



Grace Creek Shake Down Cruise Report

Following a severe thunderstorm warning five member boats and two-guest boats sailed/motored to Grace creek and anchored in front of Pam and Jim McCloud's house. Included were Sea Trail, Salt Shaker, Tryst, Voyager and Salty Dog. Guest boats were Susanne F (Walt and Ann Parsons) quest of Salt Shaker and Sea Nettle (Dave and Jackie Danish) quest of Salty Dog. At the usual 1700-hour thirty plus cruisers (boat and land) attended a gathering at the McCloud's pool house bar. What a great way to start of the sailing season and we thank Jim and all his helpers for a wonderful evening. Friday evening winds were light.

On Saturday five member boats – Gypsea, Sea Trail, Tryst, Voyager and Salty Dog hoisted their sails under light northeast winds and sailed to Madison Bay on the Little Choptank river. Voyager hosted the captain's party and then all went to Madison Bay restaurant for dinner. The low tide made it a challenge when we departed from the restaurant but otherwise it was an enjoyable evening. Winds Saturday night were 10-15 out of the northeast.

On Sunday the first order of business was to make a dog run to shore for Casey and Winston. All boats departed Madison bay by early morning and sailed out the Little Choptank to the mouth of the Big Choptank and motored to homeports.

Stephanie and I enjoyed the cruise and hope others will lead a second cruise to explore more of the Little Chop Tank tributaries. We also thank the Andersons for their dingy services. Many dingy motors had problems but that is why we call it the shakedown cruise.

Boat Nights:

Salty Dog 2

Gypsea 2

Salt Shaker 1

Tryst 2

Voyager 2

Sea Trail 2

Guest boats each 1 night

Dennis & Stephanie Sokso