



## ***2013 St. Mary's Rendezvous Cruise Report***

### ***Sunday, June 9. . . Sailing Day: Home Ports to Patuxent River***

*KARAYA* (Irv and Jayne...no Baxter and Maggie this trip) left MRYC at 0630 with light winds and sunny skies enroute to our first anchorage up the Patuxent River past the Solomons beyond the bridge (about 49 nm). We arrived by 1330 at Mill Creek, which is off Cuckold Creek on the south side of the river. We motored early in the day and then sailed on a starboard reach down the Bay as the winds picked up.

We were joined in the anchorage by *VOYAGER* (Denny and Stephanie and pooch Winston), *WHISPER* (Larry and Carolyn...no pooches this time), *GRACE* (David and JoAnn and pooch Zach), and *SEA BONDS* (George and Judy), all arriving between 1400 and 1630 hrs. Everyone was aboard *KARAYA* for cocktails by 1700 hrs.

There was much conversation about sailing destinations on the Bay and beyond (down the ICW and over to the Bahamas and/or up the coast to Maine) since some CSSM members are anticipating sailing to these destinations and some of us have already been there. *VOYAGER* and *GRACE* were also intent on getting tips for onboard pooch potty training (much interest in getting "scented" carpet scraps from *KARAYA*). The evening concluded with clear skies, comfortable temperatures, and a light breeze...great for sleeping at anchor under the stars.

### ***Monday, June 10. . . Sailing Day: Patuxent River to St. Mary's River (39nm)***

Due to previous commitments, *VOYAGER*, *GRACE*, and *SEA BONDS* had to depart from the cruise the next morning. *WHISPER* and *KARAYA* weighed anchor at 0700 hrs. headed down the Bay- literally "headed" with southerly winds (building from 10 to 25 knots) to the mouth of the Potomac River under cloudy skies (and then squally conditions). As we turned west /northwest into the Potomac we were able to set sails and reach up the Potomac under brighter skies. We finished off the trip up St. Mary's River under power in order to get anchored off St. Mary's College docks/boathouse before more rain hit.

We were nicely settled in just off St. Mary's College Boat House and Docks by 1330 and were rained on yet again. The foursome enjoyed drinks and dinner aboard *KARAYA* at 1730 hrs. under clear skies and made plans for our day ashore at St. Mary's City Historic Park.

### ***Tuesday, June 11. . . Lay Day: Historic St. Mary's City***

After a night of rain the skies cleared and the fearsome foursome dinghied off to see the sights in historic St. Mary's City. We strolled around taking in many of the reconstructed 1600's buildings and archeological sites- the State House of 1676 (Maryland's first capital), the Catholic Church and the Episcopal Church, Smith's Ordinary (Inn) and the tall ship MARYLAND DOVE. Along with

about 200 naval officers from the Patuxent naval base on a retreat at St. Mary's College, we enjoyed a lovely lunch at the St. Mary's College Cafeteria. After a walk through the College Sailing Center and Boat House (sailing is *the primary sport* for the college) we went back to our boats. We enjoyed drinks and dinner aboard WHISPER before the night time rains reappeared.

***Wednesday, June 12 . . . Leaving St. Mary's River the Fleet Splits***

Due to the forecasted weather/wind conditions over the next few days, *KARAYA* sailed north to the Patuxent River and on up to St. Leonard's Creek (44nm), while *WHISPER* sailed south to the Rappahannock and into Deltaville to get their topping lift repaired. The next day *WHISPER* then continued on with their planned two-week sail of the Bay.

***Thursday, June 13. . .Lay Day***

*KARAYA* took an unplanned lay day at Vera's Beach Club, Restaurant, and Marina (with new docks and remodeling) due to very threatening severe weather coming. Black skies with tornado warnings in the immediate area appeared so we spent the afternoon in Vera's bar watching *KARAYA* holding steady on the dock.

***Friday, June 14 . . . Patuxent Sail from St. Leonard's Creek to Back Creek***

*KARAYA* sailed down the Patuxent and up Back Creek to Spring Cove Marina (9nm) in the Solomons to meet up with old friends and have dinner with them. There were west/northwest winds blowing a steady 25-30 knots out on the Bay all day.

***Saturday, June 15 . .Sailing Day to Home Port***

With improved weather conditions *KARAYA* sailed home to MRYC (45nm). With northerly 15 knot winds *KARARA* was able to make a one tack port beat up the Bay until Poplar Island. Of course, the winds shifted to out of the east as we headed into Eastern Bay. *KARAYA* motor sailed home to MRYC arriving at about 1500 hrs.

*KARAYA* had a great week out on the water. We enjoyed the sailing and the group cocktail hour aboard *KARAYA* on the first night on Mill Creek off the Patuxent and the additional two days and nights we spent with *WHISPER* down in the Potomac/St. Mary's River area. We also enjoyed our time alone on *KARAYA* for the other nights in spite of the up and down weather conditions.

***Participating Boats:***

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nights (with two or more boats in attendance):</u>
<i>KARAYA</i>	3
<i>WHISPER</i>	3
<i>VOYAGER</i>	1
<i>GRACE</i>	1
<i>SEA BONDS</i>	0 (Sustaining member guest power boat)

Respectfully submitted,  
Irv and Jayne Hetherington, Cruise Captains