

Cruise Report: Shawapalooza Cruise

Dates: September 7 – 11, 2016

Cruise Captains: Dave and Barb Taylor

September 7: Sail to the Rhode River

After watching Tropical Storm Hermine for days, the weather was favorable, but hot, for the beginning of the cruise. Winds were fairly light out of the northwest, so sailing time was limited. Six boats anchored off Big Island in the Rhode River. The festivities kicked off with a pool party on Mistral. Everyone enjoyed cocktails and snacks. Some took advantage of the cool water in the nettle pool off Mistral's stern.



September 8: Sail to Annapolis Harbor

The winds were light and the temperature hot when we set off for Annapolis. Divided Sky left for her home port. Capricorn put up her sails just past Thomas Point light and took advantage of what wind there was. The rest motored to Annapolis harbor and picked up a mooring ball in the harbor. Dee Gee V joined the cruise. Everyone spent the afternoon at leisure; some on their boats, some on shore in air conditioned buildings, including the Naval Academy Museum, to escape a record setting temperature in Annapolis of 94 degrees. We were 14 for dinner at Buddy's. Fiscal Stray drove from the Eastern Shore to join us. We had a private room for dinner, so our lively conversation did not disturb other diners or vice versa.



September 9: Sail to Hunting Creek off of the Miles River

We left Annapolis by 8:30. The weather was sunny and hot again, with another 90+ degree day predicted. Everyone motored to near Bloody Point light, and then pulled their sails.

Unfortunately, the winds died soon thereafter. All but Capricorn and Tryst motor sailed as they turned up the Eastern Bay. Tryst flew her spinnaker and continued sailing as far as Claiborne. Seven boats met behind the island in Hunting Creek, as Fiscal Stray joined the group. Jasmine, Mistral and Tryst rafted. We enjoyed a German beer and brats night on Mistral and Tryst. The cruise captain provided the beer and brats and everyone else brought salads and appetizers.



September 10: Sail to Shaw Bay off of the Wye River

Another hot day, we relaxed at our anchorage until mid- morning. We left for Shaw Bay and were treated to the log canoes racing in the Miles. Also, the Schooner America was out in the Miles for a public sail. What a sight! After picking our way through the race and the normal maze of power boats in St. Michaels on a Saturday, everyone put up the foresails as we exited

the Miles and sailed to Shaw Bay. We relaxed at anchor before the Oyster Boys concert, which began early at 4 o'clock. Most of us met on Tryst for cocktails, conversation, and music.



September 11: Sail to home port or other destination

The winds were out of the Northwest gusting 20 as everyone left Shaw Bay in the morning. We heard there were some great sails on the way home.

Participating boats:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nights</u>
Capricorn	4
Dee Gee V	3
Divided Sky	1
Fiscal Stray	3
Jasmine	4
Karaya	4
Mistral	4
Tryst	4

Respectfully submitted,
Barb & Dave Taylor
Mistral