

CSSM Cruise Report July 18 - 21, 2017

CRUISE CAPTAINS: Taline & Arsho Sarrafian aboard CAPRICORN

PARTICIPATING BOATS: Capricorn, Fiscal Stray, Onyx, Tryst

TUESDAY, JULY 18 - We left our home ports in sunny, hazy and calm conditions with temperatures raising rapidly to 90 + degrees by early afternoon . Having to motor across the Bay, Capricorn reached the West River by 13:00 hours and was safely tied up behind Tryst at the Pirate's Cove Marina in Galesville by 14:30 hours. Onyx and Fiscal Stray arrived soon after.

We met on Capricorn at 17:30 hours for drinks. The ladies chose the air-conditioned cabin while the brave men opted for the fully heated cockpit. At 18:30 hours we headed to the Pirate's Cove Restaurant, on the premises, for a very pleasant dinner.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 - By 10:20 hours, all four boats were heading out of Galesville, toward South River. Once again, hot, hazy and calm conditions prevailed. Within two hours we were by the Liberty Marina, right under the Solomon's Island Road Bridge. The slips they had in mind for us were not satisfactory, so a quick & unanimous decision was made to turn around and head for Annapolis instead. Again having had to motor with non-existent winds, we had each picked up a mooring by 14:50 hours, in front of the US Naval Academy. Onyx graciously invited us for drinks at 18:00 hours and we were also able to watch the parade of boats taking part in the Wednesday night races.

THURSDAY, JULY 20 - Everyone escaped the heat by going ashore to various locations such as the US Naval Academy sites, including the very interesting display of ship models at their museum, The Paca House and Gardens on Prince George Street, not to mention the various galleries, shops, restaurants that make Annapolis such a good place to visit. A water taxi was called at 17:00 hours to take us across to the Annapolis City Marina and we headed to the Boatyard Restaurant where another pleasant group dinner was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY, JULY 21- All participants headed to respective home ports starting in the early morning hours.

<u>PARTICIPATING BOATS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF NIGHTS</u>
Capricorn	3
Fiscal Stray	3
Onyx	3
Tryst	3

Respectfully submitted July 27, 2017