



Cruise Report - 2016 Chesapeake Bay Cruise

Ocean Cruising Club / Cruising Sailor of Saint Michaels

The 2016 Ocean Cruising Club / Cruising Sailors of Saint Michaels Cruise was held from Sunday June 5, 2016 to Friday June 10, 2016.

Sunday, June 5 - The cruise started at Brewers Marina in Oxford, MD. We had about 6 boats at Brewers with some cruisers staying on their boats at other marinas in the area. The opening event was a catered BBQ with Chicken and Pit Beef plus cole slaw and potato salad - Eastern Shore favorites. Wine, beer, and soda were provided. The fellowship went on into the evening. Some OCC and CSSM members joined us by car.

Monday June 6 - We started the day with a tour of the Cutts and Case yard near Brewers. This yard is a National Treasure. We lucked out and were given a personal tour by Ronnie Cutts. Among the artifacts at the facility are many older wooden boats lovingly cared for by the staff. You can learn more by visiting their website: <http://www.cuttsandcase.com/>

After the tour we sailed to an anchorage just inside La Trappe Creek near 38°37.74 N, 076° 07.13 W. There we anchored 13 boats: Ancient Mariner, Fiscal Stray, Celebrate, Dragon Run, Ping, Mistral, Kittiwake, DeeGee5, Sidereal Time, Divided Sky, Fabula and Borrowed Horse. We had a very enjoyable Dingy Drift where we tied all our dinks together, and shared hors d'oeuvres and cocktails while drifting thru the anchorage and beyond. Wonderful munchies, conversation, and scenery.

Tuesday June 7 - We had planned to move to the Little Choptank. However, the weather service told us that we would have a gale out on the Bay. Getting to the Little Choptank would have been ok. Finding a sheltered anchorage and then getting back would have been problematical. We decided to move to Baby Owl Cove where all of the above boats plus Karaya fit in nicely. We anchored in the vicinity of N 38° 44.87, W 076° 16.13. We had cocktails on Celebrate. Thank you Charlie and Cathy. After we were all there and anchored, we got driving rain and wind. However we were well sheltered.

Wednesday June 8 - We decided to stay where we were as none of us could come up with a more secure, or prettier anchorage. We enjoyed cocktails on Borrowed Horse. Thank you Sarah and Dan.

Thursday June 9 - We had a nice sail to Snug Harbor (N 38' 42.94 , W 076' 07.92). In the evening we planned a potluck picnic and supper on the property of Dr. Jim Thompson, a longstanding OCC member. Everyone enjoyed Jim's hospitality tremendously. Great thanks to Jim. His hospitality was wonderful. We were joined at the potluck by OCC members Jonathan and Dorothy Goldweitz and CSSM members Tom and Kate Vargish. A beautiful spot with great fellowship. All pitched in to get Jim's home cleaned up before we went back to our boats. Thank you!

Friday June 10 - We left for the Cambridge Yacht Club - a pleasant longer sail for everyone. We were joined by some CSSM members who came by car. The CYC served excellent appetizers during the before dinner cocktail hour. Those in attendance, 29 of us, ordered off the menu. Based on the length of time we spent in their dining room, a good time was had by all.

This event ended the cruise and the Cruise Captain and First Mate were greatly relieved. We had wonderful sailing weather despite a couple of days of high winds, great anchorages with good shelter, and most of all a congenial group of participants. We thank all who helped and all who cruised for their companionship and contributions.

OCC Members attending included:

Herb and Ruth Weiss on Ancient Mariners
Sid and Rebecca Shaw aboard Dragon Run
Charlie and Cathy Simon on Celebrate
Bill and Lydia Strickland on Dragon Run
Jim and Margie Robfogel on Ping
George and Frances Sadler on Kittiwake
William and Martha Story on Fabula
Sarah Southworth and Dan Tracy on Borrowed Horse
Tod Engelskirchen and Anne Pilert on Fiscal Stray
Steve Seide on Sidereal Time
Jim Thompson
Fred and Anne Hallett

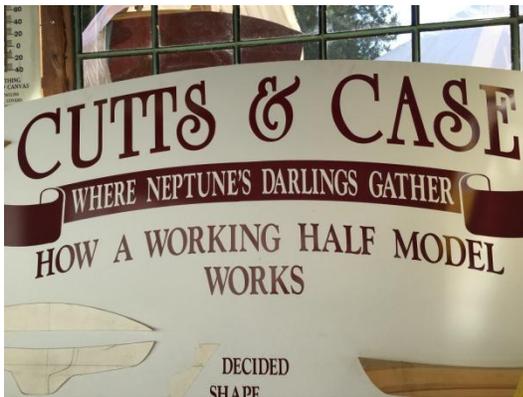
CSSM Members attending included:

Tod Engelskirchen and Anne Pilert on Fiscal Stray - 6 nights
David and Barb Taylor on Mistral - 6 nights
Ed Buckholz and Donna Lange on DeeGee V 5 nights
Dennis and Stephanie Sokso on Divided Sky 4 nights
Irv and Jayne Hetherington on Karaya - 3 nights
We were joined on land by:
Thom and Kate Vargish
Larry Rugg and Carolyn Rugg
Peirce and Molly Anderson

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Pictures:

Tour of Cutts and Case:



Cocktails on Borrowed Horse

Rain in Baby Owl Cove

More Cocktails



Potluck at Dr. Jim Tompson's home



Final Dinner - Cambridge YC



Rain coming in Baby Owl



Some of the fleet anchored at Snug Harbor



The Ancient Mariners

