



GEORGETOWN CRUISE REPORT 2009
JUNE 21 TO 25, 2009
ANNE PILERT & TOD ENGELSKIRCHEN

Sunday, June 21: The itinerary stated that participating boats would rendezvous in Whitehall Bay on the western shore. However due to high winds and waves which appeared to be on the nose, the cruise captain after conferring with participants decided delay the departure until Monday.

Monday, June 22: FISCAL STRAY, KARAYA, REJUVENATION, and DAY ONE all left their home berths in the Bay Hundred area at approximately 8:00. The wind was still on the nose but at a much preferable velocity of 10-15 knots. FISCAL STRAY and KARAYA made the 11:00 bridge opening at Kent Narrows, REJUVENATION, the 12:00 and DAY ONE sailed up under the Bay Bridge. Course and wind direction enabled us all to motor sail once we passed the mouth of the Chester River. We were all thrilled to be in sunny and relatively warm weather. All boats arrived at Worton Creek between 15:30 and 16:30. This is a lovely anchorage in the lea of the northern bluffs. Cocktails and delicious hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed aboard FISCAL STRAY. All were treated to a spectacular sunset over the Chesapeake.

Tuesday, June 23: After the 8:00 Captain's Call all pulled up anchors and left Worton Creek with favorable winds of 5-10 knots. We had a delightful sail up the Bay to the Sassafrass River. At the mouth of the Sassafrass we passed the DELAWARE EXPLORER executing training maneuvers. Usually this ship is berthed in the C&D Canal across from Chesapeake City. We were able to sail most of the way up this beautiful river. The cruisers arrived at the Georgetown Yacht Basin about 13:00 and were helped by the staff of GYB into our generously wide slips all on the same dock. Some members enjoyed the pool...others relaxed and prepared for the Captain's Bar-B-Q. GYB provides a wonderful picnic area with gas grills and picnic tables with a great view of the harbor. We were joined by friends of KARAYA, Jay and Ildie on GYPSY, a Hinkley B40. As usual, the crews provided great appetizers and side dishes to share. The manly men applied firepower to meat and all protein needs were met. The cook from Karaya dove into her freezer and came up with delicious mini cream puffs for dessert!

Wednesday, June 24: All crew, including four-footed Maggie and Baxter, manned (or dogged) their dinghies and headed farther up the Sassafrass River under the Rt. 213 draw-bridge. Due to extremely high tides there was some question as to whether we needed to request an opening for our dinghies. All humans had to duck to make it under. We enjoyed a tour up the river and almost made it up to Rt. 301. We were amazed at the number of big sailboats at the Galena Marina on the other side of the bridge and at the large numbers of Great Blue Herons we spotted. On our return trip the drawbridge did open for us and we rewarded ourselves with a nice lunch on the deck of the Kitty Knight House. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to boat work, kayaking and resting up for our next meal. 17:00 found us back on the deck of the Kitty



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Knight House meeting the Slatterleys and the Montagues who had driven up from Talbot County to join in the evening's festivities. Cocktails were sipped overlooking the Yacht Basin and we were seated at a lovely table for 12 on the shady porch. As is often the case with this group, a fair amount of wine and food were consumed and enjoyed.

Thursday, June 25: The day dawned hot and sticky and it was decided due to an ominous weather forecast for tomorrow and a possible medical issue with the Cruise Captain to depart for homeports this morning while wind and weather were with us. Departure was approximately 8:45 with DAY ONE heading for some scheduled boat maintenance at Rock Hall and all others returning to St. Michaels.

In summary: The fine weather and pleasant temperatures certainly added to the success of the cruise. Georgetown Yacht Basin was a great place to land. The facility is very well run and well equipped. Having a picnic area we could reserve gave us the option of a group picnic which was very enjoyable. We would go there again but would advise avoiding weekends as the river and facilities can get crowded.

Photographs from the cruise will be posted on the website soon.

Participants in the cruise were:

Day One – (Karen and Joe Day) 3 nights

Fiscal Stray – (Anne Pilert and Tod Engelskirchen) 3 nights

Karaya – (Jayne and Irv Hetherington) 3 nights

Rejuvenation – (Judy and Dick Tanczos) 3 nights

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