

## **Cruise Report**

### **Commodore's Yorktown Cruise**

Only 3 boats took part in the Yorktown cruise, but those who did enjoyed good weather, pleasant company, and seeing the sights in Yorktown.

#### Tuesday, May 17 - The Solomons

We left our dock in a drizzle, but the rain soon stopped and we didn't have to deal with any significant rain the rest of the trip! The wind was blowing 20+ knots from the southeast, so the trip down to the Solomons was a long, tough beat. The crews of Makani and Grace both decided to spend the night at Zahnisers and stay over the next day. That allowed us to recover while the southeast wind blew itself out, and Salty Dog was able to join us the next night.

#### Wednesday, May 18 - Old House Cove

After a relaxing day in the Solomons, Makani and Grace traveled 1.9 nautical miles up Mill Creek to Old House Cove, and Salty Dog joined us there. We got together on Makani for a Captains party, and enjoyed food, drinks, and good company. Everyone turned in early in preparation for a long day tomorrow.

#### Thursday, May 19 - The Great Wicomico

The day called for half motoring and half sailing in good weather, and all 3 boats made in to the anchorage behind Sandy Point in the Great Wicomico (thanks to Mike Gates for introducing us to that pretty spot on a cruise some years ago). The holding proved good during a thunderstorm that came through. Everyone chose to skip the Captains party due to the long day today and the one coming up tomorrow.

#### Friday, May 20 - York River Yacht Haven

Light wind resulted in a long day under power. The intrepid band took slips at the new floating docks at the hospitable York River Yacht Haven in Sarah Creek across the river from Yorktown. The marina provides a free shuttle across the river to the Yorktown Victory Center, a loaner car for shopping, and good service if needed (more to follow later). The River's Inn restaurant at the marina had just changed hands, and it took two hours for our dinner to show up. The good news was that the food was good, and lively conversation made the time pass quickly.

#### Saturday, May 21 - York River Yacht Haven

Saturday was a beautiful day, with 80 degree temperature. Craig, David, and JoAnn toured the Yorktown visitor center, including the museum, farm, and Continental Army encampment. Janie spent the day in a "beading" class at the marina (you can take the crafty person away from home, but she is still crafty). The local "wild" turkey Ben (Franklin) strutted his stuff, and seemed particularly attracted to JoAnn. We also utilized the free Yorktown shuttle to see more of the town. That night the six of us enjoyed a great dinner at the Riverwalk restaurant in Yorktown.

#### Sunday, May 22 - York River Yacht Haven

Grace left the cruise at this point to head home early due to other commitments. Makani and Salty Dog remained for another night, and spent more time enjoying the sights in Yorktown.

#### Monday, May 23 - Trouble

Makani and Salty Dog left for the Piankatank as planned. Makani enjoyed a fine sail out of the York River and up the Bay across the entrance to Mobjack Bay. The wind died and forced Makani to turn on the engine. At that point, the captain discovered a split exhaust hose and the oil pressure gauge spike again. It turned out that in addition to that, the fresh water pump had seized up, causing the alternator belt to break. Makani was able to turn around and sail back into the York River Yacht Haven marina for help. The fresh water pump had to be ordered from the factory (closed on Mondays), and we paid to have it delivered on Wednesday via overnight air. In the meantime, Salty Dog chose to anchor in the East River off Mobjack Bay and await developments.

#### Tuesday, May 24 - York River Yacht Haven

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The Keltings spent a pleasant, if unexpected, day in Yorktown, and utilized the marina grill to barbecue dinner. The Jansens stayed put in Mobjack Bay and attended to some boat chores.

#### Wednesday, May 25 - York River Yacht Haven

The water pump arrived, and the marina mechanic turned to and made the necessary repairs to the engine. Makani's crew made preparations for an early departure on the morrow, and enjoyed another great dinner out in Yorktown. Arrangements were made to meet up with Salty Dog in the Piankatank River on Thursday. I cannot say enough good things about this marina, both in terms of the quick mechanical work and of their facilities and perks.

#### Thursday, May 26 - Milford Haven off the Piankatank

Underway at last! Southwest winds allowed Makani to sail most of the way to the Piankatank on our first hot 90 degree day. Both crews were attacked by man-eating flies off of Mobjack Bay. I think I will reserve my visit to Mobjack Bay for early or late in the year! Both boats sought shelter from the increasing southwest wind by going through the swing bridge (opens on demand 24/7 - channel 13) and into Milford Haven for the night. We anchored near the bridge as recommended in the Bay Magazine cruising guide and spent a quiet night. Well, it was a quiet night after we got together on Salty Dog for a great Captains party!

#### Friday, May 27 - Heading for home

Salty Dog chose to skip the Potomac River and head up to the Solomons, so the cruise ended at this point. Makani did spend two days in the Potomac, one night at anchor in The Glebe and one night at Olversons Lodge Creek Marina. The Keltings used the loaner car to go out to dinner at the recommended Tavern in Heathsville. This is a wonderful restored historic tavern with excellent food and a hospitable chef, and we enjoyed ourselves immensely.

#### Epilog

Makani and Salty Dog did meet up one last night in the Solomons on a hot Sunday in Back Creek for one more cocktail hour. Janie and I really enjoyed spending time with David and JoAnn and Wally and Jane. They were great cruising companions. Everyone headed for home and central AC on Monday.

Wally wanted to let people know that Woodburn's grocery and the laundromat behind the Holiday Inn are closed, and no longer available for those wishing to provision in the area.

#### **Cruise Attendance**

Makani - 7 nights

Salty Dog - 6 nights

Grace - 5 nights

Respectfully submitted,  
Craig and Janie Kelting  
"Makani"