



## **CRUISE REPORT RIVERS AND CREEKS CRUISE JUNE 20 – 24**

### June 20<sup>th</sup>: Home Ports to Harness Creek:

Forecasters promised it would be a hot day, and it was with temperatures in the 90's. Forecasters (various sources) also promised WSW winds. Not surprisingly, however, winds started NE; then backed to NW averaging about 8 kts. So winds were on the nose or nearly on the nose for the whole trip. Just before entering South River, the wind (still NW) built to 16kts. apparent. The crew of Day One decided to turn around and sail across the Bay and back just to shake out the sails and cobwebs, but, alas, once out on the Bay the wind died – so back into South River and Harness Creek at about 1330.

We did expect it to be a little busy it being Sunday and Fathers' Day, but we were unprepared for the volume of boats encountered. It was a challenge to find a decent place to anchor. Avatar and crew arrived at about 1700 and finally was able to find a good spot to anchor after a power boat departed for the day. Somewhere between 1700 and 2000 the circus, which included at least one of every species of dog known to man, (Noah would have been pleased!) was over and most of the clowns had departed. Meanwhile, the crew of Day One enjoyed the company of Joan and Alex of Avatar for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and later a peaceful night.

### June 21<sup>st</sup>: Harness Creek to the Magothy River:

Another very warm day dawned with temperatures expected to be in the high 80's. Upon exiting the South River we encountered NE winds at 10 – 12 kts. so the crews of Avatar and Day One decided to tack up the Bay for a while. After doing this for sometime with limited forward progress, Day One, with limited pointing ability, turned on the engine and headed NE for the Bay Bridge. Avatar, which does point well, continued on tacking under genoa, but eventually had enough and also started engine for the trip to the Magothy. By this time Voyager was well underway from TOC and later

reported that they sailed all the way to the South River before starting their engine (Voyager really points well!). Once through the bridge, the winds subsided to 4 -5 kts.

The anchorage behind Gibson Island was empty when Day One arrived and by the end of the day there was one other sail boat anchored with Avatar, Day One and Voyager. At this time the water skiers showed up in force and decided it would be fun to carry on between and among the anchored boats. This continued until about 2000 hours. Meanwhile, the crews of Day One and Voyager explored by dinghy thus allowing Voyagers new crew, Winston, to establish his sea legs (or more correctly, sea paws!). The crew of Avatar hosted cocktails and once the skiers departed all enjoyed a peaceful, warm (!!!) night. Voyager had cleverly set up a portable generator and air conditioner and enjoyed a somewhat cooler night.

#### June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Magothy River to Langford Creek:

Hot and humid again – mid 90's predicted with winds S at 5 – 10 kts shifting to SW 5 – 10; major thunderstorm predicted for later in the day. Three boats departed from the Magothy. Avatar headed for home port while Day One and Voyager proceeded across the Bay past Love Point Light and into the Chester River under power (wind 5 kts). Once into the Chester River, the wind picked up and both boats were able to sail (no engine!) for a good part of the way to Langford Creek. Meanwhile, Karaya and Rejuvenation were making their way up the Miles River and Prospect Bay toward Kent Narrows. By late afternoon all four boats were secured in the well run Lankford Bay Marina. In view of the imminent severe weather, the marina management agreed to let us have use of the pavilion free of charge. We rented tables and chairs and prepared the barbecue.

At 1700 cocktails had commenced and the four sailing crew were joined by Jo and Ted Clark (by land yacht), who brought along Joan and Alex Collins, earlier in the day being the crew of Avatar! We were also joined by Judy and George Weckel who finally made it down from Chestertown after experiencing alternator problems on their water-craft-without-sails. Soon the barbecue was going well and all enjoyed the good food and camaraderie. Fortunately, the evening's festivities concluded and everyone was back aboard their boats or had departed by land yacht when a strong thunderstorm struck the marina and surrounds. Happily there was no damage, but the next morning the marina reported wind gusts in excess of 50 mph.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> : Langford Creek to Grays Inn Creek:

Another sultry day in paradise (there was some discussion the previous night suggesting at least one crew might have slept in the air conditioned Langford Bay Marina heads, however, this proved not to be the case.). The marina graciously waved the usual check out time limitation so there was plenty of opportunity to relax and/or explore. The crew of Day One dinghied up both the Eastern and Western branch of Langford Creek and reported beautiful scenery with plenty of water in terms of both breadth and depth. Others relaxed on their boats or at the pool. Later the crew of Day One motor sailed into the Corsica River and then joined Karaya, Rejuvenation and Voyager for the trip up Grays Inn Creek and the beautiful anchorage behind Brown's point. No water skiers here; just a couple of crabbers minding their own business. Cocktails were served aboard Day One at 1700 and all spent another peaceful and very warm night.

June 24<sup>th</sup>: Grays Inn Creek to Home Ports:

Karaya, Rejuvenation and Voyager departed early for Kent Narrows and home ports under light SW winds (5 - 10 kts.). All were able to make the 0830 bridge opening and had no trouble negotiating the Narrows. Day One headed north to Rock Hall for some boat work.

**CRUISE NIGHTS:**

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Count	Boat	Crew	6/20	6/21	6/22	6/23	Total
1	Avatar	Collins	1	1	0	0	2
2	Day One	Day	1	1	1	1	4
3	Karaya	Hetherington	0	0	1	1	2
4	Rejuvenation	Tanczos	0	0	1	1	2
5	Voyager	Sokso	0	1	1	1	3

Respectfully submitted,

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