



CSSM ANNAPOLIS CRUISE 2006 EPPRECHT
SEPTEMBER 21 – 25, 2006

THURSDAY 9/21/06

The cruise to Annapolis for the Navy Tulsa football game started on Thursday September 21, 2006 in the Northeast Corner of Whitehall Bay. A large contingent of vessels from the Baltimore Cruise met in the early afternoon. The weather was very clear with a light wind from the NE. The participation table at the end of the report shows the boats at anchor as well as the other events of the cruise. Empty Nest and Chinook Wind went directly to Annapolis and reported 15 available moorings at 1600. At precisely 1700 the cruise captain sounded the call to drinks with his trusty conch shell. It should be noted that the Commodore and Commodoreess did arrive BEFORE the conch shell was sounded and BEFORE 1700. Either they were eager sailors or very thirsty. The party went without incident, no spillage and no one fell overboard, not a small feat. Amazingly no one wanted Pain Killers. However, some did have a slight recollection of prior encounters of the painful kind. The party dispersed at 1900 and all settled in for a peaceful but chilly evening.

FRIDAY 9/22/06

The Captains call occurred at 0800 with a report from Annapolis Harbor of one available mooring. Vessels got underway at varying times and made the short, 4 nm trip to Annapolis. Empty Nest and Chinook Wind gave frequent mooring status reports as boats left. Lynx went up Spa creek and took a mooring on the other side of the Eastport Bridge thinking that they might have to move. Ellis Island rafted with Eagle while waiting for a mooring to free up and was politely told by the Harbormaster that they had to move. With great joy, two moorings became available. Ellis Island moved and 5 dinghies assembled to save the mooring for Lynx who had to wait for the next bridge opening. The Harbormaster proclaimed that Lynx had to get underway since they could not have two moorings held for one boat. By 1100 all of the fleet was secure at a mooring except



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Sovereign who had a Financial Analyst do a spreadsheet which determined beyond question that a slip at \$2.00 foot per night was more economical than a mooring and water taxi fees. Sovereign took the slip in Ego Alley.

At 1400 about half of the group met at the Maryland State Capital building on State Circle for an excellent tour of the building and the various chambers. A great deal of knowledge was gained by our small group in a short time.

At 1800 the group met at Griffin's restaurant for a pre-theatre dinner. Service was excellent; however, some of the entrées left a bit to be desired. At 1945 the group left the restaurant and made the short trek to the Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre for a 40th anniversary celebration performance called "Broadway Under the Stars" which featured the scores from the performances of past 40 years along with some of the older performers. Weather was very accommodating and the performance was enjoyed by all. The water taxi was busy taking the crew members of the various boats back to their moorings.

SATURDAY 9/23/06

Game Day. Excitement was rising all morning as the fans got ready for the big moment, the Tailgate. Sovereign was so excited they got underway at 0700 and took their boat to their son's house. They drove to the game. Most others used Annapolis Transits free bus service to the Game with a game day ticket. The crews of Ellis Island and Eagle walked to the stadium. Chuck admitted that the hike in blue jeans was probably a bit much on a high 70's day. The Cruise Captain had his game day Crocs on and was the envy of virtually every Navy Fan. Bill and Emily Erickson were the gracious host of the tailgate. Bill was at the grill most of the time cooking up burgers and dogs to order. Most of the CSSM group arrived between 1100 and 1130. Fred and Linda Tompkins drove to the game and brought Trav



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Conifer, who is a close friend of Lynn Gates. The Gates team also brought friends from Massachusetts, Bob and Sue Jodice. All in all, the CSSMers made a good show at the tailgate. Don Saballus (at this point on his good behavior since he was one night away from becoming a member) reported that this was his first football tailgate. After eating and drinking our selves to abandon, everyone but Ann Ellis (who gave up her ticket so others could go) made the short trek to the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in time for the March On at 1305. The whole Brigade of Midshipmen marched on to the field and after a relatively snappy about face, gave a cheer to the opponents. Apparently too strong a cheer. Then after another about face, cheered Navy. The combined men and women Naval Academy Glee Clubs sang the National Anthem, the brigade rushed to their seats, the teams arrived and we had a flyover by two propeller driven training aircraft from NAS Corpus. The game was exciting but in the end, Tulsa won in OT when Navy missed the extra point. The final score was Tulsa 24 Navy 23. Back to the Tailgate for another round or two and stories about something other than football. There was a fair degree of second guessing, but we lost.

2000 the group assembled at Lewnes Steak house in Eastport for a group dinner. We were joined by two members of the class of 65 and their spouses. One of the old Navy guys went to high school with Mike Gates. Since Don and Jean Saballus will have completed their two cruises, 6 night requirement by staying this night, Commodore Mike made the presentation of the 7 pennant. There were a lot of questions about the new Burgee but they went generally unanswered. The Purser tried to do an audit of the new member's paperwork but only received the assurances of the Commodore that all was in order. Dinner was great and we returned to our vessels at 2230.



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SUNDAY 9/24/06

Weather was becoming an issue since there was a cold front moving into the area sometime on Sunday. The NWS forecast was for Small Craft Advisory through the entire day with SW winds in the 15 to 20 KT with gusts up to 25 KT. The logic of the fleet must have been that a) they didn't own a small boat or b) the NWS was going to be wrong. Well at least the NWS was over predicting and we probably had a peak wind around 20 KTS from the SW. Empty Nest headed for Rock Hall to continue the lightening repairs. Karaya returned to St Michaels. Ellis Island and Lynx remained in Annapolis and Chinook Wind did a crew change and headed back to the Tred Avon. Falconer (our newest members), Salt Shaker and Eagle all got underway around 0800 and sailed/motorsailed/motored down the bay in 15-20 kt winds from the SW. The 12 nm trip from Annapolis to High Island on the Rhode River took about 2 to 2.5 hours for the three boats. Once at anchor, it was delightful. Only minor rain spurts every now and then. It is not at all clear why High Island is called High Island. Our Commodore reported that Bill Dutton has photos of an actual island and it was high. Sure isn't now. The three loyalists did enjoy a cocktail party on Eagle along with one of Mike's classmates who joined us aboard SeaBreeze.

MONDAY 9/25/06

The three remaining boats proceeded independently towards their home port getting underway around 0800. The day was beautiful with 10 to 15 kts from the WNW making it one of the few times that the wind was actually in the right direction. The Sky was crystal clear after the front passed.



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PARTICIPATION REPORT

BOAT NAME	NIGHTS	DINNER FRI	PLAY	TAIL GATE	GAME	DINNER SAT
CHINOOK WIND	9/21,22,23 3 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
EAGLE	9/21.22.23.24 4 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
ELLIS ISLAND	9/21,22,23 3 NIGHTS	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES
EMPTY NEST	9/21,22,23 3 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
FALCONER	9/21.22.23.24 4 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
LYNX	9/21,22,23 3 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
KARAYA	9/21,22,23 3 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
SALT SHAKER	9/21.22.23.24 4 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
SOVEREIGN	9/21,22 2 NIGHTS	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
SUSTAINING						
FRED & LINDA TOMPKINGS				YES	YES	
GUESTS	OF					
BOB & SUE JODICE	GATES			YES	YES	
TRAV CONIFER	GATES			YES	YES	YES
HAP & KAYLEEN HADD	EPPRECHT			YES	YES	YES
CLEM & BETSY MEEHAN	EPPRECHT			YES	YES	YES