



ROUND KENT ISLAND 2006 MEYN JUNE 12 – 15, 2006

HERE IS THE CRUISE REPORT FOR THE "CLOCKWISE" CRUISE AROUND KENT ISLAND. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL REQUESTS TO DO A COUNTER CLOCKWISE TOUR BUT THAT WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER TIME. THIS WAS OUR FIRST ATTEMPT AT BEING CRUISE CAPTAINS AND WE ENJOYED IT IMMENSELY. WE HAD A GOOD GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT MADE THE WHOLE EXPERIENCE FUN.

DAY 1--JUNE 12--STARTED THE DAY IN RAIN--BY THE TIME WE MOTORED TO THE RHODE RIVER AND ANCHORED THE WEATHER HAD DONE A COMPLETE REVERSAL, AND WE WERE REWARDED WITH A BEAUTIFULL SUNSET (AND FOR THOSE LIGHT SLEEPERS-A BEAUTIFULL MOONRISE THAT MADE THE INSIDE OF THE CABIN LOOK LIKE SOMEONE HAD TURNED ON CAR HEADLIGHTS). SALTSHAKER AND CHINOOK WIND RAFTED WITH EMPTYNEST2 TO FORM THE HOST RAFT FOR THE CAPTAIN'S PARTY. A GREAT PARTY WITH TEN BOATS REPRESENTED. THESE PARTIES ARE CERTAINLY EASIER FOR THE CRUISE CAPTAIN NOW THAT THEY ARE BYOB--GOOD DECISION. I DIDNT NOTICE THAT ANYONE SUFFERED.

DAY 2--JUNE 13--WINDS NORTHERLY 7-10KTS PROVIDED A NICE SAIL TO THE BAY BRIDGE. FROM THERE IT WAS MOTORING TO THE ANCHORAGE JUST NORTH OF GIBSON ISLAND. ANOTHER NICE EVENING WITH EVERYONE DOING SOME PARTYING.

DAY 3--JUNE 14--TROPICAL STORM ALBERTO WAS MAKING AN APPEARANCE. CLOUDY SKIES/COOL--WINDS SOUTHERLY ~10KTS GAVE US A GOOD REACH TO SWAN CREEK/HAVEN HARBOUR MARINA. BAD WEATHER WAS PREDICTED FOR THE EVENING, AND ALL BOATS WERE EITHER AT THE MARINA OR TRYING TO COAX THEIR DINGHY OUTBOARD TO BRING THEM FROM THE ANCHORAGE TO HAVEN HARBOUR. CHUCK ELLIS SHOULD GIVE A REPORT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON HOW LONG IT TAKES TO ROW THE DINGHY INTO A 15+KT WIND IN THE DARK. ALL BOATS WERE SAFELY SETTLED BY 1:30PM AND SOME PEOPLE ENJOYED THE TOWN OF ROCK HALL (WATERMANS FOR LUNCH). A TOTAL OF 8 BOATS WERE PRESENT. WE MET FOR COCKTAILS AND HOURS DOURVES ON THE UPSTAIRS DECK OF THE MARINA. GREAT PARTY AREA AND VIEW WAS SPECIAL. (AS WAS THE FOOD). WE ALL (15 PEOPLE) WENT TO DINNER AT THE SWAN POINT INN . WE HAD THE PLACE TO OURSELVES AND ENJOYED THE ENTIRE EVENING EATING AND SOCIALIZING. THE FOOD WAS EXCELLENT-I HEARD NO COMPLAINTS AND THE SERVICE WAS VERY GOOD. AND THEN THE WIND REALLY BEGAN TO BLOW--ALL NIGHT LONG--NICE NIGHT TO BE AT THE MARINA.



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DAY 4--THURSDAY JUNE 15 THE WINDS WERE ABOUT 20KTS NORTHERLY--THERE WAS SOME DIFFICULTY GETTING OUT OF THE SLIPS--BUT AL BOATS WERE UNDERWAY BY 8:30AM. KARAYA HAD TO DEPART EARLY AND LEAVE THE CRUISE BUT GAVE US A GREAT REPORT ON CONDITIONS AT KENT NARROWS. NICE SAIL TO THE NARROWS. WE DIDNT SEE LESS THAN 7FT THROUGH THE NARROWS, AND ALL BOATS EXCEPT WYE WIND III MADE THE BRIDGE OPENING ON THE FIRST SHOT. THEY MADE THE TOUR AROUND THE BASIN FOR THE NEXT OPENING, BUT THEY NEVER COMPLAINED ONE TIME. FROM KENT NARROWS TO MILES RIVER THE WINDS WERE NORTHERLY ABOUT 8KTS BUT INCREASED TO 16+KTS AT THE RIVER. IT WAS A FUN SAIL. ANCHORED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SHAW BAY BEHIND SOME TREES. THE WIND DIED JUST IN TIME FOR A COCKTAIL PARTY ABOARD EMPTYNEST AND ESPERANZA. GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL-BEAUTIFULL EVENING. TOTAL OF SIX BOATS PRESENT.

DAY 5-JUNE 16--EVERYONE HEADS FOR HOME(?). CRUISE IS OVER. THE CRUISE CAPTAINS HAD A GREAT FUN TIME, AND ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE CRUISING SAILORS--WHAT A FUN GROUP. EMPTYNEST 2 WAS FINALLY ABLE TO COMMUNICATE DURING THE CRUISE WITH THE ADDITION OF A COCKPIT RADIO. IT WAS PUT TO GOOD USE.

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BOATS ATTENDING	NIGHTS
BLUE HERON	1
ESPERANZA	2
ELLIS ISLAND	3
KARAYA	3
CHINOOK WIND	3
SALT SHAKER	4
WYE WIND III	4
DAY ONE	4
SANDERLING	4
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