

2017 CSSM Shawapalooza
Cruise Report

Friday September 8, 2017:

In the late afternoon, five CSSM sailboats converged on Hunting Creek off the Miles River. The winds were moderate at 10-12 knots from the north-by-northwest with a mostly clear sky. After all were anchored and settled in to this quiet spot our traditional cocktail party commenced on Karaya at 1700 hours. Rejuvenation and Fiscal Stray decided to raft off of Karaya while Onyx and Moonshadow anchored nearby with Onyx graciously providing dinghy service to Moonshadow's crew. Discussion was lively with many simultaneous conversations adding to the enthusiasm and "noise." Plentiful hors d'oeuvres and libations added to the energetic atmosphere. And then it happened. Someone broke out the game of Catch Phrase. The group was divided into two teams of five and with intense competitive pressure the laughter and bantering began. With both veterans and neophytes playing, the game took many twists with uncontrolled intervals of laughter. In the end, the score seemed tied as no one kept a credible score. The party eventually broke up after viewing a beautiful sunset under distant clouds. The Taylors, the original cruise captains, were missed by all.

Saturday September 9, 2017:

As the day's trip was merely five or six nautical miles, everyone enjoyed a leisurely morning with most boats leaving the anchorage about 1000 hours. The fleet sailed or motor sailed down the Miles River through the morning Log Canoe race that was being held out of the Miles River Yacht Club. The morning was sunny with light winds out of the north-northeast. By mid afternoon the CSSM fleet anchored among many other boats in the southwest corner of Shaw Bay on the Wye River in preparation for the Eastport Oyster Boys concert. Rejuvenation again rafted on Karaya with Onyx and Fiscal Stray doing yeomen's duty as water taxis. At 1630 hours the party again convened on Karaya with libations and hors d'oeuvres while conversation continued from the previous day. Past Commodore of MRYC Tim Hanlon and his first mate Laura from Indian Summer joined the group as Karaya's guests. The party continued during the concert (in the background) and around 1900 hours began to break up.

Sunday September 10, 2017:

All but Onyx and Rejuvenation headed for home ports after a leisurely morning. Winds were moderate from the north with a lightly clouded sky.

Attached photos provided by Rejuvenation and Karaya.

Boat Nights:

Fiscal Stray	2
Karaya	2
Moonshadow	2
Onyx	2
Rejuvenation	2

Respectfully Submitted,
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s/v Karaya