

2021 IMPROMPTU CRUISE TO SHAW BAY AND HUNTING CREEK

Sara Robins and David Breimhurst aboard *Flow* and Jennifer Shea and Peter Bruns aboard *Gambrinus* enjoyed an impromptu cruise on the Miles and Wye Rivers in September.

September 24. Wind was minimal, so both boats motored from the Miles River Yacht Club to Shaw Bay off the Wye River. *Flow* arrived first and set anchor with *Gambrinus* rafting alongside. David ferried *Flow*'s canine mate Charli to a sandy beach to do her business, followed by an extended stick-chasing session and a swim. Sara wondered what happened to Charli when David returned to the raft with a soggy river rat.

We shared hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the appointed hour, with Charli ever vigilant for stray crackers and bits of cheese. At dinner time, *Gambrinus* broke off and anchored nearby—far enough away to avoid the odor of wet puppy.

September 25. The day started with little or no breeze and the forecast seemed to dictate a no-sailing day. So, *Gambrinus* decided to explore the upper reaches of the west branch of the Wye. *Flow* followed. We found a pleasant stretch of river with several inviting coves on the island side, deep enough to offer comfortable anchoring. The peninsula side boasted impressive waterfront homes and estates. By the time we reached Grapevine Point the wind had picked up to about eight knots. Time to sail! The boats turned around and hoisted sails for a delightful reach down the Wye and into the Miles all the way to Oak Creek. We ducked into Hunting Creek around the bend and anchored separately given a new wind forecast of a steady 25 moving in overnight. The crew of *Flow* took the Charli shuttle over to *Gambrinus* for another enjoyable happy hour.

September 26. We awoke to a near-gale blowing in from the north. Both crews decided to motor back to our home slips at the yacht club. *Flow* lingered until noon hoping the wind would settle a bit, allowing for a bit of sailing. Of course it didn't. The ride home was a bit rough, but easily handled, and both boats docked safely without drama since the club docks are mostly protected from northerlies.

Participants	Cruise nights
<i>Gambrinus</i>	2
<i>Flow</i>	2

Respectfully submitted by cruise captains Sara Robins and David Breimhurst

Pics below—courtesy of Jennifer Shea and Peter Bruns



Flow on the Wye River



Soggy doggie on *Gambrinus*