



FOURTH OF JULY CRUISE 2009  
JULY 1-5, 2009  
BOB & BARB MEYN

WE HAD A VERY NICE CRUISE OVER THE FOURTH OF JULY AND WE EVEN HAD SAILS OUT AND FULL FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THAT WAS A REAL TREAT. NOW FOR THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

JULY 1-WEDNESDAY--CALM DAY FOR THE START OF THE CRUISE WITH A LITTLE SAILING. RENDEZVOUS AT CHALK POINT ON THE WEST RIVER NEAR THE PIRATES COVE RESTAURANT. WE HAD COCKTAILS THEN DINNER AT PIRATES COVE AT 1830. JUST IN TIME FOR HALF PRICE APPETIZERS! THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD RESTAURANT AND I DIDN'T HEAR ANY COMPLAINTS. WE FINISHED DINNER ABOUT THE SAME TIME THAT IT STARTED TO RAIN IN EARNEST. THERE WAS A LITTLE HURRYING TO GO CLOSE BOATS THAT WERE LEFT OPEN BUT THERE WAS NOT TOO MUCH INCONVENIENCE.

JULY 2-THURSDAY--THE AM CAPTAINS CALL WAS MADE FOR EVERYONE'S BENEFIT EXCEPT SALT SHAKER WHO CALLED IN AT 9AM FOR THE 8AM CALL. APPARENTLY THIS WAS TOO EARLY AN HOUR FOR SUCH THINGS. ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER MAN PREDICTED HIGH WINDS (15-20KTS) WE DIDN'T GET QUITE THAT MUCH -- BUT WE DID HAVE A GREAT SAIL ACROSS THE BAY, UP EASTERN BAY, AND ON TO THE WYE RIVER WITH THE ANCHORAGE AT SHAW BAY. SALT SHAKER ASSISTED EMPTY NEST WITH THE CAPTAINS PARTY AT 1700. WE NEEDED THE EXTRA SPACE AS THERE WERE 8 BOATS PARTICIPATING IN THE PARTY---A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. WE FINISHED THE PARTY AND ALL WERE SAFELY ON BOARD THEIR OWN BOATS WHEN WE HAD A VERY NICE THUNDER/LIGHTNING STORM WITH LOTS OF RAIN. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT THAT NO BOAT WAS TOUCHED BY THE LIGHTNING!!



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JULY 3-FRIDAY--ANOTHER NICE DAY -- JUST A SHORT HOP OVER TO THE MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB -- WE HAD A TOTAL OF 7 BOATS PARTICIPATING THIS EVENING FOR THE CRUISE (6 WITH SLIPS AND 1 ANCHORING). GREAT WEATHER FOR ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO DO INCLUDING SITTING BY THE POOL! FOOD WAS SERVED AT 5PM AND CONTINUED UNTIL 9PM --THE YACHT CLUB PUT ON A GOOD BUFFET INCLUDING GRILLED CHICKEN, BURGERS AND SAUSAGE, WITH THE TRIMMINGS. AGAIN, NO COMPLAINTS. WE WERE JOINED BY LES AND GLORIA ANSTEY AND VIRGINIA AND BARRY ALBERT FOR DINNER AND THE FIREWORKS. TERRY BURKE SHOWED UP IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A BIT OF SOCIALIZING AT ISABELLE'S. THE FIREWORKS WERE AGAIN VERY GOOD WITH A GREAT FINALE!! I WAS IN GENERAL PLEASED WITH THE ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE YACHT CLUB.

WE DID HAVE A MIX UP AND GYPSEA WAS PUT INTO A SLIP THAT WAS BLOCKED IN BY A FEW POWER BOATS. AFTER REVIEWING THIS WITH THE YACHT CLUB PERSONNEL THEY ASSURED ME THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION ON THE 4TH IN THE MORNING AND THEY DID JUST THAT. I WILL SAY IT WAS A BIT OF A NAIL BITER WATCHING JIM MCCLOUD BACK GYPSEA OUT OF THE BASIN AT 5 KNOTS AND SEVERAL TURNS!! WOW!!

ALSO WENDY MORITZ DID A GREAT JOB GETTING ORIENT OUT OF THEIR SLIP WITHOUT ANY INCIDENTS. THE YACHT CLUB WAS VERY PEACEFUL AFTER ISABELLE'S CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT. IT WAS A FUN EXPERIENCE.

JULY 4-SATURDAY-DESTINATION WAS HUNTING CREEK ON THE MILES RIVER--JUST A SHORT SAIL. MANY OF CSSM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE 15-20 KT WINDS TO SAIL ON THE MILES AND EASTERN BAY. WE HAD A GREAT DAY OF SAILING. AT 1700 EAGLE HOSTED ANOTHER GREAT COCKTAIL PARTY--GREAT SOCIALIZING--GOOD SNACKS—



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WE NEVER SEEM TO TIRE OF THIS NICE FEATURE OF OUR CRUISES!! THIS IS A NICE SAFE ANCHORAGE AND IT WAS A VERY ENJOYABLE NIGHT.

JULY 5 SUNDAY--MANY OF THE TANKERS LEFT EARLY DUE TO THE LONG DISTANCE TO GET HOME, BUT THE MILERS WERE SEEN TO BE SLEEPING IN.

IN REVIEW I BELIEVE WE HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL CRUISE AND ACTUALLY HAD SEVERAL REALLY GOOD SAILING DAYS!!

IT WAS REALLY NICE TO HAVE PAM AND JIM MCCLOUD (GYPSEA) AND LINDA AND JIM MONTAGUE (REJOICE) JOIN US ON THIS CRUISE. WE REALLY ENJOYED THEIR COMPANY!!

PARTICIPATION IN THE CRUISE WAS AS FOLLOWS

EAGLE (EPPRECHT)-----4 NIGHTS  
SALT SHAKER (GATES)-----4 NIGHTS  
EMPTY NEST (MEYN)-----4 NIGHTS  
ORIENT (MORITZ) -----3 NIGHTS  
FALCONER (SABALLUS)-----2 NIGHTS  
VOYAGER (SOKSO)-----1 NIGHT  
REJUVENATION (TANCZOS)-4 NIGHTS

GUESTS

GYPSEA (MCCLOUD)-----4 NIGHTS  
REJOICE (MONTAGUE)-----3 NIGHTS

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