

## CSSM's

### Impromptu Labor Day Weekend Cruise

September 4 to 6, 2021

Cruise Captains: Taline & Arsho Sarrafian aboard Capricorn

Participants: Judy & Larry Weaver aboard Moonshadow

Barbara & John Pomije aboard Shaken Knot Stirred

2 cruise nights each for Capricorn, Moonshadow and Shaken Knot Stirred

By mid-afternoon of **Saturday Sept. 4th**, the three boats had gathered at the Cambridge Yacht Club. Lack of meaningful wind meant that each had motored out from their Oxford berths. A pleasant gathering ensued at 5pm aboard Capricorn with drinks and delicious home-made appetizers brought by the Weavers and the Pomijes. Once we realized that the restaurant at the yacht club was open for business, we changed plans from going to Ava's in town and walked over to the dining room with a 7pm reservation.

What followed could easily encapsulate the dilemma diners are currently facing at many establishments. It was a while before we found out that 1 overworked waitress was in charge of at least 6 tables, each with a minimum of 6 occupants. It took longer than usual to place our order for drinks which came at a haphazard pace. When it was finally our turn to order dinner from the menu, several items turned out to be unavailable, with our breathless waitress in the unenviable position of coming back several times to initiate a change of selection. Lucky for us, what eventually materialized for each person was not disappointing in taste nor in presentation.

On **Sunday morning (Sept.5<sup>th</sup>)** the winds had started to make themselves felt. Capricorn moved out of the yacht club at 10am, half an hour behind the other two boats. The Choptank had SW winds from 9 to 16 knots which made for good sailing even with just the jib. The sun made its appearance too, and within 3 hours all three boats were in Broad Creek and then rafted up in Leadenham Creek with Shaken Knot Stirred as the gracious anchor boat. The cocktail hour was conveniently moved up to 4pm and a very pleasant time was had in the spacious, guest friendly cockpit of Shaken Knot Stirred. At 6:30pm, Moonshadow peeled off to anchor in the adjacent Boby Owl Cove. Some light sprinkles eventually turned into continuous rain between 2 am and 5am.

**Monday morning (Sept.6<sup>th</sup>)** Capricorn headed out around 8:30am toward Oxford and Shaken Knot Stirred were to follow suit. Moonshadow was to stay out for another day given the 10+ winds and sunny conditions. The exit from Broad Creek found us in choppy waters and with plenty of company from other sailboats. Capricorn made it to Oxford by 10:30am.

