



2012 4th of July Cruise Report

The float plan called for the first night to be in La Trappe Creek but the cruise captain received a report that extreme heat would be the order of the day. It was also suggested that the cruise continue on to the Cambridge Yacht Club where many of the participants could “plug in”. The cruise captain did a quick survey of the participants and by unanimous vote the third took place at the CYC with the customary 1700 cocktail party.

First ships to arrive were Ellis Island followed closely behind by Southwind. Karaya was seen entering the harbor waving a 50 amp power cord. Guest boat of the Hetherington’s with Thom and Kate Vargish found there spot on K dock and last to arrive, Chinook Wind settled in on the T head along with Karaya.

The 4th was a glorious occasion. It began at 0900 hours with a meeting of Commodore, Cruise Captain and Captain of Southwind aboard Chinook Wind complete with parts boxes conferring on the proper way to install a bilge pump without the proper parts. As Captains will do from time to time Terry elected to disregard all advice (probably unneeded) and proceeded to drill a hole in his keel for the installation. At that point most advisors grabbed their parts and exited.

As usual the BBQ was excellent. We were joined by Jim and Noel Slattery and Craig Kelting for both the BBQ and the magnificent fireworks. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all those who braved the weather to enjoy the event and each other.

<u>Yacht</u>	<u>Nights</u>
Karaya	2
Chinook Wind	2
Southwind	2
Elusive (Guest Boat)	2
Ellis Island	2

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck and Ann Ellis
July 13, 2012

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Western Shore Impromptu Cruise on July 14-16, 2012

Two CSSM boats- KARAYA and FISCAL STRAY, along with a guest boat- ELUSIVE, enjoyed three days of sailing and two nights out on the weekend of July 14-15 in spite of the 100 degree daytime temperatures we experienced!

ELUSIVE (Thom and Kate Vargish) departed Saturday morning from their home port in Oxford. KARAYA (Irv, Jayne, Baxter and Maggie) and FISCAL STRAY (Tod and Anne) left from St. Michaels Saturday afternoon to meet ELUSIVE in the Rhode River.

We all enjoyed fair winds and good sailing most of the way. ELUSIVE was safely anchored when KARAYA and FISCAL STRAY were hit by a sudden downpour with gusts of 25-30 knots on the western side of the Bay. Conditions improved by the time everyone was settled in at the anchorage - temperatures even came down into the 80's- and we all enjoyed cocktails, conversation, rainbows, and sunset aboard ELUSIVE!

Due to Sunday's forecast of 100+ degree temperatures, we headed for mooring balls in Annapolis (with her air-conditioned restaurants) instead of anchoring out in White Hall Bay. We had light winds and motor sailed that day. After a brief walk around Ego Alley we headed for the Italian restaurant close by and had a comfortable setting for drinks and dinner.

Monday morning KARAYA and ELUSIVE sailed for home with 15+ knots of wind out of the north. FISCAL STRAY headed toward the bay bridge and north for the C & D Canal and eventually Maine.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cruise Captain Irv Hetherington

CSSM Credits:

FISCAY STRAY . . . 2 nights
KARAYA 2 nights
(ELUSIVE 2 nights toward membership)

Impromptu Pre Non Oyster Boy Cruise Report

Wednesday 5 September 2012

Under threatening skies and great wind Ellis Island and Sea Nettle sailed to Tilghman on Chesapeake Marina from different origination points on the Choptank. We were greeted by Voyager who had already arrived.

Joining us by land yacht were the McCloud's and Montague's for a fantastic BBQ hosted by Denny and Stephanie after we relaxed in the wonderful pool at the Club.

A great time was had by all and many thanks to Denny and Stephanie for hosting the event.

Cruise Nights	Yacht	Owners
1	Voyager	Denny & Stephanie Sokso
1	Ellis Island	Chuck and Ann Ellis
1	Sea Nettle	Dave and Jackie Dianich

Respectfully submitted

**Chuck Ellis
Cruise Captain**