

Tanker Shakedown Cruise - 2014

The plans for the Tanker Shakedown Cruise for 2014 were originally set for a rendezvous in Trippe Creek off the Tred Avon River on Friday, May 16th but with gale force winds and several inches of torrential rain, the Cruise Captains decided that no heroics were warranted and chose to shorten the Tanker Shakedown Cruise to Saturday, May 17th overnight at Baby Owl Cove

Four sail boats rafted for cocktails and dinner with Commodore Tod Engelskirchen, Larry Rovin and Carolyn Rugg arriving for cocktails on the Rovin's spiffy runabout. The sailboats included Past Commodore Les Anstey and Gloria on a borrowed boat, Cruise Captains Peirce and Molly Anderson on TRYST, prospects Chip Seltzer and Paula Clement on ESPRIT (sponsored by Molly and Peirce) and prospects David and Barbara Taylor on MISTRAL (sponsored by Thom and Kate Vargish).

Chip Seltzer and Paula Clement completed their requisite over-nights and cruises to become active members of CSSM on this cruise. With great fanfare Past Commodore Les Anstey presented the flag to Chip and Paula and welcomed them to CSSM. Chip hoisted the colors and we all congratulated them.

The sail boats planned to stay rafted for the night as the weather was predicted to be benign. At 0230, several of us awoke to a building breeze. Chip listened to NOAA weather that predicted small craft warnings on the Choptank, so he and Dave Taylor peeled off the raft to re-anchor while TRYST and the Anstey's remained on the hook rafted together.

In the morning we wished everyone a safe trip home as we all departed for our home ports.

Members: Cruises and Nights earned – 1 each

Molly and Peirce Anderson

Les and Gloria Anstey

Chip Seltzer and Paula Clement

Prospective Member: Cruises and Nights earned – 1 each

David and Barbara Taylor

Respectfully submitted,

Molly and Peirce Anderson







