

Cruise Report for the Impromptu Choptank Cruise October 19-23

Participating Boats:

- Ibis, Bonnie and Ed James- 1 night
- Tryst, Molly and Peirce Anderson- 1 night
- Esprit, Chip Seltzer and Paula Clement – 1 night
- Flow, David Breimhurst, Sara Robins and Tookie the Labradoodle -nonmembers

Thursday, October 19, 2017:

Ibis sailed from Tilghman Island to Baby Owl Cove in the late afternoon reaching and running in gentle 5-10 knot winds from the S. Ibis spent a quiet night at anchor.

Friday, October 20, 2017:

Ibis sailed from Baby Owl Cove to Cambridge in the morning, running and reaching in 10-15 knot winds from the NNW. Ibis then beat back to La Trappe Creek in the afternoon, anchoring off the beach in the bight near the mouth of the Creek. Ibis spent another quiet night at anchor.

Saturday, October 21, 2017:

Ibis spent a lazy morning at anchor in La Trappe Creek. Tryst suggested a rendezvous in Dun Cove for Saturday night and reported that she would be joined by Esprit and Flow. Winds were light and variable. Tryst and Esprit motored to Dun Cove from Oxford in the morning. Flow motored over from Grace Creek. Ibis motored to Dun Cove and joined the other three boats in a 4 boat raft in the afternoon. Cocktails, appetizers and good conversation were enjoyed aboard Tryst starting at 1700. Tookie enjoyed her trips ashore and making new friends. It was discovered to the delight of many that Chip, David and Ed all had guitars on board and that Sara had a mandolin and Bonnie a fiddle. After a break for dinner the musicians assembled on Esprit and with their instruments and voices and Paula's voice made music into the night. Molly and Pierce formed a good natured and tolerant audience. Following the concert the raft spent a quiet night together hanging on Esprit's anchor.

Sunday, October 22, 2017:

Pea-soup fog and more light and variable winds greeted us Sunday morning. After breakfast the raft separated with Ibis departing first and disappearing into the fog for a trip under power around Tilghman Island and then north to Shaw Bay. Flow followed clanging her bell and keeping an extra sharp lookout as her radar was out of commission. Flow chose to go through Knapp's Narrows thus preceding Ibis to Shaw Bay. Flow and Ibis encountered thick fog again in Eastern Bay where the traffic leaving St Michaels was heavy. The fog had lifted by the time the two boats rafted in Shaw Bay as planned. Tryst and Esprit motored back to Oxford. Cocktails, appetizers and more good conversation were had on Flow in Shaw Bay. Tookie enjoyed her jaunts on the beach and later being treated to some leftovers from dinner. Dinner was shared on Ibis and then the four remaining musicians made music on Flow into the night. The raft enjoyed another quiet night riding on Ibis' anchor.

Monday, October 23, 2017:

After a leisurely breakfast and Tookie's trip to the beach the raft broke up and Flow and Ibis returned to their home ports on Long Haul Creek.

Cruise Captains:

Ed and Bonnie James

S/V Ibis

