

2015 SHAWAPALOOZA CRUISE REPORT

Friday, September 11, 2015

The warm up night was scheduled for September 11 in Hunting Creek off the Miles River. Four boats were on hand: Jasmine; Moonshadow; Mistral; Orient. At 1700, more or less, crews assembled aboard Orient for the usual cocktails and snacks, which on this evening included an added bit of business. Larry and Judy Weaver of s/v Moonshadow, having satisfied the required number of cruise nights, were presented with their CSSM burgee, and toasted by their fellows.

The weather forecast for Saturday was becoming more unpleasant with each report. It was decided that following the captains' call in the morning each boat would make for Shaw Bay on whatever schedule it chose, earlier to get safely hooked up in advance of the squalls, or later in hopes that the bad weather would have already passed...it didn't matter.

Saturday, September 12, 2015

Saturday morning began pleasantly enough, but with dire warnings from NOAA about deteriorating conditions as the day progressed. By 0930 all four CSSM boats appeared to be preparing to weigh anchor. Orient was the first to depart Hunting Creek and made way down the Miles toward Shaw Bay. When she passed St. Michaels harbor she discovered that the log canoes had abandoned their race, a radio transmission a few moments later indicated that the Herring Island Sailing Fleet had done the same. By this time the rain was heavy, winds were building, and Orient's slip was less than 800 yards to the west. After a very brief crew meeting they decided to abandon the cruise and head ashore. Mistral continued on to Shaw Bay. Moonshadow, still at anchor in Hunting Creek, was having battery trouble and Jasmine stayed with her to assist. Moonshadow eventually made her way into St. Michaels for repairs, and Jasmine went on to Shaw Bay.

After sitting through two rounds of squalls, Jasmine and Mistral enjoyed the concert which began about 90 minutes late. The Oyster Boys did the full concert and the crews

of Mistral and Jasmine enjoyed beverages and appetizers aboard Jasmine. The next morning Jasmine, Mistral, and Moonshadow sailed to Oxford together. The sail was spectacular.

BOAT	CRUISE NIGHTS
Jasmine	2
Mistral	2
Moonshadow	1
Orient	1

Fritz and Wendy

s/v ORIENT
