



Cruise Report – A Rock Hall Labor Day

Originally the cruise was scheduled to begin on Friday, September 3rd but was delayed a day due to hurricane Earl. The delay bumped several boats from attending.

Saturday Sept. 4th with double reefed mains, Chinook Wind and Voyager set out for Whitehall Bay. The northwest wind was blowing 15 –20 with an occasional 22 mph gust. We gathered for cocktails and dinner along with our four-legged crew Rosie and Winston and enjoyed a lovely evening.

Sunday Sept. 5th we awoke to another sunny day and departed for Rock Hall. The day brought northwest winds again and we sailed at a pace that kept up with a barge under tow for 3-5 miles until we cut off into the Chester River. Joining the cruise were Jayne and Irv Hetherington on Karaya with Baxter and Maggie. After what seemed a long endeavor to get Chinook Wind in the short piered slip the marina came along and moved them to another site. The guys went for a swim in the pool. That evening Chinook Wind graciously hosted a gathering for us to share our windy adventures. The marina supplied a taxi van and escorted us to Bay Wolf Restaurant where we enjoyed the mixture of Austrian and Eastern Shore Cuisine.

Monday Sept. 6th (a lay day) we ventured via the marinas taxi to the Tolchester Museum. Mr. William Betts, the curator, unfolded the history of Tolchester amusement park. We thanked him and half the crew went to the Rock Hall Waterman's Museum while others shopped the town or read at the coffee shop. Following our return to the marina we dinghied over to Waterman's Crab House for lunch. Many of us enjoyed walking in the gardens. Then at 5:30 pm all gathered (including the four legged crew) for a Labor Day picnic followed by watching the lovely sunset and several games of dominos at the carriage house overlooking the water.

Tuesday Sept. 7th Karaya was first out of the slip at 6:30 am followed by Voyager and Chinook Wind as we traveled to our homeports.

Stephanie and I very much enjoyed captaining this cruise and look forward to another one soon.

Nights:

Chinook Wind - 3

Karaya - 2

Voyager - 3