

Solomon's Island Getaway*
CSSM Cruise
June 12-14, 2020
Vessel: Capricorn
Captains: Taline & Arsho Sarrafian

Participants: Friday, June 12 - Capricorn, Dee Gee V, Divided Sky
Saturday, June 13 – Capricorn, DeeGee V, Divided Sky, Fiscal Stray

*What was meant to be an effort to join the last leg of the Vargish Cruise to Southern Chesapeake, ended up as an impromptu cruise of its own. Initiated by Capricorn, the trip initially included Dee Gee V with surprise visits at Zahnisers by Divided Sky and Fiscal Stray.

Friday, June 12 – By 0800 hrs Capricorn and Dee Gee V were heading out of their respective Oxford berths. Within about an hour, there was pleasant sailing to be enjoyed as we made our way out of the Choptank. Pity it did not last long in the Bay as we ended up motoring into Zahnisers in hot, humid and bright sunshine. Around 1400 hrs, both boats were comfortably tied up and we began hearing news of the South Chesapeake fleet. Some were coming in for a pit stop before heading off to a nearby anchorage. Much to our delight, Divided Sky took a mooring at Zahnisers.

Taline took a walk into town to scout for take-out restaurants and returned with 2 possibilities. Divided Sky and Capricorn decided on the closest one to the marina and an order was placed for pick-up by the two captains. What should have been an easy walk ended up as a comedy of errors with muddled directions, frantic phone calls and missing parts of the order. It's safe to say, those captains will not be asked to fetch take-out again any time soon.

The rest of the evening was enjoyed in the shade by dock K with Donna and Ed joining in with their own dinner and drinks. Winston seemed happy to have regained his footing on terra firma, finally in proximity of other four legged friends.

Saturday, June 13 – By mid morning we had the happy news of Fiscal Stray heading our way. Capricorn and Dee Gee V crews took a long walk, first into town and then the opposite way towards West Marine. Later, after a restful afternoon on our boats, Dee Gee V, Capricorn, Divided Sky and Fiscal Stray found a spacious, shady spot behind the pool to exercise plenty of social distancing while enjoying another evening of good company after many weeks of confinement.

Sunday, June 14- As of 0800 hrs several CSSM boats were heading toward the Bay, including those who had spent the night at anchor in Mill Creek. The cool but clear morning also had lumpy seas and 12k+ NE winds in store for us. Some of the fleet chose to take the longer way home by putting up sails and tacking back and forth.

