



Havre de Grace Cruise Report JUNE 22 – 28, 2008

In the threat of storms on Sunday 6/22/08 seven brave boats motored sailed to White hall and ridout creeks just inside of Whitehall Bay. Pam and Mike Epprecht graciously hosted a gathering onboard Eagle and was attended by Chinook Wind (Terry & Chuck Ellis), Day One, Esperanza, Rejuvenation, and Sea Bonds & Voyager. Guesty winds and some rain pushed through during the night.

On Monday, with the weather forecasted to be the same as Sunday, five of the seven boats headed north with a destination of Still Pond. Esperanza and Rejuvenation returned to home ports. Under way and joining the cruise latter in the day were Karaya and Fiscal Stray. Motoring was the call for most of the day and the cruise captains had the only boat with an event full ride when they left a strip of blue paint on red channel maker 83A off Worton Point. Shaken from the impact and the thought that they could not steer the boat the captains requested Weckels take over as cruise captains. Once Voyagers crew settled down and found the cruise control was locked on while under tow from Chinook Wind they regained the title. During the hour under the command of George the cruise destination was changed to Turners Creek off the Sassafras river. Turners Creek proved to be a great change and most boaters swam or kayaked taking advantage of the sandy beaches and great location. Voyager rafted with Chinook Wind and hosted another fun social gathering. Gusty winds and some rain followed but the cooler night provided for great sleeping.

Tuesday morning June 24th brought 10 knots of wind out of the north west and provided a nice sail for seven boats to cross the bay to the channel entrance to Havre de Grace. After motoring up the long channel Tidewater Marina assisted all boats to their slips and the afternoon was free to explore town or caught up on chores or just relax. We met Scott & Inza Mac Kenzies from North Carolina who are cruising friends of Ann and Tod. They also joined in the fun at Havre de Grace. That evening most CSSMers went out for dinner and walked the friendly streets of town. The cooler evening weather prevailed for yet another night of great sleeping but this was to be the end of it.



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Wednesday started off early for many as they loaded in the courtesy van (two trips) and made off for the Sasquehanna & Tidewater Canal museum at 8:30am. Leaving earlier than most was Falconer who weighed anchor at Bodkins creek and headed to Havre de Grace. The museum tour by Bill and Sally was a great one and a half hours of learning about the history of Havre de Grace and the commercial tie to the building the canal locks of 1840. Several of us helped to turn the bridge (by hand) to re-in-act the lock tenders job. The lock tenders house was full of antiques and the ladies especially enjoyed Sally's description of these. Some of us used the van to go for groceries and propane then returned to town just in time for lunch out at one of the many restaurants. By 3pm Falconer arrived and settled in to do an electrical repair in preparation for their trip to Maine. Jean and Don were joined by their friend Phillip who was assisting them on the Maine cruise. Many shopped in town or went to the ice cream parlor or enjoyed some of the other decoy museums in the afternoon. By noon two of Eagles Maine crew arrived and Pam and Lynn left the cruise to drive home.

At five thirty pm most CMMSers and quest made there way to the half price cocktail hour at Mac Greggors . At 6:30 twenty one of us sat down to enjoyed a great dinner. After dinner we wished our Maine friends farewell and returned to our boats for a warm and humid night.

Promptly at (5am) on Thursday we heard the sound of engines and felt the wake of Falconer, Karaya and Fiscal Stray leaving the Marina – their trip to Maine had begun. Eagle was not long to follow. The other four boats - Sea Bonds, Chinook Wind, Day One and Voyager left between 7:30 and 8am to head south for Bodkins creek. Although the wind was out of the south and built to a steady twenty two mph some managed to sail part of the way. Arriving before the Havre de Grace boats was Sanderling. Stan and Mary had ventured that morning from Whitehall to join the group. The heat was sweltering and many cooled off by taking a swim. That evening George and Judy graciously hosted a social aboard Sea Bonds and all attended. It was a hot and humid night and not the best for sleeping.

With thunderstorms and hot weather predicted most boats left the anchorage and headed for home port around 6am. Motoring was the



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call for the day. All were in and accounted for prior to the late afternoon storm. Max, Stephanie and I really enjoyed the cruise and we hoped others did as well.

Respectfully Submitted
Stephanie and Dennis Sokso aboard Voyager

Havre de Grace Cruise Nights

	6/22	6/23	6/24	6/25	6/26	Total
ALBERT - ESPERANZA	1					1
ANSTEY - SOVEREIGN						
BURKE - CHINOOK WIND	1	1	1	1	1	5
CAMPBELL - SOUTH WIND						
COLLINS - AVATAR						
CORNWELL - ANDIAMO						
COX - LYNX						
CRITCHLOW - LIKE WYE'S						
DAY - DAY ONE	1	1	1	1	1	5
DUNTON - WAYWARD WIND						
ELLIS - ELLIS ISLAND						
ENGELSKIRCHEN - FISCAL STRAY		1	1	1		3
EPPRECHT - EAGLE	1	1	1	1		4
GATES - SALT SHAKER						
HEATHERINGTON - KARAYA		1	1	1		3
HUTCHISON - SANDERLING					1	1
JAMES - BLUE HERON						
KELTING - MAKANI						
MEYN - EMPTY NEST						
RUGG/ROVIN - WHISPER						



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SABALLUS - FALCONER				1		1
SCHELL - RAGS						
SLATTERY – SEA TRIAL						
SOKSO - VOYAGER	1	1	1	1	1	5
TANCZOS - REJUVENATION	1					1
WECKEL – SEA BONDS	1	1	1	1	1	5
	7	7	7	8	5	34