

Eastport Oyster Boys Cruise

Summary:

September 6, 2013 Night #1: Rhode River- as planned

September 7, 2013 Night #2: Shaw Bay- as planned

September 8, 2013 Return to home ports- as planned

Cruise Captains were Kate and Thom Vargish, (Elusive), who modified Commodore Moritz's cruise plan when he and Wendy were unexpectedly unable to lead the cruise.

September 6, 2013- Beautiful sunny day with cool air temperatures and N winds 8-10 knots with puffs to 12 and seas running .5-1 foot. Those coming from the south had a long very pleasant beat up to G "1" entry buoy to the West River. Those coming from the North had a pleasant reach down the Eastern Bay and across to G "1". We anchored behind the sunken island N38 52.955/W076 31.977 and had a wonderful cocktail party on Karaya. Some on the cruise stayed up to watch the rocket launch and others monitored the event from their bunks.

Boats present: Elusive, Karaya, Tryst, Our Escape, GypSea, Voyager

September 7, 2013- Beautiful sunny day with warmer air temperatures and light SW winds 4-6 knots, flat seas. Most boats motor sailed to Shaw Bay without incident. To our surprise, we were not the first to arrive! No, we joined about 35-45 other mostly sailboats settling in for the concert. Karaya and Elusive rafted together as a larger platform for the attendees. When the band boat moved, we attempted to move the raft with them but were prevented from achieving our goal of courtside seats by other anchored craft. (Final spot: N38 51.30/W076 10.83). The party on Elusive started at 1530 and the band started to play around 1630. We could just barely hear them over the clinking glasses. Cocktail hour lasted until about 1900. We were joined in Shaw Bay by Rejoice.

Recommend next year that everyone bring a dinghy and if necessary move the party closer to the music on smaller craft to hear the concert better.

Boats present: Elusive, Karaya, Tryst, Our Escape, GypSea, Voyager, Rejoice.

September 8, 2013- Beautiful sunny day with still warmer air temperatures and light WNW winds 4-6 knots with flat seas. Most boats motor sailed home under ideal weather conditions (except maybe not enough wind).

Totals: Two nights- Elusive, Karaya, Tryst, Our Escape, GypSea, Voyager. One night- Rejoice.