

“Which Way The Wind Blows” Cruise
October 14-17, 2018
4 nights

After a couple postponements, we began our cruise on Sunday October 14th. As the cruise progressed we decided the name should have been “No Wind, Too Much Wind!” Boats participating in the cruise were: DeeGee V, Mistral, Fiscal Stray, Whisper, and Ibis.

Sunday October 14th- Destination Rhode River- the Bay was glass calm with a wind of 2 to 5 out of the SW. Most boats motored or motor/sailed to the Rhode River. Everyone arrived by 3PM to the quiet well protected anchorage on the Rhode River southeast of High Island. Cocktail Hour was held on the DeeGeeV at 5PM. Good food and good conversation was enjoyed by all. It was interesting to catch up on everyone’s summer adventures.

The plan for this cruise was to sail whichever way the wind blew. At the cocktail party the next days destination was discussed. In view of the forecast for high winds out of the SW for the next day, the cruise captain determined that he would be more comfortable at a slip for Monday night given of the forecast of wind of 25 to 30. Slips were available at Pirates Cove on the West River a short distance away. Reviewing the forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday looked like high winds would prevail and returning to home ports safely was also a concern. It was decided that the weather would be reviewed at Captains Call Monday morning.

Monday October 15th- DeeGeeV and Mistral decided to go to Pirates Cove for Monday night and wait for the NW wind forecasted for Tuesday, as that seemed like the best window for returning back to their ports. Wednesday's forecast was for even more wind.

Fiscal Stray and Ibis decided to cross The Bay and anchor in Dividing Creek and then return to their home ports. Whisper wanted to continue their personal cruise of the Bay and head North to the Severn River.

As DeeGeeV and Mistral headed for the West River they encountered wind SW16-18 with gust to 22. They picked up their slips at Pirates Cove and enjoyed a delightful lunch at the marina restaurant.

Dinner was held on DeeGeeV enjoying sausage and peppers and a wonderful salad made by Barb Taylor.

A nice evening was had with good food and great conversation, reminiscing about last season's trip on the ICW.

Tuesday October 16th- DeeGeeV and Mistral awoke to a very quiet morning not at all what was forecasted—again! The cruise concluded with our return to our home ports in Oxford. The Bay was calm with a NW wind of 5, gusts to 7. Motor/sailing was again the order of the day.

Postscript to the cruise- Wednesdays forecast was correct (finally) with high winds.

Respectively submitted,
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Cruise Nights:
DeeGeeV- 2
Mistral-2
Fiscal Stray-1
Ibis-1
Whisper-1