



TANKERS SHAKEDOWN CRUISE 2007 EPPRECHT APRIL 28-29, 2007

A strong group of sailors straggled into the anchorage off Deep Water Point on Trippe Creek on Saturday April 28th for the Tankers Shakedown Cruise.

First to arrive was Ellis Island. Chuck was single handling since his first mate was off at a Quilting Show. Eagle appeared next well ahead of schedule and the cocktail party. Next to arrive just before cocktails was Sea Trial.

It turns out they were still assembling the boat. Launching the dinghy took forever and we thought cocktails would never start. Chuck was unable to get his dinghy motor started, declined a tow or ride from the cruise captain and rowed over. After an eternity, Sea Trial launched the dink and rowed over to participate in cocktails. We had a hint that Jay and Janet Hawley would participate via a VHF conversation between Tarry Knot & Salt Shaker. Tarry Knot did Tarry a Lot but eventually rounded the point during the first half of cocktails. They were followed by Blue Heron a little while later who arrived during the second half of Cocktail. We observed the anchoring techniques of both vessels and invited the late arrivals to participate in the remainder of cocktails. Cocktails went into a double overtime to accommodate the late arrivals. Seemed that no one objected to the extended hours. All returned to their boats for dinner and rest. The weather was absolutely perfect with night time temperatures dipping to the low 60's. The next morning had equally nice weather with 10 to 15 out of the west.

Sea Trial was the first to leave followed by Tarry Knot and Blue Heron who put up sails in the anchorage for the sail home. Blue Heron made a fast escape, Tarry Knot was seen tacking diligently down the Tred Avon and eventually made it to clear wind. They do get an award for most tacks made in a two hour period.



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The following boats get credit for one night on the Tankers Shakedown Blue Heron Eagle Ellis Island Sea Trial Tarry Knot

It should be noted that Karaya and Sea Bonds made loud and certain claims during cocktails and dinner in Coinjock that they would participate. They were on the water, holed up somewhere south claiming strong winds etc. NO CREDIT.

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Cruise Captains