



## POKER CRUISE MAY 5 TO 7, 2009

The Poker Cruise which was to have commenced on Monday May 4, 2009 was delayed because of weather (Rain). The result of the delay was we lost Voyager, who was originally committed for only Monday night on May 4, 2009.

On May 5, 2009 at 09:00 the Cruise Captain, Terry Burke of Chinook Wind saw a target of opportunity in the weather report and declared the cruise a go. The wisdom of that decision lasted until about 17:00 hours. However, to digress Chinook Wind was joined in Duns Cove by three boats: Eagle, Ellis Island and Salt Shaker. We were welcomed to the cove by a gigantic thunderclap and lighting stroke that motivated the dinghy operator from Eagle to step smartly. The rain held off until all members were in the dinghy and on their way to Chinook Wind.

The 7 sailors aboard these four boats joined Chinook Wind for a great meal by Sherry's catering service, of Hogies, 7 layer salad and Chocolate Chip cookies following a lively cocktail hour. Following dinner all 7 members adjourned to Salt Shaker where we played various forms of Poker until 21:00. The big winner was Mike Gates followed by Sherry Burke. The rain abated in time for all to depart to their respective boats.

On May 6, 2009 the Captain of Chinook Wind once again exhibiting sterling leadership qualities motored to Trippe Creek (1 mile from his house) and awaited the sole survivor of the night before, Salt Shaker, after picking up their guest Trav, who rafted up. Libations began at 17:00, the same time as the rain. We adjourned to our respective boats for dinner and followed, snug as a bug in a rug, with another round of poker with Captain Burke the big winner of ~ \$5.00.



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After an evening of dodging an emerging drip in the aft quarters Chinook Wind followed by Salt Shaker departed for home, soggy but wiser.

Boat	Nights	Days
Chinook Wind	2	3
Salt Shaker	2	3
Eagle	1	2
Ellis Island	1	2

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Burke,  
Cruise Captain