

2014 Five Rivers Cruise Report (Renamed Three Out of Five Rivers Cruise)

9/7 Sunday. . . Destination: Sunken Island, Rhode River

Most cruisers, including Karaya (Jayne and Irv), Jasmine (Kate and Thom), Fiscal Stray (Anne and Tod), Tryst (Molly and Peirce), and Esprit (Paula and Chip) sailed from the vicinity of Shaw Bay having participated in the Shawapoluza Concert by the Oyster Boys Saturday evening. Dee Gee V (Donna and Ed) left from a slip in St. Michaels and Rejuvenation (Judy and Dick) left from MRYC. Our destination was the Rhode River anchorage (38° 52.95'N, 76° 32.1'W). After the passing of a Saturday night cold front the day was clear with strong NNE winds gusting to 25 knots. All had a lively sail and/or motor-sail across the Bay. Prospective new members Dave and Barb Taylor on Mistral called and indicated that they were in Dunn Cove with refrigeration problems. They planned to head back to Bachelor Point for repairs the next day.

We all met on Karaya for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 1700. Thanks to Kate Vargish for supplying a birthday cake and candles to help celebrate the 2014 seventieth birthdays of Irv, Donna, Thom, Jayne, and Jim and Pam McCord (in abstentia). The evening ended with a beautiful sunset.

9/8 Monday. . . Destination: Little Round Bay, Severn River

Based on the forecast for continuing strong northerly winds our destination was changed from Gibson Island to the Little Round Bay anchorage (39° 2.5'N, 76° 34.1'W) on the Severn River. Most boats motor-sailed to Tolly Point and then tight-reached most of the way up the Bay and the Severn in light northerly winds. Rejuvenation diverted to Annapolis Harbor in an effort to get her mainsail repaired.

All others settled in behind St. Helena Island in Little Round Bay and again met for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on board Tryst at 1700. Much laughter ensued in a rousing round of Catch Phrase before we all returned to our boats tucked in behind the island.

9/9 Tuesday. . . Destination: Spa Creek, Annapolis

All awoke to a clear light wind day. The boats in Little Round Bay had a lazy reach down the Severn and took moorings in Annapolis Harbor (38° 58.5'N, 76° 29'W). We were joined by prospective new members Larry and Judy Weaver on

Moonshadow who had left from Bachelor Point Marina on the Choptank. The crews of *Dee Gee V* (Donna and Ed), *Tryst* (Molly), *Fiscal Stray* (Anne and Tod) and *Karaya* (Jayne and Irv) took the water taxi to town for some "on shore" activities-sightseeing, shopping, and ice cream. (It was a warm afternoon). The crews of *Fiscal Stray* and *Karaya* toured the Naval Museum at the Naval Academy (beautifully renovated since our last visit several years ago).

We dispensed with the usual cocktail party and met on the harbor shuttle for our 1830 dinner at the Boatyard Bar and Grill in Eastport. All seemed to enjoy the lively conversation and the food and wine (1/2 priced bottles on Tuesdays) and returned to our boats at about 2030 for the remainder of the evening.

9/10 Wednesday. . . Destination: Dun Cove, Harris Creek, Choptank River
Based on the predicted strong southerly winds and thunderstorms for Thursday, the fleet decided to forgo our visit to Harness Creek and instead cross the Bay and head for Dun Cove anchorage (38° 44.45'N, 76° 19'W) on Harris Creek. Lacking a functioning mainsail, *Rejuvenation* chose to depart for her home port at MRYC to see the local sail makers at St. Michaels Sails. *Dee Gee V* headed for her slip in the Oxford Boat Yard. The boats sailing for Dun Cove enjoyed a great close reach changing to a light beat for the first half of the trip before the winds completely died out. Our fleet was passed by a diverse variety of warships heading north for Baltimore and the Star Spangled Celebration scheduled for the following weekend.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres were had onboard *Jasmine* at 1700. *Tryst* and *Esprit* broke up their raft for the night but *Jasmine* and *Moonshadow* remained rafted until approximately 0500 on Thursday. At that time several of us watched as *Moonshadow* provided an excellent example of anchoring in the dark under windy conditions. Because of the wind direction and speed several of us found the evening uncomfortable with erratic wave action (hard on the rafted boats in particular). Faced with strong winds out of the south in the morning all were happy that we had changed the itinerary and had crossed the Bay the previous day.

9/11 Thursday. . . Destination: LaTrappe Creek, Choptank River
With the earlier than planned arrival in Dun Cove, we decided to sail for LaTrappe Creek for Thursday evening. In strong southerly winds gusting to 25 knots we all sailed or motor-sailed up the Choptank past Oxford to the LaTrappe Creek anchorage.

The crews of *Fiscal Stray* and *Karaya* (with guest Molly aboard) took dinghy rides to the head of the creek taking photographs of the scenery, homes, and wildlife

along the way. We all enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on Karaya at 1700. The evening concluded with another friendly and lively competition playing Catch Phrase.

9/12 Friday

Friday awoke as a clear and cool day. Jasmine, Tryst, Esprit, and Moonshadow left for their home ports in Oxford. Fiscal Stray and Karaya headed up the Choptank for the Cambridge Yacht Club to join Dee Gee V for the start of Ed and Donna's three day Choptank Cruise.

A link is provided below to a Picassa Web album containing selected pictures from the cruise provided by the Andersons, Vargishes, and Hetheringtons. Let me know if you have a problem viewing the pictures.

Karaya wants to thank all of CSSM members and prospective members who joined us for all or part of our "Five- that is... Three Rivers Cruise". We had a great time out on the water and at anchor with everyone.

Fair Sailing,

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Boat Nights Nights

Dee Gee V	4
Esprit	6
Fiscal Stray	6
Jasmine	6
Karaya	6
Rejuvenation	3
Tryst	6

Guest Boat

Moonshadow	3
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Selected photos from the cruise:

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