



## CHOPTANK CRUISE – CRAIG KELTING MAY 14 – 15, 2007

The Choptank cruise was blessed with beautiful weather and great companionship. The cruise captain's VHF conked out an hour into the voyage, but George Weckel came to the rescue with the loan of a hand-held radio, and things went smoothly after that.

The fleet assembled in LaTrappe Creek as planned on May 14. Although winds were light that day, some of us were able to enjoy a nice relaxing sail to the creek, and the weather was sunny and pleasant. Ten sailboats were there for a raft-up and cocktail hour(s), and Mike Epprecht also attended by dinghy, complete with burgee (sorry, Mike, no cruise credit, but we were glad you could make it). We were pleased to have Dick and Judy Tanczos, prospective new members, join us aboard the fine sloop Rejuvenation. We set a new record for the number of people (and drinks) on Makani, and at one point the captain was concerned about an alarming list to port (the men were on one side and the ladies on the other). Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, although we did feel sorry for the unsuspecting folks on the civilian boat that was anchored nearby.

The second day was sunny and windy, and we enjoyed a rousing reach down the Choptank and up the Tred Avon to Plaindealing Creek. Due to jury duty, mechanical troubles, etc. only six boats made it to Plaindealing Creek for the second night, but the owners from three more boats made the picnic by car. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and we certainly enjoyed spending time with everyone. No anchor dragging or other unhappy events occurred overnight, and the fleet left early on Wednesday to get home before any bad weather hit. Once again the wind was brisk.



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**Cruise attendance:**

Monday, May 14

Makani - Craig and Janie Kelting  
Salt Shaker - Mike and Lynn Gates  
Sanderling - Stan and Mary Hutchison  
Ellis Island - Chuck Ellis  
"Sovereign" - Les and Gloria Antsey  
Sea Bonds - George and Judy Weckel  
Rags - John Schell  
Sea Trial - Jim and Noel Slattery  
Wayward Wind - Bill and Sally Dunton  
Rejuvenation - Dick and Judy Tanczos (guests sponsored by Mike and Lynn)

Tuesday, May 15

Makani - Craig and Janie Kelting  
Salt Shaker - Mike and Lynn Gates  
Sea Bonds - George and Judy Weckel  
Rags - John and Susie Schell  
Wayward Wind - Bill and Sally Dunton  
Rejuvenation - Dick and Judy Tanczos  
(by land yachts - Stan and Mary Hutchison, Les and Gloria Antsey,  
Jim and Noel Slattery, Sherry Burke)