see the sites of Baltimore from the bay. On this tour, you'll have a front-row seat to history as your guide shares the stories that helped form Baltimore. We will stop and tour Fort McHenry where brave soldiers heroically defended the city. Here, you will see how this battle inspired the National Anthem. Your tour continues after your cruise ends in the historic neighborhood of Fells Point. One of the original three settlements that began Baltimore, Fells Point's waterfront character, ethnic neighborhoods, and architectural significance date back to the 1760s. This charming neighborhood holds stories of the formation of Baltimore. A short walk through the cobblestone streets of Fells Point brings you back to the hotel.



CONVENTION MERCHANDISE



**MORE SELECTIONS
ARE AVAILABLE.**

**ORDERS ARE DUE
APRIL 21.**

**SHIPPING IS
OPTIONAL.**

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BUSINESS SESSION

OVERVIEW

CONSERVATION REPORTS

A Chesapeake Resurgence More than 3,000 species of wildlife and 18 million people rely on the Chesapeake Bay. Conservation efforts to improve water quality have led to improved fishing and crabbing, as well as a growing population of the venerable canvasback duck. Learn how Ducks Unlimited is helping to enhance this historic region.

Advancing Prairie Protection Ducks Unlimited has made great progress in protecting our number one priority area. Big advancements are in motion thanks to historic support from Cox Enterprises. Fly over the Duck Factory and learn what conservation looks like today in the Prairie Pothole Region.

Game-Farm Mallard Genetics Dive into research on game-farm mallards, where hybridization is altering migratory behavior, habitat use and the physical traits of wild mallards. Learn how hunters are becoming even more active participants in waterfowl research.

Future of International Science Ducks cross borders, and so does our research. Ducks Unlimited and Ducks Unlimited Canada are involved in numerous studies related to waterfowl and wetlands that will shape tomorrow's on-the-ground conservation efforts. From changing eider distributions to water quality impacts, scientists are learning how to improve the landscape for ducks and people alike.





CONVENTION REGISTRATION

ONLINE

Scan QR code to the right or submit Convention Registration Form with credit card information at: convention.ducks.org



MAIL

Send Convention Registration Form with payment information to:
Savannah Baber
Ducks Unlimited
One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120-2351

CANCELLATION POLICY

A full refund of registration and tours will be given with written notice received by Monday, May 19, 2025. Please contact Pattie Kempka, pkempka@ducks.org with additional questions.

ACCESS

A full convention registration (\$450.00/adult, \$200.00/young adult) with credentials grant you access to:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

Taste of Baltimore Opening Night Reception & Dinner
at the Baltimore Museum of Industry
Hospitality

THURSDAY, MAY 29

President's Council Reception & Dinner*
Hospitality

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Morning Coffee & Pastries
General Business Session I - *presented by Purina*
Wings Over Wetlands Celebration Reception,
Dinner & Entertainment - *presented by Western Spirits*
Hospitality

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Morning Coffee & Pastries
General Business Session II
88th National Convention Reception and Gala



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FLYWAY FRENZY



SUPER DUCK 2.0

We have revamped the Super Duck raffle. Our new "Flyway Frenzy" Raffle will feature trips and experiences along with quality regional items gathered from the four flyways. Benelli, our convention sponsor, has secured 12 outstanding firearms to create the "Benelli Bonanza" raffle, drawing four Benelli guns daily (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday). We kept the 2026 Tampa Convention Raffle (for two people - airfare, registration, suite at convention hotel, tours and more). Lastly, through the generosity of Yamaha and Greenworks, we will be offering a Grand Prize of a Yamaha Kodiak 450 ATV and \$5,000 Greenworks Outdoor Power Package for those purchasing the \$500 and \$1,000 packages!

\$300 PACKAGE

- ★ Tickets to the Flyway Frenzy lower & upper tiers
- ★ 1 ticket – 2026 Tampa Convention Raffle
- ★ 1 ticket daily Benelli Bonanza (4 guns given away Wed., Thurs., & Friday)

\$500 PACKAGE

- ★ More tickets to Flyway Frenzy lower & upper tiers
- ★ 3 tickets – 2026 Tampa Convention Raffle
- ★ 3 tickets daily to Benelli Bonanza (4 guns given away Wed., Thurs., & Friday)
- ★ 1 ticket to the Grand Prize – Greenworks Outdoor Power Package & Yamaha Kodiak 450 ATV



Valued at over \$5700

GREENWORKS PACKAGE SAMPLING

YAMAHA KODIAK 450 ATV



Valued at \$5500

GIFT!

\$1,000 PACKAGE



ONLY 50 AVAILABLE!

- ★ Even more tickets to Flyway Frenzy lower & upper tiers!
- ★ 9 tickets – 2026 Tampa Convention Raffle
- ★ 7 tickets daily to Benelli Bonanza (4 guns given away Wed., Thurs., & Friday)
- ★ 3 tickets to the Grand Prize – Greenworks Outdoor Power Package and Yamaha Kodiak 450 ATV
- ★ Plus as a gift for you! Tom Beckbe Canvas Carryall in Bark with leather DU patch, valued at over \$225!



FREE GIFT!



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REGISTRATION FORM

88TH ANNUAL DUCKS UNLIMITED NATIONAL CONVENTION

Registrant Information

First Convention

First _____

Last _____

Nickname _____

Street _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Cell Phone _____

Office Phone _____

Email _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level
(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

1. _____

2. _____

Spouse, Guest, or Child Information

First Convention

Spouse Guest Child

First _____

Last _____

Nickname _____

Cell Phone _____

Age (if child) _____

Dietary Restrictions _____

Current DU Position(s) or Contribution Level
(Maximum of two, for your name badge)

1. _____

2. _____

**NOTE: For children 14 years of age and younger, convention registration is complimentary. Fees for tours are the same as adults and are listed below. Gala meal options are \$125 for a child or \$35 for a kid's meal.*

Guest or Child Information

First Convention

Guest Child

First _____

Last _____

Nickname _____

Cell Phone _____

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FULL CONVENTION REGISTRATION WITH CREDENTIALS INCLUDES

All scheduled meals, social events, hospitality, convention reception, and gala. Gala-only credentials will be available Saturday.

Adult Registration \$450

I plan to attend the:

Opening Night Reception & Dinner (Wed., May 28) . Y / N

Wings Over Wetlands Dinner (Fri., May 30) Y / N

Gala (Sat., May 31) Y / N

Saturday Gala Only (not registering for convention) \$175

Young Adult Registration (ages 15-24)

D.O.B. _____ \$200

Children's Gala Meal (14 and under) \$125

Children's Chicken Strip Meal \$35

Firearm Frenzy Raffle Package \$300 \$500 \$1,000

Gettysburg Tour \$130

Tues., May 27 (All Day) Wed., May 28 (All Day)

Decoys of Havre de Grace \$90

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Annapolis Tour \$130

Wed., May 28 (am) Thursday, May 29 (am)

Babe Ruth Baseball Tour \$75

Thursday, May 29 (am) Friday, May 30 (pm)

Baltimore Water Taxi & Walking Tour \$85

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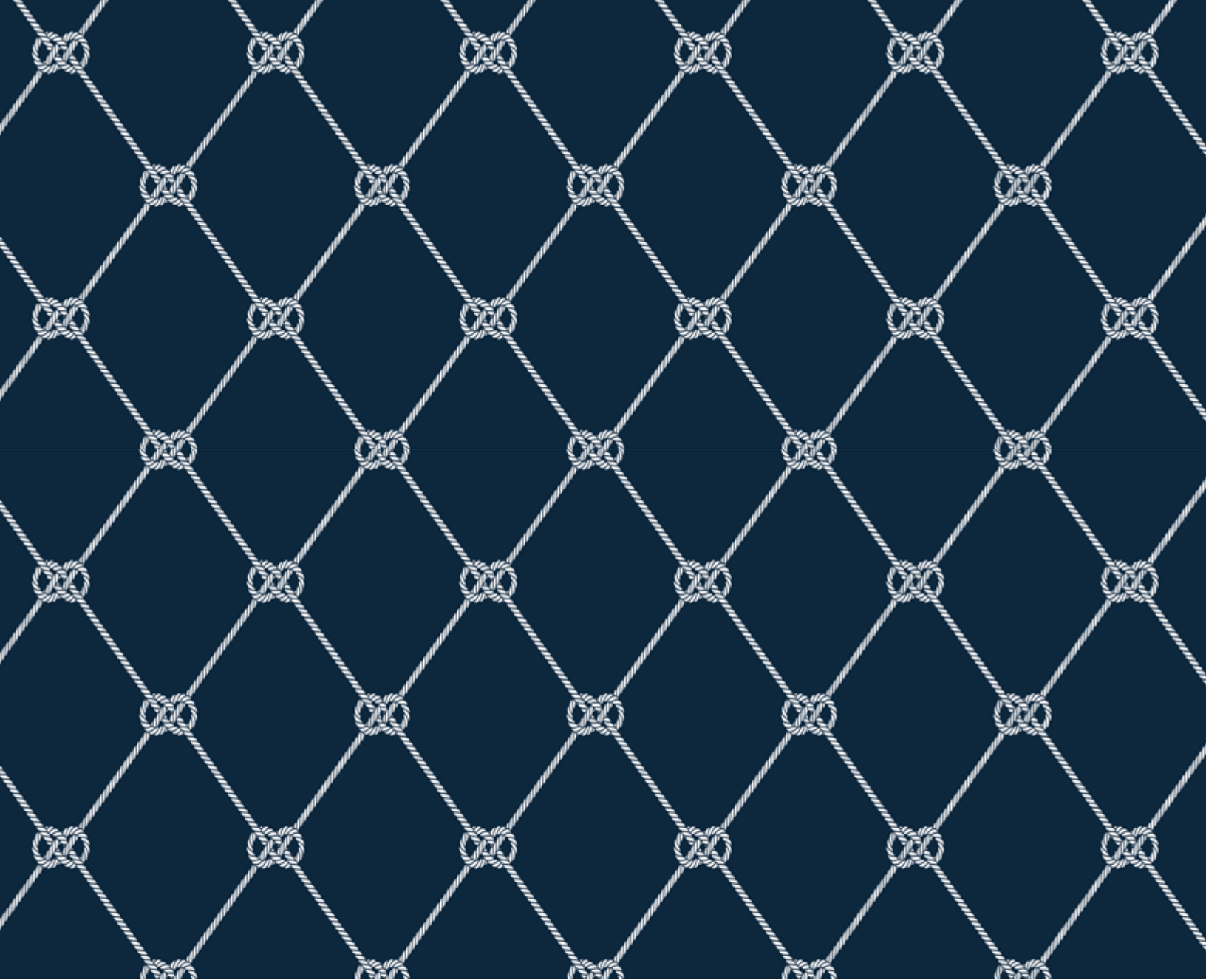
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CHARGE: Discover Visa MC AMEX

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Signature: _____ Security Code _____

Total for Entire Party (USD) \$



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