

CRUISE REPORT - ANNAPOLIS

Cruise Report – Impromptu Cruise #1

July 31 to Aug 2 (Severn River, Annapolis, Granary Creek)

This cruise was intended to be a low key affair. It was. It was fully enjoyed by the crews on Karaya and Fiscal Stray despite the heat and a bit of rain.

We left our home port on Sunday July 31 for Round Bay on the Severn River. Karaya, an hour or 2 in front of Fiscal Stray, had to motor. Fiscal Stray was able to try out her new radar and watch the southeastern moving thunderstorm with fair knowledge that it would provide us with wind but no rain. Great new toy! Once rafted off Karaya, cocktails and dinner were enjoyed on Fiscal Stray. Our anchorage, behind St. Helen's Island was scenic and well sheltered. However, because it was a Sunday evening we did get quiet a few water skiers going by. The anchorage would be great during the week. 39' 02.6 N, 076' 34.16 W.

Monday morning after a Captains call to which the entire fleet responded we headed for Annapolis. Karaya took a slip at the Yacht Basin. Fiscal Stray took a mooring. All of us had lunch at McGarvey's. Some of the crew went shopping in Annapolis despite an entreaty from the Cruise Captain that this be avoided in view of the current fiscal crisis in our country. Where is the discipline and respect we used to have in our country? I blame it on the teachers who fail to inculcate our young people with proper deference. Jim and Linda Montague joined us for cocktails aboard air conditioned Karaya and we all went for dinner at the Back Yard Bar and Grill in Eastport.

Tuesday we left Annapolis for Granary Creek off the Wye. All had a wonderful sail and enjoyed beautiful weather. A cocktail party was held on the rafted boats followed by dinner aboard Karaya. We broke up the raft and anchored separately. Beautiful anchorage at 38' 53.25 N, 076' 08.27 W.

Wednesday morning storms threatened. Fiscal Stray thought we could beat them out of the creek and that they might stay just a bit north of us. We left Granary Creek only to be hammered on the East Wye River with higher than comfortable winds and white out rain. The chart plotter kept us safe. It was all over in 20 minutes and we motored home to our respective slips at MRYC. A good time was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted

W. T. Engelskirchen – Cruise Captain

Karaya -- Hetherington -- 3 nights

Fiscal Stray -- Engelskirchen / Pilert --- 3 nights