



Baltimore Cruise Report 2007 WECKEL

September 10 – 12, 2007

Monday Sept.10 behind Gibson Island

The cruise day started with very muggy conditions, rain showers on and off all day. Three boats, Sea Bonds, Karaya and Falconer, had come the day before hoping to avoid bad weather on the Bay but then got two sizeable downpours as we waited for the others. Rejuvenation, Empty Nest, Rags, Chinook Wind, Day One, Salt Shaker, Tarry Knot and guest boat Whisper (Carolyn Rugg and Larry Rovin guests of Sea Bonds) and South Wind (Mary and Tom Campbell guests of Ellis I.) joined us. We were 13 in all and there was plenty of room for more. Some arrived soaked and a few suffered no rain at all. Rejuvenation and Empty Nest rafted for the night. A quiet evening was had by all except maybe the wails of two men when Sherry and Judy beat Terry and George at bridge.

Tuesday Sept. 11 – Baltimore's new Inner Harbor Marina

At Captain's call George reported a gray day with 50% chance of rain, wind SW 10-15 changing in the afternoon to NW 15-20. Terry called George to say that they thought Sherry had a partially detached retina and would be heading back as soon as they talked to the doctor.

Out on the Magothy R. sails were hoisted or unfurled to catch the SW wind and enjoyed a nice easy downwind sail or motor-sailing as we turned N. Sherry called to say she was doing fine, but the doctor wanted her there as quickly as they could make it. We had rain on and off and as predicted about the time we got near the Frances Scott Key Bridge the wind clocked to the NW up to 24Ks. We got our sails rolled. Day one and Karaya had a bigger problem – too much wind, the bridge, one tug pushing them from behind and another heading toward them. Irv gave way and they both got their sails under control.

In the harbor the 15K NW wind made getting into the slips a little hairy and the rain didn't help. After Sea Bonds was secure, George helped the next boat, and so it went until the last boat was tied and every one was on the dock, wet and having a ball telling stories. What fun we had. The rain stopped around three and we all dried out except maybe Jay. The sun peeked through the clouds to make a very pleasant cocktail party on the wide dock with 3 carts turned over and used as tables. Everyone enjoyed meeting the Rugg/Rovins and the Campbells as well as Kathy and ?, crew on Rags. We found out that we don't eat as much standing as when hors d'oeuvres are passed in the cockpit.

Those with tickets went to the ball game and had a great time. Some of that fun was probably watching Judy Tanczos' enthusiasm even though the Angels won. Jay did his best to sell Hutchinson's and Burke's unused tickets with no luck. Others went to various restaurants.



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Wednesday, Sept.12 in Baltimore

We all arose to a perfect 10 day. Sadly, Joe Day was suffering excruciating back pain all night and was going to stay in bed. Rags went home. Several bought Water Taxi tickets and went to Fells Point to look for polish sausage. I think they made the butcher very happy as pounds of sausage came back to various boats. Judy Tanczos must get a prize for endurance; she spent the whole day in the aquarium. Judy (me) went to the Visionary Art Museum and Carolyn and I caught the #3 bus to antique row. Larry went to see the Constellation.

Janet Hawley arrived by Marta and Jay met her and then met us in Little Italy for dinner. Twelve of us went to Amicci's, and it lived up to the good review it had in Chesapeake Bay Magazine. Others went to two other Italian places. The big find was Vaccaro's Bakery where six of us ladies went to seek dessert. The men waited for the van from Skupper's. The van came and was grabbed by the other CSSMs. We gals all got mad and then laughed, and it returned shortly. A beautiful night in a lovely marina and surely a gorgeous skyline of lights against the dark of the night—it was hard to say goodnight.

Thursday, Sept 13 to Annapolis

Another beautiful am-a little cooler at our early rise. Salt shaker and Empty Nest escorted Day One to Annapolis. At 10:30 Joe was sounding a lot better than he probably felt, and Karen was at the helm for the trip home. We said good bye as we approached the bay bridge.

The wind had started out NE 5-10 and soon changed to light SE as Sea Bonds motor sailed with Falconer under the bridge. Eagle called to say there were 10 moorings available with boats coming and going. Our contingent of 10 boats started picking up moorings before and after noon. Chinook Wind sailed back to join us and Sherry was much better.

At 5:00 we all started dinghying to Eagle. George handed Mike the Cruise Captain's flag which he hoisted to mark the change of command, and the party began. It was a lot of fun and the beginning of a great cruise.

Judy & George Weckel, Cruise Captains
S/V Sea Bonds



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CRUISE NIGHT CREDIT

<u>BOAT</u>	<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
CHINOOK WIND	X	-	-	1
DAY ONE	X	X	X	3
EMPTY NEST	X	X	X	3
ELLIS ISLAND	X	X	X	3
FALCONER	X	X	X	3
KARAYA	X	X	X	3
RAGS	X	X	-	2
REJUVENATION	X	X	X	3
SALT SHAKER	X	X	X	3
SEA BONDS	X	X	X	3
SOUTH WIND*	X	X	X	3
TARRY NOT	X	X	X	3
WHISPER*	X	X	X	3

* Guest Boats