

Cruise Report for the “Lucky Friday the 13th Fall Cruise”

Participating Boats:

- Divided Sky, Stephanie and Dennie Sokso- 2 nights (1 and 2)
- Gambrinus, Jennifer and Peter Bruns- 2 nights (1 and 2)
- Ibis, Ed James- 3 nights (1,2, and 3)
- Jasmine, Kate and Thom Vargish- 3 nights (1, 2, and 3)
- Moonshadow, Judy and Larry Weaver- 3 nights (1, 2, and 3)
- Tryst, Molly and Peirce Anderson- 3 nights (1, 2, and 3)

October 13, 2017:

Moonshadow left Bachelor’s Point on the Tred Avon at 1300 hours bound for Dun Cove off Harris Creek, and quickly saw Tryst and Jasmine also on their way. The wind was from ENE between 10 to 15 mph. Boats were able to sail all the way up Harris Creek before putting their sails down. Ibis and Divided Sky were waiting for everyone else in Dun Cove and Gambrinus also joined the group shortly thereafter. Tryst and Moonshadow rafted for the evening and cocktails, appetizers, and lively conversation were enjoyed on Moonshadow.

October 14, 2017:

After the morning Captain’s call, Jasmine left, followed by the rest of the CSSM participating boats, to enjoy the sail to Hudson Creek off of the Little Choptank. The winds were with us, blowing about 10 to 15 from the N for a beautiful run/ broad reach down to the entrance of Little Choptank. Jasmine raised their spinnaker and flew down to the Little Choptank ahead of everyone. All boats sailed up the Little Choptank and took down their sails before entering Hudson Creek and anchoring behind Casson’s Point. All participating boats were present. Moonshadow again rafted with Tryst. Everyone brought delicious appetizers to share and got down to the challenge of tasting and voting on 2 blind samples of wine in 4 categories to indicate which wine they felt was the best. In each category they were comparing a box wine and a bottle wine, but had no idea which was which. Everyone also indicated on their ballots which wine they felt was the overall best.

Results:

Flight #1: Languedoc

- A: Paradeux-Picpoul de Pinet, 2016 bottle: 5 votes
- B: Le Petite Frog- Picpoul de Pinet, box: 3 votes (sorry Todd)

Flight #2: California Chardonnay

- A: Black Box -California Chardonnay, 2016 box: 6 votes
- B: Hayes Ranch- California Chardonnay, 2016 bottle: 2 votes

Flight #3: Rhone Red Blend

- A: Jean-Paul – Vaucluse Rouge Rhone, 2016 bottle: 5 votes
- B: La Vieille Ferme- Red Rouge Rhone, box: 3 votes

Flight #4: Red Bordeaux

A: Chateau Barade- Bordeaux, 2015 box: 2 votes

B: Chateau Tour D'Auron- Bordeaux, 2014 bottle: 6 votes

Best of Show: 4 votes for the Paradeux- Picpoul de Pinet, 2016 bottle

1 vote for the Black Box- California Chardonnay, 2016 box

3 votes for the La Vieille Ferme- Rhone Red Blend, box

1 vote for the very rare Canadian Club "wine"

October 15, 2017:

At 8:30 in the morning the crews on all boats began to muster and head out for their next destination. Divided Sky and Gambrinus bid goodbye and headed off for their home ports. Ibis, Jasmine, Moonshadow, and Tryst headed on to La Trappe Creek off of the Choptank. The wind was strong out of the SSW between 10 to 15 mph, with higher gusts. A brisk and beautiful sail was had by all and the CSSM boats began arriving and anchoring in La Trappe from around noon. The weather for the entire cruise had been partly cloudy, but shortly after arriving at La Trappe the skies cleared and we enjoyed a leisurely afternoon in the welcome warmth of the sun. Moonshadow and Tryst rafted again, but given the weather report, Moonshadow broke off from Tryst after the festivities of enjoying friends, food and stories. Some of the favorite wines from the night before were sampled again, just to make sure we stood by our choices.

October 16, 2017:

Early in the morning (3:00ish), there had been a squall with very heavy winds. After a couple hours, the winds diminished somewhat and about 9:00 all remaining boats on the cruise (Ibis, Jasmine, Moonshadow and Tryst) began to prepare to depart for their home ports. Winds of 15 to 20 mph from the NNW were predicted for our homeward bound trip. Ed James, who was single-handling Ibis, traveled on to Knapps Narrows to spend the night. Jasmine and Moonshadow left at around 9:00 and motored back to Bachelor's Point, heading directly into the wind. Tryst followed shortly after for their trip back to Cutts and Case.

All and all, we were very lucky in wind and good company.
(Pictures to follow)

Cruise Captains:

Moonshadow

Judy and Larry Weaver