



MID BAY CRUISE

Ahoy All!

8/23 - With engine in fine running order, "Salt Shaker" sailed out of Knapps Narrows under light winds headed for the Rhode River. "Karaya" checked in from Miles River Yacht Club to report that they were 100% for joining our cruise (up from 80%), and would be there in time for cocktails. Guest boat, "Salty Dog", with Captain Wally Jansen and Admiral Jane Jansen reported in about an hour out and agreed to raft up with "Salt Shaker". Since the sun was fairly low in the western sky at 1700 hours, we elected to take advantage of "Salty Dog's" sun screen and did a rendezvous in their cockpit for libation and nibbles.

In a show of respect for the Cruising Sailors of Saint Michaels, "Salty Dog" had a number 7 pennant flying from her starboard spreader on arrival. While this was a nice gesture on their part, it was noted and photographed the the pennant was upside down. To remedy this error, and since it was their 6th night, they were presented with their CSSM burgee and welcomed as our newest members. Captain Wally promptly hauled down the "7" and hoisted their new burgee right side up!

8/24 - The plan was to sail up to the Magothy River and enjoy another quiet evening in Broad Creek. Mother Nature threw in 15 to 20 knot winds on the nose. There was not much discussion before it was agreed that we would make a left turn into the Severn River and spend 2 nights in Annapolis.

The biggest surprise was that there was almost no one in the harbor. Over 30 moorings were vacant on arrival, and we were joined by "Fiscal Stray" early afternoon.

8/25 - Annapolis is always a fun town to experience; so everyone was ashore for lunch at McGarveys and then a lazy day in the Capital. Voyager joined us in early afternoon, as well as our friends from Herring Harbor South, Mack & Jan Reynolds, aboard "Calypso Breeze". Group dinner at The Boatyard in Eastport

was a challenge for our waiter Charlie, as by now we had grown to a party of 17 with the land additions of Les & Gloria Anstey, son Mark his wife and daughter. Charlie, with the help of all CSSM patrons, finally did get separate checks delivered to the correct parties, and we returned to the boats.

8/26 - A steady wind out of the north pushed us all southward on departure day.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn & Mike Gates
"Salt Shaker"

Nights:

Calypso Breeze - 1

Fiscal Stray - 2

Karaya - 3

Salt Shaker - 3

Salty Dog - 3

Voyager - 1