

CRUISE REPORT: August 18-21 Formerly “Patuxent River Cruise” but now “Epicurean Meander”

Cruise Captains: Kate and Thom Vargish, SV- JASMINE

August 18- Cruisers gathered in Dun Cove on Harris Creek (N 38 44 313/ W 07619059) as jump off point for travel south to Patuxent River. Tryst could not depart in time to join Jasmine and Karaya but agreed to join us the following morning at Choptank R “10”. Following luscious hors d’oeuvres and adult beverages on Jasmine, we dined together on grilled ham steak and cold salads. A crisp Pinot Grigio was served with the meal. After dinner, multiple rounds of Chicken-foot Mexican train were enjoyed by all. The evening was cool and wonderful for sleeping.

August 19- Because of severe thunderstorms predicted for the Patuxent River later on Tuesday afternoon and the following day, we changed plan and sailed instead northwards to the Rhode River and the sunken island marsh. With a delightful easterly breeze at 10-12 kts early, decreasing to 7-9 kts we had a beautiful day of tight reaching up the Bay. We rafted the three boats together (N38 38 418/W 076 20 445) with Karaya in the center. Cocktails and appetizers were followed on Karaya by a dinner of caesar salad and savory hot italian sausage, tomatoes and peppers. A shiraz from boit noir was served. After dinner a raucous game of “catch phrase” took place and was won handily by Peirce Anderson’s team.

August 20- In anticipation that we would not be traveling far, a delightful breakfast of melon and blueberry pancakes topped off by organic maple syrup was provided for the group on Tryst. We then had a leisurely day of light air sailing back and forth across the bay at Thomas Point Lt. Our anchorage was Aberdeen Creek off the South River (G “11”). It is a nice sized anchorage with depth of 12-15’ and good holding (N 38 56 362/W 076 31 215). Our get together was canceled because of darkening skies and severe T-storms predicted for 5:30 PM in that vicinity. Fortunately, they never arrived and everyone had another great night.

August 21- We all were up early the next day to get started heading back to our home ports. The Bay was flat and again we were blessed with beautiful sunshine. Despite the dire predictions from NOAA and the weather channel, we never had more than a few sprinkles (Wednesday evening) during the whole trip.

Respectfully submitted: Thom Vargish