



WILDS ON THE MILES CRUISE-DICK TANCZOS OCTOBER 3-5, 2008

Friday, October 3 - Our fleet for this "Wilds on the Miles" cruise gathered on Rejuvenation at 5:00 for the Captain's party and to continue enjoying the beautiful day. There were 11 boats in Dividing Creek, 6 of them ours – and we fit comfortably. Salt Shaker's presence was three fold with their attendance on the cruise, rafting with Rejuvenation so we'd have additional seating available for our dinner together, and sponsoring Wendy and Fritz Moritz on their ketch, Orient.

The evening was cool, 50° and calm, as we broke bread (literally) with our soup, salad and fruit meal, finishing off with the most elegant, homemade, chocolate covered strawberries and decaf coffee. The neighboring sailboats were no doubt entertained until we retired to our boats about 8:30 – due to the darkness, it seemed much later than that.

Saturday, October 4 – Our new day began with the considerate, quiet, waterman, running his trotline, accompanied by his 2 boys and golden retriever. Sleeping had been great for everyone. Captain's call at 8:30 began with a report that the expected air would be relatively light out of the East at about 5 knots. This proved to be true, and it was fluky. Karaya had to return to port this morning as they had another commitment. The Captain offered that anyone wishing to follow him in to Leeds Creek should meet at day mark #1 at 1 PM. Whisper met us and we motored by the Pink Castle and up to Tunis Mills before reaching the Hunting Creek anchorage about 3:30. Upon everyone's arrival, we had appreciated that this was also a place of watermen with calm and thoughtful attitudes – they were winding up their operation which was also good news for our anchorage. Cocktails aboard Rejuvenation at 5 brought this lovely day to an end. Just to cap it off, about 8:30 we also witnessed a pleasant fireworks display, which appeared for a short time "over St. Michaels".

Sunday, October 5 – Sunday morning's watermen carried through with the same quiet attention we'd come to enjoy on this cruise. There was no Captain's call this morning and departure times varied, depending on the distance to home ports. The Captain would like to thank those attending for joining our fun on a beautiful fall weekend.

Some further comments: in both anchorages it was noted that there were lots of well mannered dogs aboard the various boats and I personally appreciated seeing this, as well as having Gladys aboard Whisper in our group. It should also be noted here that during our dinner on Friday night, Jane and Irv committed to a second Springer Spaniel (female) puppy to join the male they'd already decided upon – there were 10 witnesses to their decision! They'll be very busy for a while, we're sure....and then we'll look forward to them joining us on cruises too.

And finally.....John single handing his boat, Rags, was just great to see. I'd vote him Mariner of the Year.....

Dick Tanczos - Captain

Boat night credit:

Karaya	1
Rags	2
Rejuvenation	2
Salt Shaker	2
Whisper	2
Guest: Orient	2



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