

2014 SHAWAPALOOZA CRUISE REPORT

Saturday September 6, 2014

The Eastport Oyster Boys were due to start the show at 1600, and various sources were forecasting rain in the late afternoon. ORIENT was on station at 1300 and watched as the anchorage filled up. All CSSM boats that had expressed interest in the cruise were there. TRYST (Molly and Peirce) checked in and voiced concern about the anchorage if the expected front hit hard. With the blessing of the cruise captain, they sought security at an anchorage farther up the Wye.

Those who arrived early and chose to anchor in the vicinity of the boathouse on Bruffs Island were “treated” to a warm up performance by a group on the shore, or someone was torturing small animals. Thankfully the Oyster Boys began to tune up their axes and we launched our tenders and headed off for front row seats. Pam and Jim McCloud, while not on our cruise, were nonetheless in attendance on a friend’s powerboat. A group of us used this boat as a mother ship for our dinghy raft up. At one point, as the Boys played a rousing Scots tune, Jim and Pam broke into dance. Pam further entertained us with an impromptu swimming exhibition while fully clothed, and she wasn’t alone. As usual, the concert was a joy.

Despite dire warnings from the “weather – liars”, the predicted rain held off until after the show. But when it did arrive, it did so with gusto...and gusts. As promised the rain came with strong winds and stronger gusts, as well as an impressive light show beginning just after sunset. It made for a long night *on the hook*, but no one dragged.

All participants earned one cruise night: FISCAL STRAY; JASMINE; TRYST; DEE GEE V; KARAYA; REJOICE; ORIENT.

Fritz and Wendy