

Miles River Frostbite Cruise – October 15-16, 2010

Four boats made their way to Dividing Creek, off the Miles and Wye Rivers, on Friday for the Miles River Frostbite Cruise. By 4:30 pm Orient, Salty Dog, Karaya, and Falconer were safely at anchor. A fifth boat, Fiscal Stray, started out, but after encountering a microburst with 30 knot winds on the Miles river, bow waves and soaked to the skin, the captain and crew decided to turn back.

A lively, enjoyable cocktail hour engaged the group until dark, and everyone made it safely off of Falconer and back to their boats. Once again Karaya provided their always gracious dingy ferrying service. A peaceful night was broken only by the sound of geese honking as they flew overhead on their migration south.

Captain's call commenced at 0830. In spite of the accurate forecast for WNW winds of 20-30 knots and 3 foot seas, two boats decided to return to home port later that morning. The cruise captain's baton and the ice for cocktails were passed to Orient for a second night on Dividing Creek and a much more enjoyable sail home than what Falconer and Karaya had on Saturday.

Nights:

Salty Dog	2
Orient	2
Karaya	1
Falconer	1

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Saturday, October 16, 2010 – After receiving the cruise captain's baton, and much needed cocktail ice, from Falconer, Orient and Salty Dog settled into Dividing Creek for an additional day and night of calm in that great little hurricane hole. Weather reports from NOAA as well as conversations with arriving sailboats confirmed that our decision to stay was a good one. We chatted with the skipper of a Hinckley SW 42 who said he had made his fastest sail ever from Annapolis to the Wye River.

After due consideration, it was decided that we would vary from the norm and have our usual get together in the early afternoon. The crew from Orient repaired to Salty Dog's cockpit for a wonderful brunch prepared by Jane Jansen...there was also a hint of beer and wine, after all it was a CSSM event. We spent a delightful afternoon discussing local events and telling tale tales and an equally delightful night at anchor.

Sunday, October 17, 2010 – Both boats headed to home ports after a leisurely morning on the hook. The winds were as forecast 15 to 20 out of the SW. It was a fast ride home.

Cruise Night Tally

Orient 1 night

Salty Dog 1 night