

2017 MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

To All Cruising Sailors of St. Michaels,

The following is the Cruise Report for the 2017 Memorial Day Cruise.

Friday, May 26. Destination – Dun Cove, Choptank.

So much for picking anchorages based on wind! *Whisper* pulled away from the dock around 1200 and motored out the Tred Avon. We knew the forecast was for West at 10-15 with gusts, but as we came around Benoni Point it was clear that we had more like 20 steady with gusts to 25, so we stuck our nose into it and motored. Lots of water over the bow! Once we got to Harris Creek it was better, but still not a fun ride. *Whisper* anchored in the North branch of Dun Cove. *Jasmine* came in and anchored next to us. *Fiscal Stray* tried to come around from the Miles, but off Poplar Island decided they had had enough and headed back, which we totally understood. Cocktails and dinner on board *Whisper*, where Kate made a new friend.

Saturday, May 27. Destination – La Trappe Creek.

The forecast overnight was for brisk wind that did not show up. Saturday was a beautiful morning with no wind at all. After a leisurely breakfast (no wind = no hurry) our little fleet got underway and headed out about 1000. As we headed East, we could see the Corinthian Yacht Club of Philadelphia fleet (including CSSMers *Tryst*, *Esprit* and prospect *Flow*) trying to have a race, with little success. It occurred to me that *Whisper* is every bit as fast under sail as a Swan 43 or a Morris 45 when the wind is zero!

When we arrived in La Trappe and anchored behind the spit there were a few boats at anchor and a fleet of small powerboats pulled up on the beach. Not the place for a quiet evening! By the end there were probably 15 boats on the beach and 15-20 anchored out. *Jasmine* came in behind us and *Onyx* joined us later in the afternoon. Cocktails were again on *Whisper*. The most interesting part of the conversation came when Thom revealed that he might have a problem in that he had discovered a significant amount of fluid, seemingly a mixture of water and coolant) in the pan under his engine and was concerned that there might be a coolant leak. Steve offered to help him scope it out in the morning.

Sunday, May 28. Destination – Boby Owl Cove, Leadenham Creek

No, that's not a typo. According to the chart, it's BOBY Owl Cove. Google is no help in determining what a "boby" owl is, but that's that!

Finally some moderate air! And good news on the mechanical front – no sign on a coolant leak on *Jasmine*, so the fleet is fully operational. With a moderate SE breeze, we got underway about 1000 and sailed out the Choptank, gybing past the Choptank light and then again to head North into Broad Creek. We saw the Corinthian fleet again, this time having a better go of it. At the head of Broad Creek, just before the turn into Leadenham, *Whisper* had a bit of excitement when

the genoa furler refused to furl. Putting theory into practice, we blanketed it with the main and dumped it on deck before proceeding in and anchoring. Of course, then the furler was perfectly willing to work, with no sign of a jam, so we ran the genoa back up.

When we came in there was only one other boat in the cove. *Onyx* and *Jasmine* came in soon after, and then the crowd arrived. By evening there were a total of 21 boats, including two large groups who put together 6 and 8 boat rafts. Our little group got together for cocktails on *Onyx*.

Monday, May 29. Destination – Home.

As *Onyx* and *Jasmine* were heading home, this concluded the cruise. *Whisper*, with a little more time and feeling like getting off the Choptank, headed for Annapolis.

Speaking only for the crew of *Whisper*, we had a lot of fun on the cruise and hope that the other members on the cruise enjoyed themselves.

Participating Boats:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nights</u>
<i>Whisper</i>	3
<i>Jasmine</i>	3
<i>Onyx</i>	2

Respectfully submitted

Larry Rovin
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